

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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81th meeting of the Executive Committee was held on March 6, 2013 at 11.00 am in the Meeting Room, AICTE Headquarters, 7th Floor, Chanderlok Building Janpath, New Delhi.

A. Members present:

1.	Prof. S.S. Mantha, Chairman, AICTE	Chairman
2.	Dr. Avinash S. Pant Vice Chairman, AICTE	Vice Chairman
3.	Ms Amita Sharma Additional Secretary, MHRD	Nominee of Secretary, MHRD
4.	Prof. R. P. Yadav, Chairman, NWRC, AICTE	Member
5.	Dr. Ashok A Ghatol Chairman, AIB-VE, AICTE	Member
6.	Dr. Sitikantha Mishra Chairman, AIB-H&TM, AICTE	Member
7.	Dr. Rajneesh Goel, IAS Principal Secretary, (TE), Karnataka	Member
8.	Mrs. Ajita Vajpai Pande, Additional Chief secretary (TE), MP	Member
9.	Prof. S.K. Kak VC, MTU, Noida	Member
10.	Shri Naveen Soi Director (Finance), HRD	Nominee of Joint Secretary & FA., MHRD
11.	Dr. K.P. Isaac Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

- B. Prof. D.N. Reddy, Chairman, SCRC, AICTE; Prof. V.N. GupChup, Chairman, AIBPGERT, AICTE; Secretary (Hr. & Tech. Education), Maharashtra; Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Hr. & Tech Education) Manipur; Prof. S. G. Dhande, Former Director, IIT, Kanpur; Shri V.P.R. Kadam, Secretary, (Bharti Vidhyapeeth), Pune; Prof. Piyush Trivedi, VC, RGTU, Bhopal; Chairman, UGC, New Delhi; Director General, IAMR, New Delhi; Director General, ICAR, New Delhi; could not attend the meeting due to their other engagements.

At the outset Dr. K.P. Isaac, Member Secretary, AICTE welcomed and introduced Dr. Rajneesh Goel, IAS, Principal Secretary, (TE), Government of Karnataka, who was attending the EC meeting for the first time. Prof. S.S. Mantha, Chairman, AICTE then welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and apprised them about the status of inviting online applications for granting approval for the academic year 2013-14. It was informed that last date for submitting online application was extended up to 12th February and with late fee up to 20th February, 2013 to mitigate the hardship to the applicants.




Chairman in the opening remarks presented the overview and informed the members about the new initiatives being taken by AICTE such as:

- Signing of MoU with BSNL for the purpose of training students to enhance employability and IL&FS to use their training centres to promote Skills and education through NVEQF.
- Procedures for the conduct of courses under Distance education in institutions are in the process of being completed. The professional bodies who are currently issuing certificates of associate membership or similar have been written letters for sharing information about various process and procedures.
- A fresh MoU is being signed with Institute of Applied Manpower and Research for the purpose of making estimates on development of Technical Education. Once this MoU comes in operation the earlier NTMIS Scheme will come to a close.
- The applications for granting scholarships to students of Jammu & Kashmir under MHRD scheme are in process.
- All India computer based online GPAT for admission into postgraduate pharmacy programmes will be conducted from 16th May to 18th May, 2013;
- An additional test of CMAT will be conducted from 19th May to 22nd May, 2013 on the request of few state governments where government notification for discontinuing the state test for admission into management programmes and following CMAT merit list for admission of 2013-14 was issued late and proper publicity and public awareness was not created where prospective students were not able to participate in earlier CMAT examinations.

The Additional Secretary Ms Amita Sharma desired that governing body of AICTE should deliberate on the following:

- The Add Secretary appreciated the significant voluminous data collected by AICTE on the portal and informed that the same be used for creating reports. She further informed that Placement data also be collected for analysis.
- She appreciated the efforts taken by AICTE in the promotion of Ph D within the technical education and wanted the same to be run in a mission mode.
- The add Secretary further said that the Research and Innovation Institute to be setup can cater to policy initiatives in Technical Education and wanted the same to be implemented early.
- She also suggested that the review of TEQIP scheme may be needed for effective implementation.

