Minutes of the 139<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on January 25, 2020 at 11.00 am in the Board Room, Second Floor, Wing 1, at AICTE Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi:

## Following Members were present in the meeting:

1.	Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe Chairman, AICTE	Chairman
2.	Prof. M.P. Poonia	Member
	Vice Chairman, AICTE	N
3.	Dr. Renuka Mishra, Director (TE),	Nominee, Secretary,
	Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi	MoE, GOI, New Delhi
	(Connected through Video Conferencing)	
4.	Prof. Uday Kumar,	Member
245	(Chairman, NWRC-AICTE)	
	Director, MNIT, Jaipur, Rajasthan	
	(Connected through Video Conferencing)	
5.	Prof K. R. Venugopal,	Member
	(Chairman, SWRC-AICTE)	
	Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University, Bengaluru	
	(Connected through Video Conferencing)	
6.	Prof V. K. Saraswat,	Member
	(Chairman AIB-ITE)	
	Director, IET, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University,	×
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7.	Dr P. S. N. Rao,	Member
	(Chairman, AIB-TCP) Director, School of Planning & Architecture, N. Delhi	
	(Connected through Video Conferencing)	
8.	Prof. Pramod Yeole,	Member
0.	(Chairman, AIB-PE)	Member
	Vice Chancellor, BAMU, Aurangabad, Maharashtra	
	(Connected through Video Conferencing)	
9.	Shri Satish Chandra	Member
	Special Chief Secretary (HE/TE),	
	Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	
	(Connected through Video Conferencing)	
10.	Prof Arvind Choubey,	Member
	Director, IIT Bhagalpur	
	(Connected through Video Conferencing)	
11.	Prof. Anil Mathur,	Member
	Dean (FA), Rajasthan Technical University,	
	Kota, Rajasthan	
12.	(Connected through Video Conferencing)	Mombon
12.	Dr. G.P. Vadodaria, Principal, Govt. College of Engineering, Bhavnagar	Member
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13.	Dr. Avichal Kapur Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission	Nominee, Chairman, UGC
	(Connected through Video Conferencing)	
14.	Prof. K. K. Aggarwal Chairman, NBA	Special Invitee
	(Connected through Video Conferencing)	
15.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

JS & FA, MoE, New Delhi; Secretary (TE/HE), Govt. of Tripura; Secretary (TE/HE), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Secretary (TE), Govt. of Uttrakhand; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Director General, 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 139<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee. The Chairman briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 138<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on 01<sup>st</sup> December, 2020, in the form of ppt presentation (Annexed) which included:

- Information on National Fee Committee meetings;
- Shifting of the Western Regional Office-AICTE from Churchgate-Mumbai to NITIE Campus, Powai, Mumbai;
- AICTE-CII, Clean & Smart Campus, Chhatra Vishwakarma: Awards 2020 announced;
- Internships Jammu & Kashmir Employability Enhancement Training Programme: (JEET)-Awareness meet, AICTE J&K Internships, AICTE – TULIP Portal;
- MoU signed between AICTE and Pupilfirst;
- Information on constitution of a Task Force on Imparting Technical education in Regional Languages (शिक्षा मंत्रालय के द्वारा क्षेत्रीय भाषा में तकनीकी शिक्षा प्रदान करने हेत् टास्क फोर्स):
- Online meetings of All India Boards of AICTE;
- QIP Golden Jubilee Celebrations,
- Participation in Virtual India International Science Festival 2020,
- Launched AICTE-IDEA [Idea Development Evaluation Application) Lab scheme, in AICTE
  approved institutions, Special Talks on Leadership skills of Shri Krishna and its relevance to
  youth and leaders today;
- National Initiative for Technical Teachers Training तकनीकी शिक्षकों के प्रशिक्षण की राष्ट्रीय पहल-Inter NITTTR capacity building;
- Webinars towards Implementation of 360 Degree Feedback;
- AICTE Schemes on Technical Book Writing & Translation in Regional Languages;
- · Launching of Toycathon 2021;
- विश्व हिन्दी दिवस का अभातिशप में आयोजन:
- Celebration of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti & launching of New Initiatives;
- Conduct of Workshops on Examination Reforms;
- Webinars to sensitize faculty and students on AQIS Schemes;
- Awareness meetings with State Government on Pragati and Saksham scholarship schemes;
- Extension of NEEM Scheme and SKP;
- Online Faculty Development Programme s(FDPs) on Universal Human Values (UHV);
- Successful conduct of 800 FDPs under 'AICTE Training And Learning' (ATAL) Academy;

