

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Minutes of the 144th Executive Committee meeting held on July 13, 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.	Shri Pradeep Kumar Pandey Under Secretary (TE) Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Secretary, MoE, GOI, New Delhi
4.	Prof. Uday Kumar, (Chairman, NWRC-AICTE) Director, MNIT, Jaipur, Rajasthan (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
5.	Dr K. R. Venugopal (Chairman, SWRC-AICTE) Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University, Bengaluru (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
6.	Prof V. K. Saraswat, (Chairman AIB-ITE) Director, IET, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra, UP (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
7.	Prof. Pramod Yeole, (Chairman, AIB-PE) Vice Chancellor, BAMU, Aurangabad, Maharashtra (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
8.	Sh Anil Kumar, Director (IFD), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (MOE), Govt. of India
9.	Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean (FA), Rajasthan Technical University, Kota, Rajasthan (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
10.	Sh. N. C. Sharma, Director (TE/HE) Government of Tripura (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Tripura
11.	Sh. Mukul Singhal, Principal Secretary (TE/HE) Uttar Pradesh (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
12.	Sh. Hari Singh, Director (TE), Government of Uttrakhand, Dehradun (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Uttrakhand
13.	Shri Satish Chandra Special Chief Secretary (HE/TE), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member

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14.	Dr. Avichal Kapur Joint Secretary, UGC (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Chairman, UGC
15.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Chairman, AIB-TCP; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof Arvind Choubey, Director, IIT Bhagalpur; Prof. G.P. Vadodaria, Principal, Govt. Engg. College, Bhavnagar; 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 144th meeting of the Executive Committee. The Chairman briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 143rd Executive Committee meeting held on June 10, 2021, in the form of ppt presentation. The details are enclosed as Annexure-1.

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

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

Item No. 144.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 143rd meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 10, 2021.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 143rd meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 10, 2021.

The name of Shri Uday Kiran, Under Secretary, IFD-MoE, Govt. of India (nominee of Joint Secretary/Financial Adviser, MoE) be included in the list of members present during the 143rd meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 10, 2021, which was left out inadvertently.

Item No. 144.02.01 : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 143rd meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 10, 2021.

The Executive Committee received the action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 143rd meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 10, 2021.

All Bureaus/Cells to provide clear status/action taken on the decisions of the Executive Committee in previous five meetings of the EC, wherein under ATR it has been reported that action is being taken / has been initiated/ will be done. ATR on all such items to be reported in the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Item No. 144.03.01
P&AP Bureau : To consider and approve the proposal of inclusion of FDP Programme (s) from all the disciplines, conducted by ISTE, for the purpose of the promotions/ CAS of the faculty.

The Executive Committee was informed that for the promotion of teachers at different level in technical

institutions, completion of Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) in the relevant area has been prescribed as a requirement for promotion of teachers at different level in technical institutions and is also mentioned in the AICTE Gazette Notification dated 01.03.2019. It is also provided therein that these FDPs are to be recognized by AICTE / UGC / TEQIP / NITTTR / PMMMNMTT / IISc. / IIT / University / Government / DTE / Board of Technical Education / CoA / IIA / SPA / ITPI / NRCs/ ARPIT research organization / other institutes of National Importance / Design Studio. However, the FDP conducted by Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) is not included therein.

The EC was further informed that ISTE vide its letter dated 09.06.2021 has requested AICTE to recognize trainings/FDPs conducted by ISTE, on behalf of AICTE, for faculty members for their promotion /CAS. It was also informed that ISTE effectively contributes in various missions of the Union Government and provides quality training programmes to teachers and administrators of technical institutions to update their knowledge and skills

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the inclusion of training programmes (FDPs) conducted by ISTE for the faculty of technical institutions for the purpose of their promotions / CAS and accordingly AICTE may issue such clarification to DTEs of all States/ UTs. However, the EC decided that, the quality of training programmes shall be ensured by AICTE through subject experts while programmes are being conducted. The criteria of selection of institutes for conducting the program, selection of attendees, successful completion of training programme including evaluation of learning through quizzes, assignments etc. shall be in accordance with AICTE ATAL programmes. This may be informed to ISTE.

Item No. 144.03.02
P&AP Bureau

To consider and approve the extension of date of participation in Orientation/ Refresher courses for promotion under CAS up to 31.12.2018.

The Executive committee was informed that AICTE has received various representations regarding extension of date of participation in Orientation/ Refresher courses for promotion under CAS as UGC has extended the same up to 31.12.2018 with respect to 6th CPC.

The Executive Committee deliberated and decided that in order to have a parity between the AICTE and the UGC, and in line with the clarification given in the UGC Public Notice 2-16/2002(PS) Pt. F1. II dated 16th October 2018, AICTE may extend the date of participation in Orientation/ Refresher courses/ Short-term training programmes/ Continuing

Education Programmes, for promotion under CAS for faculty members/ Librarian/ PTIs in Degree/ Diploma level institutions upto 31-12-2018. Accordingly, AICTE may issue clarification on the above subject to all the State/ UT Governments.

