Minutes of the 146th Executive Committee meeting held on October 27, 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 Rakesh Ranjan Additional Secretary (HE/TE) Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary, MoE, GOI, New Delhi		
4.	Dr. Manoj Kumar Tiwari Chairman, AIB-UGET Director, NITIE, Mumbai (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member		
5.	Prof Shreepad Karmalkar, Chairman, AIB- PGERT IIT-Madras, Chennai, (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member		
6.	Shri Satish Chandra Special Chief Secretary (HE/TE), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member		
7.	Dr. Usha Natesan Director, NITTTR, Chennai (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member		
8.	Dr. Venkappayya Desai, Dept. of Civil Engg. IIIT, Kharagpur (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member		
9.	Prof Praveen Nahar, Director, NID, Ahemdabad (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member		
10.	Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi, Director, NIT, Hamirpur (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member		
11.	Prof. K. K. Aggarwal Chairman, NBA (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Special Invitee		
12.	Dr. N.S. Kalsi. IAS (Retd.) Chairperson, NCVET, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Special Invitee		
13.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary		

Chairman, NWRC-AICTE; Chairman, ERC-AICTE; Chairman, AIB – Management Studies, Director IIM Trichy; JS & FA, MoE, New Delhi; Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Tripura; Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Secretary (TE), Govt. of Uttrakhand; Chairman, UGC; Director General, NILERD (former IAMR); Director General, ICAR could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

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At the outset, Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE welcomed all the members to the 146th meeting of the newly constituted Executive Committee. The Chairman briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 145th Executive Committee meeting held on September 13, 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 members were informed about the comments received from IFD, MoE, on the Agenda and accordingly decisions were arrived at while taking these comments into cognizance. The following Agenda Items were taken up for consideration, deliberations and decisions taken as under:

Item No. 146.01.01

To confirm the minutes of the 145th meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 13, 2021.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 145th meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 13, 2021.

Item No. 146.02.01

To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 145th meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 13, 2021.

The Executive Committee received the action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 145th meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 13, 2021.

Item No. 146.03.01 FDC

To consider and approve the proposal for "Training Program for Faculty Members for developing Applicability Component of Engineering Disciplines".

The Executive Committee was informed about the status of AICTE Student Learning Assessment Portal(ASLAP) developed by AICTE with questionnaires for assessment of students, collate response data and analyse the same with the help of latest technology tools and share the reports' outcome with students and institutes for improving overall competence of Engineering students. The EC was further informed that questionnaires incorporated in the portal covers core Engineering disciplines (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics and Computer Engineering) besides management, aptitude and emerging areas. The EC was also informed that application based questionnaires shall also be developed and included in ASLAP portal.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for conduct of five two-week online training workshops for preparing application based questionnaire for five core engineering disciplines mentioned above, @ Rs.93,000.00 each. The EC further approved the proposed training to be conducted in collaboration with Dr. P. R. Swarup, Member Secretary, (ECI) led team comprising best industry leadership, workmanship from Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC). The total budget estimate of Rs.4,65,000.00 shall be met through AICTE's Non-Plan Head of expenditure i.e. IRG of AICTE. The EC also approved the new scheme "AICTE Student Learning Assessment Project" under STTP. However, it was suggested that a suitable name be considered for this project.

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The Executive Committee placed on record its appreciation for Col. B. Venkat, Director (FDC), AICTE and his team to have handled a mammoth task of development of student assessment portal in a time-bound and efficacious manner.

Item No. 146.03.02 FDC To consider and approve the proposal for requirement for engaging five number of DTP professionals for publishing of text books in regional languages for under-graduate and polytechnic institutions approved by AICTE.