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- Construction of building for ATAL Academies in two locations by CPWD at Jaipur and Guwahati;
- MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC)-National Innovation, Start-up Policy, Hackathon, ARIIA Ranking and IIC
- ASEAN-India Hackathon and proposed Intellithon;
- Establishment of Institution's Innovation Councils (IIC) and Innovation Ambassadors for various regions in the country; Organising impact lectures, National Innovation Contest;
- Announcement of ARIIA 2021;
- Adoption of National Innovation and Start-up Policy (NISP) and Information on MBA/PGDM in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Venture Development (IEV), Yukti 2.0;
- Kalam Programme for IP Literacy and Awareness (KAPILA); Targets set for filing 10,000 Patents;
- Launching of free online courses by ISRO through SWAYAM platform;
- Nomination of the Chairman, AICTE as Member on the Board of Patrons, Aviation Games, India Asia at Board of International Aviation Games.

The Executive Committee members appreciated the efforts made by team AICTE under the leadership of Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE for the outstanding achievements and also lauded him on his nomination as an esteemed member on the Board of Patrons, International Aviation Games.

Prof. K.K Aggarwal, Chairman NBA, who also joined the meeting as a Special Invitee, lauded the activities and achievements of AICTE under the guidance of Prof. Sahasrabudhe.

The Chairman, apprised the members about comments on the Agenda items received from IFD, MoE, which were taken into cognizance during deliberations and decisions taken accordingly.

The following Agenda Items were taken up for consideration, deliberations and decisions taken as under:

Item No. 139.01.01

: To confirm the minutes of the  $138^{th}$  meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 01, 2020.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 138<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 01, 2020.

Item No. 139.02.01

To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 138<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 01, 2020.

The Executive Committee received the action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 138<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 01, 2020.

Item No. 139.03.01 **FDC** 

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To consider and approve proposal for Mentor's Training Programme under mandate of National Initiative Technical Teacher's Training (NITTT) under Non-Plan Head of AICTE.

The Executive Committee was informed that the Mentor training programme is to be conducted as per mandate of NITTT to impart training to the short-listed faculty members for the

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purpose of mentoring newly recruited/teachers having experience less than five years who are undergoing eight modules on pedagogical skills. The course is meant to impart training to mentors towards a semester based mentoring and 4 weeks of supervised industrial training. The courses shall be conducted by the course coordinators as resource persons by all the NITTTRs.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of granting Rs.1.45 lakh for each Mentor's Training Programme under NITTT, which is a six-day programme with four sessions per day. The above approved amount on this programme will be met from IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 139.03.02 **Approval Bureau** 

To consider and deliberate on the matter on the action taken by Haryana State Board of Technical Education against 06 Nos. of Polytechnic Institution having poor academic performance in Board Examinations during 3 consecutive years.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the action taken by Haryana State Board of Technical Education (HSBTE) against 06 Nos. of Polytechnic Institutions having poor academic performance in Board Examinations during past three consecutive years by placing them under 'No Admission 'category. However, the EC also noted that AICTE had already granted Extension of Approval (EoA) for the AY 2020-21 to these 06 polytechnics based on the procedure followed under APH 2020-21. The EC further discussed on the decision of Hon'ble High Court in this matter where 03 out of 06 polytechnic institutions challenged the decision of HSBTE.

The Executive Committee further deliberated on the request of HSBTE, not to grant EoA to 6 polytechnics for the next AY 2021-22. The EC felt that poor academic performance of students cannot be the sole criteria for institutions to be placed under 'No Admission' category. Moreover, no such provision is currently available in the APH 2020-21. The Executive Committee in principle agreed that such provision may be incorporated in the ensuing APH and a joint decision of the respective State Board or affiliating body along with AICTE may be taken, if academic results are not satisfactory. Even in such cases, provision of giving warning of two years should be there so that there is enough scope for the institution to improve. DTE alone shall not take such punitive action against any institution.

The EC opined that to ensure quality education, institutions have to seek accreditation, as per norms of APH in next three years. These institutions also need to apply for accreditation as they complete the qualifying period as per norms.

