

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110 070

Minutes of the 142nd Executive Committee meeting held on April 22, 2021 at 11.00 am in the Board Room, Second Floor, Wing 1, at AICTE Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi:

Following Members were present in the meeting:

1.	Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe Chairman, AICTE	Chairman
2.	Prof. M.P. Poonia Vice Chairman, AICTE	Member
3.	Ms. Kirti Deputy Director (TE) Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary, MoE, GOI, New Delhi
4.	Prof. Uday Kumar, (Chairman, NWRC-AICTE) Director, MNIT, Jaipur, Rajasthan (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
5.	Prof V. K. Saraswat, (Chairman AIB-ITE) Director, IET, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra, UP (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
6.	Prof. Pramod Yeole, (Chairman, AIB-PE) Vice Chancellor, BAMU, Aurangabad, Maharashtra (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
7.	Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean (FA), Rajasthan Technical University, Kota, Rajasthan (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
8.	Dr. G.P. Vadodaria, Principal, Govt. College of Engineering, Bhavnagar (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
9.	Prof. K. K. Aggarwal Chairman, NBA (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Special Invitee
10.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Chairman, SWRC-AICTE; Chairman, AIB-TCP; JS & FA, MoE, New Delhi; Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Tripura; Secretary (TE/HE), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Secretary (TE), Govt. of Uttarakhand; Secretary (TE), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof Arvind Choubey, Director, IIT Bhagalpur; Chairman, UGC; Director General, IAMR; Director General, ICAR could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

At the outset, Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE welcomed all the members to the 142nd meeting of the Executive Committee. The Chairman briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 141st Executive Committee meeting held on March 17, 2021, in the form of ppt presentation (Annexed) which included:

- Online Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) on Universal Human Values (UHV);
- Successful conduct of 948 FDPs with 1.5 lakh benefitted faculty under 'AICTE Training And Learning' (ATAL) Academy;



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- AICTE signed MoU with University of California, Berkeley intended to encourage and help international collaboration on topics of mutual academic interest on March 22, 2021;
- Launch of Internship Opportunities on AICTE internship portal in Oil and Gas company, Aerospace & Awareness Program of NEAT scheme and IBM Skill Academy Courses on March 24, 2021;
- Launch ceremony of NHAJ offering the Internship Opportunities through AICTE Internship Portal on March 25, 2021 and complete status of AICTE Internship portal;
- Status of AICTE J&K Internship students from AICTE approved institutions of J&K;
- Status of Jammu & Kashmir Employability Enhancement Training Program (JEET)- MoU between AICTE and ICT Academy;
- An Online Talk held on Managing Stress & Anxiety of Studying During COVID-19 by Dr. Purnima Singh, Prof. (Psychology), IIT Delhi on March 25, 2021;
- Launch of AICTE Students Learning Assessment (SLA) Project at AICTE HQ on March 30, 2021;
- On attaining the age of superannuation, Dr. B.L. Rama, Adviser-I (Finance), AICTE retired from the services on March 31, 2021;
- Release of AICTE Newsletter (1st Qtr. Jan-March 2021) on April 1, 2021 at AICTE HQ;
- MoU signed between AICTE and CBSE on April 5, 2021 at AICTE HQ for training of CBSE School Teachers on AICTE ATAL, Innovation Ambassador Training to Teachers, NEAT for school students, conducting joint hackathons etc.;
- Inaugural function of the 3-day International workshop on designing digitally robust research libraries for the 21st century by JIO Institute in collaboration with AICTE on April 5, 2021;
- AICTE Margdarshan Initiative – Online MoU signing ceremony Mentor Institute : Kolhapur Institute of Technology's College of Engineering on April 7, 2021;
- Chairman, AICTE shared A Booklet on UNIVERSAL HUMAN VALUES - Holistic, Value-Based Education for Realizing the Aspirations articulated in #NEP2020 with Hon'ble Minister of Education, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank';
- 3-days workshop conducted for officers of AICTE on UNIVERSAL HUMAN VALUES (Holistic Value Based Education) during April 7-9, 2021;
- Indian Knowledge System Webinars –
 - On April 8, 2021 'Management of #COVID19 as per Ayurvedic principles' आयुर्वेदिक सिद्धांतों के अनुसार कोविड 19 का प्रबंधन- Main Speaker: Dr Yogeshbendale, Chairman & MD Rasayu Group
 - On April 9, 2021 Environmental Wisdom in Indian Knowledge System भारतीय ज्ञान प्रणाली में पर्यावरण ज्ञान; Chief Guest: Padma Bhushan Dr. Anil Joshi Founder HESCO, Dehradun; Main Speaker: Prof.S.P.Gautam Former Chairman CPCB;
 - On April 12, 2021 'Your routine in Corona period: Do's & Don'ts' (करोना काल में आपकी दिनचर्या: क्या करें क्या न करें); Main Speaker : Saranjit Singh, Additional Director Ayush EDMC;
- Certificate of Participation for AICTE ladies who recited 'Shiv Tandav Stotam' at Assi Ghat, Varanasi on March 8, 2021 organized by Foundation for Holistic Development in Academic Fields(FHDAF);



