

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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83rd meeting of the Executive Committee was held on June 26, 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.	Prof. S.G. Dhande Ex-Director, IIT, Kanpur	Member
4.	Mrs. Ajita Vajpai Pande Additional Chief Secretary (TE), MP	Member
5.	Dr. Rajneesh Goel, IAS Principal Secretary, (TE), Karnataka	Member
6.	Dr. S.K. Mishra Chairman (AIB-H&TM), AICTE	Member
7.	Prof. R. P. Yadav, Chairman (NWRC), AICTE	Member
8.	Sh. V.P.R. Kadam Secretary, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune	Member
9.	Sh. R. Srinivasan Director (TE), MHRD	Nominee of Secretary, MHRD
10.	Sh. Navin Soi Director (Finance), MHRD	Nominee of Joint Secretary & FA., MHRD
11.	Dr. K.P. Isaac Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

- B. Secretary (Hr. & Tech. Education), Maharashtra; Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Hr. & Tech Education) Manipur; Prof. Piyush Trivedi, VC, RGTU, Bhopal; Prof. S.K. Kak, VC, MTU, Noida; Chairman, UGC, New Delhi; Director General, IAMR, New Delhi; Director General, ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. Ashok A Ghatol, Chairman (AIB-VE), AICTE; Prof. V.N. GupChup, Chairman (AIB-PGERT), AICTE could not attend the meeting due to their other engagements.

Chairman AICTE welcomed the members and in his opening remarks referred about two important Supreme Court judgments one providing academic calendar for educational institutions and other rendering AICTE to an advisory role. Chairman also gave a brief background about distance education in India and the present status for regulating and monitoring technical courses in distance mode.

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



Item No. 83.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 81st Executive Committee & 82nd Emergent Meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 6, 2013 & March 19, 2013 respectively.

Executive Committee approved and confirmed the minutes of the 81st Executive Committee & 82nd Emergent Meeting of the Executive Committee.

Item No. 83.02.01 : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 81st Executive Committee & 82nd Emergent Meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 6, 2013 & March 19, 2013 respectively.

The Executive Committee noted the actions taken on the decisions / recommendations made in the 81st Executive Committee & 82nd Emergent Meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 6, 2013 & March 19, 2013 respectively.

Item No. 83.03.01 : To consider the matter regarding Prof. Sanjay Dhande's Committee final report on Technical Education in Distance Learning/Blended mode and rules and regulations there in and hence the Approval Process Hand Book on Technical Education in Distance Learning/Blended Mode 2013-14

Chairman, AICTE presented a brief background of status of granting approval to distance education programs in technical education. He also informed about the present status of DEC, constitution of various committees by MHRD and AICTE to deliberate future methodology for granting approvals. EC took a note of MHRD notification which required AICTE to regulate technical education courses/programs under Blended learning mode of ODL.

Prof. S.G. Dhande, Chairman of the committee constituted for evolving the regulatory framework for Technical Education in Blended mode of learning presented the major recommendations of the report. The Executive Committee deliberated and accepted Prof. Dhande report and accorded approval for the Approval Process Hand Book describing procedures for Technical Education in Blended mode of learning for 2013-14 and also recommended for notifying regulations for approval of the Council. **(Action to be taken - PC and Legal)**

Item No.83.03.02 : To consider the proposal to review the Grant of Approvals for Technical Institutions Regulation 2012 and notify Grant of Approvals for Technical Institutions Regulation 2013 and Approval Process Handbook for the Academic Year 2014-15.



The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed changes in approval process handbook with minor modification as placed **Annexure 83.03.02**. The revision will be suitably incorporated in the Approval Process Handbook 2014-15 and Regulations 2013 which will be notified after due approval of the council. **(Action to be taken – PC and Legal)**

Item No.83.03.03 : To decide the cases for grant of approval for the academic year 2014-2015 in view of the Judgment dt.13.12.2012 in Civil Appeal No.9048 of 2012 titled as Parshavanath Charitable Trust & ors. vs. AICTE & ors.

EC was informed about the national academic calendar for 2013-14 which restricts grant of new approval for the year 2013-2014 after 30th April, 2013. However, the Hon'ble High Courts in certain States have pronounced different Judgments, directing AICTE to conduct EVC and place the matter before the SAC etc even after the due date. In certain cases it is also noted that after such EVC, SAC etc, it is found that no deficiencies existed and were technically qualifying for approvals for 2013-14.

After considerable deliberation on the above issue the EC noted that the judgment of the Supreme Court is binding and approved all such cases where the institute meets all requirements. However such institutions will be considered for approval for 2014 – 2015. **(Action to be taken – Approval Bureau)**

Item No.83.03.04 : To consider the matter of Refund of FDR to Trust / Society issued withdrawal of Approvals for their existing institutions.