Item No. 144.03.03. : To consider and approve AICTE CARE-I and CARE-II Journals.
P&AP Bureau

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE vide its notification (7th CPC) dated 1st March, 2019, while prescribing the qualifications for Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor has mentioned the necessary qualifications for promotions regarding Research Publications published in SCI Journals / UGC / AICTE approved list of journals. However, AICTE has not published the list of these journals yet. The UGC has issued a Reference list of approved journals vide their Public Notice No. F.1-1/2018 (Journal-CARE) dated 14th January, 2019, enlisting two list of journals i.e. CARE-I and CARE-II, which are available online. The CARE-I and CARE-II includes the list of journals belonging to the disciplines being dealt by AICTE.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved that the journals listed in CARE-I and CARE-II be recognized by AICTE for the purpose of promotion, CAS, recruitment of engineering faculty and this may be adopted as part of the policy in the matter of list of journals required for the aforesaid purpose instead of bringing out a separate list.

There is a mechanism of review of the list of journals in UGC and if there are representations about addition/deletion of journals based on quality and peer review, same shall be referred to UGC committee.

Item No. 144.03.04 : To consider and approve the Annual Accounts of AICTE for the
Finance Bureau Financial Year 2020-21.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the Annual Accounts of AICTE for the Financial Year 2020-21 for submission to the Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure (DGACE) and Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, and thereafter for placing the same along with Certification of Audit of DGACE before both the Houses of Parliament.

Item No. 144.03.05 : To consider and approve the application of National Institute of
WRO/ Approval Industrial Engineering (NITIE) Mumbai submitted to AICTE for
Bureau approval in AY 2021-22.

The Executive Committee was informed that National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) is a Govt. of India institution. The funding and approval for faculty strength for

NITIE is also received from the Central Government. NITIE has submitted the online application for approval of AICTE with some changes (intake / course name change / reduction) with respect to the approved intake of previous academic year.

Further, with reference to the implementation of reservation in admission for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) the Institute has implemented reservation for EWS for admission. Also, the total intake of students approved for all PGP and Fellow programs with implementation of 5% reservation for EWS is 618 and with the implementation of balance 5% (overall 10%) reservation for EWS is 684. Also, in view of the constraint imposed upon the Institute due to availability of limited hostel accommodation on campus, the implementation of balance 5% (overall 10%) reservation for EWS shall be done once required hostel accommodation for students is ready and efforts will be made to expedite the same. NITIE has informed that the same has the approval of the Ministry of Education.

During the Scrutiny meeting held on 27.06.2021, it is observed that the institution could not fill in some of the fields on the portal during application submission and therefore, these are not captured in the application report also. Although the scrutiny committee has recommended all the changes, the institution has asked for, but due to incorrect application / any other technical reason, few are not captured.

The EC was further informed that AICTE has a policy to grant approval for a maximum intake of 180 seats in a course without NBA accreditation but NITIE has asked for an intake of 240 seats in Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering (PGDIE).

The Executive Committee noted that NITIE is a centrally funded, autonomous and a very reputed institute of India under the Ministry of Education. The institute started around the same time as some of the IIMs and could have continued as autonomous. However, the earlier directors took approval for some courses, while did not take approval for some other courses in the past. The Executive Committee therefore decided that this needs to be regularized and in future, whichever courses the institute wishes to run with the approval of AICTE, should get all those courses accredited. The Executive Committee, considering the reputation and standing of the institution approved the following programmes conducted by NITIE, Mumbai, as a special case:



Sl. No.	Name of the Program	Entry Level Examination	Intake approved/regularised by the Executive Committee
1.	Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering (PGDIE)	GATE	240
2.	Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Management (PGDIM)	CAT	300
3.	Post Graduate Diploma in Industrial Safety and Environment Management (PGDISEM) <u>Change of Name of Proposed:</u> Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainability Management (PGDSM)	CAT/ GATE	38
4.	Fellow Programme	GATE/NET -JRF	40
	TOTAL		618

They can add remaining 5% EWS seats once the required infrastructure is available.

Item No. 144.03.06
StDC

: To consider and approve the write-off of the recovery amount of Rs.38,33,760 from the Research Scholars who left the course midway under ADF Scheme.

The Executive Committee was informed that as per the scheme guidelines which were in existence upto 01.10.2020 under the AICTE Doctoral Fellowship scheme, the NDF Research Scholars, who leave the course midway are liable to refund the entire amount of fellowship paid. This rule was amended w.e.f. 01.10.2020 with the approval of EC, wherein the provision has been made that the scholarship of the student who leaves the course midway shall be stopped forthwith without any recovery. This was considered while keeping in view that the scholars are required to render weekly 08 hours' work related to teaching, tutorials, practical evaluation and other activities assigned by the institutions. No extra remuneration is paid for such work. 8

hours of assigned academic work is mandatory to receive the fellowship amount. The Executive Committee noted that the same policy has been adopted by IITs/IISc. /Universities where Government scholarship schemes exist for PG and PhD students.

