

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Minutes of the 150th Meeting of the Executive Committee held on May 05, 2022 at 11.00 am in Visvesvaraya Hall, Ground floor 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 (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
3.	Shri Pradeep Kumar Pandey Deputy Director (HE/TE) Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary, MoE, GOI, New Delhi
4.	Prof. N.P. Padhy, Chairman, Northern Western Regional Committee, (NWRC), AICTE (Director, MNIT, Jaipur) (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
5.	Prof. (Dr.) T. G. Sitharam, Chairman, Eastern Regional Committee, (ERC), AICTE (Director IIT Guwahati) (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
6.	Dr. Manoj Tiwari, Chairman, All India Board of Under Graduate Education Research & Technology (UGET) (Director, National Institute of Industrial Engineering [NITIE], Mumbai, Maharashtra) (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
7.	Prof ShreePad Karmalkar, (Chairman All India Board of Post Graduate Education Research & Technology (PGERT) AICTE (IIT-Madras, Chennai, EEE Dept.) (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
8.	Ms. Suman Dhawan, Deputy Director Training and Technical Education Department, Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary (TE), Govt. of NCT, Delhi
9.	Dr. G.P. Vadodaria, Principal, Govt Engineering College, Bhavnagar, Gujarat	Nominee Secretary (TE), Govt. of Gujarat
10.	Dr Venkappayya Desai, Dept. of Civil Engg. IIIT, Kharagpur (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
11.	Prof Praveen Nahar, Director, NID, Ahemdabad, Himachal Pradesh	Member
12.	Dr. Surender Singh, Additional Secretary, UGC, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Chairman, UGC,

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13.	Prof. K. K. Aggarawal Chairman, NBA	Special Invitee
14.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Chairman, AIB – Management Studies, Director IIM Nagpur; JS & FA, MoE, New Delhi; Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Assam; Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Karnataka; Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi, Director, NIT, Utrakhnad; Dr. Usha Natesan, Director, NITTTTR, Chennai; Director General, NILERD (former 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 150th meeting of the Executive Committee. The Chairman briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 149th Executive Committee meeting which was held on March 10, 2022, in the form of power point 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 consideration. The following Agenda Items were taken up for consideration, deliberations and decisions taken as under:

Item No. 150.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 149th meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 10, 2022.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of its 149th meeting held on March 10, 2022.

Item No. 150.02.01 : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 149th meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 10, 2022 respectively.

The Executive Committee received the action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 149th meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 10, 2022.

Item No. 150.03.01 : To consider and approve the Recruitment of Group ‘C’ posts in
Admin. Bureau AICTE through direct recruitment/absorption.

The Executive committee was informed that the vacancies have been identified for filling up on direct recruitment basis in various Group “C” posts. At present, only three Group “C” employees (UDC) are on deputation basis in AICTE and only three employees are in the feeder cadre for promotion to UDC in near future. Out of the 19 sanctioned posts of UDC, 07 are filled by promotion, 03 are filled on deputation basis. In case 03 UDCs on deputation are considered for absorption in AICTE, 09 posts of UDCs will still remain vacant.

The EC was further informed that to retain institutional memory, while carrying out Direct Recruitment in Group "C", it is proposed to grant an opportunity to the eligible UDCs (on deputation) presently serving in the Group 'C' posts for permanent absorption, based on their past performance, vigilance clearance and their willingness to be absorbed in AICTE, without compromising on the reservation policy as per the updated Reservation Roster. Also, the EC was informed that the written examination for the post of Assistant Director and Deputy Director on direct basis has been conducted by NTA, successfully. NTA has been further requested to give its willingness and financial proposal for conducting an end-to-end recruitment process for Group "C" Posts.

In view of the above, the Executive Committee considered and approved the following:

- i. AICTE should carry out the absorption of eligible Group 'C' persons on deputation on the post of UDC following due procedure as mentioned in the RRs, reservation roster and Performance Report to be assessed by a Committee constituted by the Competent Authority in AICTE.
- ii. AICTE should initiate the process of advertising for Direct Recruitment for vacancies in various Group "C" posts through NTA as per the Reservation Roster after completion of absorption process.

Item No. 150.03.02 : To consider and approve the enhancement of remuneration from Rs.60,000/- to Rs.75,000/- w.e.f. 01.04.2022 in r/o Research Fellows of IKS Division, MoE.
Admin. Bureau

The Executive Committee was informed that the Ministry of Education, Dept. of Higher Education, vide its letter No.1-1/2020-RKS Div., dated 23.03.2022 has accorded approval for enhancement of remuneration of Sh. Anurag Deshpande and Sh. Shreyas Kurhekar, both posted as Research Fellows in Indian Knowledge System (IKS) Div. of MoE, located in the premises of AICTE Hqr., New Delhi. The enhancement is from Rs.60,000/- to Rs.75,000/- per month and will be effective from 01.04.2022.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of enhancement of remuneration from Rs.60,000/- to Rs.75,000/- per month in respect of Sh. Anurag Deshpande and Sh. Shreyas Kurhekar, both Research Fellows of IKS Division of MoE. The EC further also approved an annual increment @ 8% to the said Research Fellows of IKS on completion of one year on the enhanced salary and Annual Performance Report. The annual increment @ 8% is based on the precedence pattern of MIC division of MOE at AICTE. The budgetary provisions on the aforesaid enhancement of the remuneration will be met as per the existing guidelines of IKS Division.