Executive Committee approved for processing all pending cases for release of Joint Fixed Deposit / Security Deposit / money deposit / RPGF in cases of final withdrawal of approvals of existing Institutions, following due process for release of FDR **(Action to be taken – Approval Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.05 : To consider the recommendation of Expert Visit Committee regarding finalization of online applications received for registration as Skill Knowledge Providers (SKP) / Non Technical Institute (NTI); applications for refund of fee deposited for registration and willingness of Institutes/Universities for registration as TI/NTI in place of SKP under NVEQF.

EC decided to:

- i. Grant approval to SKPs/NTIs recommended by Expert Visit Committee as placed at **Annexure 83.03.05 (c)**
- ii. Refund of registration fee to the SKPs/NTIs/TIs where cases

- have been processed and not approved shall not be done.
- iii. EC also approved conversion of SKP to Institutional category wherever applicable **(Action to be taken - NVEQF Cell)**

Item No. 83.03.06 : To consider the case of approval of 19 Government Polytechnics proposed to be set up in educationally backward districts as identified by MHRD in the State of Andhra Pradesh for the AY 2013-14 giving them same concessions as granted to those in MHRD Submission scheme in the 287 List.

Executive Committee deliberated the issue in the light of the provisions of not approving technical institutions in temporary locations. However in the National interest to reach large sections of students in remote areas decided to approve setting up of technical institutes in temporary locations in educationally backward districts.

EC further deliberated on the issue and decided that for growth and development of technical education in the backward areas proposals of setting up new government polytechnics at temporary location in the educationally backward districts will be considered for further processing subject to an undertaking being submitted by the respective Education secretary / commissioner of the respective State Governments. The undertaking further should also mention that the proposal is for setting up technical institution in the backward districts and the institute will be shifted to its permanent location within a period of two years. EC also approved all other similar cases. **(Action to be taken - Approval Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.07 : 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.

The Executive Committee decided that the institute has been found guilty in the matter of ragging and as such will be debarred from receiving any grant from AICTE for two financial years. **(Action to be taken - Anti-Ragging & RIFD)**

Item No.83.03.08 : To consider the report of the Committee constituted for:-

- i) To Re-examine to allow entry of for profit institutions in select areas where acute shortage persists and subject to addressing quality and equity issues. (Para 21.215 of the XIIth Plan)
- ii) To consider to allow private lease for setting up Technical Institutions and Skill Knowledge Provider.
- iii) To consider allowing for profit companies registered under Companies Act, 1956 to be considered as Promoters of the Skill Knowledge Provider under

NVEQF.

The Agenda Item was deferred. **(Action to be taken – NVEQF Cell)**

- Item No. 83.03.09** : To consider the modalities and procedures for conducting Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) in Foreign Countries and make the same a Global Entrance Test from 2014-15.

The Executive Committee appreciated the idea of conducting CMAT in Foreign Countries and making the same a Global Entrance Test from 2014-15. EC further deliberated on the issue and advised to take necessary precautions. EC further advised that suitable marketing of CMAT be also made in these Countries.

EC granted approval for conducting CMAT for admission of 2014-15 in five countries namely, Malaysia, Afghanistan, Nepal, Nigeria and UAE as per service charge proposed by M/s Aptech Ltd of \$ 80 per candidate to provide services for conducting the test in the above countries with a minimum commitment of 25 students at each country. **(Action to be taken – CMAT Cell)**

- Item No.83.03.10** : To consider Reservation of seats in Degree/Diploma level Technical Courses for States/ Union Territories lacking in such facilities and foreign and other categories of students for academic session 2013-14 onwards.

The Executive Committee considered the request of States/UTs/Islands and decided that earlier practice of allocation of reservation of seats be continued. **(Action to be taken – PC Bureau)**

- Item No.83.03.11** : To consider Additional allocation of seats for specific agencies in Degree and diploma level Technical Courses for States/ Union Territories lacking in such facilities and foreign and other categories of students for academic session 2013-14 onwards.

The Executive Committee considered the request of MHRD and decided that earlier practice of allocation of reservation of seats be continued **(Action to be taken – PC Bureau)**

- Item No.83.03.12** : To consider Extension of AICTE approval for admitting Disabled students in formal courses under the Ministry' Plan Scheme for Integrating Persons With Disabilities In the Mainstream of Technical And Vocation Education.

The Executive Committee considered the request of States/UTs/Islands and decided that earlier practice of allocation of reservation of seats be continued **(Action to be taken – PC Bureau)**

Item No.83.03.13 : To consider including NSS as an elective subject with credit points and providing due weightage in the curriculum in order to encourage students taking part in NSS activities.

AICTE deliberated on the issue of inclusion of NSS as an elective subject with credits point and due weightage in the curriculum to encourage students taking part in NSS activities and in principle accepted the requirement However it was felt that the same be written to the concerned Universities for appropriate deliberations and implementation. **(Action to be taken – Academic Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.14 : To consider a new scheme under AQIS for providing busses to Government /Government aided Polytechnics

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and decided that the same be linked with an academic proposition and presented later. **(Action to be taken – RIFD Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.15 : To consider launching a new scheme under AQIS for providing Post Doctoral Fellowship.

