

**ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
**Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110 070**

**Minutes of the 149<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on March 10, 2022 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 Vice Chairman, AICTE	Member
3.	Shri Rakesh Ranjan Additional Secretary (HE/TE) Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary, MoE, GOI, New Delhi
4.	Prof. N. P. Padhy Director, MNIT, Jaipur (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
5.	Prof Shreepad Karmalkar, Chairman, AIB-PGERT, AICTE (IIT-Madras, Chennai, EEE Dept.) (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
6.	Dr. Manol Tiwari, Chairman, AIB-UGET, AICTE (Director, NITIE, Mumbai, Maharashtra) (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
7.	Dr. Suman Dhawan Dy. Director (Acad.), DTTE Govt. of NCT, Delhi	Nomine of Secretary, (TE) Govt. of NCT, Delhi
8.	Dr. V. V. Prajapati Jt. Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Gujarat (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nomine of Secretary, (TE), Govt. of Gujarat
9.	Dr Venkappayya Desai, Dept. of Civil Engg. IIT, Kharagpur (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
10.	Prof Praveen Nahar, Director, NID, Ahmedabad, Gujarat (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
11.	Prof. K. K. Aggarwal Chairman, NBA (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Special Invitee
12.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Chairman, ERC-AICTE; Chairman, AIB – Management Studies, Director IIM Trichy; JS & FA, MoE, New Delhi; Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Assam; Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Karnataka; Dr. Usha Natesan, Director, NITTTR, Chennai; Chairman, UGC; Director General, NILERD (former 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 149<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 147<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting which was held on December 01, 2021, in the form of power point presentation. The details are enclosed as

**Annexure-1.** The Executive Committee members appreciated the efforts made by the team AICTE and its outstanding achievements.

The members were informed about the comments received from IFD, MoE, on the Agenda and accordingly decisions were arrived at while taking these comments into cognizance. The following Agenda Items were taken up for consideration, deliberations and decisions taken as under:

**Item No. 149.01.01** : To confirm the minutes of the 147<sup>th</sup> and 148<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 01, 2021 & January 13 2022 respectively.

**The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 147<sup>th</sup> and 148<sup>th</sup> (Emergent) meetings of the Executive Committee held on December 01, 2021 & January 13, 2022 respectively.**

**Item No. 149.02.01** : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 147<sup>th</sup> & 148<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 01, 2021 & January 13, 2022 respectively.

**The Executive Committee received the action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 147<sup>th</sup> & 148<sup>th</sup> (Emergent) meetings of the Executive Committee held on December 01, 2021 & January 13, 2022 respectively.**

**Under Item No. 147.03.02 and 147.03.03, on noticing the reply dated 15-02-2022 of MoE, the Executive Committee opined that AICTE may once again request MoE regarding introduction of new variants of CAFES schemes as CAFES (RAIL) and CAFES (NER) especially the latter to utilize the funds meant for NER. AICTE may also explore other provisions and limits of funding for variants of CAFES scheme.**

**Item No. 149.03.01** : To consider the amendment in Recruitment Rules for the post of Admin. Bureau Director on deputation basis for the internal & eligible candidates of AICTE.

**The Executive Committee was informed that the proposal is regarding services of the regular incumbents of AICTE on the post of Assistant Director and Deputy Director being permitted to compete for selection to the post of Director in AICTE on deputation basis. The EC deliberated on the matter and felt that the Agenda required more clarity in view of the comments received from IFD, MOE. The Executive Committee decided that this agenda may be re-drafted because it is not the case of amendment of RRs but only approval to allow eligible permanent employees of AICTE on deputation like any other Govt. department employees permitted to get deputation. Their substantive post remains the same as before on reverting back after deputation. The matter may accordingly be placed before the Executive Committee for its consideration.**



**Item No. 149.03.02**  
FDC

: To consider and approve proposal for "Training program for faculty members for developing applicability component of engineering disciplines".

The Executive Committee was informed that in its 146<sup>th</sup> meeting, approval was accorded for Rs.4,65,000.00 for conducting 5, two-week each online training workshops for preparing application based Questionnaire for five core engineering disciplines.

The EC was further informed that it is proposed to identify and select faculty members from among the contributors, who have helped in preparing existing Questionnaire in PARAKH portal, for preparing application based Questionnaire covering the core Engineering disciplines. It was decided that the shortlisted and identified faculty shall be made to undergo a two-week intensive online workshop/training programs on question making, based on aspects of higher order thinking skills. The programs will be conducted in collaboration with Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC). First such two-week online training workshop was conducted during November-December 2021. The program attracted huge response from faculty with demand from participants to widen the scope, and the program was extended up to three weeks. CIDC has informed that the training program requires enhanced financial support due to higher administrative costs involved for longer duration courses (three weeks in place of earlier two weeks).