The EC considering the request of HSBTE decided that with the objective of creating an excellent eco-system in education,

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AICTE should incorporate the same in APH so that the institution is fully aware of the provisions and relevant clauses contained therein.

The EC further decided that HSBTE should be informed that any proposed action on their part regarding any institution, for the ensuing academic year, must be intimated in advance to AICTE. In such case(s), a joint inspection with a representative of AICTE, if required, may be conducted to check the veracity of the facts.

The Executive Committee also noted that one out of the abovementioned six polytechnics, "Apex Polytechnic & Engineering College" has not applied for EoA for 2020-21 to AICTE, therefore, EoA has not been granted to this polytechnic.

Item No. 139.03.03 **StDC** 

To consider the temporary appointment of two young professionals in AICTE, Hqs. New Delhi for Induction Programme Cell for Coordination, Technical and System Support for NC-UHV and NCC-IP activities regarding UHV and SIP having a background of technical education, experience and exposure to value education preferably Universal Human Values.

The Executive Committee was apprised that more than 200 workshops (offline & online) of Student Induction Programme (SIP) have been conducted wherein 25000+ faculty have been trained during past two years. The EC appreciated the programmes of Universal Human Values (UHV) under SIP coordinated by the Induction Programme Cell in all aspects.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the engagement of two Young Professionals in AICTE, Hqs. for the Induction Programme Cell (IPC) as per the proposed qualifications and experience, referred in the Agenda, on a monthly remuneration of Rs.40,000/- on temporary basis, for a period of 24 months.

Item No. 139.03.04 **StDC** 

To consider and approve restricting numbers of PG scholarship as per approved intake and relaxing the condition for the past years since DBT started.

The Executive Committee noted that one of the main criterion for eligibility of the PG scholarship is that the candidate must be GATE/GPAT qualified and admitted in AICTE approved Technical Institute or University department. The applications/admissions for the scholarship in these institutes should be restricted as per the Programme/course approved in the current AICTE approval letter (EoA). However, the scheme guideline is silent on restricting the number of scholarships to the approved intake incorporated in the EOA.

The EC further observed that after review has been conducted for the PG scholarship applications verified and forwarded by

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the institutes for the academic year 2019-20, out of 889 institutes, in only 12 institutes scholarships are awarded to more students than the intake approved. However, all students were GATE/GPAT qualified and could have got admitted in some other college and availed the scholarship.

Hence, the Executive Committee considered and ratified the scholarship disbursement already made in the past and till now, since the scholarship has been disbursed to GATE/GPAT qualified students directly under DBT. The Executive Committee further decided that henceforth the scheme document of PG scholarships should explicitly mention that the disbursement of scholarship to GATE/GPAT qualified students shall be restricted to the AICTE approved intake of that institute only.

Item No. 139.03.05 PAP Bureau To consider and approve duration of Integrated BHMCT-MHMCT Programme to be of Five Years (5) in lieu of Five and half years.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the observations and justifications, of the two member sub-committee of AIB-HMT which examined the merits of five-year duration of BHMCT-MHMCT Programmes. The EC was informed that the sub-committee in its recommendations has also included internship policy guidelines of AICTE and value added courses in fifth year. Also, as recommended, three different internships can give maximum practical exposures to get hands-on experiences of functioning of various departments in accommodation sector. All requisite credits for the programme including three internships can be completed in 5 years.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommendations of the two-member sub-committee constituted by AIB-HTM, held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020 at AICTE Hqs.

The EC further approved the integration of the UG and PG Programme under BHMCT – MHMCT and guided to ensure that any exit option for a student in the integrated Programme /any other relevant clause will be as per the provisions contained in the UGC guidelines on Integrated Programmes /Dual degree.

Item No. 139.03.06 **Atal Cell** 

To consider and approve the proposal for conducting 500 offline and 500 online ATAL Academy Faculty Development Programme (FDP)/Professional Development Programme (PDP) in the year 2021-22.

The Executive Committee considered the Scheme Documents and the proposal for conducting 500 offline and 500 online ATAL Academy Faculty Development Programme (FDP)/Professional Development Programme (PDP) in the year 2021-22.