The formal Agenda was taken up and the following matters were considered, deliberated upon and decision taken:

Item No.81.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 80th Executive Committee meeting held on 13 February, 2013.

Executive Committee approved and confirmed the minutes of the 80th Executive Committee meeting.




Specific to agenda item no. 80.03.12 the committee expressed that the deputation allowance may be made applicable as per existing rules.

Item No. 81.02.01 : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 80th Executive Committee meeting held on 13 February, 2013.

The Executive Committee noted the actions taken on the decisions / recommendations made in the 80th Executive Committee meeting held on February 13, 2013.

Item No. 81.03.01 : To consider the recommendations of the concerned Regional Committee on grant of approval or otherwise for:

- a. Setting up new Technical Institute offering one or more Technical Program at Degree/Post Graduate Degree, Diploma, Post Graduate Diploma and Post Diploma level.
- b. Change of Site / Location.
- c. Closure of Institute.
- d. Conversion of Women's Institution into Co-Ed Institution

The committee noted the views of the state governments like AP, Kerala, Orissa, Haryana and Maharashtra and informed that the larger view of National policy should prevail in the approval processes and hence approved the processing of all applications as indicated in Chapter I and grant of approval as per the provisions of APH 2013 - 2014

The committee also deliberated on the pending court matter regarding the requirement of e - journals and noted that though the e - journals mandatory subscription is essential for promoting quality, decided in view of the pending court matter, to maintain status quo.

The Executive Committee considered the recommendations of the Regional Committee on grant of approval or otherwise for 499 technical institutions under above stated categories as per list placed at **Annexure 81.03.01** after due deliberations.

(Action to be taken - Approval Bureau)

Item No.81.03.02 : To consider the Grant of Approval through Single Application Form for the following for the A.Y 2013-14(Chapter II):

- Extension of approval to existing Technical Institution or Technical Campus.




- Increase / reduction in intake in existing courses.
- Adding course/s in existing program.
- Closure of program and or course.
- Mandatory provision of supernumerary seats for TFW.
- Introducing / continuing / discontinuing supernumerary seats for PIO.
- Introducing / continuing / discontinuing seats for sons /daughters of NRIs.
- Change of name of the Institute.
- Adding dual degree courses.
- Adding integrated course.
- Second Shift Programs.
- Part Time Programs.

Executive Committee was informed about the procedure followed for granting approval to the existing technical institutions under various categories through single application form for the academic year 2013-14.

It was deliberated and decided:

The committee noted the views of the state governments like AP, Kerala, Orissa, Haryana and Maharashtra and informed that the larger view of National policy should prevail in the approval processes and hence approved the processing of all applications as indicated in Chapter II and grant of approval as per the provisions of APH 2013 - 2014

The committee also deliberated on the pending court matter regarding the requirement of e - journals and noted that though the e - journals mandatory subscription is essential for promoting quality, decided in view of the pending court matter, to maintain status quo.

It was informed to the committee that there were some institutions which applied for only EOA, some institutions which applied for both EOA and other approvals.

All these applications were processed as per the norms of APH 2013 - 2014.

The Committee deliberated on the issue and approved
The Institutions which applied for only EOA to be given EOA

The Institutions which applied for Increase in intake, new course in first and or second shift, Part time courses, seats under

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PIO/NRI, introduction of Dual Degree integrated course, were approved to be given the same if they do not have system generated deficiencies.

It is further approved that the institutions under this category will be approved only for EOA if they have system generated deficiencies.

The Committee further approved the closure of Courses, reduction in intake in existing courses, closure of programs, Change of name of institute which were processed as per procedures.

It was also informed that some institutions wrongly applied on the portal under chapter II of APH 13-14, when they should have applied under Chapter I of APH 13-14 and vice versa. All such applications were shifted to be processed under appropriate chapter.