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed revised demand of Rs.5,50,000.00, against the approval earlier accorded for Rs. 4,65,000.00, for conducting five, 3-week each online training workshops for preparing application based Questionnaire for five core engineering disciplines. The funds for the same shall be met through AICTE's internal resources i.e IRG of AICTE.

**Item No. 149.03.03**  
StDC

: To consider and approve the inclusion of Integrated courses under AICTE Pragati, Saksham and Swanath Scholarship schemes (Degree Level).

The Executive Committee discussed the proposal of inclusion of students for 5-year Integrated courses also for grant of scholarships in the ongoing scholarship schemes (Degree Level), viz. Pragati, Saksham and Swanath, in line of the comments received from IFD, MoE.

The EC was informed that the funds for Pragati and Saksham schemes are provided by the Govt. of India and Swanath scheme is completely funded by AICTE from its internal resources. Accordingly, the Executive Committee decided that AICTE may seek concurrence of MOE for the proposed inclusion of 5-year integrated courses under Pragati and Saksham schemes as referred above by providing justification and relevant data of the expected number of beneficiaries, based on the previous years' admissions in integrated programs. On receipt of concurrence from MoE, the same may be implemented.



**Item No. 149.03.04**  
IDC

: To consider and approve AICTE- Scheme for Promoting Accessible Education (SPACE) regarding.

The Executive Committee was informed that in its 143<sup>rd</sup> meeting, approval was granted for developing one selected model college each in majority of the states, which will be having all provisions in support of Accessible Education and approved an amount of Rs. 75 crore for 15 states (@ Rs. 5 crore per institute). Accordingly, it is proposed to initiate AICTE- Scheme for Promoting Accessible Education, by creating model institutes that will comprehensively address the needs of students with disabilities, so that the true spirit of access, equity and inclusion in technical education is achieved. These institutions will become a role model in Accessible Education for emulation by all institutions imparting technical and other higher education.

It was further informed that raising a model institute imparting Accessible Education, will involve establishing an Office of Accessibility & Assistive Technology (OAAT); procuring ready-made products to enhance accessibility; developing facilities using the in-house capability of students & faculty; and sharing the new products developed, best practices & experiences among such model institutions. By show-casing themselves, these model institutions would be able to inspire others, so that all institutions eventually impart Accessible Education. It is also proposed to establish a Scheme Implementation Unit (SIU) which will inter alia oversee implementation of 15 projects, facilitate their periodic review; conduct outreach programs promoting Accessible Education in other Institutions.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed Scheme document and additional budget of Rs.1.90 crore for SIU and its activities for a period of 5 years, in addition to Rs.75.00 crore already approved in the 143<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the EC. The funds for the same shall be met through AICTE's internal resources i.e. IRG of AICTE.

The EC also approved to increase such colleges from 15 to 20 in case more states need to be covered.

**Item No. 149.03.05**  
ATAL Cell

: To consider and approve the scheme document proposed by the Committee members for redesigning of ATAL FDPs for A.Y. 2022-23

The Executive Committee was informed that a committee of distinguished members was constituted to look into redesigning of AICTE's Training and Learning academy (ATAL) Academy FDPs. A comprehensive rigorous module for ATAL Continuous Professional Development Programmes (CPDP) / Faculty Development Programmes 2022-23 has been prepared by the Committee.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommended scheme document for ATAL Continuous



Professional Development Programmes (CPDP) / Faculty Development Programmes 2022-23. The Executive Committee appreciated Mrs. Mamta Rani Agarwal, Adviser-I (ATAL Cell) and her team for their contribution towards effectively conducting FDPs in thrust areas and ensuring thorough verification before certification of participants.

Item No. 149.03.06  
ATAL Cell

: To consider and approve conducting of 1000 blended/hybrid FDPs for the A.Y. 2022-23 and the proposed budget for conducting blended/hybrid FDPs for the A.Y. 2022-23.

The Executive Committee was informed that a committee of distinguished members have recommended a maximum budget of Rs.3.00 lakh, for ATAL FDP, as now the duration of the FDPs have been increased from 5 days to 2 weeks (1<sup>st</sup> week for online classes and 2<sup>nd</sup> week for Lab/practical sessions and a co-coordinator has also been included for blended/Hybrid FDPs.)