Item No. 150.03.03 : To consider and approve the Reservation Roster for the persons with Benchmark Disabilities for vacancies available in Group A, B and C, to be filled through direct recruitment at AICTE and to earmark third post identified for PwDs in Group C.
Admin. Bureau

The Executive Committee was informed that a Committee of AICTE has finalized the reservation roster for PwDs and to earmark third post in Group 'C' for PwD. The Committee has also recommended that the third vacancy of PwD in Group 'C' should be reserved for Junior Hindi Translator (JHT) in c (Locomotor Disability) category of Group 'C' at Pt. No. 54, which is in accordance with the OM of DoPT No. 35035/02/2017-Estt(Res) dated 15.01.2018.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed reservation roster for the persons with Benchmark Disabilities for vacancies available in Group A, B and C, which are to be filled through direct recruitment at AICTE and also approved to earmark the third post identified for PwDs in Group 'C' at Pt. No. 54.

Item No. 150.03.04 : To consider and approve the requirement of technical Manpower for cloud Professionals and related areas of Specialization in e-governance Cell of AICTE.
E-gov. Cell

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE has switched most of its activities to online mode to bring efficiency, transparency and ease of operation by all its stake holders viz. HEIs, Students, Faculty, MoE etc. Currently most of the e-governance applications are hosted on AICTE physical servers. As the number of such applications have increased many-fold in the last few years, it is pertinent that requirement of the use of state-of-art Cloud services to take advantage of upscaling, downscaling, on-demand services, Cognitive translation services, Dash Boards, data Analytics etc. is inevitable.

The EC was further informed that AICTE has already initiated development of ERP solution for improvement in AICTE's in-house functioning related to Administration & Personal Management, Finance, Inventory control, Internal approvals, Common Database for data sharing e-signing and single sign off etc. Mobile apps are also planned in due course of time. All such applications including existing applications running on AICTE data center are being shifted to cloud.

It was proposed that all cloud applications and databases are stored/will be stored on DR sites to ensure seamless services. It is also proposed to store all videos captured/being captured during EVC/SAC and other AICTE online meetings on Cloud.

The EC was also informed that AICTE has very rich and robust Big data including historic data of AICTE Institutes and it is



proposed to carry out Data Analysis for future planning of technical education using this data by visualization tools and Business intelligent tools like Power APP/Power Builder/Tableau etc. Accordingly, it is suggested to create following posts on contractual basis with qualifications, experience and remuneration as proposed in the Annexure of the Agenda:

- a) Cloud Administrator
- b) Cloud Architect.
- c) Cyber security Consultant
- d) Senior Data Analyst
- e) Technology Associate

The Executive Committee deliberated at length and approved the proposal for creation of the above mentioned contractual posts with the respective qualifications, experience and remuneration as per the agenda which may be deployed through M/s BECIL, the existing contractual manpower providing Agency at AICTE. The EC also opined that a Committee may be constituted by AICTE to re-look at the remuneration matching the respective post for AICTE to identify and engage quality manpower, in case suitable number of applications are not received.

Item No. 150.03.05
Margdarshak Cell

: To consider and approve the Margdarshan Initiative update & revision in the ongoing scheme Guidelines of "Margdarshan Initiative".

The Executive Committee was informed about the progress made under the Mardarshaks and Margdarshan scheme. Lt Col Kailash Bansal, Director made a short presentation and apprised all members about the updated data of the beneficiaries under these schemes. The latest figures are as under: -

1. Margadarshan Institute

- MI: 44
- MBIs: 430 (Mentee Beneficiary Institutes)

2. Margadarshaks

- MDs: 330
- MDBIs: 464 (Margdarshak Beneficiary Institutes)

3. Total (430 + 464=) 894 Beneficiary Institutes

4. Number of Beneficiary Institutes achieved accreditation 114

5. Total Amount Funds Released/Utilized: Rs. 7.38 Cr

- For Mentor Institute(MI): Rs. 7.27 Cr
- For MDs (Margdarshak): Rs. 41.17 Lakhs

The Executive Committee was further informed about recommendations of a committee, which discussed the revision

of release of instalments, qualification criteria of MIs and MDs and also suggested revision in the Scheme guidelines and other changes such as revision of DPR format, inclusion of draft certificates, enhancement of FAQs as needed for operationalizing the scheme. The Executive Committee approved the recommendations of the two-member Committee and the revised scheme guidelines of 'Margdarshan Initiative'. The EC also resolved to onboard Industry Expert(s) as Margdarshak(MD) having around 25 years of experience in accreditation/ quality assurance such as ISO Certification and control mechanisms etc. to mentor Institutes for accreditation.

Item No. 150.03.06 : To consider and approve the increase of remuneration from Rs. 5000/- to Rs.15000/- per month for five interns in NEAT Cell and may be designated as senior interns.
NEAT Cell

The Executive Committee was informed that the NEAT Cell of AICTE is implementing various initiatives like the Internship portal, NEAT Platform, ONE NATION ONE DATA, NATS portal, AI Translation tool, etc. In this connection, 22 interns were selected for the NEAT cell to assist various projects in the month of July 2020. Out of 22 interns, five interns are working full time sometimes late in the night for the development of projects/applications in order to implement the various initiatives of NEAT Cell successfully, in time bound manner and therefore it has been proposed to increase the remuneration of the five identified Interns and designate them as 'Senior Interns'. At present any intern who works online is getting Rs. 5000/- stipend, working offline/full time is getting Rs 10000/- month.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of increasing the remuneration of the five identified best performing Interns to Rs.15,000/- per month and these five interns may be designated as Senior Interns. The enhanced remuneration will be funded from the IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 150.03.07 : To consider and approve development of a Swayam MOOC on 'Design Thinking and Innovation' for students of HEIs.
MIC

The Executive Committee was informed that in order to promote ideation, innovation and problem solving capabilities of Higher Education Institutes, a Swayam MOOC on 'Design Thinking and Innovation' for undergraduate students of Higher Education Institutes is being created. Earlier a credit course on 'Design Thinking and Innovation' has been developed by a committee of 'Robotic and Artificial Intelligence' at AICTE under chairmanship of Prof. B.B. Ahuja, Director, CoEP, Pune, for 1st semester undergraduate students. It is proposed that the course frame work already developed by the committee may be adopted and opened for enrolment from July 2023 semester



onwards.