The Executive Committee noted that NEP 2020 emphasized promotion of regional languages in higher technical education. AICTE has proposed to create and develop textbooks aligning with the AICTE's Model Curriculum for undergraduate and diploma level technical courses in regional languages. The books are also proposed to be translated in regional languages (Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali, Malayali, Punjabi, Assamese, Odiya and Urdu) before start of next academic year. Time available for the start of session is very short, hence books are to be prepared at the earliest.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for engaging five numbers of DTP professionals for publishing of text books in regional languages for undergraduate and diploma level technical courses from the existing manpower agency by AICTE as per qualifications and experience defined in the proposal and prevailing engagement rules. The expenditure on this account shall be met through AICTE's Non-Plan Head of expenditure i.e. IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 145.03.03 Administration Bureau To consider and approve the proposal to allow Ration Money Allowance to Defence Officers on deputation to AICTE.

The Executive Committee was informed that three Defence Officers, Col. A. Shreenath, Lt. Col. Kailash Bansal and Col. B. Venkat joined to the post of Director in AICTE on deputation during 2018 and 2019, and represented that Ration Money Allowance (RMA) was being drawn by them in their respective parent office before joining in AICTE.

The Executive Committee discussed the matter and approved the proposal for payment of Ration Money Allowance of the above officers from the period of their joining to September 2021 as mentioned below:

Officers	Ration Money Allowance (RMA)
Col. A. Shreenath 02.07.2018 to 30.09.2021	Rs.1,39,663.53
Lt. Col. Kailsash Bansal 02.07.2018 to 30.09.2021	Rs.1,39,546.13
Col. B. Venkat from 28.02.2019 to 30.09.2021	Rs.1,11,396.64

Item No. 145.03.04 Approval /P&AP Bureau To consider and approve for admission to supernumerary seat in B. Tech program without appearance in entrance test.

The Executive Committee was informed that a letter from Vice Chancellor Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) requesting to grant approval for admission under a supernumerary seat in B. Tech program without appearance in entrance test for gifted children arising due to inherent talent of a student.' The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and appreciated the initiative of AICTE to encourage gifted children. The EC re-iterated that NEP 2020 provides every student a holistic multidisciplinary education creating a well-rounded personality and support for gifted children.

The Executive Committee considered and approved creation of two supernumerary seats per institute in B. Tech. program. The Executive Committee further approved that two supernumerary seats may be accorded by AICTE in its approved institutions for empowering gifted and talented students to seek admissions against these seats, which will provide a motivating and unique opportunity for such students in line with NEP recommendations. The Executive Committee also resolved that the same may be provisioned in the forthcoming AICTE Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2022-23. It was decided that AICTE shall devise norms for selection of gifted children under supernumerary quota and the final admission under supernumerary quota shall be approved by AICTE.

Item No. 145.03.05 FDC

To consider and approve proposal for implementation of SFURTI project conducted by Indian Micro Enterprises Development Foundation (IMEDF) Trainers.

The Executive Committee was informed that a SFURTI cluster is an all– encompassing set-up, utilizing local resources and local community for generation of employment in the specific region. Involvement of faculty members and students from AICTE approved institutions from all over India in technical aspects leading to preparation of DPR and understanding the technicalities of the equipment utilized. These efforts will enable a larger internship opportunities and further employment.

The EC was further informed that in the three Pilot programs conducted till date for the states of Nagaland, Odisha and Rajasthan, a total of 5 DPR's (Detailed Project Reports) have been approved to be taken up for cluster (minor industry) at respective locations in the field of agri-products, block printing etc.

The Executive Committee considered the proposal for wider sensitization to conduct IMEDF SFURTI cluster training programs in the following states [not covered in pilot programme] to have an eco-system:

1.Jharkhand	2. Uttrakhand	3.Bihar
4.Chhattisgarh	5.Jammu & Kashmir	6. Manipur
7.Arunachal Pradesh	8.Mizoram	9.Meghalya
10.Tripura	11. Sikkim	

The Executive Committee further approved two programs for each state to be conducted: one for faculty members and another for students from AICTE approved Institutions. The EC noted that each program will have an anticipated expenditure of Rs. 4.00 lakhs, making the total cost for 22 programs as Rs. 88.00 lakhs (Rs. Eighty-Eight Lakhs only). The present proposal is a mix of online and residential with a visit to the nearest SFURTI cluster for 30 members.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for execution of SFURTI project conducted by Indian Micro Enterprises Development Foundation (IMEDF) Trainers with a total estimated expenditure of Rs. 88.00 lakhs (Rs Eighty-Eight Lakhs only) as mentioned above, proposed to be covered under Non-Plan Head of expenditure by allotting a new Non-Plan Budget Head titled "STTP-SFURTI" i.e. IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 145.03.06 FDC To consider and approve the budget proposal for release of funds for implementation of AICTE-INAE Distinguished Visiting Professors(DVP) Scheme during FY 2021-22.