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed new budget for each blended/hybrid Continuous Professional Development Programs (CPDP) /FDP as below:

S. No.	Particulars	Amount (in Rs.) for 2022-23 (for blended FDPs - 2 week duration)
1	Honorarium to Coordinator	10,000/-
2	Honorarium to Co-Coordinator	7,000/-
3	Honorarium for computer operator	1,000/-
4	Honorarium for experts (Rs. 5000/session for 14 sessions)	70,000/-
5	Provision for payment to 03 Lab Technicians engaged during lab practices Rs. 5000 per programme	15,000/-
6	TA/DA to Experts engaging sessions (lump sum)	32,000/-
8	Refreshment & Lunch (Rs. 350/head for 50 trainees for 5 days)	87,500/-
9	One books each for top 20 participants as reward	10,000/-
10	Hands on training material, Consumable items, etc. (reimbursed on actual basis)	62,000/-
11	Miscellaneous charges (petty expenses not covered above)	5,500/-
	Total	3,00,000/-

The Executive Committee also approved the proposal of conducting 1000 nos. of FDPs during 2022-23. Thus, the Executive Committee approved a total maximum budget Rs. 30.00 crore (Rupees Thirty Crore Only) for conducting 1000 nos. of FDPs with cost of Rs.3.00 lakh/FDP for the AY. 2022-23. The expenditure for the same shall be borne from AICTE's own resources i.e. IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 149.03.07  
P&AP Bureau

: To consider and approve the revised report of National Fee Committee.

The Executive Committee was informed that in its 147<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 01.12.2021, recommended to constitute a sub-committee to review the fee structure recommended in the National Fee Committee(NFC) report and comments received from different States/UTs in respect of the programmes of Planning, Design and Applied Arts & Crafts. The sub-committee noted that the required faculty student ratio was higher (1:16 for Planning 1:10 for Design Applied Arts and crafts) than other professional programmes and permitted intake limited to only 60, 90 and 180, therefore, per student fee for these programmes works out to be quite high.

The Executive Committee was further informed that the NFC report was placed before the All India Board of Applied Arts, Crafts & Design (AIB-AACD) and All India Board of Town and Country Planning (AIB-TCP).

The AIB-AACD has recommended the faculty-student ratio of 1:15 for both UG and PG related courses in Applied Arts and Crafts and the AIB has not suggested any changes for Design domains and Planning. In view of the revised ratio, following the norms and methodology stated by NFC Report of 2021. The minimum and maximum fees for these programs are mentioned in the following Table:

Level	Program	Program Duration (years)	Minimum Fee recommended (Rs.)	Maximum Fee recommended (Rs.)
UG Degree				
A	Applied Arts & Crafts	4	1,10,600	2,53,200
B	Design	4	94,600	2,25,700
PG Degree				
A	Applied Arts & Crafts	2	1,48,300	3,07,000
B	Design	2	1,55,400	3,14,300

The Executive Committee after exhaustive deliberations, considered and approved the recommendations of the National Fee Committee (NFC) with the minimum and maximum fees for all professional programmes by considering Norms and Standards prescribed by AICTE in its Approval Process Handbook 2020-2021. The EC also approved the recommendations of the sub-Committee for the programmes of Planning, Design and Applied Arts & Crafts as mentioned in the aforesaid table as recommendations of the National Fee Committee in totality.

The Executive Committee further decided that the Fee Regulatory Committee of each State/UT should ensure that the minimum and the maximum fee defined by the NFC in various disciplines should be adhered by the institutions. The State Fee Regulatory Committee should verify the audited accounts of the respective institutions in respect of fee being charged as per the

recommendations of the NFC to prevent commercialization of education.

The Executive Committee approved the National Fee Committee recommendations as modified by the review Committee headed by Dr. M.K. Tiwari, Director, NITIE, Mumbai.

The Executive Committee resolved that the recommendations of the NFC and the sub-committee along with the aforesaid decisions may be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for further notification and apprising the Hon'ble Court in the ongoing matter, accordingly. The Executive Committee placed on record, appreciation for Dr. M.K. Tiwari, Director, NITIE, Mumbai (Chairman of the Sub-committee) and other members of the sub-committee for their contribution and timely submission of their recommendations.

**Item No. 149.03.08**  
Approval Bureau

: To consider and approve extension of two years' time limit for completion of infrastructure for an evening shift converted into general shift.

