



ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

अखिल भारतीय तकनीकी शिक्षा परिषद्

Grant for Augmenting Infrastructure in North Eastern Region (GAINER)

{Erstwhile Special Scheme for NER (Solar Energy Plant, Solving Water Problem & Internet Connection)}

1	Objective
	To enhance the functional efficiency of the technical institutes located in far-flung areas of North East India, by addressing deficiencies in water, electricity and internet connectivity in the campuses.
2	Introduction
	<p>a. The scheme (operated hitherto as Special Scheme for NER) provides financial assistance to institutions located in the North East Region for solving water problems in the campus, providing alternative power support and high-speed internet connectivity. This will significantly address the infrastructural problems confronted by students on day to day basis. The Scheme is being implemented through Indian Institute of Technology- Guwahati.</p> <p>b. The North East India largely has hilly regions where the supply of water is not regular throughout the year and during dry season, there is no secured water supply in the institutes. Water harvesting projects are supported under the Scheme for assured water even during dry season.</p> <p>c. Most of the urban and rural areas in North Eastern India are deprived of continuous electricity supply, which not only affects the daily life but also imparting of the higher technical education. The scheme makes the provision of installations for captive solar power energy; at places where the solar energy is not effective, procurement of generator can be considered. Such support will make the technical institutes function better by meeting the shortage of conventional electricity supply:</p> <p>d. The availability/ connection of internet facility is also not up to the desired level in North Eastern Region. To mitigate this problem, funding for setting up initial internet connection is considered under the Scheme. Recurring expenditure for future shall have to be borne by the institution.</p>
3	Eligibility
	<p>a. Government/ Government-aided technical/ engineering colleges/ University Departments including Polytechnic Institutes of North East are entitled for the grant.</p> <p>b. The institute must be in existence for last five years.</p>
4	Duration of Project and Limit of Funding
	The selected institutes will have to complete the sanctioned project as per the following guidelines:

	Project Name	Limit of Funding	Duration of Project
	Solving Water Problems Project:	Rs. 15 Lakh	2 years from the date of receipt of the first installment.
	Power/ Solar Energy Project:	Rs. 20 Lakh	6 months from the date of receipt of the fund for the purpose.
	Internet Connection Project:	Rs. 5 Lakh	
5	Disbursement of the Funds		
	First instalment as an advance of 80% of sanctioned grant. Second instalment as reimbursement on successful completion of the project and submission of requisite documents by the institute.		
6	Processing of Proposals:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Submission of application by the institute. b. Screening/ scrutiny of applications at Council. c. Evaluation of applications by the expert committee. d. The final decision will be taken by the Council, keeping in view the recommendations made by the experts and the availability of funds for the scheme. e. After the Council's approval, the Sanction Letter and the first instalment of funds for the Project will be sent to the institution. 		
7	Terms and Conditions		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual Progress Report should be submitted in respect of the projects. b. After completion of the project, a Project Completion Report should be submitted. c. Utilization Certificate and Statement of Accounts in prescribed proforma, duly audited by the Finance Officer/Account Officer has to be submitted to AICTE before claiming balance amount as well as on completion of the project. d. If the project is not initiated within six months, institute shall have to refund the complete grant with accrued interest to AICTE with justification. 		
8	Essential Documents Required with Application Form:		
	(To Solve Water Problem in general)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plan/detailed estimates of the project b. Abstract of the estimates of the project c. PWD/CPWD rate certificate of the project d. Conformity with the norms as suggested by the AICTE and the rates are as per CSR of the region. e. Mode of construction viz. Contract/ Departmentally (at most competitive rates) or Deposit work by the PWD. f. A certificate from the Principal/ Competent Authority (concerned Secretary, State Government for Technical Education) that 		

	expenditure over and above AICTE grant, if any, will be met by the State Govt./ or the college and the construction will not be delayed for want of funds.					
9	Sharing of Task & Responsibility for implementation of the scheme for Solar Plant					
	Task	AICTE	Institute	Solar PSU (Implementing Agency)	MNRE	Vendor
	Call for Proposals	√	X	X	X	X
	Submission of Proposals	X	√	X	X	X
	Proposal Evaluation & Selection	√	X	X	X	X
	Tendering	√	√	√	X	X
	Technical Specifications	X	√	√	X	X
	Sanctioning of Project	X	X	X	√	X
	Issue of Purchase Order	X	X	√	X	X
	Releasing of Payment to Vendor	X	X	√	X	X
	Site Identification	X	√	√	X	X
	Supply and Installation	X	X	√	X	√
	System Integration and certification	X	X	√	X	√
	Maintenance and Training	X	X	X	X	√
10	Procurement of Solar power energy equipment/Generator/Internet connection					
	a. Documentary proof of cost etc. along with the purchase procedure/formalities to be adopted as per the prescribed order formalities indicated in the GFR.					

	b. A certificate from the Principal/ Competent Authority (concerned Secretary, State Government for Technical Education) that expenditure over and above AICTE grant, if any, will be met by the State Govt./or the college and the purchase will not be delayed for want of funds.
11	For more information contact us
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