The EC was further informed that out of the outstanding amount of Rs.44.22 lacs pending for recovery as raised in the audit para, one student left the course after 1.10.2020 and is exempted as per the amended scheme guideline leaving a balance amount to be recovered comes to Rs.38.33 (Rs.44.22 - 5.87 lakhs) from the Research Scholars, who left the course before the amendment i.e. 1.10.2020 and are liable to repay. However, they have also given eight hours per week of work in various academic activities as assigned by the college without any additional remuneration.

The EC noted that as per the revised provision, those who left the course before 01.10.2020 are liable to refund the entire amount of scholarship. Thus the total amount of Rs.38,33,760/- is required to be refunded by 10 students who left the course before 01.10.2020

The Executive Committee also noted that the Institute and students are regularly reminded for early refunds of the outstanding amount and the institutes are helpless to effect the recovery as the Research Scholars have shifted to various places and are out of contact.

The Executive Committee deliberated at length on the matter and resolved to write-off the proposed refund amount of Rs.38,33,760/- and apply the revised norms in case of all these students.

Item No. 144.03.07 : To consider and approve the amendment in the eligibility
StDC condition for AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF) scheme including allocation of additional seats to JNU and NER.

The Executive Committee was apprised about a three-member committee constituted to review the minimum percentage requirement as eligibility requirement for ADF. The committee in its meeting examined the issue pertaining to the minimum percentage of educational qualification prescribed for eligibility for admission in ADF as 75% each in Under Graduate and Post Graduate degrees for General/OBC candidates, whereas for SC/ST/Physically Handicapped it is 70%.

The Executive Committee deliberated at length and approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

1. The scheme guideline of AICTE Doctoral Fellowship

(ADF) may be amended as the minimum percentage of educational qualification prescribed for eligibility as in Under Graduate and Post Graduate be 70% (69.5 % and above) against the existing 75% for General/OBC candidates, whereas for SC/ST/Physically Handicapped (PH) be 65% (64.5 % and above) against the existing 70%.

2. In the absence of percentage, the candidate must have secured minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 7.5 on the scale of 10 (or minimum 70% marks) or equivalent at Bachelors and Masters whereas for SC/ST/Physically Handicapped (PH) of 7.0 on the scale of 10 (or minimum 65 % marks) or equivalent. In addition to above, the candidate should have qualified GATE/ NET during the last 5 years will remain unchanged.
3. The students serving as faculty under TEQIP scheme can also be given preference for admission in this programme.
4. The minimum percentage criterion for the Indian students qualified bachelor/master's degree from Foreign Universities shall be waived off but students will have to qualify through GATE exam.
5. The age criterion shall continue to be same as earlier i.e. maximum of 30 years for General /OBC and 35 years for SC/ST/Women/PH to maintain young age profile of the Research Scholars.
6. All other terms and conditions of the scheme shall remain unchanged.

In addition to the above, the Executive Committee also approved inclusion of 03 additional Universities with 08 seats each as under: -

S. No.	Name of University	State	No. of seats
1	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Delhi	08
1	North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology (Deemed to be University)	Arunachal Pradesh	08
2	Tripura University (Central University)	Tripura	08

Thus the total number of universities will be 42 with a total

of 363 seats under ADF in various States/UTs of India.

The Executive Committee approved the amendment of the ADF scheme guideline by incorporating the above changes and the same will be effective from the AY 2021-22.

Item No. 144.03.08
P&AP Bureau

: To consider and approve the facilitation by the respective Universities for admission in additional B. Tech. degree in other discipline/ branch of Engineering for students already possessing a B. Tech/B. E. degree, through lateral entry.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE has received requests from few students and universities to clarify that a student who has completed a degree in one discipline can be permitted to join as lateral entrant in another discipline. Such a provision existed in 60s & 70s when people had completed Electrical Engineering and then Mechanical Engineering in one year.

The Executive Committee noted that AICTE allows lateral entry of diploma holders in Engineering and B.Sc. passed candidates for admission in B.Tech. second year directly and are required to do requisite bridge courses. However, clarification about the entry of students who have completed B.Tech./B.E. degree successfully in one discipline and desire to undertake/ pursue degree in another discipline/ branch of B.Tech. keeping in view better job opportunities.

The EC also noted that NEP-2020 provided multiple exit & entry.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposal that technical universities can facilitate such students to take admission to B.Tech./B.E. by allowing them to get admission at appropriate level of B.Tech. programme in another discipline/ branch of Engineering.

The Executive Committee also approved the exemption from pursuing courses already done in the first discipline of B.Tech. Programme and such students be appropriately guided to complete other requirements of the second discipline. As there is a practical component involved, students will be required to take admission in an institution/ college as a regular student and the concerned university will ensure this and make necessary provision in their statutes accordingly. The EC further approved the duration for completing additional degree will be 2 years to 3 years without compromising on the credit requirements in core discipline and attainment of learning outcomes of the new programme.