The Executive Committee was informed about a provision under 7.10 of Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2021-22 wherein fulfilment of all facilities as per the norms specified in the Approval Process Handbook 21-22 may be done by all institutions including completion of infrastructure for an evening shift converted into general shift. The Executive Committee was further informed that AICTE is in receipt of representation from Association of Technical Professional Institutes, Madhya Pradesh wherein it is stated that due to Covid epidemic most of the institutions could not complete the infrastructure work and have requested that the time limit be extended for next 2 years.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of extension of one year time limit for completion of infrastructure for the evening shift converted into general shift and also decided that suitable amendments may also be made in the forthcoming APH 2022-23.

**Item No. 149.03.09**  
Approval Bureau

: To consider and approve extension of Two-year time limit for NBA accreditation for eligible courses.

The Executive Committee was informed about a provision under 7.4 of Approval Process Handbook (APH) for A/Y 2021-22 regarding maintaining the quality of Education, 60% of the eligible courses in any Technical Institution should be accredited in the next two years' time, else EoA shall not be issued by the Council". Accordingly, the institutes are required to complete the accreditation of 60% of eligible courses.

The EC was also informed that due to the outbreak of Covid-19 and long lockdown in different spells, the visit of NBA could not take place as many institutes were not prepared for the same. The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of extension of two years' time limit for NBA accreditation for eligible courses and also decided that suitable amendments may also be made in the forthcoming APH 2022-23.

**Item No. 149.03.10** : To consider and approve Extension of time for creation of infrastructure for PGDM Institutions established in A.Y. 2020-21.  
Approval Bureau

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE during A.Y. 2020-21 decided not to permit PGDM and MBA Courses with the same Institution ID and all such institutions shall have to create the necessary Faculty, Infrastructure and other facilities within two years to fulfil the norms. In this regard representations have been received that due to uncertain lockdown during last two years further three more years' time limit may be granted to create infrastructure.

The Executive committee considered and approved granting additional one more year as extension of time for creation of infrastructure for PGDM and MBA Institutions separated in the A.Y. 2020-21.

**Item No. 149.03.11** : To consider and approve reforms in APH for A.Y. 2022-23  
Approval Bureau

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposed reforms in the Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2022-23, as mentioned in the agenda which majorly include under the following titles:

- Under clause 4.1, provision 7.35 of APH which relates to starting other academic courses / institutions (Technical & non-technical);
- Under clause 4.2- institutes running specialized courses;
- Under clause 4.3- increase in intake in conventional courses;
- Under clause 4.4- TER charges for closure of institute;
- Under clause 4.5- availability of technical education in Indian languages in line with NEP 2020.

The Executive Committee also decided that suitable amendments may be made in the forthcoming APH 2022-23, accordingly.

**Item No. 149.03.12** : To consider and approve core branches as recommended by committee on "Reviewing Moratorium on Approval to New Engineering Institutions from academic year 2022-23 onwards."  
Approval Bureau

The Executive Committee was informed that the recommendations of the committee under the chairmanship of Prof. BVR Mohan Reddy, on "Reviewing Moratorium on Approval to New Engineering Institutions from academic year 2022-23 onwards" was approved in the 148<sup>th</sup> emergent meeting held on 13-01-2022.

Further, the Executive committee was apprised that the following branches of engineering are to be considered as core branches from A.Y. 2022-23 onwards:

Civil Engineering	Food Technology
Mechanical Engineering	Industrial Engineering
Electrical Engineering	Automobile Engineering
Chemical Engineering	Mining Engineering





Electronics Engineering	Textile Engineering
Metallurgy	Agriculture Engineering
Computer Science	Instrumentation

Also, an institute is permitted to change the intake or add new courses by reducing seats in other approved courses but not exceeding the reduction by 50% of the earlier intake. Complete closure of any core branch is not allowed for getting the new courses keeping in view of the future requirements of engineers from the core branches of engineering.