The EC approved a uniform honorarium of Rs.5000/- for the Experts (S. Nos. 4 of both the tables), a session of at least 2-hour

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duration for conducting offline /online FDPs/PDPs under ATAL for the year 2021-22.

## For offline program: -

S. No	Provisions for offline program	Approved for 2020-21 (in Rs.)	Proposal for 2021-22 (in Rs.)
1.	Honorarium for HOI(Head of Inst.)	10,000/-	
2	Honorarium to Co-ordinator	10,000/-	10,000/-
3.	Honorarium for computer operator/Lab Assistant	0.00	2,000/-
4.	Honorarium for experts (Earlier: Rs. 3000/session for 14 sessions; Now proposed:Rs.5000/session for 14 sessions)	42,000/-	70,000/-
5.	Provision for payment to Lab Attendant engaged during lab practices @ Rs.1000/- per programme	1,000/-	1,000/-
6.	TA/DA to Experts engaging sessions (lump sum)	32,000/-	32,000/-
7.	One books each for 20 participants as reward	10,000/-	10,000/-
8.	Refreshment & Lunch (Earlier: Rs. 300 per head for 50 trainees for 5 days; Now proposed: Rs. 250/head for 50 trainees for 5 days	75,000/-	62,500/-
9.	Institutional charges	15,000/-	-
10.	Miscellaneous charges (petty expenses not covered above.)	15,000/-	10,000/-
	Total =	2,10,000/-	1,97,500/-

## For online program:

S. No	Provisions for online program	Approved for 2020-21 (in Rs.)	Proposal for 2021-22 (in Rs.)
1.	Honorarium for HOI(Head of Inst.)	10,000/-	
2.	Honorarium to Coordinator	10,000/-	10,000/-
3.	Honorarium for computer operator	0.00	2,000/-
4.	Honorarium for experts (Earlier: Rs.3000/session for 14 sessions; Now proposed: Rs.5000/session for 14 sessions)	42,000/-	70,000/-
5.	Provision for payment to Lab Attendant engaged during lab practices	1,000/-	1,000/-
6.	Institutional charges	15,000/-	3,000
7.	Miscellaneous charges (petty expenses not covered above)	15,000/-	10,000/-
	Total =	93,000/-	93,000/-

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The Executive Committee further approved the conduct of 1000 FDPs/PDPs (500 Online & 500 Offline) and total budget of Rs.14.52 crores for FY 2021-22. The EC also approved an additional budget of Rs. 10.00 Lakh to meet additional expenses for impact assessment, syllabi/ documentation of new areas during the FY 2021-22.

Item No. 139.03.07 PAP Bureau To consider and approve the introduction of PG courses in Fine Arts in Goa College of Art, a Govt. run institute and Design Courses with new nomenclature for the academic year 2021-22.

The Executive Committee was informed about the request received from the Chief Minister of Goa regarding relaxation of accreditation criteria for approving new Masters course in Fine Arts.

The Chairman, NBA who was present during the meeting as a Special Invitee, confirmed during deliberations that till now NBA has not started accreditation to courses under Applied/Fine Arts.

The Executive Committee considered and relaxed the criteria of NBA, for Goa College of Art, a Government run institute, to start the post-graduation programme in Fine Arts.

The EC further approved the recommendations of AIB-AACD regarding introduction of following three courses in the Design Programme at Undergraduate level:

- i) Industrial Design
- ii) Communication Design
- iii) Textile Design

Further, the Executive Committee also approved that any specialization in the aforesaid courses, under Design Programme, within or across these courses can be left to the institutes to develop and offer.

Item No. 139.03.08 **FDC** 

To consider and approve proposal for making modifications in MoU drawn with Technical Universities for including Technical Book Writing in regional languages and training programmes for non-teaching staff.

The Executive Committee was informed that to encourage use of "Scheduled Regional Language" in Technical Education, AICTE is promoting initiative for developing Technical Books through AICTE's "Technical Book Writing" (TBW) Scheme in above mentioned Indian Regional Languages for 1st Year Undergraduate and Polytechnic courses covering AICTE Model Curriculum Syllabus.