The Executive Committee was informed that INAE submitted a budget proposal of Rs.102.43 lakhs for AICTE-INAE DVP Scheme to be continued in 2021-22. The EC was also informed that an amount of Rs.57,85,957.00 is already available with INAE as an unspent amount.

The Executive Committee considered the adjustment of unspent amount and approved the sanction of the balance budgetary requirement of Rs.44,57,043.00 (Rupees Forty-Four Lakhs Fifty-Seven Thousands Forty-Three only) to be released during 2021-22 for implementation of AICTE-INAE DVP Scheme from the IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 145.03.07 P&AP Bureau To consider and approve the proposed collaboration and support from AICTE to spread Nationalism and Patriotism.

The Executive Committee was informed that 'Veteran India' is an organization of ex-servicemen and other prominent people from various fields with an aim to promote Nation Building by inculcating the spirit of Nationalism and Patriotism among the children, youth and all stakeholders for upliftment of the society through their vast experience, impeccable integrity, discipline and loyalty through partnering with schools/colleges, gram panchayats and other institutions.

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The Executive Committee considered that in order to channelize the young mind studying in the AICTE approved institutions through motivational talks of the decorated soldiers, related activities and tasks, approved the proposal to execute a MoU between the AICTE and Veteran India Organization with an aim of commitment and sovereignty to spread Nationalism and Patriotism. The provision of honorarium to experts as per existing AICTE norms shall be kept. This shall be covered under Non-Plan budget head of AICTE.

Item No. 146.03.08 IDC

To consider and approve the budget for establishment of Model AICTE-IDEA Lab at DCRUST, Murthal, Haryana.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE signed an MoU/Lease Agreement with Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science & Technology (DCRUST), Murthal, Haryana on June 18, 2021 to establish an ATAL Academy and a model AICTE-IDEA Lab as a part of it.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal to fund DCRUST for establishment of the model IDEA Lab as per budget given below:

Amount in Lakh

Expenditure	Year -I	Year -II	Year -III	Year -IV	Year -V	Total	Remarks
Non- Recurring	96	64	0	0	0	160	For cost of equipment, tools and consumables
Recurring	50	50	50	50	50	250	For conducting IDEA Lab Basic and Advanced FDPs, internships, student activities, awareness programmes etc.
Maintenance	0	0	0	16	16	32	For maintenance of the lab
Total	146	114	50	66	66	442	

The Executive Committee also considered and approved that DCRUST shall ensure the execution of the following:

- (a) run and make the IDEA Lab functional with its own human resources;
- (b) take care of maintenance and functioning of the facilities created;
- (c) deploy required staff for functioning of the facilities;
- (d) allot necessary funds required to run all the facilities;
- (e) follow AICTE-IDEA Lab Scheme guidelines.

Item No. 146.03.09 IDC To consider and approve the budget for establishment of Model AICTE-IDEA Lab at VTU, Muddenahalli, Karnataka.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE signed an MoU/ Lease Agreement with Visvesvaraya Technological University(VTU), Karnataka on February 13, 2020 to establish an

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AICTE-ATAL Academy at Muddenahalli Campus of VTU and a model AICTE-IDEA Lab as a part of it.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal to fund VTU for establishment of the model IDEA Lab as per budget given below:

Amount in Lakh

Expenditure	Year -I	Year -II	Year -III	Year -IV	Year -V	Total	Remarks
Non- Recurring	96	64	0	0	0	160	For cost of equipment, tools and consumables
Recurring	50	50	50	50	50	250	For conducting IDEA Lab Basic and Advanced FDPs, internships, student activities, awareness programmes etc.
Maintenance	0	0	0	16	16	32	For maintenance of the lab
Total	146	114	50	66	66	442	

The Executive Committee also considered and approved that VTU shall ensure the execution of the following:

- (a) run and make the IDEA Lab functional with its own human resources;
- (b) take care of maintenance and functioning of the facilities created;
- (c) deploy required staff for functioning of the facilities;
- (d) allot necessary funds required to run all the facilities;
- (e) follow AICTE-IDEA Lab Scheme guidelines.

Item No. 146.03.10 P&AP

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To consider and approve the research proposal to develop Faculty Assessment Tool and Funding Requirement.

The Executive Committee was informed that a proposal has been received from Avantika University, Ujjain for developing a Faculty Assessment Tool that will align itself to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The project will also identify faculty who are familiar with the history, perspectives on education, role of faculty, role of students, understanding of the environment and the future requirements of the education process. The EC was further informed that research activities like statement formation, conducting pilot study, collecting data across the country, collating data, data analysis for reliability, validity and development of norms and preparation of manual would be included in the scope of the project. A well-defined framework is proposed to be developed using a questionnaire and will culminate in reliable validation of faculty assessment.

The Executive Committee deliberated that this project undertaken at the national level would be of immense importance to understand the need of the hour and how faculty can be aligned to the NEP.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of the faculty team to be involved in designing this assessment tool as mentioned below:

- 1. Prof. Uma Narayan, Former Dean of NMIMS of Liberal Studies;
- 2. Dr. Bharti Venkatesh, Practicing Psychologist, Psychometrician & Faculty of School of Liberal Arts of Avantika University, Ujjain;
- 3. Ms. Kamya Pahwa who has worked for 7 years in developing selfreflective model of Leadership which has come out in 900 documented pages;
- 4. Ms. Vashima Goel who has designed a teacher training programme for schools and colleges in Singapore and is the President of Edu Retreat.

The team would work under the supervision of Dr. Indira Parikh former Dean, IIM Ahmedabad & founder President FLAME a liberal arts university.

The Executive Committee further approved the proposed budget of Rs. 40 lakhs (Rupees Forty lakhs only) for 12 months for payment under various heads /detail of team members as mentioned in the agenda of the detailed budget proposal. The budget will be met from the IRG of AICTE under Non-Plan budget.

Item No. 146.03.11 Admin Bureau To consider and approve the Roster for Reservation of various posts in Group B & C staff as on 0.1.10.2021 of the officers/staff of AICTE Hqrs.

The Executive Committee was informed that a Committee was constituted vide Office Order dated 11.10.2021 to verify the draft Vacancy Roster prepared for the Group A, B & C staff of AICTE. The Executive Committee considered and approved the roster for reservation (direct and promotion) for Group "A", "B" & "C" Staff of AICTE finalized by the Committee as on 01.10.2021.

Item No. 146.03.12 P&AP Bureau To consider and deliberate the Recommendation of the committee constituted for examining "Sydney Accord and Dublin Accord"

The Executive Committee noted that in its 142nd Meeting held on April 22, 2021 decided to constitute a committee to examine whether India should become signatory to Sydney Accord and Dublin Accord. Accordingly, a committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. K. K. Aggarwal, Chairman, NBA was constituted to review these accords and give its recommendation on desirability of entering into these multilateral accords.

The EC was informed that the committee in its online meeting held on October 18, 2021 discussed the impact of Washington Accord on quality of Technical Education in India after India became signatory in 2014. NBA signed the Washington Accord representing India. The committee came to a decision that India should be signatory to Dublin Accord meant for Engineering Technician Education, i.e., 3-years Diploma in Engineering Courses imparted in India as India fulfills all the requirements of Dublin accord and by becoming signatory to Dublin Accord, vast job market may be

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tapped by Indian Diploma holders in the member countries. The EC was further informed that the committee recommended that it will not be possible for India to sign the Sydney accord, as we do not differentiate between the nomenclature of Engineering and Technology.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommendations of the aforesaid Committee constituted under Prof. K.K. Aggarwal and AICTE may inform the same to the Ministry of Education.