Item No. 144.03.09 : To consider and approve the extension of tenure in respect of Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, Innovation Cell of MoE & Administration Bureau AICTE on secondment basis from. 02.08.2021 to 31.03.2023.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the extension of tenure in respect of Dr. Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer, Innovation Cell of MoE & AICTE on secondment basis from 02.08.2021 to 31.03.2023 on the existing terms and conditions.

Item No. 144.03.10 : To consider and approve the procedure for offering/ accepting Administration Bureau post retirement contractual employments/assignment or consultancy etc.

The Executive Committee noted the CVC guidelines and DOPT norms on "procedure for offering/ accepting post retirement contractual employments/assignment or consultancy etc." The Executive Committee approved adoption of these CVC guidelines and DOPT norms by AICTE in letter and spirit.

Item No. 144.03.11 : To consider and approve the proposal for "Technical Book FDC Writing in Regional Languages" to be funded under Non-Plan Head of AICTE.

The EC noted that Technical Book Writing" (TBW) Scheme was approved in its 139th meeting held on 25th January 2020 wherein an amount of Rs.21.00 lakhs for payment of honoraria to prospective authors was approved. The Executive Committee was informed that during progress of implementation of the above scheme it was noticed that:

- (i) Services of translators for each stream will also be required for translating the finally selected book into respective regional languages.**
- (ii) Reviewers for each book will be required for reviewing the works of authors at every stage during course of writing and their translating till printing the final output.**

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of revision of rates of honorarium for experts involved in different stages of TBW. The Executive Committee further decided that to align with NEP-2020 and to impart education in scheduled regional languages, the above proposal of TBW for UG 1st year and Polytechnic 1st year is to be considered for 11 Regional languages in place of 9 Regional languages. Therefore, the Executive Committee re-considered the proposal and approved a projected expenditure of Rs.4,97.115 lakhs, rounded to Rs.4.98 Crore (Rs. Four Crore Ninety-eight lakhs only) under TBW in 11 Regional Languages to be funded through



Non-Plan Head of accounts of AICTE, with an estimated cost of publishing as below:

Book writing for UG 1st year:

Number of subjects - 10
Honorarium
1. Authors for Writing technical books
(a) 09 authors having their books 75 - 80% aligned to AICTE's Modern Curriculum @ 1 Lakh each = 9 Lakhs
(b) 01 original author @ 2 Lakhs = 2 Lakhs
Sub Total = 11 Lakhs
2. Reviewers
@ Rs.40,000 to 10 reviewers = Rs.4 Lakhs
3. Translators
In 11 Regional languages @ 1 Lakh each
10 books x 11 x 1 lakh = Rs.110 Lakhs
4. Reviewers post translation
@ 20,000
10 books x 11 x 20,000 = Rs.22 Lakhs
5. For printing in regional languages
Number of subjects - 10
Numbers of books being printed - 13 (Physics in 4 volumes)
Total number of books to be published - 300
Cost of printing each book - Rs.200
Number of languages - 11
13 x 11 x 300 x 200 = Rs.85.80 Lacs
Total for UG = 11 + 4 + 110 + 22 + 85.80 = Rs.232.80 Lakhs

Book writing for Polytechnic 1st year:

Number of subjects - 12
Honorarium
1. Authors for Writing technical books
12 original authors @ 1.5 Lakh each = 18 Lakhs
2. Sub Total = 18 Lakhs
3. Reviewers
@ Rs.30,000 to 12 reviewers = Rs.3.60 Lakhs
4. Translators
i. In 11 Regional languages @ 1 Lakh each
ii. 12 books x 11 x 1 lakh = Rs.132 Lakhs
5. Reviewers post translation
i. @ 20,000
ii. 12 books x 11 x 20,000 = Rs.26.40 Lakhs
6. For printing in regional languages
Number of subjects - 12

Total number of books to be published - 350
Cost of printing each book - Rs.182.50
Number of languages - 11
 $12 \times 11 \times 350 \times 182.50 = \text{Rs.}84.315 \text{ Lacs}$

Total for Diploma=
 $18+3.60+132+26.40+84.315 = \text{Rs.}264.315 \text{ Lakhs}$

Item No. 144.03.12 : To consider and approve proposal for "AICTE Best Teachers Award" to be funded under Non-Plan Head of AICTE.
FDC

The Executive Committee noted that "Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award" for honoring best teachers from AICTE approved Technical Institutions was initiated in 2020 and was approved in its 136th meeting held on 20th July 2020, wherein an amount of Rs.5,00,000.00 for maximum 20 winners in a financial year was approved for disbursing award amount at the rate of Rs 25000.00 for each winner.

The EC was informed that an award is proposed for honoring Best Teachers in Management Studies on lines similar to Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award by the name of "AICTE Dr. Pritam Singh Award". Similarly, in order to honor an outstanding teacher with physical disability an award named as "AICTE Award for Persons with Disability" for faculty from any AICTE approved (Technical or Management) Institution is also proposed to be created on similar terms and conditions as "Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award" and "AICTE Dr. Pritam Singh Award".