The Executive Committee, based on the recommendations of the aforesaid committee approved the following provisions to be enabled in the Approval Process handbook (APH) 2022-23:

a) In view of the large number of vacant seats in various Programmes during the last few years and the likely future demand, the Council shall not grant approval to the new Technical Institutions at the Diploma/ Under Graduate/ Post Graduate Level. However, establishment of new Technical Institutions in Engineering and Technology shall be permitted only in cases where: -

- State Government / UT (based on their perspective plan) is providing financial assistance for establishment of Technical institutions in order to offer the Engineering and Technology Programme / Courses at DIPLOMA/UG/PG level where NO Government /Government Aided Technical Institution offering the same level in Engineering & Technology is already available in that particular district. The Government must have a budget provision of minimum Rs.10.00 crore and requisite land for establishment of New Institute.
- State Government proposes to start a New Polytechnic (Engineering and Technology) for conducting courses in Emerging/ Multidisciplinary/ Skill/ Vocational area including PPP mode.
- New Institutes (Engineering and Technology) with courses in Emerging Area as well as in Traditional/ Conventional Area for NE States, J&K, Ladakh and in Aspirational Districts of different States/ UT.
- Philanthropical organization existing for more than 25 years and running other educational institutes having minimum enrolment of 10000 students having NIRF (if applicable) Ranking within 100.
- Any Industry having a minimum annual turnover of Rs.5000.00 Crore (in preceding 3 years) subject to its application as a registered Trust/Society/Company established under Section 8 of the Companies Act,2013.

b) The EC was informed that AICTE has received requests from state Govts. for starting new institutions in the following cases, which could not be taken up by the State Governments due to COVID pandemic / unavoidable circumstances:

- Where land has already been allocated 3-4 years' earlier by the State Government for establishing a new polytechnic;
- Where state Govt. has identified /sanctioned posts for appointment of faculty during the last 3-4 years for a new institute;
- Where the state Government intends to establish a polytechnic imparting technical education purely in respective local/state language;

c) The APH provision permits establishment of only one Polytechnic under one aspirational district. Any state Govt. proposal to seek approval for establishment of another polytechnic in the same aspirational district shall be allowed to run courses in emerging/thrust areas/local or state languages only.

**Item No. 149.03.13**  
MIC

: To consider and approve the release of honorarium amount to the experts of EK Bharat Shrestha Bharat quiz game.

The Executive Committee was informed that 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' (EBSB) Game app was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 2021 by the Hon'ble Union Education Minister. For preparing the question bank from all the States and Union Territories for EBSB quiz game app, Expert and Evaluation committees were formed.

The Executive Committee considered the proposal of grant of honorarium to the Experts who have submitted quiz questions for the EBSB quiz game app and approved the disbursement of honorarium to these Experts at Rs.60/- per question.

**Item No. 149.03.14**  
MIC

: To consider and approve to carry forward the unutilized amount of Rs. 1,72,79,500/- (to the current finance year 2021-22) and additional fund requirement of Rs. 4,70,750/- to provide funding support to 72 innovations.

The Executive Committee was informed that in its 137<sup>th</sup> meeting it has approved a fund amount of Rs. 2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Only) under the MIC budget head to support up to 10 lakhs per innovation. On 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021, the first instalment of grant amount of Rs. 27,20,500/- was released to 16 innovations selected from the National PoC Contest 2019 and Rs.1,72,79,500/- remains unutilized.

The EC was further informed that during the year 2021, 62 new innovation teams are selected to receive a total grant amount of Rs. 3,18,11,500/- As per the disbursement guideline, 1<sup>st</sup> instalment amount of Rs.1,59,05,750/- will be released to these 62 innovations. Similarly, 10 Innovations, who have received the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment, are also found eligible to receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment amount of Rs.18,44,500/- during the financial year 2021-22. Therefore, a total fund amount of Rs.1,77,50,250 is to be disbursed to these 72 innovation teams. Accordingly, it is proposed to carry forward the unspent amount of Rs.1,72,79,500/- to the current FY 2021-22 for utilisation and additional amount of Rs. 4,70,750/- may

also be approved to meet the total fund required.

The Executive committee considered and approved carrying forward the unutilized amount of Rs. 1,72,79,500/- of FY 2020-21 to the current FY 2021-22 and also providing additional fund of Rs.4,70,750/- to support 72 innovations during FY 2021-22. The funds for the same will be met through IRG of AICTE.

**Item No. 149.03.15**  
MIC

: To consider and approve to carry forward the unutilized fund of Rs.78,23,000/- to the Financial Year 2022-23 for the purpose of supporting IIC Institutions to organize Impact Lectures and submission of revised scheme document.

The Executive Committee was informed that a budget amount of Rs.1.50 crore was approved in its 137<sup>th</sup> and 141<sup>st</sup> meeting for IIC program, out of which Rs.1.00 crore was allocated for the implementation of Impact Lecture Series scheme in IIC Institutions for the IIC 3.0 the calendar year 2021-22 period. During the period from September to November 2021, a total of 782 impact lectures in 387 impact sessions were organized in 197 IIC institutes. For this, as per the scheme document, a total fund amount of Rs.21,77,000/- has been processed for disbursement to these IIC institutions. Accordingly, an amount of Rs.78,23,000/- still remains unspent.