Item No. 146.03.13 FDC

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To consider and approve printing and procuring of books in Scheduled Indian Regional Languages of first year both for undergraduate and diploma.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE in alignment with NEP 2020 initiated writing of technical books of UG and Diploma 1st year, based on outcome based education as per NBA and NEP mandate and also initiated the process of translating the same in the scheduled Indian languages based on the survey conducted about choice of students (if higher technical education is provided in regional languages). AICTE AI translation tool developed by Mr. Chandrashekhar Buddha and interns was used extensively. M/s. Khanna Book Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd. published these books voluntarily. A committee headed by Dr. M.K. Verma, Vice Chancellor, Chattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University suggested to get 500 copies of each of these books in all languages printed and distributed to all colleges in respective states so that confidence is built amongst stake holders taking engineering education in Indian languages and there is enough support and facilitation.

The Executive Committee discussed and considered the proposal for procuring all the books of 1st year UG and Diploma, 500 each per language to promote higher technical education in regional languages based on NEP 2020 in terms of providing education in regional languages. The Executive Committee approved the proposal of the committee to procure the books from M/s. Khanna Book Publishing Company Private Limited, who had already published these books being proprietary as per GFR-166. Also, as per the Committee, rate per page from M/s. Khanna Book Publishing Company Private Ltd. was the least amongst all Indian publishers. In printing of technical books, cost per page (Rs.0.84 per page, with which an additional discount of 20% comes to Rs.0.68 per page). The following books of degree & diploma first year in Indian languages be procured on priority since colleges have chosen to provide technical education in these languages:

Sr. No	Language	UG 1st year	Diploma 1st Year
1.	English	Yes	Yes
2.	Hindi	Yes	Yes
3.	Tamil	Yes	Yes
4.	Telugu	Yes	•
5.	Bengali		Yes
6.	Kannada	Yes	•
7.	Gujarati	-	Yes
8.	Marathi	Yes	Yes



These books would be distributed to the college libraries opting to offer engineering education in regional languages on priority & also to other colleges in the state to encourage/empower students to study in regional languages.

Item No. 146.03.14 Admin. Bureau/ E-Gov. Cell : To consider and approve hiring of manpower from the existing manpower agency M/s. BECIL, for different urgent tasks in various Bureaus/Cells of AICTE.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for hiring one person each on the below mentioned three posts from the existing manpower agency M/s. BECIL, with the qualifications and remuneration mentioned against each:

Post Name	Number of post	Qualification & Experience	Proposed Remuneration
Young Professiona l (Legal)	One	Qualifications: LLB/LLM from a recognized University. Experience: Minimum three years' experience in understanding, dealing Legal matters, Liaison with Counsels on Legal matters.	Rs. 70,000/- per month
Senior UI/UX Designer	One	Qualifications & Experience: B. Tech. with Experience of more than 5 years; Or M.Tech./MCA with Experience of more than 3 years; Or Any graduate with experience of more than 7 years and diploma/certificate in the relevant field (Software, UI/UX Designing, Tools, Web Designing, Multi Media, Animation etc.).	Rs.65,000/- to Rs.1,00,000/- per month (depending on qualifications and experience)
Audio- Video & Sound (AVS) Recorder	One	Qualifications: Graduate any discipline. Course/Certificate in video editing & sound recording. Experience: Minimum one year in the relevant field of video/sound recording/editing.	Rs. 35,000/- per month.

The Executive Committee also considered and approved the proposal to initiate process for purchase of suitable hardware and licensed software, from GEM portal, for preparation of videos / usage by the `AVS Recorder'.