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- AICTE Lilavati Award 2020 announced on April 11, 2021 at AICTE HQ. The event was graced by Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Hon'ble Minister of Education who felicitated 25 winning teams for their efforts on Women Empowerment under 6 sub-themes of the Lilavati Award;
- RFP for Setting up of Studio was uploaded on CPPP portal April 13, 2021;
- April 14, 2021 announced the Strategic Collaboration between Atal Innovation Mission(AIM) and AICTE with an aim to empower Atal Tinkering Lab school students for world-class & future-ready innovation skills across the country;
- Art of Living online workshop for AICTE officials organized during 14-16, 2021;
- National Conference on Emerging New Technologies and their Livelihood Opportunity Potential held on April 15, 2021;
- Status of Chhatra Vishwakarma Award 2020 Theme "India's Economic Recovery Post COVID; Reverse Migration and Rehabilitation Plan to support "Atmanirbhar Bharat";
- Status of Clean & Smart Campus Award 2020 was informed;
- Status of completion of Project Sunshine – MoU was signed between AICTE with HCL software;
- Status of Technical Book Writing & Translation in Regional Languages;
- Status of AICTE Translation Automation Tool;
- Status of National Initiative for Technical Teachers Training- तकनीकी शिक्षकों के प्रशिक्षण की राष्ट्रीय पहल;
- Webinars towards Implementation of 360 Degree Feedback- In association with M/s Smart Cookies Pvt Ltd, Webinars followed by workshops to register held in various states;
- Status of Toycathon 2021 and Intellithon 2021;
- Progress made by Institutions' Innovation Council;
- PGDM/MBA Program in IEV- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Assessment;
- Portal for MBA/PGDM in IEV Program has been developed and deployed;
- Last date for submission of online application for Approval Process 2021-22 extended upto 24th April, 2021;
- Proposed Calendar for NEAT Awareness Program / Workshops and Future Committee Meetings Schedule announced;
- A talk to be delivered by Dr. Anand Deshpande on 'From your Ph.D /Masters' Thesis to a Start-Up' on April 23, 2021.

The Executive Committee members appreciated the efforts made by team AICTE and outstanding achievements.



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The following Agenda Items were taken up for consideration, deliberations and decisions taken as under:

Item No. 142.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 141st meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 17, 2021.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 141st meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 17, 2021.

Item No. 142.02.01 : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 141st meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 17, 2021.

The Executive Committee received the action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 141st meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 17, 2021.

Under Item No. 141.03.03, the EC opined that under the scheme YUVAK, number of students applied and actually visited ATAL tunnel and other educational tours may be reported to the Executive Committee.

Under Item No. No. 141.03.04, the EC opined that the modified scheme guidelines and letter to be issued to 'AICTE distinguished Chair Professors' may be circulated via mail to the members of the Executive Committee before sending to the ADCPs.

Under Item No. 141.03.05, the EC decided that the AICTE should immediately advertise and fill the vacant posts for IKS Cell.

Item No. 142.03.01 : To provide an update on Margdarshan initiative and approve the budget estimate for the scheme.
Margdarshan Cell

The Executive Committee was apprised about the present status and expenditure incurred under the scheme Margdarshan. A ppt presentation was made by Lt. Col. Kailash Bansal, Director, Margdarshak Cell informing in detail about the initiatives made to propagate the scheme and feedback from Margdarshaks (MDs) and Mentor Institutions (MIs) leading to improvement in the quality parameters and applying/acquiring NBA status.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed budgetary allocation of Rs.15.00 crore for Mentor Institutes (MI) and Rs.43.95 crore for Margdarshak (MD) initiative. The approved budgetary funds for MI and MD is for entire duration of the scheme and will be met from IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 142.03.02 : To consider and approve proposal for Recommendations for Inclusion of Students with Specific Learning Disabilities in Higher Education.
FDC

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE constituted a committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Partha Pratim Chakraborty, Ex Director IIT, Kharagpur for the purpose of providing recommendations for Inclusion of Students with Specific



Learning Disabilities in Higher Education towards providing them equity, equal opportunities, learning best practices and bringing about an awareness amongst all the stakeholders. The Committee recommended establishing a National Programme for inclusion for Neurodiversity in higher education in India.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposal for Implementation of the recommendations of the Committee for Inclusion of Students with Specific Learning Disabilities in higher education initially with a funding of Rs.10.00 Crore for one-year, which would be met from the IRG of AICTE.