Further the EC was apprised that for entire development of Swayam MOOC, including teaching learning material and video production, Prof. Ravi Poovaiah, IDC School of Design, IIT Mumbai be proposed as the Course Coordinator (CC), who has also earlier coordinated development of the curriculum frame work, syllabus and text books of similar course for CBSE students.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for development of a Swayam MOOC on 'Design Thinking and Innovation' for students of HEIs. The Executive Committee opined that the funds for development of the proposed MOOC may be sanctioned to the Course Coordinator, in accordance with the financial norms of Ministry of Education, vide O.M No. 8-1/2015-TEL dated 4th December 2017. Accordingly, the proposal may be placed before the Academic Advisory Council (AEC) of AICTE for approval before sending the same to SWAYAM Board for sanction of required fund as per the SWAYAM MOOCs guidelines 2017.

Item No. 150.03.08
MIC

: To consider and approve the budget requirement of Rs. 60.00 lakhs for organising 12 IIC Regional Meets in physical mode during the period April – July 2022.

The Executive committee was informed that as part of Institutions' Innovation Council, MIC proposes to hold 12 IIC regional meets in physical mode for different zones across the country during the period from April to July 2022. Regional meet is designed to meet the objectives of orienting both existing and new IIC institutions on various I&E initiatives of MoE's Innovation Cell and AICTE such as IIC, ARIIA and NISP, KAPILA etc. Moreover, regional meets are designed to facilitate interaction among IIC institutions and allowing them to demonstrate their achievement and share the best practices. Regional meet will be one full day activity based event comprising of orientation sessions, round table discussions, presentations and demonstrations etc. The budget details are as under:

A. Budget for Conducting one IIC Regional Meet (GIA/Institute)				
Sr. No.	Particulars	Per Unit Cost (Rs.)	No of Persons	Amount (Rs.)
1	Food and snacks (Including Breakfast, lunch and High Tea)	500.00	400	200000.00
2	Registration Kit and Stationary items	200.00	400	80000.00
3	Venue Arrangement related costs includes banners and audio/video arrangements and printing material etc.			50000.00
4	Miscellaneous			20000.00

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Subtotal (A)		350000.00
B	Regional meet expenses towards travel, local logistics and honoraria to external experts will be made by respective AICTE Regional Office	150000.00
Subtotal (B)		500000.00
Total Budget requirement for 12 Regional Meets (A+B)*12		6000000.00

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal by sanctioning a budget of Rs.60.00 lakhs for organising 12 nos. IIC Regional Meets in physical mode during the period May - August 2022. The expenses for the same shall be met from the budget provided to MIC from AICTE's IRG.

Item No. 150.03.09 : To consider and approve the budget for Smart India Hackathon (SIH) MIC 2022.

The Executive Committee was informed that the Smart India Hackathon 2022 was launched during the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Festival on 11th January 2022 and an encouraging response was received from various stakeholders. A total of 563 Problem statements from 64 departments of various Ministries, PSU and Industries have been received. SIH has evolved into the world's Biggest Hackathon and largest open Innovation Model that involves all major technical institutions across the country with an approach to develop innovative solutions against challenges given by various organizations. This year for SIH 2022, it is proposed to have SIH Jr (Junior) (for school students from class 6th to class 12th and SIH (Senior) (for Higher Educational Institute students). Similar to previous editions of SIH, 100 nodal centres across the nation will be shortlisted to host the SIH 2022, and both the editions viz hardware and Software of SIH-2022 will be of 3 to 5 days' duration hackathon, to be organized tentatively in the month of July 2022. The EC was further informed that this year as well, it is proposed to have a Student Innovation Category for both Software and Hardware version of SIH 2022 with 15 themes for SIH Senior and 16 themes for SIH Junior.

It was also informed that for this edition of SIH 2022, 551 out of 563 Problem Statements are submitted from Government Ministries/ PSU's/NGO (including PS from AICTE) and prize money of Rs. 1.0 lakh is proposed per Problem Statement. The prize money is expected to be borne by submitting agencies/ministries/departments. The Consolidated budget details are as under:

S. No.	Particulars	SIH Sr SW	SIH Sr HW	SIH Jr
1	Preliminary & Administration expenses		7,78,125	3,00,000
2	Marketing & Outreach		15,00,000	-

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3	Travel & Logistic expenses	64,00,000	31,80,000	-
4	Nodal Center expense & Grand Finale arrangements	5,56,00,000	2,49,77,500	29,80,000
5	Prize Money		6,18,50,000	20,00,000
6	Misc. Expenses		10,00,000	5,00,000
		6,20,00,000	10,02,85,625	
	Total		16,22,85,625	57,80,000
(INR Sixteen Crore Eighty Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Six hundred Twenty Five only)			Rs.16,80,65,625	

The Executive committee considered and approved the proposed budget of Rs.16,80,65,625/- (Rupees Sixteen Crore Eighty Lakhs Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five only). The expenses on this event shall be met from the budget of MIC provided from the IRG of AICTE.