Further the EC was informed about the call for the next phase of application to organize impact lectures in IIC institutions is in progress. To promote and support more IIC institutions to take part in the Impact Lecture scheme, the eligibility criteria and guidelines in the scheme document have been revised.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed revised Scheme document and also carrying forward the unutilized fund of Rs.78,23,000/- (Rs. Seventy-Eight Lakhs and Twenty-Three Thousand only) to the Financial Year 2022-23 for the purpose of supporting IIC Institutions to organize Impact Lectures.

**Item No. 149.03.16**  
Approval Bureau

: To consider and approve for allowing request of Academy of Maritime Education and Training (PID 1-3638728491), (Deemed to be University), Chennai, Tamil Nadu for setting and functioning of Satellite Campus in the same District at least 30 minutes' drive at Thenpattinam from the existing approved Campus (No. 135, East Coast Road, Kanathur, Reddykuppam, Chennai, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu).

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE is in receipt of request from one of the Institute viz Academy of Maritime Education and Training (PID 1-3638728491), (Deemed to be University), Chennai, Tamil Nadu seeking approval for functioning of its Satellite campus. The EC was also informed that as per Clause 8 of the Memorandum of Association (MOU) dated 01.07.2021 signed by AMET with UGC, Off-Campus centers and Off-shore campus centers shall be started by the Deemed to be University only in accordance with the UGC Regulations.

The Executive Committee decided that AMET may be informed to

seek approval for functioning of Satellite Campus, from UGC as per their regulations. AICTE may consider the operating and functioning of such Satellite Campuses as valid, if UGC has already granted approval for the same.

**Item No. 149.03.17**  
P&AP /Approval Bureau

: To consider and approve the implementation of NEP-2020 with relevance to APH.

The Executive Committee was informed that the NEP 2020 envisages a holistic and multidisciplinary education system for all round development of intellectual, aesthetic, social, physical, emotional, ethical, and moral capabilities of individuals. The NEP 2020 focusses on flexible curricular structures to enable creative combinations of disciplinary areas for study in multidisciplinary contexts, including vocational courses. It also envisages multiple entry and exit points and re-entry options, thus, creating new possibilities for life-long learning. Graduate-level, master's, and doctoral programmes of study in multidisciplinary universities, while providing rigorous research-based specialization, would also provide opportunities for multidisciplinary work, including in academia, government, and industry. Flexibility in curriculum and novel and engaging course options will be on offer to students, in addition to rigorous specialisation in a chosen disciplinary area or areas of study, work/vocation or professional practice.

The Executive Committee deliberated, considered and approved the proposed inclusion/amendments in the APH 2022-23 in line with the recommendations of NEP 2020 which include:

- NEP recommendation on multiple Entry and Exit;
- The Model curriculum of all courses are being restructured to align it with NEP-2020;
- Merger of Institutions under the same Trust/ Society/Company operating in the same Campus or City;
- Establishment and Operation of Academic Bank of Credits in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs);

**Item No. 149.03.18**  
MIC/Approval Bureau

: To consider and approve the eligibility criteria for the students seeking admission under supernumerary quota.

The Executive Committee was informed that in its 145<sup>th</sup> meeting it has approved creation of two supernumerary seats, for gifted children, per institute in B. Tech. program and norms for selection of gifted children under supernumerary quota be decided and the final admission under supernumerary quota shall be approved by AICTE. A committee under the chairmanship of Dr. M.K. Tiwari, Chairman UGET, Director, NITIE- Mumbai, has prepared eligibility criteria for the students seeking admission under supernumerary quota and has submitted a policy document mentioning all the details pertaining to the admission on the supernumerary seat.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the policy document on eligibility criteria for the students seeking admission under supernumerary quota for gifted children.

**Item No. 149.03.19** : To consider and approve sponsoring Dr. Abhay Jere, CIO-MIC by AICTE  
MIC for 1 week training program on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, conducted by London School of Economics.

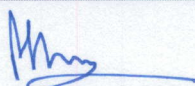
The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal forwarded by the Ministry of Education regarding nomination of Dr. Abhay Jere, CIO from Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell for a full time 1-week training program at London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). AICTE will fund this course which includes the course fee (£3995), travel and living expenses during the trip. The EC approved a maximum budget of Rs.10.00 lakh that may be incurred as total expenses on the trip of Dr. Abhay Jere to LSE, which may be funded from the budget of MIC provided by AICTE.