The Executive Committee applauded the work put in by the Committee and placed on record its appreciation towards successful execution of the task towards proposing recommendations on Inclusion of Students with Specific Learning Disabilities in Higher Education.

Item No. 142.03.03
SCRO, Hyd.

: To consider and approve weeding out of old records and disposal of the weeded out records of SCRO, Hyderabad.

The Executive Committee was informed about piling up of old records in bulk at AICTE hqs. and all Regional/Camp offices. At Regional/Camp offices compliance reports received from institutions pertaining to earlier years have been lying without any utility henceforth.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of the South Central Regional office (SCRO), Hyderabad regarding weeding out of old records consisting of 15830 records of Compliance Reports submitted by various institutions under the Approval Process of earlier years. The Executive Committee also approved the proposal of disposal of the weeded out records of AICTE-SCRO Hyderabad through M/s. ITC paper boards & specialty papers division through pulping out as a procedure for recycling of the paper waste. The EC opined to retain such decisions taken w.r.t institutions and any such relevant document/paper(s), which may be required to be presented under RTI Act, legal matters etc. in the coming years.

The Executive Committee complimented Dr. Amit Salunkhe, Regional Officer, AICTE-SCRO, Hyderabad on the initiative and efforts taken by him in weeding out of old records.

The Executive Committee further approved that weeding out of similar old records that have no utility, should be adopted as a general principle by all the Regional/Camp offices of AICTE as well as AICTE headquarters.

Item No. 142.03.04
Approval Bureau

: To consider a proposal for the approval of collaboration in Emerging Area courses as well as vocational courses without NBA condition.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE has received a communication from MoE where in letters from the Deputy Chief Minister & Minister for Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka

regarding International collaboration for one of the old institutions under the Government of Karnataka with a Community College under University of Pennsylvania for Vocational education. The EC was further informed that presently there is neither any clause in APH for collaboration, nor any provision to extend the same conditions as applicable for that of a conventional (Regular) Diploma and Degree programs, because D.Voc. and B.Voc. programs are new and still there is no provision for accreditation by NBA.

In view of above, the Executive Committee decided to approve the proposal of Govt. of Karnataka forwarded by MoE, for collaboration in vocational courses without NBA condition for one of its old institution with University of Pennsylvania, as of now since skilling of youth is extremely important for the country in view of the New National Education Policy 2020. However, the concerned institute should fulfill other conditions for Collaboration/Twinning Programme.

The Executive Committee further deliberated at length and also decided that since there is no provision for accreditation by NBA for vocational courses, committees may be constituted by AICTE to examine whether India should become signatory to other accords like NBA :

- 1) Under Sydney accord - AICTE may constitute a joint committee with NBA;
- 2) Under Dublin Accord - AICTE may constitute a tripartite committee of AICTE, NBA and Skill Ministry.

The Executive Committee also decided that the same may be informed to the MoE and Government of Karnataka accordingly. Similarly, freedom may also be extended to interested institutes, if they fulfill minimum requisite norms of collaboration.

Item No. 142.03.05
Approval Bureau

: To consider the decision of Hon'ble High Court of Madras in WP No. 7969/2021 titled as Consortium of Self-Financing Professional Arts and Science Colleges in Tamil Nadu Vs UOI & Anr.

The Executive Committee deliberated and ratified the decision of AICTE that 258 numbers of institutions under the Consortium of Self-Financing Professional Arts and Science Colleges in Tamil Nadu have been allowed to apply for new course under clause 2.14.4 (b) without insisting for 50% intake during the last year. The EC was however, informed that AICTE has already filed a review petition and final decision on whether to relax this condition of 50% admission or not will depend on the Court's decision. As and when any further decision of the Court is received, the same may be reported to the Executive Committee.



Item No. 142.03.06
Approval Bureau

: To consider minutes of the meeting held on 09.04.2021 with regard to excess admission made in PGDM for taking uniform decision in all such cases.