The Executive Committee also agreed to the proposal that AICTE may pay the prize money to winners of SIH-2022 well in time and then MIC-AICTE will vigorously follow up with different ministries/departments, whose Problem statements have been included in SIH-2022, to get the reimbursement for the amount spent as prize money. In case, any Ministry/Department fails to reimburse the prize money amount, pertaining to its respective Problem Statement, then in exceptional cases the prize money amount shall be borne by MIC-AICTE from the budget of MIC provided from the IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 150.03.10 : To consider and approve for revised budget of UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon.
MIC

The Executive Committee was informed that in its 143rd meeting held on June 10, 2021, it approved a budget of Rs 1.25 Crores for India-Africa Hackathon to be organized in online mode (digitally). The India-Africa Hackathon has now been renamed as UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon. It is a unique initiative and a good opportunity for India to handhold and collaborate with African nations for establishing a sustainable innovation ecosystem in this region. It serves as a symbol of the close relationship cherished by India with its African counterparts and embodies the spirit of collaboration and bringing them together to solve problems for the betterment of humankind.

The EC was further informed that AICTE vide its letter dated 10th March 2022 addressed to the Secretary, MEA, requested to consider conducting the UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon in physical mode in India as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations. A physical Hackathon will certainly fetch a long-term dividend and strengthen ties with key African nations and enable students, educators, teachers, and the research community to build tech skills, entrepreneurial spirit, and




professional competencies with a lens on digital creativity and cooperation to mobilize the world. As of now, 23 African countries and 2 guest countries, namely Nicaragua (Central American) & Mauritius (SIDS-Small Islands Developing States) have nominated their SPOC for the coordination of this hackathon.

The Executive Committee considered the proposal and approved the revised budget for conducting the UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon Physically in India as below:

S. No.	Particulars	Grand Total (In INR)
1	Press Conference or Launch Announcement/Ceremony	₹ 1,500,000
2	Travel and Logistics (students, mentors, evaluators AICTE/MIC Staff)	₹ 79,150,000
3	Lodging	₹ 11,975,000
4	Food Arrangement	₹ 20,000,000
5	Designing and Maintenance of portal (Registration, Idea Submission etc.)	₹ 500,000
6	Marketing & Outreach	₹ 1,500,000
	Souvenir, Medals	₹ 3,000,000
	Printing Material (Certificates)	₹ 300,000
	Printing Material (Registration Kit - Backpack, Notepad, pen, information brochure, ID card and lanyard etc.)	₹ 2,500,000
	Printing Material (Designing and Printing of Banners/Posters/Standees)	₹ 1,200,000
	Printing Materials (Mugs and T-Shirts)	₹ 1,600,000
7	Venue Preparation/Requirements (Workstation installation, Wi-Fi, etc.)	₹ 5,000,000
8	Prize Money	₹ 7,350,000
9	Honorarium for Evaluators and Translators	₹ 1,300,000
10	Training and Workshops	₹ 500,000
11	Site Tour	₹ 2,000,000
Total		₹ 139,375,000
Contingency of 1% of the Total Budget as Miscellaneous expense		₹ 1,393,750
Grand Total		₹ 140,768,750

The expenses on this event shall be met from the budget of MIC provided from the IRG of AICTE.




Item No. 150.03.11 : To consider and approve various activities and budget for AICTE-
StDC SLA (PARAKH) Scheme for further development (Phase -2).

The Executive Committee was informed that the AICTE- PARAKH Student Learning Assessment Scheme was launched on 7th January, 2022. As on 26th April 2022- 1675 institutes, 10923 faculty members, 1,76,659 students have registered on the portal and thereby 98362 assessments of students have been conducted at All-India Level. The Executive Committee vide its 140th meeting held on 15th February 2021, approved the budget of Rs.20,01,07,705/- (Rupees Twenty crore one lakh seven thousand one hundred five only) for 5 years. Also, vide the same agenda it was mentioned that the amount of Rs.4.31 Crore for AICTE-Student Learning Assessment Project (SLAP) was transferred to AICTE account by NPIU. This amount has now been completely utilized and Utilization Certificate has already been communicated to NPIU through email dated 15th December, 2021. The proposed budget expenditure of Rs 4.31 crore was based upon certain IT-related activities to be undertaken till 31st March,2021. However, during progress of actual implementation of the proposed activities, which extended beyond the cut-off date of 31st March, 2021 to a revised date i.e. 30th September 2021, some variations in the estimated expenditure under different sub-heads that were planned originally had to be accommodated. The budget of 4.31 Crore was re-appropriated as per approval from competent authority of AICTE and the same was informed to Executive Committee vide its 146th meeting held on October 27,2021, under Item No. 146.05.02.

The EC was further informed that the Advisory Committee of SLA-PARAKH has proposed new requirements for further development of the PARAKH portal for Phase 2 as mentioned in the agenda.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved a budgetary provision of Rs.1.50 crore towards the following activities:

1. Question Bank preparation from exam reform workshops/ATAL FDPs may be done with a maximum budget of Rs.90.00 lakh only for FY 2022-23. In-house coordination and support of P&AP Bureau and ATAL Cell of AICTE may also be provided;
2. Phase 2 portal development and maintenance of the SLA (PARAKH) portal may be done with a maximum budget of Rs.15.00 lakh only for FY 2022-23. In-house coordination and support of e-governance cell of AICTE may also be provided;

3. The Cloud Service will be as per the actual usage, however, maximum budget for the same will be Rs.25.00 lakh for the FY 2022-23.

4. Miscellaneous tasks including Workshops and training will be as per the actual usage, however, maximum budget for the same will be Rs.20.00 lakh for the FY 2022-23.