It was also approved that

Any Institution / Society / Trust / Section 25 Company or a member belonging to these if charge-sheeted, shall not be considered for extension of approval unless they are acquitted.

No increase shall be given to Institutions where a FIR / CBI / CVC / any other investigation agency / Anti Ragging / Punitive action initiated by AICTE for any violation in the norms and standards where enquiries are pending. Such Institutions shall be processed through a standing complaints Committee and the report shall be placed before the Executive Committee for further process of issuance of approval or rejection. In case of rejection, the applicants will be given an opportunity to appeal and such applications shall be placed before the standing appeal committee for further process.

It was informed that out of applications received on the portal under chapter II, the approvals of some institutions is kept pending on account of reasons as mentioned in annexure 81.03.02.

All such cases will be processed later as per provisions under Approval Process Handbook 2013-14.

However, all other institutions fulfilling norms and standards other than those listed in **Annexure 81.03.02** as mentioned above will be granted Approvals as per provisions under Chapter II. **(Action to be taken-Approval & E-Governance Bureau)**

Item No.81.03.03 : To consider the recommendations of standing complaints committee on grant of Extension of approval or otherwise for the academic year 2013-14 for the institutions where a FIR / CBI / CVC / any other investigation agency / Anti Ragging / Punitive action initiated by AICTE for any violation in the norms and standards where enquiries are pending.

The EC considered and approved the recommendations of SCC as per list placed as **Annexure 81.03.03** for grant of Extension of approval or otherwise for the academic year 2013-14 for the institutions where a FIR / CBI / CVC / any other investigation agency / Anti Ragging / Punitive action initiated by AICTE for any violation in the norms and standards where enquiries were pending. **(Action to be taken – Approval Bureau)**

Item No.81.03.04 : To consider the restoration of intake or otherwise to Institutions put under No admission /reduced intake category during the year 2012-13 due to Violation of AICTE Regulations.

Executive Committee considered and approved the Recommendations of the Standing Complaint Committee as per **Annexure 81.03.04** in the matter of restoration of intake or otherwise to Institutions put under No admission /reduced intake category during the year 2012-13 due to Violation of AICTE Regulations. **(Action to be taken – Approval Bureau)**

Item No. 81.03.05 : To consider the cases of 5% Surprise visit committees conducted during the A.Y 2012-13 to verify the veracity of the information uploaded on AICTE web portal by the Institutes.

The SAC recommendations were placed before the Council in its 31st meeting held on 20th December, 2012 and it was decided that the implementing the recommendations of Standing Appellate Committee (SAC) like No EOA, reduction intake etc. in the middle of Academic Session will destabilize the Academic process and students will suffer. Hence, the Council decided to implement all such decisions (like EOA, reduction in intake etc.) from the next academic session 2013-14.

The SAC recommendations along with online application for the academic year 2013-14 were also considered while implementing the SAC decision of 2012-13 in 2013-14. Since the applications for 2013-14 for EOA plus increase and additional courses were also considered while implementing the SAC recommendations of 2012-13 in 2013-14. Hence it was approved that SCC and SAC opportunity




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shall be given to all such institutions as per APH 2013-14.

(Action to be taken – Approval Bureau)

Item No. 81.03.06 : To consider the request of self financing and Govt. institutions for Post facto approval for the Academic year 2010-11 & 2011-12-reg.

The EC approved the RC recommendations for Post facto approval for the Academic year 2010-11 & 2011-12 for the institutions as per **Annexure 81.03.06. (Action to be taken – Approval Bureau)**

Item No. 81.03.07 : To consider the request of Government of Jammu & Kashmir for extending last date of on-line submission of EOA 2013-14 applications on web portal in respect of 16 Government polytechnics approved in AY 2012-13 under MHRD Submission scheme.