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Item No. 146.04.01 Approval Bureau	: To ratify the decision in accordance with the Agenda Item No.143.03.02 of $143^{\rm rd}$ meeting of the Executive Committee.
	The Executive Committee ratified the matter.
Item No. 146.04.02 Approval Bureau	: To ratify the recommendations of Standing Hearing Committees/ Standing Appellate Committees held in the cases of institutions for various reasons such as evaluation of compliance submitted, against whom complaints received and Show Cause Notices issued, Court order etc.
	The Executive Committee ratified the matter.
Item No. 146.04.03 Approval Bureau	: To ratify the recommendation of Standing Hearing Committee/ Standing Appellate Committee held in the case of grant of Letter of Recommendation to Institutions/ University for running ODL/Online programmes.
	The Executive Committee ratified the matter.
Item No. 146.05.01 Admin. Bureau	: To receive the information regarding increase of honorarium and transportation charges of Dr. J. K. Sharma, Medical Consultant in AICTE.
	The Executive Committee received the information.
Item No. 146.05.02 FDC/ASLAP	: To receive the information on the revision of expenditure for various IT related activities planned originally for implementation of AICTE-SLA project to be funded by NPIU/MOE under Plan head of AICTE.
	The Executive Committee received the information.
Item No. 146.05.03 StDC	: To receive information for treating Grant for AICTE Youth Undertaking Visit for Acquiring Knowledge (YUVAK) Scheme as a Lumpsum Grant.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 146.05.04 ATAL CELL

To receive information on AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) FDPs conducted and utilization of the budgeted amount.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 146.05.05 MIC

To receive information on progress made on UNESCO-Africa-India Hackathon.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 146.05.06 MIC

: To receive information on design of Tableau for Republic Day Parade.

The Executive Committee received the information.

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Item No. 146.05.07 Admin. Bureau : To receive information in respect of removal of disparity of DA admissible to consultants (retired) with consultancy fee in terms of Item No. 105.03.02 of 105th EC meeting held on 20.02.2017.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 146.05.08 MIC : To receive information on developing "One Nation One Data" platform for Higher Education Sector.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 146.05.09 SDC : To receive information on Curriculum Development in Emerging Areas under vocation course B.Voc and D.Voc.

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

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Annexure-1

Activities and Achievements of AICTE from September 13, 2021 to October 27, 2021

- Meetings of the Master Trainer were conducted on 18.10.2021 and 22.10.2021 under Technical Education Leadership Development program jointly collaborate by AICTE and UKIERI;
- A Portal was opened for AICTE-CII Industry Linked Survey Award on 08.09.21 for Institutes and the last date was extended from 20.10.21 to 25.10.21 for submission of entries;
- A meeting to review/finalize the new guidelines of Skill Knowledge Provider scheme was held on 26.10.2021 at AICTE HQs;
- An inaugural ceremony of AICTE Training And Learning(ATAL) Academy was held on 18th October, 2021, where Prof. Rajbir Singh was the Chief Guest and Prof. M. P. Poonia Vice Chairman AICTE was the Guest of Honor.
 - The ATAL FDPs conducted during this period had prominent personalities as Chief Guest, Few names Prof. Moustafa Hussein, College of Engineering and Technology, Alexandria, Egypt; Mr. Prashant Javkar, Regional Manufacturing Business Manager , Ford Motor Company, Canton Michigan, USA; Mr. Jaswinder S. Ahuja, Corporate Vice President, and Managing Director, Cadence Design Systems India, Mr. Dinanath Kholkar , Vice President, Global Head of Analytics & Insights, Tata Consultancy Services; Prof. Rajbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, MDU Rohtak shared their thoughts and the importance of industry-academic connect during the combined launch of ATAL FDPs held during the period.
- AICTE Training And Learning(ATAL) has conducted 228 FDPs; Faculty trained: 27406 during the period from the previous EC meeting;
- AICTE's ATAL Academy has been awarded for the second time by the WORLD BOOK OF RECORDS LONDON for "Delivering Quality Education and Training more than 2 lakhs Faculties September 25, 2021 at Indore;
- Online 4 workshops on Universal Human Values(UHV) were conducted;
- AICTE J&K Internship Portal was launched on 15th August 2021 and 1564 applications received till now. Last date to submit application was 15th October 2021;
- A portal was launched on 15th August 2021 and Application process is going on for AICTE Fit India Challenge to inculcate the habit of physical fitness and seeking nominations by December 5, 2021;
- The second phase of Project Sunshine was started in October 2021;