The approved budgetary provision of Rs.1.50 crore will be met through IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 150.03.12
Approval Bureau

: To consider and approve the grant of Extension of Approval based on self-disclosure for the AY 2022-23 to the existing technical institutions.

The Executive Committee was informed that granting of Extension of Approval (EoA) for AY 2022-23 will be as per the clause 2.14 of APH 2022-23 i.e., enrollment ratio of last preceding 5 years of the respective institute will be considered. If the admission ratio is less than 30% in the course run by an institution, then the intake shall be reduced by 50% in the corresponding courses for the present academic session.

The Executive Committee noted that 3167 nos. of institutes are EoA case only, with no deficiencies and no complaints. Accordingly, the Executive committee approved the grant of EoA to 3167 institutions for the AY 2022-23.

The Executive Committee placed on record its appreciation for Prof. Rajendra B. Kakde, Adviser-I (Approval Bureau) and Dr. R.K. Soni, Adviser-II(e-Governance Cell) and their respective teams for timely processing the EOA cases and resolving approval related grievances in a time-bound manner.

Item No. 150.03.13
Admin. Bureau

: To consider and approve the condemnation of 02 Nos. staff cars/vehicles Maruti SX4 VXI BS4M bearing No. DL2CAP-7347 &DL2CAP-7348, 1586CC petrol Model 2012 of AICTE.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal regarding condemnation of 02 Nos. staff cars/vehicles Maruti SX4 VXI BS4M bearing No. DL2CAP-7347 & DL2CAP-7348, 1586CC petrol Model 2012 of AICTE. The Executive Committee further approved the following:

1. Write /dispose off the staff cars/vehicles No. DL2CAP-7347 & DL2CAP-7348 from the concerned stock register; and
2. Write /dispose off the staff cars/vehicles value from balance sheet & Assets register by the Finance Bureau, AICTE.

Item No. 150.03.14 : To consider and approve the proposal for revision of grant for
FDC TA/DA during Pre-Ph.D. under QIP Scheme of AICTE.

The Executive Committee was informed that in the current QIP Scheme, the scholars are entitled to receive DA @Rs.500.00 per day for 60 days (max) during Pre-Ph.D. under advance admission along with Travel Allowance as per actual expenses for entitled class and mode of transport for upto four visits to complete 60 days. The payment of TA involves submission by QIP Centre and scrutiny at AICTE of TA Bills raised for reimbursement of claims. This process takes a tedious procedure of submission of documents and scrutiny including getting same pass through Pre-audit before payment is released. To simplify and streamline the scheme guidelines of release of funds in accordance with the initiatives for ease of doing business suggested by DIPP in its recent meetings. It is proposed that the incentives for selected scholars for undergoing Pre-Ph.D. programme may be revised. The proposed Lumsum(LS) limit for every scholar undergoing Ph.D. under QIP shall help in quick disbursement of financial aid without making any adverse financial impact compared to existing rates of payment in current system.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the revision of grant for TA/DA during Pre-Ph.D. under QIP Scheme of AICTE at all Major and Minor Engineering QIP Centers, as below:

ALLOWANCE	EXISTING RATE	ELIGIBLE AMOUNT AT EXISTING GUIDELINES	REVISED AMOUNT PROPOSED
D.A.	@Rs.500.00 per day	Rs.30,000.00 (Max)	Rs.30,000.00 (L.S.)
T.A.	@Actual expenditure on production of Traveling Tickets of appropriate class.	Actual expenditure	Rs.15,000.00 (L.S.)
TOTAL		Rs.30,000.00+Actual Travel expenses	Rs.45,000.00 (L.S.)

The Executive Committee has also approved for the payment of the lumsum TA/DA as above along with existing annual contingency @ Rs.15000/- per annum directly in students account through DBT mode. The above expenditure, as already existing, shall be covered under Plan Scheme Head of AICTE.

Item No. 150.03.15 : To consider and approve the estimated expenditure for writing technical books of UG & Diploma Level-Second Year courses.
FDC

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE has already created/ written Technical books for UG & Diploma Level - 1st year courses in 9 languages i.e. Hindi, Tamil, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada, Marathi, Gujarati, Odia and Punjabi. Printing of books in 8 languages except Odia is already completed and distribution of the same is under process through India Post to concerned Universities and institutions under which approval was given by the AICTE for conducting the Technical courses in that particular language.

The EC was also informed that the process of writing the Technical Books for UG & Diploma Level - 2nd year courses has already been started by AICTE. The detailed estimated expenditure involved in writing the above said technical books in English and thereafter translating in 12 Indian languages for UG & Diploma Level 2nd year courses have been evaluated.

The Executive Committee considered the proposal and approved a total budget of Rs.17.368 crores for writing technical books of UG & Diploma Level-second year courses under the Technical Book Writing (TBW) Scheme. The funds for the same shall be met from the IRG of AICTE.

The Executive Committee, in principle, further approved an estimated expenditure of Rs.1.24 crores towards Development of Video Content in Regional Languages First Year (Degree & Diploma Level courses) starting with Hindi language initially, under SWAYAM under the Plan Head for FY 2022-23. The SWAYAM Cell be informed for taking up the matter with their Academic Advisory Council (AAC) for evaluation and subsequent to approval of the proposal by the competent authority, the matter may be taken up with SWAYAM Board/ MoE for sanction and release of the required fund.

Item No. 150.03.16 : To consider and approve the assignment of task and expenditure involved to Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) for writing technical books of Diploma Level in English Language - in first phase.
FDC

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE has already completed the work of writing Technical books for UG & Diploma Level - 1st year courses in 9 languages i.e. Hindi, Tamil, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada, Marathi, Gujarati, Odia and Punjabi. Publishing & distribution of 8 Language technical books is under process through India Post to concerned Universities and institutions, which were granted approval for conducting the Technical courses in that particular language during AY 2021-22.