**Item No. 149.03.20** : To consider and approve writing-off the PG scholarship from PG  
StDC scholars who left the course midway on or before 01-10-2020 under the PG Scholarship Scheme.

The Executive Committee was informed that the audit of the accounts of AICTE for the year 2020-21 conducted by the Audit team of the office of the Director General of Audit in 2022, under the Audit report (Para 9) mentions the recovery of the amount of fellowship from the PG Scholars, who left the course midway under PG Scholarship scheme. As per previous guidelines for PG scholarship scheme, at clause 9 it was mentioned that the student shall be required to give an undertaking to the effect that he/she would not leave the course midway. In case any student leaves the course midway he/she will require to refund the total PG Scholarship drawn at the time of leaving the course.

The Executive Committee was further informed that in its 137<sup>th</sup> meeting, vide Agenda Item No.137.03.10, this aforesaid clause 9 has been amended w.e.f. 01-10-2020 in the existing guidelines wherein the provision has been made that the scholarship of the student who leaves the course midway shall be stopped forthwith without any recovery. This was considered while keeping in view that the PG students are required to undertake 8 to 10 hours (per week) of work related to teaching and research activities as assigned to them by the institute. This could include tutorials, laboratory classes, development and maintenance of laboratories assistance in research and development activities undertaken by faculty members, maintenance and operation of Computers and other central facilities, assistance in library, etc.

The institutes and students were regularly reminded for early refund of the outstanding amount and received Rs.4,98,16,115/- from institutes/students and the same has been deposited in the Finance Bureau between 2016-2022. However, it is difficult to ascertain the exact coordinates of students who left the course midway along with scholarship amount as this information is not even available at Institute level. Further, student after leaving the course midway has shifted to other places and it is difficult for



Institute also to trace them for the purpose of refund of scholarship. Since AICTE has already withdrawn the clause for the refund of PG scholarship from the students who leave the course midway after 01-10-2020.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter in the light of comments received from IFD, MOE. However, the EC noted that since now it is not possible to trace the students who have left the course long back, and AICTE has taken all possible measures to reach out to such students. Accordingly, the Executive Committee decided that the Audit team of the office of the Director General of Audit be informed about inability to recover scholarship amount and hence waived off as approved by the Executive Committee.

**Item No. 149.03.21**  
Admin. Bureau

: To consider and approve visit of Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, to receive an award on behalf of AICTE conferred by the Green Mentors at the launching ceremony of Indo-American Green University Network, scheduled on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at New York, USA.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of the visit of Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, to receive an award on behalf of AICTE conferred by the Green Mentors at the launching ceremony of Indo-American Green University Network, scheduled on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at New York, USA. The Executive Committee also approved that all expenses towards travel, lodging, food etc. by Prof. Rajive Kumar during his period of visit to USA will be borne by AICTE from its internal resources, i.e. IRG of AICTE.

**Item No. 149.03.22**  
Admin. Bureau

: To consider and approve hiring of one Young Professional (Legal) for Policy & Academic Planning Bureau of AICTE.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of hiring of one Young Professional (Legal) for Policy & Academic Planning (P&AP) Bureau purely on contractual basis from the existing manpower agency M/s. BECIL, from the available waitlisted candidates, last selected under this category.

**Item No. 149.03.23**  
StDC

: To consider and approve organizing an Innovative National Inter-college Cryptic Crossword Expedition (NICE) for HEI Students to Celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav, promote Ek Bharat Shrestha (EBSB) and Indian Knowledge Systems.

The Executive committee was informed that in connection with celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav, a communication has been received from Ministry of Education (MoE) for organizing an Innovative National Inter-College Cryptic Crossword Expedition (NICE) for HEI Students to Celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav, promote Ek Bharat Shrestha (EBSB) and Indian Knowledge Systems. Ministry of Education has also intimated that the firm Extra-C (a not-for-profit civil society initiative) has expertise & uses proprietary techniques in developing Cryptic Crossword Puzzles as well as conducting competitions. The firm has facilitated similar crossword endeavors for CBSE and other organizations and therefore MoE has suggested that this firm may be approached to co-ordinate the NICE effort on a no-profit basis.