The Executive Committee considered and in principle approved launching a new scheme under AQIS for providing 100 Post Doctoral Fellowship. **(Action to be taken – RIFD Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.16 : To consider and approve the processes and modalities of implementing Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme for North Eastern States (AICTE-TEQIP-NES).

The Executive Committee considered and approved the Appraisal Document describing processes and modalities of implementing Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme for North Eastern States (AICTE-TEQIP-NES). EC advised to conduct awareness programmes and mentoring sessions for the effective participation of concerned beneficiaries. **(Action to be taken – UB Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.17 : To consider enhancement of subscription from 60 to 200 AICTE supported Govt/Govt. Aided Institutions under INDEST-AICTE Consortium and introduction of subscription for e-books up to 100 Polytechnics in States.

The Executive Committee granted approval for enhancement of subscription from 60 to 200 AICTE supported Government/Government aided Institutions under INDEST-AICTE Consortium and introduction of subscription for e-books for up to 100 Polytechnics in States. **(Action to be taken – RIFD Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.18 : To consider the recommendations of the Approval and Sanction of disposal of old Obsolete and Unrepairable Stores Items and write off from AICTE record.

The Executive Committee considered & accorded its approval for Writing off the listed items as per **Annexure 83.03.18** worth Rs. 1,03,26,219/- at its book value from Books of Account of AICTE and depreciated value of these items calculated as per prescribed procedure under GFR is Rs. 15953/-.

Further, it was decided that the provisions of the AICTE Delegation of Powers, September 2005 Sr. No. 12 will be amended to the extent that "for write off irrevocable losses of stores of the Council money, above Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rs. Five Lakh) the matter may be referred to Executive Committee" **(Action to be taken – Admn Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.19 : To consider and approve AICTE Financial Regulations 2013 to be followed by all recognized Technical Education Institutions.

The Executive Committee noted the draft of AICTE Financial Regulations 2013 to be followed by all recognized Technical Education Institutions principally approved to be placed before the Council. **(Action to be taken – Finance Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.20 : To consider and approve AICTE Internal Audit Manual.

The Executive Committee approved the AICTE Internal Audit Manual prepared keeping in view of the provisions of various rules issued by the Government / AICTE etc. from time to time. **(Action to be taken – Finance Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.21 To consider and approve the Annual Accounts of the Council for the Financial year 2012-13.

The Executive Committee considered and approved for submission of the Annual Accounts of the Council for the Financial Year 2012-13 to DGACE to commence audit. **(Action to be taken – Finance Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.22 To consider and approve the Budget of AICTE for the financial year 2013-14 under Plan and Non – Plan.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the Budget of AICTE for the financial year 2013-14 under Plan and Non - Plan. **(Action to be taken – Finance Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.23 To Consider and approve the draft of Annual Report for the year 2012-13.

The item was deferred. **(Action to be taken – Finance Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.24 To consider difference of Academic Grade Pay in the Parent Cadre and Grade Pay to the ex-cadre post - as Special Pay for the employees on deputation to AICTE.

EC deliberated on the issue and decided that all pay related issues should be decided as per provisions of Swami's Handbook and any deviation to be referred to MHRD. **(Action to be taken – Admn Bureau)**

Item No. 83.03.25 To consider implementation of a Secure code on Institutes Approval Letters.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved to use Secure Code system on approval letters issued by the Council in future. It was informed that M/s Pepper Technologies provided this service and were ready to implement the same at no cost to the Council for the next three years or until such time when a suitable rate contract is in place. The EC further approved purchase of the required Hard Ware for implementing the above solution. **(Action to be taken – E-Governance Cell)**

Item No. 83.03.26 To consider giving equivalence to 10+ 3 year diploma with class 12 for admission in engineering programs through joint entrance examination.

EC deliberated on the request of Chairman, CBSE for clarifying the issue of granting equivalence to 10+3 year diploma with class 12 for admission in engineering programs through joint entrance examination.

Clarifying that Diploma in engineering is not equivalent to XII Board exams, the EC noted that students completing Diploma in a certain branch of engineering are eligible to be admitted to the second year of Engineering in similar programs at the degree level through lateral entry scheme. They also noted that these students are also eligible for being admitted to first year of degree programs since they are anyway eligible to be admitted for second year degree programs if any one so wishes. However this is not to be treated as Diploma in engineering as equivalent to XII exam of the State Boards. **(Action to be taken – Academic Bureau)**

Any other Item : On the request of Director (TE), MHRD based on directions of


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permission of the
Chair

Secretary, Higher Education, MHRD the matter regarding graded system in allotting seats under tuition fee waiver scheme for economically weaker sections raised by Minister from Karnataka was taken up for discussion.

The EC discussed the issue and decided against a graded system since this will result in merit violation.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.


(S.S. Mantha)
Chairman


(K P Isaac)
Member Secretary