The EC was also informed that AICTE has already started the process of writing the Technical Books for UG & Diploma Level – 2nd year in different disciplines and decided to identify authors for writing twenty-five diploma level technical books in English, which includes 20 disciplines of third semester of diploma and 5 books common for more than one department, as mentioned in the agenda. Further, the same process for twenty-one books for diploma fourth semester has been initiated, which includes 19 books, exclusive for one department and one each as common book for more than one department and for basket of courses(BS/ES/TC/Mgmt/Hum). Thereafter, AICTE proposes to start the process for identification of translators/ Reviewers for translating the English version to 12 Indian Languages.

The EC was further informed that AICTE has received a proposal from Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) stating that ISTE has active membership of more than 129500 technical teachers, 535000 student members, more than 2745 institutional members (Including IIT's, IISc, NIT's and other leading technical institutions), 1414 faculty chapters and 1505 student chapters throughout the country to promote digital book writing with latest development on technical subjects incorporating the model curriculum as per AICTE norms in 11 Indian languages with the objective to encourage, promote and support maximum number of writers to write and publish the technical subject books in respective regional languages including Hindi.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal by assigning following tasks to ISTE:

- i. To identify panel of five original authors for every course for writing 2nd year diploma books (46 Nos.) in English.
- ii. To identify panel of five reviewers for every course for reviewing 2nd year diploma books (46 Nos.) in English.
- iii. The panel of authors & reviewers shall be placed before committee for final selection of 46 authors & 46 reviewers for every course by AICTE.
- iv. Orientation of the selected authors shall be made by the Council and thereafter list of selected authors and reviewers will be sent to ISTE for completion of task of original book writing in 3 months from date of communication.
- v. The EC Opined that the same process be adopted for translation of the 46 Diploma Books in 12 Indian Languages for identification of translators and reviewers and the work to be carried out by ISTE.

The Executive committee also approved the proposal of provisioning a budget of Rs. 87.94 Lakhs for writing original 2nd year 46 Nos. of diploma books in English as per the details below:



- (a) Payment to Original Author @ Rs. 1.5 lakhs per book: $46 \times 1.5 = \text{Rs. } 69 \text{ Lakhs}$
- (b) Payment of reviewer @ Rs. 30,000/- per book: $46 \times 30000 = \text{Rs. } 13.8 \text{ Lakhs}$
- (c) Payment to Translators for translating 46 Books in 12 Indian Languages @ Rs 1.00 Lakh per book: Rs 552 Lakhs
- (d) Payment to the Reviewers of Translated 46 Books in 12 Indian Languages @ Rs 20,000/- per book: Rs 110.4 Lakhs
- (e) Contingent Grant and expenditure on secretarial expenses to be paid to ISTE: Rs. 1 Lakh + 5% of Rs 755.4 Lakhs = Rs. 38.57 Lakhs. (As per other MoU with ISTE)

The Executive Committee noted that the above expenditure of Rs. 755.4 Lakhs is already included in the previous agenda item no. 150.03.16 regarding TBW and approved the above mentioned additional budget of Rs.38.57 Lakhs to be paid to ISTE which shall also be met from the budget allocation for TBW scheme under Non-Plan from IRG of AICTE for the financial year 2022-23.

Item No. 150.03.17
Finance Bureau

: To consider and approve the investment of funds through Private Sector Banks.

The Executive Committee noted the communication No.7/10/2012-BO.II dated 24 February, 2021 of the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance wherein it has lifted the embargo of the grant of Government Business, including Government Agencies business to Private Banks. The EC was informed that in the light of the same a meeting of external expert investment committee was held to form an opinion on allowing the participation of private sector banks for doing Banking and investment business with AICTE in the light of various government orders.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the following recommendations of the external expert investment committee for investment purposes:

- i) Inclusion of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and IDBI Bank along with PSU Banks in the panel of AICTE for the purpose of Banking Business and investment of the surplus funds;
- ii) Investment in Single private bank may be kept at 20% of the total investable surplus funds to ensure diversification and risk mitigation on the investment;
- iii) Investment in FDR of longer duration i.e. 3 to 5 years depending upon the rate of interest scenario may be considered instead of short term FDs in order to generate higher rate of interest on investment;

iv) AICTE may also consider investment in Government Securities (Sovereign bonds) and AAA rated PSU Bonds for creation of AICTE corpus through diversification of investment.

Item No. 150.03.18 : To consider and approve the proposal for change in source of
IDC funding of following schemes as Non-Plan Head instead of Plan Head.

The Executive committee was apprised about the Ministry of Education's, Govt. of India Department of Higher Education Letter No. 1-40/2021-TS.11 dated 15th February 2022, wherein the Grants-in-Aid from Ministry is extended to AICTE for the approved scholarship schemes only. Due to this, there is paucity of fund in this head (Plan Scheme of AICTE) during the current F.Y. 2022-23, to fund the non-scholarship schemes.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal to change the source of fund from Plan Head of AICTE under Ministry of Education to AICTE's Internal Resources Generated (IRG) fund under the Non-Plan Category so that the fund for ongoing (partially paid up projects/ schemes) may be arranged; and no new proposals under these Schemes will be invited. The estimated requirement for ongoing/sanctioned projects under Schemes of the Institutional Development Cell (IDC) of AICTE, for funding under Plan Scheme of AICTE are mentioned below.