The Executive Committee was informed that a special Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bhimaraya Metri, Director IIM, Nagpur was constituted to take up the matter regarding excess admission made by certain institutions in the PGDM course and for recommending a uniform decision in this regard.

The Executive Committee considered the minutes of the special SAC and approved recommendations of the Committee as a uniform penal action to be taken in case of all such institutions conducting PGDM course(s) with excess admissions in various years:

1. As there is no verifiable intake with AICTE for the excess admission made prior to the AY 2010-11, penal action as per provisions in the respective years in the Gazette Notification / APH may be imposed.
2. If the excess admission made after 2010-11 then :
 - (a) Equal number of seats may be reduced in approved intake for AY 2021-22 for course in which excess admission made and
 - (b) Equal number of excess admission / seats to be offered as Tuition Fee Waiver (TFW) for AY 2021-22.
3. The admissions claimed to be made under TFW by following proper procedure, penalty may be waived off. However, if the admissions are made without following the proper procedure for 'TFW Scheme', then AICTE may reduce the equal number of seats from the approved intake for AY 2021-22 and also equal number of seats to be offered under TFW for the AY 2021-22.

The Executive Committee further decided that AICTE may give a stern warning to all such defaulting institutes that in future, if any, excess admission(s) are made AICTE shall be constrained to withdraw the approval granted to such institutions.

Item No. 142.03.07
Administration Bureau

: To consider and approve appointment of Shri Samson Kevin Wartika son of Late Smt. Shavanthi Kathline Wartika, Personal Assistant, Western Regional Office, AICTE on Compassionate Grounds as per Government Rules on the recommendations of Screening Committee, duly approved by the Competent Authority.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommendations of the Screening Committee for appointment of Shri Samson Kevin Wartika, s/o Late Smt. Shavanthi K. Wartika, Personal Assistant, on compassionate grounds in AICTE, as DEO Gr.-III in Level-2, Rs. 19900-63200 (7th CPC).



Item No. 142.03.08 : To consider and approve the recommendation of the Selection
Administration Bureau Committee held on 16th & 17th April, 2021 for the posts of Adviser-I & Adviser-II Group "A" posts (On deputation basis).

The Executive Committee considered and approved the decision of the Selection Committee vide the interview / meeting held on April 16 & 17, 2021 for selections of candidates as follows-

Post	Selected Candidate	Waitlisted candidates
Adviser -I	Dr. (Mrs.) Mamta Rani	Dr. Neeraj Saxena
Adviser-II	Dr. Ravinder Kumar Soni	i) Col. B. Venkat ii) Lt. Col. A. Sinha

The Executive Committee decided that the panel of wait-listed candidates would be valid for a period of one year from the date of interview.

The Executive Committee was apprised that MoE has informed that for making appointments on deputation basis in AICTE, the candidates should meet the condition of cooling period in conformity with the DOPT norms.

Item No. 142.03.09 : To consider the request of IIIT, Hyderabad (International Institute of
Approval Bureau Information Technology) to start a New M.Tech. programme in Software Product Design as a part of national effort driven and funded by the Ministry of Electronics and IT and to regularise the B.Tech. and M.Tech. intake for A/Y 2021-22.

This item was withdrawn and will be brought again in the next meeting of the Executive Committee with more clarity on the issue.

Item No. 142.03.10 : To consider and approve the amendment in Clause XI of agreement
Administration Bureau signed between AICTE and BECIL regarding admissibility of leave in respect of manpower deployed on contract.

The Executive Committee was informed that the issue is related to leave of manpower transferred from M/s. NIELIT and M/s. NICSI manpower agencies to M/s. BECIL manpower agency.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of amendment in the Clause XI of agreement signed between AICTE and M/s. BECIL regarding admissibility of leave in respect of manpower deployed on contract as follows:

"The manpower can avail a maximum of 2.5 days of leave in a completed calendar month, which will be availed after prior sanction of the competent authority and would be carried forward to the following months in the calendar year within the tenure of the employees as well as validity of the agreement."



Item No. 142.03.11
Approval Bureau

: To consider/deliberate grant of approval to Diploma Courses in Architecture.