The EC considered the request of Government of Jammu & Kashmir and decided to grant extension up to 20.03.2013 for on-line submission of EOA 2013-14 applications on web portal in respect of 16 Government polytechnics approved in AY 2012-13 under MHRD Submission scheme. **(Action to be taken – Approval Bureau)**

Item No.81.03.08 : To consider the proposal for closure of courses in SCRO Region for the academic year 2013-14.

The EC considered the pending approvals for closure of courses in the year 2012 – 2013 in SCRO Region and approved the same for implementation in the academic year 2013-14 as per list placed at **Annexure 81.03.08** of agenda. The EC further approved the same action in similar cases **(Action to be taken – Approval Bureau)**

Item No. 81.03.09 : To consider the letter received from special chief secretary (tourism) government of Andhra Pradesh regarding reconsideration of proposal of Dr. Y. S. Rajashekhara Reddy National Institute of Tourism & Hospitality Management, Telecom Nagar, Gochibowli, Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Andhra Pradesh-500032 for the academic year 2013-14 for starting of MBA in tourism.

EC was of the view that AICTE regulations, norms and standards are framed for maintaining the quality of education across the States and needs to be implemented irrespective of institutions being self financing or govt/govt aided. Therefore, appeal of Secretary (Tourism) Govt. of A.P. for exemption of a few deficiencies and request grant of LOA for the academic year 2013-14 cannot be accepted. EC further decided that the matter may be referred to MHRD for its views and directives in all such matters. **(Action to be**

Item No.81.03.10 : **taken - Approval Bureau)**
To consider the request of Architecture institutions (self financing and Govt.) for Post facto approval for the Academic year 2010-11 & 2011-12.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the RC recommendations for Post facto approval of Architecture institutions (self financing and Govt.) for the Academic year 2010-11 & 2011-12 as per **Annexure 81.03.10.(Action to be taken - Approval Bureau)**

Item No.81.03.11 : To consider the letter received from Principal Secretary to Government of Haryana, Technical Education Department, Chandigarh to start two new Government Engineering Colleges in Jainabad and silani kesho in Haryana in temporary campus from the academic year 2013-14.

EC noted the request of State Government of Haryana, in the matter of granting approval for setting up new government engineering colleges in temporary campus. Further Chairman, AICTE also informed that similar requests have been received from other governments including West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh.

EC was of the view that AICTE regulations, norms and standards are framed for maintaining the quality of education across the States and needs to be implemented irrespective of institutions being self financing or govt/govt aided.

EC further decided that the matter may be referred to MHRD for its views and directives in all such matters. **(Action to be taken - Approval Bureau)**

Item No.81.03.12 : To consider launching a new scheme of providing grant-in-aid for improving quality of education in selected institutions of North Eastern States by strengthening institutions to improve learning outcomes and employability of graduates.

The EC noted that there were very few applications received for the current schemes from the north eastern states and hence approved the implementation of TEQIP like project in those states for improving quality of education by strengthening the institutions to improve learning outcomes and employability of graduates. It was informed that further details shall be worked out by a committee appointed for the purpose. **(Action to be taken - RIFD Bureau)**

Item No.81.03.13 : To consider the matter regarding representations received from MICAT, IRMA and GMAC.

The Executive Committee considered the report of Expert Committee regarding representations received from MICA, IRMA and GMAC. The Committee also carefully went through the representation submitted by MICA in response to the report of the Expert Committee. The Committee noted that although MICA has claimed support of several other institutions in relation to conduct of common entrance test by MICA, but Committee noted after careful consideration that neither any of the institutions which MICA claimed support of, have submitted any individual representation seeking exemption from the Common Entrance Test provided by the AICTE or approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India nor they have filed any separate or representative petition in any court seeking exemption. The Committee noted that MICA was granted approval for running PGDM (COMMUNICATION) in 1995 and MICA has started the entrance examination in question from the academic year 2010-2011. It is only after introduction of MICAT, MICA has requested to permit them to admit their students through their own entrance examination.