Estimated requirement of funds under different schemes of IDC from F.Y. 2022-23 onwards All Figures in (Rs.)					
Name of Scheme	F.Y 2022-23			Remarks	F.Y 2023-24 onwards
	80%	20%	Total		Tentative Amount
MODROB	3,12,36,781.00	17,79,37,674.00	20,91,74,455.00		
GAINER		2,56,40,000.00	2,56,40,000.00		3,50,00,000.00
CAFES (Differently Abled)		1,20,00,000.00	1,20,00,000.00	2 nd instalment	
CAFES (SC-ST)		28,80,00,000.00	28,80,00,000.00	2 nd / 3 rd instalment	
CAFES (NER)		14,40,00,000.00	14,40,00,000.00		
SPDC		6,48,00,496.00	6,48,00,496.00		
GOC		2,88,54,800.00	2,88,54,800.00		
ESS SCHEME	2,75,00,000.00		2,75,00,000.00		3,20,00,000.00
TOTAL	5,87,36,781.00	74,12,32,970.00	79,99,69,751.00		6,70,00,000.00

The EC opined that the above schemes of IDC are significant for the institutional development in terms of infrastructure, latest

technology equipped lab./workshops etc. and AICTE may request MOE to support these schemes for providing financial assistance. If it is not agreed, AICTE shall complete all the sanctioned projects from its own IRG.

Item No. 150.03.19 : To consider and approve the 30 Supernumerary seats for PwBD.
Approval Bureau

The Executive Committee was informed that a request from the Director General, Technical Education, Haryana has been received for introduction of 30 seats for Speech and Hearing Impaired in the courses of Computer engineering at Government Polytechnic, Sonapat. The EC was also informed that as per the APH clause 7.45 (a), only 25 Supernumerary seats are permitted by AICTE for PwBD.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the request of Haryana Government on this unique initiative and approved providing 30 seats for speech and hearing impaired students in the Government Polytechnic, Sonapat, Haryana. The EC further decided that the portal be opened for a short duration for them to apply accordingly.

Item No. 150.04.01 : To ratify the amendment in process of release of grants under SPICES
IDC Scheme.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 150.04.02 : To ratify the recommendations of SHC/SAC in the case of inspection
Approval Bureau conducted to the institutes/complaints against the institutes etc.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 150.04.03 : To ratify the revision in TER charges for processing an application
Approval Bureau under Chapter II for change in the address of Trust/Society/Company.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 150.04.04 : To ratify the Clarifications /Interpretations/Minor Amendments
Approval Bureau made under different clauses of APH 2022-23.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 150.04.05 : To ratify the amendments made under clause 4.3.3 to permit the
Approval Bureau submission of applications by Universities for AICTE approval for various nomenclatures/ courses as per autonomy granted to the Universities in respect of curriculum and conduct of courses.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 150.04.06 : To ratify the revision in TER charges for the processing of an
Approval Bureau application under Chapter-V for Open and Distance Learning (ODL)/Online Learning (OL) for Standalone Institutions, Institutions Deemed to be Universities, Universities and Autonomous Affiliated Colleges.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 150.05.01 : To receive information on the extension of the project with some
P&AP Bureau additional activities without budget increase for the development of curriculum and preparation of Text Book on Indian Knowledge System.

The Executive Committee received the information.

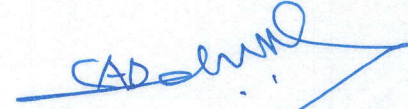
Item No. 150.05.02 : To receive information regarding the extension of tenure of Shri.
Admin. Bureau Budha Chandrasekhar, Chief Coordinating Officer(CCO) at AICTE.

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

Activities and Achievements of AICTE from March 10, 2022 to May 04, 2022

- NEAT and Internship Awareness Programs were conducted with:
 - DTE Sikkim and all the Principal/Director of the colleges of Sikkim State on 8th March 2022;
 - DTE Nagaland and all the Principal/Director of the colleges of Nagaland State On 13th April 2022;
 - All the Principal/Director of the colleges of Nagaland State on 13th April 2022. More than 700 students joined the program;
- GIG based Internship opportunities were launched from MoHUA on AICTE Internship Portal for the state of Odisha and Tamil Nadu on 22nd March, 2022;
- Hon'ble Minister of Education, Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan launched 1 Lakh internship opportunities offered by Salesforce, CISCO, Mahatma Gandhi National Council for Rural Education (MGNCRE) and RSB Transmission India Limited through AICTE internship portal on 30th March 2022;
- Expression of Interest (EoI) was floated for NEAT 3.0 for inviting new application from the Ed-Tech Companies from 7th March 2022 and last date for the same was 5th May 2022;
- AICTE signed MOUs with:
 - Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (MGNCRE) on 15th March 2022;
 - Indian Plumbing Association (IPA) and AICTE on 14th April 2022;
 - SEMI Tech Services India Pvt Ltd, India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and VLSI Society of India (VSI) on 29th April 2022;
- An advanced FDP on Electronic System Design were organized on 22nd to 28th March 2022 in AICTE-IDEA lab at NSUT Delhi;
- UKIERI Master Trainer L&M Training workshop-III was conducted by AICTE for 3 days from 21st to 23rd March 2022 in online mode at different centres;
- Curtain raiser event on Approval process 2022-23 was organized on 29th March 2022. Last date was extended to 2nd May 2022 for submission of online applications for Approval Process 2022-23;
- Online training program was conducted for Experts for smooth functioning of approval process 2022-23 and demonstration of Evaluation portal was done on 22nd April 2022;
- ATAL Academy has been recognized and conferred awards by the Asia Book of records and India Book of records for outstanding contribution to faculty Development for 'Maximum Faculty Trained in a Single year' on 15th March, 2022 at AICTE;
- Soft Skills Program (SSP) was organized by AICTE ATAL Academy in collaboration with IIT (BHU), Varanasi from 25th March to 22nd April, 2022. Key-note speakers were Dr. Kota Harinarayana, Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Dr. Manu Vora, Prof. Anil Kumar Agrawal and Smt. Mamta R. Agarwal;
- AICTE ATAL Academy in collaboration with JIO Institute, organized two 5-Day International Faculty Workshops on 'Designing Digitally Robust Research Libraries for the 21st Century' and 'Artificial Intelligence and Data Sciences'. Pre-workshop orientation on 21st April 2022, followed by technical sessions from 25th to 29th April 2022;
- Bharat Tech Foundation and ATAL Portal were launched by Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble M/o State, Electronics and IT, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on 2nd April 2022 at AICTE Auditorium;
- ATAL Academy conducted three comprehensive and interactive webinars on scheme document and portal flow on 12th April, 2022 for all regional offices and stakeholders of AICTE;
- Various initiatives by AICTE:
 - Task force was created for rejuvenation of lakes in India under project AMRUT on 29th April 2022