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- Interaction with coordinators of selected Institutions under AICTE YOUTH UNDERTAKING VISIT FOR ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE (YUVAK) Scheme was conducted on 9th September, 2021;
- AICTE YUVAK scheme consisting selected 90 teams under 10 students and 1 faculty visited ATAL Tunnel on 27th September, 2021;
- Interaction with selected students under AICTE Pragati & Saksham Scholarship Schemes of Odisha State was conducted on 14th September, 2021;
- Orientation Program for Head of Institutions & Institute Nodal Officers managing AICTE Scholarship Schemes (Pragati/Saksham/Swanath) on National Scholarship Portal was held on 20th September, 2021;
- Mentoring Programme involving AICTE-MITACS 2021 selected students to the applicants of AICTE-Globalink Research Internships 2022 was held on 15th September, 2021;
- Webinar on AICTE Scholarship/ Fellowship/ Internship Schemes on 16th September, 2021;
- Awareness Programme for Students and Faculty on CII Industrial Proficiency Test (iPATE) 21st September 2021;
- Visit of Parliamentary Committee at AICTE HQ on "Papers Laid on the Table in Rajya Sabha "22nd September 2021;

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- An interaction with the students selected under AICTE Pragati Scholarship from Rajasthan with the Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of Rajasthan was held on 27th September 2021;
- AICTE Examination Reforms Workshops were held in collaboration with NITTTRs:
 - NITTTR Chandigarh from September 23-25, 2021;
 - NITTTR Chennai from October 6-8, 2021;
- Webinar on AICTE Swanath Scholarship Scheme was held on 30th September 2021;
- Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana interacted with the students selected under AICTE Pragati & Saksham Scholarship Scheme from Haryana during an online program organized by AOICTE on October 6, 2021;
- Launch of a New Portal for AICTE Post Graduate (PG) Scholarship on October 8, 2021;
- Interaction with Adviser to CM, DTE Officials, Principals of Govt. Polytechnics and Students towards the dissemination of information various AICTE Schemes for Students, faculty & Institutions for the state of Nagaland was held on October 13-14, 2021
- अभातशिप में हिंदी पखवाड़ा का आयोजन १४ से ३० सितम्बर किया गया;
- 5000+ internship opportunities on AICTE internship portal offered by Global Traders and Cartula Health in the field of core was launched on October 6, 2021;
- Onboarding more industries on AICTE Internship Portal meeting held with 2 Sector Skill Councils.
- Automotive Skills Development Council held on 20th Oct., 2021
- Aerospace and Aviation Sector Skill Council held on 21st Oct., 2021
- AICTE -IDEA Lab Chief Mentors Conclave" conducted on 21st October, 2021 at AICTE HQ;
- Basic FDP on AICTE-IDEA Lab were conducted during 22-27 September, 2021 and 23-28 September, 2021 at COE, Pune and DYPIU, Akurdi Pune, respectively;
- A meeting of committee for developing Model Curriculum in "Robotics and Artificial Intelligence" under the chairmanship of Prof. B.B Ahuja was held on 29th September, 2021;
- Meeting of Working Group for 10+2 students to specify the subjects mandatorily required for different categories of Engineering studies" was held through online mode;
- Online meeting of the committee for a Minor Degree Model Curriculum in Solar Energy was held on 13th October, 2021 under the chairmanship of Prof. Chetan Singh Solanki;
- Meeting of Working Group for 10+2 students to specify the subjects mandatorily required for different categories of Engineering studies" was held on 7th October 2021;
- Webinars on Dyslexia Awareness were conducted on:
 - October 13, 2021, where Ms Rama Tandon, Ms Noopur Jhunjhunwala and Mr. Vivek Khare were the panellists.
 - o October 26, 2021, where Dr. Indumathi Rao, Prof. Shefali Gulati, Sh. Balendu Sharma Dadhich were the panellists.
- A one-day Energy Literacy Training at AICTE HQ was organized on October 14, 2021;
- An online meeting for examining (i) Sydney Accord & (ii) Tripartite Committee of AICTE and NBA & Skill Ministry for Dublin under chairmanship of Prof. K. K. Aggarwal was held on October 18, 2021;
- An online first meeting to review Moratorium on Approval of New Engineering Colleges from the Academic Year 2022-23 onwards under the chairmanship of Shri BVR Mohan Reddy Chairman, was held on October 18, 2021;
- AICTE & Institute of Odia Studies and Research (IOSR) executed an MoU at Bhubaneshwar for facilitating translation of technical books in Odia on 18th October, 2021;
- AICTE in association with NPTEL organized a Webinar on NPTEL GATE Preparation Portal 22nd
 October, 2021;
- A meeting with Coordinators for technical book writing & translation in regional languages project was held on 25th October, 2021;