The Executive Committee also perused the entire report of the Expert Committee and agreed with recommendation made by the Expert committee. The Executive Committee agreed with the fact that

“If such request from each institution having a particular expertise is entertained then it shall be very difficult to bring in a level playing field and uniformity in the system of Management Education in the Country.”

The Executive Committee also agreed with the observations made by the Expert Committee which is as under:

“It will be unjust to expect that the aspirants should have knowledge of these specific subjects even before they join these courses. The CMAT test of MBA/PGDM admission is the pre-qualifying test any subject specialization testing in it will not be fair. It is never done at IIMs, IITs or Engineering Colleges or Civil/Administrative Services. The ability, desire and the capability of the applicant for these specialized courses can be best judge through CD/GA/GE/PI and not necessarily through the objective type of test;”

The Executive committee further agreed with the comparative analysis of CMAT, MICAT, IRMA and four other examinations and approved the opinion of the Expert Committee that the representation given by MICA and IRMA may not be agreed.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee decided to reject the representations given by MICA and IRMA and it was decided that the Hon'ble Court may be apprised of the view of this National Expert Body in Technical Education that it may not be in the interest of students and maintenance of standards of technical education in the context of

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selection of students on merit, to allow MICA and IRMA to conduct their own separate entrance test.

(Action to be taken – PC Bureau)

- Item No. 81.03.14 :** To deliberate on DO Letter from Mr S. Ramadorai, Advisor to the Prime Minister, National Council on Skill Development to revisit section (6) of NVEQF Regulation, 2012.

The Executive Committee noted the concerns raised in the letter and decided that the norms for setting up training centres under NVEQF needs to be deliberated further.

The Executive Committee decided that a committee will be constituted by Chairman, AICTE for further deliberation and recommendations of the committee will be placed before the Council for appropriate decision. **(Action to be taken – NVEQF Cell)**

- Item No. 81.03.15 :** To Approval and Sanction of disposal of old Obsolete and Un-reparable Stores and write off from AICTE record.

Executive Committee was of the view that under GFR there is well defined procedure for writing off the obsolete and un-reparable items. EC noted the information. **(Action to be taken – Admn Bureau)**

- Item No. 81.03.16 :** To consider the extent of penalty to be imposed in the matter of complaint received from a student of B.C. Roy Engineering College, Durgapur against incidence of ragging.

EC deferred the agenda item. **(Action to be taken – PC Bureau)**

- Item No. 81.03.17 :** To consider launching a new scheme of granting approval for setting up "Ph.D Programme Centre (PPC)" and providing financial assistance to doctoral fellows from academic year 2013-14 for increased enrolment in Ph.D programme in AICTE approved institutes.

EC deliberated on the various aspects of the scheme of granting approval for setting up "Ph.D Programme Centre (PPC)" and providing financial assistance to doctoral fellows from academic year 2013-14 and approved the proposal with some changes for better deliverables.

Executive committee appreciated the AICTE initiative in this regard in the light of noted requirement of more number of Ph.Ds in the system. **(Action to be taken – RIFD Bureau)**

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Item No. 81.03.18 : To consider granting approval on the proposal of Construction of AICTE permanent Office Building at Campus of College of Engineering Trivandrum, Kerala through South Zone (V) CPWD Trivandrum on estimated cost of Rs. 6,22,00,000/-.

The Executive Committee approved the proposal for awarding work order to South Zone (V) CPWD Trivandrum as per breakup given in **Annexure 81.03.18**. for Construction of permanent AICTE office building at Trivandrum in the College of Engineering campus for an estimated amount of Rs. 6, 22, 00,000/- (Rupees six crore twenty two lakhs only). **(Action to be taken – Admin Bureau)**

Item No.81.04.01 : To ratify the matter regarding issue of NOC for release of RPGF/JFDR by Regional Officers to LOI cases.


EC ratified the decision as per list placed on table as **Annexure 81.04.01** of the agenda.

Item No.81.05.01 : To receive a note on re-Constitution of All India Boards.

The Executive Committee received the information.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(S.S. Mantha)
Chairman


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Member Secretary