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of categorizing the following three awards under "AICTE Best Teachers Awards" involving a projected expenditure of Rs. 6,50,000.00 (Rs. Six Lacs Fifty Thousands only) per year @ Rs.25,000.00 for 26 faculties selected annually to be funded through Non-Plan Head of accounts of AICTE as below:

AICTE Best Teachers Award

- (A) "Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award" (maximum 20 nos. in an academic year) with cash award of Rs.25,000/- each;
- (B) "AICTE Dr Pritam Singh Award" (maximum 05 nos. in an academic year) with cash award of Rs.25,000/- each;
- (C) "AICTE award for Divyang (PwD) faculty" (maximum 01 no. in an academic year) with cash award of Rs.25,000/- each.

The EC while deliberating opined that the above mentioned

award for 'Divyang (PwD)' may also be named with an inspiring Indian personality who has achieved phenomenally inspite of disabilities or contributed for their empowerment. The EC authorized the Chairman, AICTE, to decide on the name based on inputs received during the meeting and on emails.

Item No. 144.03.13
Approval Bureau

- : To consider and approve grant of LoA/LoR (as applicable) to Institutions based on the recommendations of respective SAC/ EVC and approved by the Competent Authority in respect of applications received, under Chapter I, for Setting up of New Technical Institution offering a Technical Programme at Diploma/ Post Diploma Certificate/ Under Graduate Degree/ Post Graduate Diploma/ Post Graduate Degree Level in the AY 2021-22.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the grant of LoA/LoR. Out of 222 nos. of applicant institutions, 163 nos. were granted LoA and 59 nos. were granted LoR, based on the recommendations of respective SAC/ EVC and approved by the Competent Authority in respect of applications received, under Chapter-I, for Setting up of New Technical Institution offering a Technical Programme at Diploma/ Post Diploma Certificate/ Under Graduate Degree/ Post Graduate Diploma/ Post Graduate Degree Level in the AY 2021-22.

The Executive Committee applauded the teams of Approval Bureau and e-Governance Cell of AICTE for the time-bound completion of the approval process despite of pandemic situation in many parts of the country.

Item No. 144.03.14
Approval Bureau

- : To consider and approve grant of Extension of Approval (EoA) for the A.Y. 2021-22 to existing technical institutions under Chapter-II.

The Executive Committee considered and approved grant of Extension of Approval (EoA) for the A.Y. 2021-22 to existing technical institutions under Chapter-II of APH. Out of 8994 nos. of applicant institutions, 8656 nos. of institutions granted EoA, 42 nos. of institutions are under 'No Admission' category, 222 nos. of institutions are either given Closure of Institute/ Withdrawal of Approval / LoR issued, and 74 nos. of institutions are under process.

The EC decided that the Chairman, AICTE may take decision on EoA or otherwise in respect of these 74 institutions which are under process and the decision be placed before the Executive Committee for ratification in its next meeting.

The Executive Committee also approved EoA to 38 universities/institutions/ open universities conducting ODL programs out of 40 nos. of applicant institutions. One university withdrew its application & one case is not

recommended.

It was also informed that IISc. is starting three new M.Tech. courses in Data Science & Business Analytics, Artificial Intelligence and Electronics & Communication Engineering which do not require physical lab requirements in Online mode in line with new National Education Policy. IISc is an institution of eminence and NIRF ranked at number one. The EC noted and approved the same.

Item No. 144.03.15
Approval Bureau

- : To consider and clarify the PGDM/PGCM Institutions regarding start of classes for existing second year and first year students.

The Executive Committee deliberated and decided that as per the revised Academic Calendar issued by AICTE, all the standalone PGDM/PGCM institutions may start their first and second year classes on or before August 02, 2021.

The EC also clarified that in case any first year student cancels his/her seat upto the date given in the revised academic calendar, the institute will refund the entire fee minus Rs.1000/- and can admit student in lieu of the vacated seat till the last date specified.

In case of further delay in degree exam to be conducted by different Universities in India, further change in the calendar may be made.

Item No. 144.03.16
Approval Bureau

- : To consider the request of National Rail and Transport Institute, Gujarat for inclusion of a new course name "B. Tech. (Mechanical and Rail Engineering)" in Emerging Area under Engineering & Technology programme.

The Executive Committee was informed that the National Rail and Transport Institute (NRTI), Gujarat has sought approval of AICTE to start a new course in Emerging Area under Engineering & Technology Program on B.Tech. (Mechanical & Rail Engineering) from A.Y. 2021-22. As directed by AICTE, NRTI submitted an approval letter from Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India to introduce a New 4-Year B.Tech. course titled as B.Tech. (Mechanical & Rail Engineering) under Engineering & Technology Program by NRTI, Vadodara, Gujarat. NRTI has also submitted information from M/o Railways about specific requirement of laboratories for the proposed new course where in most of the cases Laboratory is available and in few cases it is partially available and the ones being set-up will be ready well in time for delivery of the course.