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- AICTE MOUs with Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology & APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University were executed on 24th September, 2021 for conducting training programs to teaching and nonteaching staff;
- AICTE entered a MoU with Guru Jambeshwar University of Science & Technology, Hisar for conducting training programs to non-teaching staff at GJU S&T Hisar from 14th to 26th September 2021:
- Portal was opened for assessment to TEQIP institutions from 13th September 2021 to 30th September 2021 under AICTE Students Learning Assessment (ASLA);
- For setting up of studio, additional RFP is under preparation for hiring of skilled technical manpower for handling the operations of the studio;
- Under National Initiative for Technical Teachers Training, 12 Modules for senior teachers will be ready by October 31, 2021;
- Conducted webinars towards Implementation of 360 Degree Feedback and total 1789 institutes have registered so now with approx. 6.5 lakh students;
- Conducted Quality Initiative Webinars were held:
 - o Talk by Dr Vimal Rarh on Academic Excellence in the 21st Century on 30th September 2021;
 - Talk by Dr Ashwini Kumar on Skilling and Entrepreneurship on 7th October 2021;
 - o Talk by Dipanshu Parashar on Cybersecurity & its Emerging Applications on October 12, 2021;
 - o Talk by Dr N Jayenthi on Data Leakage Threats and Vulnerabilities on October 21, 2021.
- National Webinars on Good Governance NEP 2020were held:
 - Improving Ease of Doing Business, Reducing Compliance Burden on 1st October 2021;
 - National Education Policy 2020: Realizing Aspirations of the 21st Century Youth on 6th October 2021
- Idea submission deadline for 'MANTHAN 2021', a unique national Hackathon launched by The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), AICTE & MIC launched and its date is extended till 31st October 2021;
- A virtual conference with all participating countries in UNESCO Africa India Hackathon was organized on 4th October 2021;
- Online orientation session (online) was conducted on 30th September, 2021 for 37 participants and mentors of 6-months' drug discovery mentorship and training program;
- Status of activities shown by MOE's Innovation Cell;
- A Farewell program was organized for Dr. N.H. Siddalinga Swamy, Director on September 28, 2021 on completion of his deputation term;
- Sh. K Sanjay Murthy, Secretary (Higher Education) with Officers of MoE visited AICTE on October 19, 2021;
- Strengthening of Indian Knowledge System(IKS) by appointing Prof. Ganti Suryanarayana Murthy, from IIT Indore as National Coordinator of Indian Knowledge Systems(IKS) Division of Ministry of Education, GoI and Dr. Anuradha Choudry, IIT-Kharagpur as Coordinator;
- A Diabetes screening camp sugar test free of cost was carried out by J. K. Sharma, Medical Consultant on October 26, 2021 at AICTE HQ;
- AICTE observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2021 on October 28, 2021 with the theme "Independent India @ 75: Self Reliance with Integrity: Swatantra Bharat @ 75: Satyanishtha se atmanirbharta".

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