It was also informed that AICTE has already signed an MoU with various Technical Universities (TUs) to conduct ten numbers

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week long FDP's for faculty members and One FDP for librarians of Technical Institutions during an academic with AICTE sponsorship. It is proposed that TUs will be involved through their existing MoU with AICTE in implementing and promoting this Technical Book Writing (TBW) scheme. The EC was further informed that it is necessary to incorporate the proposed modifications / additions in the existing MoU with TU's for smooth functioning and implementation of additional responsibilities being assigned to them.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for making modifications in MoU drawn with Technical Universities as per the proposed agenda. The modifications include nomination of two Nodal Coordinators, from among the working faculty members by respective TUs for taking additional responsibilities for efficient and successful organization and management of all events covered under existing MoUs and additional responsibilities for implementing Technical Book Writing Scheme mentioned above. The Executive Committee approved that AICTE on its part may release funds amounting to Rs.49.50 lakh for each financial year through AICTE funds under Plan Head for execution of this scheme. The budgeted fund of Rs.49.50 lakh comprises of:

- a) Rs.16.50 lakh for 11 numbers week-long FDPs (10 numbers FDPs for Faculty members and one number FDP for Librarians):
- b) Rs.21.00 lakh for 6 UG level book writing @ Rs.2.00 lakh (Rs.12 lakh) and 6 Polytechnic level book writing @ Rs.1.5 lakh (Rs.9 lakh); and
- c) Rs.12.00 lakh for 4 numbers two-week residential training program for non-teaching staff i.e. Lab Assistants/Workshop Supervisors.

Item No. 139.03.09 FDC

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To consider and approve proposed draft Agreement for writing and publication of Technical Books in Regional languages with the sponsorship of All India Council for Technical Education.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE has launched a scheme for Technical Book Writing in regional languages in conformity with the basic requirements of National Education Policy(NEP) 2020. A number of steps have been initiated by involving Technical Universities and Directorates of Technical Education of states for encouraging and identifying the probable authors for Technical Book Writing in regional languages for students of 1st Year Undergraduate and Polytechnic courses covering AICTE Model Curriculum Syllabus. Ultimately best book of one author for a particular course shall be selected from either regional language and same shall be got translated in other regional languages by respective authorised Technical Universities for end user students and faculty members.

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It was further informed that a committee was constituted to draw a draft tripartite agreement between Technical University, author and publisher for final publication and distribution of technical books in regional languages.

The Executive Committee appreciating the initiative taken by AICTE in this regard, approved the proposed draft Agreement for writing and publication of Technical Books in Regional Languages with sponsorship of AICTE.

Item No. 139.04.01 **IDC** 

: To ratify the policy for return/disposal of assets acquired out of AICTE grant on closure of institutes.

#### The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 139.04.02 **Approval Bureau**  To ratify the approvals issued, based on the requests received from various institutions for Change of Name of University, Change in the Minority Status of the Institution and for Complete Closure/Progressive Closure of the Institutions under Chapter-II of APH 2020-21.

#### The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 139.04.03 **Approval Bureau**  : To ratify the grant of NOC to the Deemed-to-be-Universities/ State public/Private Universities willing to offer Programmes / courses under Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Mode and Online Mode falling under the purview of AICTE as per UGC Regulations (Exempted Category Universities).

#### The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 139.04.04 **IDC** 

: To ratify the decision of processing of proposals received under the scheme SPICES without Expert's evaluation.

#### The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 139.04.05 **Administration Bureau**  To ratify the action taken on correction of the remuneration fixed at higher level for Network administrator engaged through M/s BECIL.

#### The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 139.05.01 **SDC** 

: To receive the information about provisionally extension to "NEEM Facilitators" upto August 31, 2021.

#### The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 139.05.02 **SDC** 

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To receive the information regarding extension of approval as Skill Knowledge Provider for the A.Y. 2020-21 – reg.

#### The Executive Committee received the information.

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Item No. 139.05.03

Administration Bureau

To receive information regarding revised guidelines for formation of Indian Knowledge System Division in MHRD (now MoE).

#### The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 139.05.04

Administration Bureau

To receive the information regarding extension in engagement of Consultants working in AICTE Hqrs./Regional offices and reengagement of Sh. Opender Kumar Kaul, Consultant working in AICTE beyond attaining the age of 70 years.

#### The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 139.05.05 PAP Bureau To receive a note on development of curriculum and preparation of Text Book on Ancient Indian Knowledge System.

The Executive Committee received the information.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Prof. Rajive Kumar) Member Secretary (Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe) Chairman

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