The Executive Committee deliberated at length and approved the request of M/of Railways, Govt. of India and NRTI, Gujarat for inclusion of a new course name "B.Tech. (Mechanical and Rail Engineering)" in emerging area under Engineering & Technology programme from A.Y. 2021-22.

The EC also decided to include other courses to the list of emerging areas in UG/PG programmes such as Dairy Technology/Dairy Chemistry/Agriculture Engineering and Defence Technology (6 Specializations) under M.Tech. programme from A.Y. 2021-22.

Item No. 144.03.17 : To consider and approve the extension of time for the 'Book writing' project with some additional activities without increase in the budget.
IKS

The Executive Committee noted that the book writing project of Indian Knowledge System (IKS) has progressed as per the original plan, despite COVID-related challenges and 80% of the book writing has been completed.

The Executive Committee was apprised about proposal of Dr. Mahadevan and IIM Bangalore that MOOC videos and PPTs covering all the chapters is desirable for the success of the adoption of this book. Accordingly, the Executive Committee considered and approved the following proposal:

1. Complete all the chapters by September 30, 2021, as per the original plan;
2. Continue the project by creating videos and PPT decks of the book chapters by utilizing the already approved project funding for these activities without any additional fund.
3. Extend the deadline for completion of the project to April 30, 2022, taking into consideration the additional activities proposed to be undertaken.

Item No. 144.03.18 : To consider and approve "Revision of Expenditure for Various Activities Planned Originally for Implementation of AICTE (ASLAP) Project" to be funded by NPIU/MHRD under Plan Head of AICTE.
FDC

The Executive Committee was informed that NPIU entrusted AICTE the responsibility of efficiently implementing ASLAP in a time bound manner. The MoE informed that TEQIP, under which SLA Project was being funded, is the World Bank assisted project and TEQIP Scheme would end by March-2021. Therefore, NPIU agreed to provide a funding of Rs.4.31 crore for SLA Project for meeting its expenditure till 31st March 2021.

The EC noted that the proposed expenditure of Rs.4.31 crore was based upon certain activities to be undertaken till 31st March 2021 and same was approved by the Executive Committee in its 140th meeting held on 15th Feb 2021.

The Executive Committee was further informed that during progress of actual implementation of proposed activities,

which extended beyond the cut-off date i.e. 31st March 2021 to the revised date i.e. 30th September 2021, some variations in estimated expenditure under proposed activities were observed resulting in variation in projected expenditure under different sub-heads planned originally. However, these variations did not affect the overall proposed expenditure which continues to remain at Rs.4.31 crores.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed variation in projected expenditures under different sub-heads planned originally, as mentioned in the following table, which were initially proposed for implementation upto 31st March 2021 and now extended upto 30th September 2021 with overall expenditure remaining same at Rs.4.31 crore allowed by NPIU for this purpose to be funded by NPIU/MHTRD under Plan Head of AICTE:

Subhead	Actual Expenditure Proposed till 31 st March 2021 (in Rs.)	Expected Expenditure till 30 th September 2021 (in Rs.)
1. Total Manpower Budget	18,75,000	28,75,000
2. Total Budget towards IT	3,00,00,000	2,00,00,000
3. Total Budget for Development of Items/Question naire	62,00,000	1,72,00,000
4. Total Budget for Specialized Manpower on Demand	25,00,000	5,00,000
5. Total Budget for Miscellaneous Expenses	5,40,000	5,40,000
6. Sub Total (1+2+3+4+5)	4,11,15,000	4,11,15,000
Recurring Budget(@5% of Sl.No.6)	20,55,750	20,55,750
Grand Total	4,31,70,750	4,31,70,750




Item No. 144.03.19 : To consider and approve a new AICTE supported scholarship
StDC scheme 'AICTE- Swanath Scholarship Scheme for Students'.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for starting a new scheme 'AICTE- Swanath Scholarship Scheme for Students' for the following category of students studying in the AICTE approved institutions with the following criterion and financial implications:

Categories:

- (i) Both parents died due to COVID 19;
- (ii) One of the parents died and the other parent does not have any source of income;
- (iii) Wards of Armed Forces and Central Paramilitary Forces martyred in action (Shaheed);
- (iv) Children who have lost both parents.

Criterion and Financial implications:

- a) **Number of Scholarships:** Maximum 2000 scholarships (1000 for Degree Students and 1000 for Diploma Students) will be awarded every year to eligible candidates based on prioritization as above.
- b) **Amount of Scholarship:** Rs.50,000.00 per annum for every year of study
- c) **Reservation:** As per Government of India norms
- d) **Mode of Application:** Online through National Scholarship Portal of Govt. of India.
- e) **Financial implications:** Rs.10 Crore in FY 2021-22
- f) This scheme will be available for only those who have not received similar benefits from any other scheme/State/central Government.

The Executive Committee also approved the proposed scheme guidelines containing detailed terms and conditions, criterion for selection etc.

