

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION (AICTE)  
AND  
(NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM)**

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This **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** executed at New Delhi on this 20-11-2020 by and between :

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) New Delhi, through its Chairman, (herein after referred to as the “**AICTE**”) having its office at Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070 on the first part.

AND

National Institutes of Technology Sikkim through its Director Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil herein after referred to as “NIT Sikkim”, having its office at National Institute of Technology Sikkim, Ravangla, Barfung Block, South Sikkim, Sikkim-737139, on the second part.

**WHEREAS**, AICTE and NIT Sikkim are desirous to execute AICTE-NIT Sikkim joint training programs for teachers of AICTE’s approved institutions of North-East region.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, both parties agree to the following terms and conditions:-

- i. **Objective:** The objective of the AICTE- NIT Sikkim training programs is to conduct training for faculty members to prepare them for being successful in a knowledge society.
- ii. **Eligibility:** All teachers from AICTE approved institution of North-East region are eligible to participate.
- iii. **Duration/Type/ Participants:** The AICTE- NIT Sikkim training program will be of five days’ residential program with minimum Twenty-Five participants.
- iv. **Fund Limits:** The maximum total expenditure for conduct of one training program will be Rs. three lakhs only which will be borne by AICTE.

AICTE will release a grant of Rs. 3 lakhs to NIT Sikkim per training program to meet the expenditure to the extent of Rs. 3 lakhs or the actual expenditure, whichever is less on (i) TA/DA/ Honorarium to Resource Persons (Honorarium not to exceed 20% of the total expenditure incurred on conduct of one such training program); (ii) TA to outstation participants; (N/A for online program); (iii) Course material to participants; (iv) Boarding & lodging of participants, (N/A for online program); (v) Honorarium to Programme Coordinator (not to exceed 1% of the total expenditure incurred on one such training program); (vi) Working expenses (tea/ coffee/ stationery/ certificate/ printing etc.).

**For the 1<sup>st</sup> year (valid till 31.03.2021) the program will be conducted in online mode as under :-**

- a. For conducting 4 programs in online mode an amount of Rs. 3,72,000/- @ Rs. 93,000/- will be released during the financial year 2020-21.

The Institute will be allowed to adjust the grants received for FDP at following rates in online mode only:-

a.	Honorarium for Coordinator	Rs. 5000.00
b.	Honorarium to experts	Rs. 75000.00
c.	Provision for payment to lab attendant engaged during lab practices	Rs. 3000.00
d.	Miscellaneous charge	Rs. 10000.00
	<b>Total amount for each FDP's</b>	<b>Rs 93000.00</b>

- b. From 01.04.2021 the programs will be conducted in physical mode and fund will be released @ Rs. 3 lakhs per program totaling to Rs. 12 lakhs. All guidelines for conducting program in physical mode will remain the same. All the expenditure incurred on the program will be shown under one head i.e. AICTE only.

**Number of Programs:** NIT Sikkim in association with AICTE will conduct training programs in the field of technical education. NIT Sikkim shall conduct 4 such training programs in a Financial year.

Some of topics suggested by AICTE which may be included in Training Program curricula are as below:

1. Examination reforms.
2. Mentor's Training as per the norms of NITTT.
3. Cognitive skills & Design thinking.
4. NBA Accreditation & the processes.
5. Identifying problems & double diamond approach towards design.
6. Model curriculum as prescribed by AICTE.
7. Induction program for students as prescribed by AICTE.
8. Intellectual property management at early stage of innovation & start - ups.
9. Frugal innovations & social entrepreneurship.

vi **Certification:** NIT Sikkim will do the certification of these programs jointly with AICTE. NIT Sikkim will ensure that the certificates shall be issued only to those participants, **who qualify the test with minimum 60%marks and with 80% minimum attendance.**

Vii **Host:** NIT Sikkim will act as the host.

viii **Submission of documents:** After conduct of the complete four (4) training programs, following shall be submitted to AICTE:

- a. Detailed schedule of training program.
- b. List of resource persons invited with full address, contact details, topics, etc.
- c. List of participants attended the training program.

ix **Utilization Certificate:** NIT Sikkim shall submit yearly report, statement of expenditure and Utilization Certificate for sanctioned grants **within a month after the end of each financial year** duly audited by a certified Chartered Accountant firm. The accounts shall be open to inspection by the officials of AICTE and an audit by the Statutory Auditors.

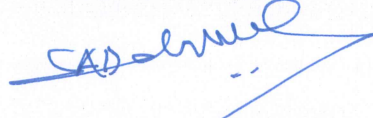
- x **Infrastructure:** Being a residential program, the NIT Sikkim shall have requisite infrastructure viz. guest house, dining hall etc (for physical mode program).
- xi **Role and responsibilities of AICTE**
- AICTE shall nominate a representative to attend the meetings of Monitoring Committee.
  - AICTE shall sanction and release the grants in favor of NIT Sikkim as admissible.
  - An appropriate advertisement shall be placed by AICTE & NIT Sikkim and applications will be invited online on NIT Sikkim web-portal with a link on AICTE's website.
  - AICTE shall conduct visits while the program is in progress.
  - AICTE will release a grant of Rs. 3 lakhs to NIT Sikkim per training program to meet the expenditure to the extent of Rs. 3 lakhs or the actual expenditure, whichever is less for physical mode and Rs. 93,000/- per program for online mode.
  - AICTE shall release full amount towards the expenditure for the conduct of such training programs **only on receipt of the documents from NIT Sikkim as stated at (viii) and (ix) above.**
- xii **Validity of Agreement:** This arrangement shall be effective upto maximum of **five years**, starting from the date of signing of the Agreement and its continuance will be subject to annual review of the scheme and deliverables.
- xiii **Resolution of dispute:**
- a) Any dispute between the parties arising in connection with the performance of this MOU shall be resolved amicably between the parties through a process of negotiation by the representatives of both the parties.
  - b) In case the dispute is not resolved, then it shall be referred to the Chairman, AICTE and the Director/Registrar of the NIT Sikkim for settlement. Even then, if any issue still remains unresolved, then it shall be referred to the Arbitrator who shall be appointed with the consent of both the parties. The seat of the Arbitrator shall at New Delhi and proceeding shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
- xiv. **Termination: The AICTE in its sole discretion, by giving prior notice of one month to the other party, may terminate this agreement without assigning any reason.**

This MoU/agreement shall come into force from the date both the parties have signed the same.


Both the parties have considered and read the T&C of this agreement and thereafter agreed to sign this agreement on 20.11.2020.

IN WITNESS whereof, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be signed in their respective name as on the day, month and year mentioned above.

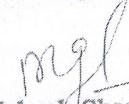
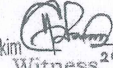
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**(Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe)**  
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