The Executive Committee was informed about the judgment dated 8th November 2019 of Hon'ble Supreme Court, wherein processing and grant of approvals related to Architecture courses shall henceforth be handled by the Council of Architecture (CoA). However, it was observed that CoA was approving courses at degree and PG level only and not diploma level. On a query, CoA has confirmed that CoA shall start approving diploma programmes in architecture. The Executive Committee deliberated and approved that AICTE should inform Council of Architecture to proceed for the grant of approval of Diploma in Architecture courses from the Academic year 2021-22. Also, AICTE may forward the list of institutions conducting Diploma in Architecture along with the applications for the AY 2021-22 to COA for taking appropriate action for processing such applications.

Item No. 142.03.12
Approval Bureau

: To consider and deliberate affiliation of emerging area courses by university other than conventional course affiliating University.

The Executive Committee was apprised that AICTE has granted approval to National Institute of Technical Teacher's Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh for running following PG programs for the A.Y. 2020-21: -

1. Computer Science and Engineering (Internet of Things) IOT
2. Electronics and Communication Engineering (Artificial Intelligent) AI
3. Mechanical Engineering (Robotics)

NITTTR, Chandigarh has informed that affiliation by Panjab University, Chandigarh for AY 2020-21 of these courses in emerging areas could not be granted because physical inspection was not possible by the university due to pandemic situation.

NITTTR has sought approval from AICTE for seeking affiliation of JC Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, Faridabad instead of Panjab University, Chandigarh. Further, it is informed that JC Bose University of Science and Technology has considered the request of NITTTR, Chandigarh and has issued NOC in this regard.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter and decided that AICTE may write to Panjab University, Chandigarh for considering granting affiliation to NITTTR, Chandigarh, keeping in view that conducting EVC through online mode is also possible. In case, Panjab University still shows inability to conduct online visit, AICTE may grant approval to NITTTR, Chandigarh for affiliation with JC Bose University, YMCA, Faridabad, as a special case.



Item No. 142.04.01
Approval Bureau : To ratify Corrigendum/Amendments made in the APH 2021-22 under the ODL / Online Guideline including the following point and format an Undertaking to be submitted by the applicant on Institute / University Letterhead for Student Induction Program, Examination reforms & Internship Policy:

1. Under ODL / Online Guideline
2. Grant of Increase in take/additional course(s)/Extension of Existing courses(s) in Emerging Area under APH 2021-22 clause 2.14.4 (b).
3. Pointing out of typographical error in APH 7.10 and some of minor typographical errors.
4. Amendment in additional documents to be submitted at the time of online Scrutiny Committee for approval in r/o the applications under appendix 17.6
5. Grievance Redressal Cell (GRC) for Faculty / Staff under 6.3.2 Grievance Redressal Mechanism
6. Format of the Undertaking to be submitted by the Applicant on Institute / University Letterhead for Student Induction Program, Examination reforms & Internship Policy.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 142.04.02
Approval Bureau : To ratify decision taken in respect of Defence Technical Institutions to have their approval process and Data confidential.

The Executive committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 142.04.03
Approval Bureau : To ratify inclusion of M. Tech. in Transportation Engineering course as one of the courses in Emerging Technology area in PG Programs and all others PG specializations since they are in a way Emerging Area in those respective Engineering Branches.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 142.04.04
Approval Bureau : To ratify decision taken for allowing Merger of Institutions having punitive action.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 142.04.05
Approval Bureau : To ratify extension of date for applying on AICTE web portal for the A/Y 2021-22.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 142.04.06
Approval Bureau : To ratify grant of permission to release excess land of 25 Acres of RV Educational Institutions (Rashtreeya Sikshana Samithi Trust) at RV College of Engineering Campus, Bengaluru for establishing RV University.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

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Item No. 142.04.07 : To ratify the decision for grant of approval to Diploma in Medical Lab
Approval Bureau Technology (DMLT) under E&T Program without mandatory requirement of Drawing Hall and Workshop.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 142.05.01 : To receive the information regarding the extension of last date for grant
Approval Bureau of approval i.e. 30.06.2021 and revised Academic Calendar 2021-22 submitted before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for the AY 2021-22.

The Executive Committee received the information.

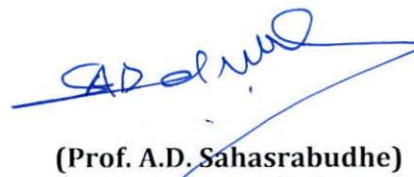
Item No. 142.05.02 : To receive information on the payment of excess mileage charges over
Administration Bureau and above the authorized mileage under the Fleet Management scheme on rental agreement for N2N lease of Staff Car Nos. DL2C AW 5610 and DL2C AW 5621.

The Executive Committee received the information.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. Rajive Kumar)
Member Secretary



(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)
Chairman