Item No. 144.03.20 : To deliberate and decide on permitting institutes conducting
Approval Bureau Specialized skill / Job oriented courses to run the institute on a private lease building.

The Executive committee was informed that the existing guidelines of holding private lease by any institution is that the Private Lease Deed (Registered) should be for a period of minimum 30 years with at least 25 years of live lease at the time of submission of application. Such Private Lease Deed for running an institution in a leased building is permissible only for Mega / Metro Cities due to the scarcity of land.

The EC was further informed that Pearl Academy (A. ID 1-9447595981) a Private self-financing institute imparting courses in Design, Fashion business and Media has applied

for approval of AICTE as a new institute for offering PGDM courses at three Centres i.e. New Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru. Applications of the trust/society were processed under Chapter I as per norms.

The EC was further informed that the Pearl Academy, Delhi is running in a building taken on lease for 15 years and a letter of Intent for extension for another 15 years. Further, the property is mortgaged by the land lord. Regarding mortgage, it is informed that lease deed has a clause which specifically mentions that the mortgage shall not affect the rights of the lessee to use and occupy the premises during the lease term in the manner contemplated under the lease. The EC noted the decision of the SAC in this case.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved that in large metros where land is at a high premium AICTE should permit specialized skill oriented - job creating institutes in multi-storeyed buildings with continued lease beyond existing lease upto 30 years. The EC therefore approved the case of Pearl Academy imparting courses in Design, Fashion business and Media for the AY 2021-22. The EC also approved that the security amount be doubled in such cases to preserve the interest of the stakeholders.

Item No. 144.04.01
Approval Bureau

: To ratify the approval granted to refund the interest portion of Fixed Deposit (FD) created in the AY 2010-11 by the institute in four equal installments.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 144.04.02
Approval Bureau

: To ratify the permission granted to Union Territory of Lakshadweep to submit online application after deadline is over.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 144.04.03
Approval Bureau

: To ratify the Clarifications / Interpretations / Minor Amendments made under different clauses of APH 2021-22.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. Rajive Kumar)
Member Secretary



(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)
Chairman

Activities and Achievements of AICTE from June 10, 2021 to July 12, 2021

- Organized various NEAT awareness programs online on 10th June, 16th June, 24th June and 8th July 2021;
- Online Innovation Ambassador Training: Webinar for Principals & Teachers on various initiatives of CBSE in collaboration with AICTE on June 14, 2021;
- Various institutional development activities: "AICTE -IDEA Lab scheme" results declared on June 14 2021, "Online Awareness Workshop with AICTE approved institutions of North Eastern Region (NER) on June 29 2021;
- Lilavati Award 2021: Online Meeting with Lilavati Evaluator on June 14 2021;
- Status of Chhatra Vishwakarma Award 2020 (CVA) and Clean & Smart Campus Award 2020;
- AICTE Announces Visvesvaraya Best teachers award, Dr Pritam Singh Award (for Management faculty members) and Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award for person with disability;
- 7th International Yoga Day at AICTE Theme: *Yoga For Wellness* celebrated and a short video "अच्छे स्वास्थ्य का आभास... योगा अभ्यास" was launched on the importance of yoga and exercise on June 21, 2021;
- Successfully conducted Toycathon 2021- DIGITAL EDITION on June 22-24 2021;
- Online AICTE Examination Reforms Workshops in collaboration with KLE Tech University on June 28-30, 2021 and Chitkara University on July 8-10 2021;
- Smt. Mamta Rani Agarwal joined as Adviser-I, AICTE on June 30, 2021 and Prof. R. Hariharan, Adviser-II, AICTE repatriated to his parent office on July 5, 2021;
- Status of AICTE J&K Internship for students of Jammu & Kashmir for IIT/IISER's for next session;
- Status of Jammu & Kashmir Employability Enhancement Training Program: (JEET);
- Meetings and Programs organised for on-boarding Industry/Company on Internship Portal;
- Online workshop on Universal Human Values in June and July 2021 and upcoming schedule of FDP-SI UHV programs;
- SUNSHINE program completed 1st Phase by HCL;
- Online ATAL 27 FDPs inaugural by Hon'ble Director, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad on 14th June 2021 and 54 online ATAL FDP's inaugural by Prof. N. S. Raghuwanshi, MANIT Bhopal on 21st June 2021
- AICTE and DCRUST signed a MOU for establishing ATAL Academy & IDEA lab on June 18, 2021 in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri M.L. Khattar;
- Online 72 ATAL FDPs inaugurated by Prof. Neelesh Kr. Jain, Director, IIT Indore July 5, 2021 and 56 online ATAL FDPs inaugural by Dr. Manoj Gaur, Director, IIT Jammu on July 12, 2021;