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- Reforms were created in Urban Planning in India on 20th April 2022, which was chaired by Dr. PSN Rao, Director, SPA;
- Capacity building & designing courses on logistics & supply chain were created under PM Gati Shakti Mission 29th March 2022 & 12th April, 2022 chaired by Dr. MK Tiwari Director NITIE;
- Following features were included in the Approval related portal: -
 - Chatbot feature is included and live by the name AICTE DIGITAL ASSISTANT where one can directly ask questions or select any category like Approval Process, Scholarship and Margdarshan.;
 - Search feature is included for search their queries and it will redirect to the page where the data available in APH.;
 - Approval Process dashboard shows new registered institutes, status wise count and region wise EOA and closure of accounts in tabular and graphical form. It also shows approval process reports and AICTE generic reports.;
 - LegalSoft dashboard shows overall count of running cases, pending cases, disposal counts, case hearing etc. for regional offices.;
- Education India portal (EII) was opened for the institutions to update their profile. A workshop was conducted for institutions those who are admitting international students.;
- Cyber Security guideline committee meeting was held on 8th April 2022 chaired by Dr. P.K.Khosla, Director (C-DAC), along with Sh. Alok Tripathi, Additional Director(NIELIT) & AICTE officers, to draft policy/ guidelines and propose road map to create and enhance awareness for promotion of cyber hygiene/cyber security/prevention of cybercrimes.;
- Workshop on Cybersecurity was conducted on 26th April 2022 for AICTE officials at AICTE Hq. Presentation on Cyber Security was made by Ms. Sanjana Rathi (CEO, Cyber Diplomat);
- Orientation program was conducted for newly joined AICTE officers on 4th to 12th April, 2022;
- E-governance conducted IT training programs on Microsoft Cloud, Power BI, SharePoint for IT Consultants of AICTE HQ & ROs on 7th to 9th April 2022;
- A workshop was conducted on ERP implementation. TEAM LTI, Microsoft & AICTE (ADMN & FINANCE officials) attended on 20th April 2022;
- Two Self-paced courses were approved in SWAYAM 11th AAC Meeting held on 31st March 2022.;
- Expression of interest was published for development of MOOC courses from aspiring course creators for SWAYAM on 19th April 2022;
- Conference on Academic Leadership was organised by RFRF at Nagpur on 23rd & 24th 2022. AICTE setup its pavilion for showcasing AICTE activities and achievements including SWAYAM in line with NEP and technical book writing initiative in Indian regional languages;
- Seven Online workshop on Universal Human Values(UHV) was conducted during the period on UHV;
- UGC top officials and their team joined AICTE for "Incorporating Universal Human Values in Education" on 30th April 2022;
- The portal for AICTE internship for students of Jammu, Kashmir & Ladakh in IITs and IISERs was opened for registrations on 28th April, 2022;
- A meeting of the committee was organized on Skill Comparison- Skill mapping & comparison with Global Standards and was held on 7th April 2022;
- KARMA awareness webinar with Sector Skill Council & the institutes:
 - 12 specific webinars are scheduled with all SSCs and AICTE approved institutions started from 11th April till 27th May 2022 and will cover 36 SSCs;
- Webinar on- National Inter-College Cryptic crossword Contest was held on 25th May 2022;
- A Project Webinar on Mechanical Engineering was held on 26th March 2022;



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- Webinars for Sensitization of Student Learning Assessment Portal (Parakh) were held with:
 - State of West Bengal & Odisha on 28th March 2022;
 - State of Karnataka & Kerala on 5th April 2022;
 - State of Maharashtra & Goa on 21st April 2022;
- Vidyanjali Higher Education Orientation Programme for Faculty and Students were held on 28th March 2022 and 18th April 2022;
- Expert Lecture was delivered by Prof. Prem Vrat in Hindustan Institute of Technology under AICTE-Distinguished Chair Professor scheme on 12th March, 2022
- Expert Lecture was delivered by Dr. M.L. Munjal in KCG College of Technology under AICTE-Distinguished Chair Professor scheme on March 26th March, 2022;
- The current status of AICTE-Technical book writing & translation project was appraised;
- Results of second competitive IKS research proposals were appraised;
- One day PMSSS Awareness-cum-Training Workshop was conducted for Principals of Degree Colleges and Nodal Principals of Schools of Jammu and Kashmir Division at Srinagar on 22nd April 2022 and at Jammu on 25th April 2022;