- Status report of FDPs by AICTE Training & Learning (ATAL) Academy;
- Status report of Translation of SWAYAM Courses, UG and PG books through AI Translation tool;
- Status report of Technical Book Writing & Translation in Regional Languages;
- Two days' workshop on Utilisation of AICTE Translator tool for all the identified translators was held on 05th & 08th July 2021;
- Progress report of progress of AICTE Student Learning Assessment Project (ASLAP);
- 3 bidders are qualified for RFP for Setting up of Studio on 25th June 2021;
- Status of National Initiative for Technical Teachers Training;
- Total 1512 institutes have registered so far for Implementing 360 Degree Feedback;
- Meeting was held on 23rd June, 2021 at AICTE HQ to deliberate on the scope of NEEM Regulation;
- Webinars
 - Governance, Regulation and Quality - perspectives from current Indian Regulators. A talk delivered by Prof. M.P. Poonia Vice Chairman on NEP hosted by University College London (UCL) on June 29, 2021;
 - AICTE Quality Initiatives to include NITTT, ASLAP, AQIS financially funded schemes and NEAT on July 2, 2021;
 - Talk on NEP 2020 and the Way Ahead by Prof. Shakila Shamsu, Former Officer on Special Duty (NEP) Dept. of HE, MoE on July 8, 2021.
- Indian Knowledge System Webinars –
 - On June 11, 2021 "Concept & Practices of Environmental Conservation in Ancient India: What can we learn from them?" Main speaker: Prof. Michel Danino, Visiting Professor IIT Gandhinagar Chief Guest: Prof. Kapil Kapoor, Chairman Indian Inst of Advanced Study Shimla;
 - On June 14, 2021 Panel Discussion on Relevance of Naturopathy in the Modern Era Panelists: Dr. Rajiv Sharma, IAS, Member, Revenue Board, UP Govt Dr. Vimal Modi, Director, Arogya Mandir, Gorakhpur, UP Dr. Amarjeet Yadav, Faculty, Lucknow University;
 - On June 15, 2021 "KALIYUGA Inscriptional Evidence" Main speaker: Dr. M.L. Raja, M.B.B.S., D.O., M.A. History, D.I.A.E. Chief Guest: Prof. Nomesh Bolia, Dept. of Mechanical Engg., IIT Delhi;
 - On June 17, 2021 "Management in Bhagavad Gita" Main speaker: Prof. B. Mahadevan, IIM Bangalore Chief Guest: Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Director, IIT Guwahati;
 - On June 27, 2021 "Vyākaraṇaśāstra: Its Importance in Modern Age" in association with JSDIVSR Eminent Speaker: Prof. Malhar Kulkarni, Inst. Chair Prof. IIT Bombay Chief Guest: Dr. Shailendra Raj Mehta, President & Director, MICA Ahmedabad;
 - On June 30, 2021 'Mining & Metallurgy of Ancient India' Main Speaker: Dr. A.S. Nene, Board Member, Civil Engg. Dept., JSDIVSR Nagpur Chief Guest: Prof. B.S. Murthy, Director IIT Hyderabad;
 - On July 9, 2021 राखीगढ़ी उत्खनन: समृद्ध इतिहास पर नवीन प्रकाश Main speaker: Prof. Vasant Shinde, Director, Rakhigarhi Archaeological Research Project Chief Guest: Prof. Ramesh C Bharadwaj, Director, Gandhi Bhavan, HoD Dept. Sanskrit, Univ. of Delhi;
 - July 11, 2021 Darshan Shastra: Its Significance in Day-to-Day Life Eminent Speaker: Prof. Madhusudan Penna, Dean, Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University Chief Guest: Prof. Ganti S. Murthy, & Founding Head of scientific IKS IIT Indore.

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- A workshop was conducted by tableau to train the faculty and students of AICTE Approved institutes in the field of data science, data intelligence and related field;
- AICTE in collaboration with Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal organized a webinar on "Teacher's Role in NEP Implementation, Awareness, Orientation, Challenges & Responses" on July 6, 2021. Speakers on this Webinar were: Dr Uma Shankar and Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe.
- A meeting was conducted for revising first year UG curriculum on July 3rd, 2021, and proposed workshop on 16th July 2021;
- AICTE & DRDO jointly launched a regular M. Tech. Program in Defence Technology (6 Specialization) on July 8, 2021 and a Interaction session with interested universities and colleges for starting M. Tech. Defence Technology was held on July 12, 2021.
- Meeting with Shri Dharmendra Pradhan ji, Hon'ble Minister of Education and MOS & Officers of MoE on 9th July, 2020.
- Workshop on "Educating Future Mechanical Engineers" by the Mechanical Engg. Dept. at the Indian Institute of Science held under the auspices of AICTE and INAE as part of 75 years of department celebrations on July 10, 2021. Several former Directors of IITs, Deans from India and abroad participated.
- Launch & Orientation of Young Warrior Movement Against COVID-19 on July 12 2021. Speakers of this program were: Mr. Dhuwarakha Sriram, Ms. Ananya Pandey and Lalita Sachdeva along with other members from UNICEF/ YuWaah;
- A online session on National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 on "Contributing to an equitable and vibrant knowledge society, by providing high-quality education to all" held on July 13,2021