The Executive Committee was also informed that AICTE has constituted an internal committee and a meeting of this committee with representatives of Extra-C was held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022. During the meeting, modalities of conducting the Pan-India competition in offline/ online mode, budget requirement etc. were discussed.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed budget of Rs. 35.00 Lakhs to be expended as detailed below:

S. No.	Expenditure Head	Amount (in Lakhs)
1.	Amount to be paid by AICTE to Extra-C for conducting the event from the commencement of the registration to the culmination of National Round including the procedural aspects for the operation of the concerned web portal	Rs. 25.00
2.	Expenditure by AICTE for hosting the Zonal Rounds & National Finals at AICTE HQ including prize money to winners as well as boarding, lodging and travel expenses for competitors, officials of Extra-C, Quiz Masters etc.	Rs. 10.00

The EC further decided that AICTE may issue a Work Order to Extra-C under Rule 194 of GFR – 2017.

**Item No. 149.04.01** : To receive the information on the request of UIDAI for Admin. Bureau extension of tenure of Shri Hemant Kumar, Section Officer for one year on loan basis.

**The Executive Committee received the information.**

**Item No. 149.04.02** : To receive information on the extension of empanelment of Standing Legal Cell Counsels/ Additional Standing Counsels of AICTE for Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and for the benches of High Court of Different States/regions.

**The Executive Committee received the information.**

**Item No. 149.04.03** : To receive the information about conducting of STTP-SFURTI programs FDC for Government Polytechnic Kendrapara, Odisha and Engineering College Bikaner in the states of Odisha and Rajasthan involving an expenditure of Rs. 8.00 Lakhs @ Rs.4.00 lakh each. under the existing AICTE's Non-Plan budget head, i.e. IRG of AICTE.

**The Executive Committee received the information.**

**Item No. 149.04.04** : To receive the Information regarding purchase of 02 Nos vehicles CIAZ Admin. Bureau Alpha SHVS Petrol and Innova Crysta 2.7V.

**Executive Committee noticed the comments received from IFD, MOE on this Agenda. The Executive Committee deliberated,**

considered and approved the proposal based on the following points:

- a) The vehicles are meant as pool vehicles and shared by officers as required and not meant for any specific officer;
- b) at times a team/group of officers has to visit Ministry /meeting or any event where a vehicle with more capacity is optimal as compared to using 2-3 vehicles;
- c) at times a team /officer(s) have to visit nearby cities viz. Chandigarh, Jaipur etc. where road journey in a vehicle with more capacity is optimum as compared to using 2-3 vehicles;
- d) Office Memorandum No. F. 7(1)/E.Coord/2019 dated September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 of Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, regarding lifting of the ban on purchase of new vehicles by Ministries/Departments.

The Executive Committee received the information.

**Item No. 149.04.05**  
Approval Bureau

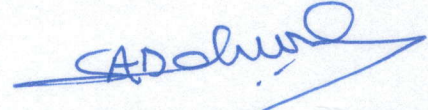
: To receive information on Revised Academic Calendar for A.Y. 2022-23.

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



**Activities and Achievements of AICTE from December 01, 2021 to March 10,2022**

- AICTE Stakeholders Meeting for AICTE Approval Process 2022-2023 was held at Nagpur on December 17, 2021;
- Unveiling unique Personal & Institutional Happiness Index App-YoL APP on December 20,2021 in the presence of Lt. Governor, J&K, Sh. Manoj Sinha along with Chairman AICTE, Yogesh Kochhar & Anoop Bansal;
- AICTE inaugurated the Happiness Harvest Festival and launched the YOL App on January 13,2022;
- Organized a meeting on December 24, 2021, for implementation of report on *Standards for Accessibility to Differently abled Students* studying in technical education;
- A self-paced Swayam course "Linear to Circular Economy" was launched on December 28, 2021 by the Chairman AICTE;
- Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021 were announced on December 29, 2021;
- During the inauguration of NEAT 3.0, 12 lakh NEAT Ed-Tech free course coupons among the socially and economically disadvantaged students were distributed;
- Shri Dharmendra Pradhan ji, Hon'ble MOE, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship launched - AICTE prescribed technical books in Regional Languages, on January 3, 2022;
- Hon'ble Secretary, MoE, Sh. K. Sanjay Murthy, inaugurated AICTE- Student Learning Assessment PARAKH Scheme & National Initiative for Technical Teacher Training {NITTT} for betterment of students & faculty, on January 7, 2022;
- अभातशिप में, १० जनवरी २०२२ को विश्व हिंदी दिवस का आयोजन किया गया;
- Republic Day Celebrations at AICTE HQ and Regional Offices on January 26, 2022;
- A Tableau with the theme 'Vedas to Metaverse' was part of the Republic Day Parade on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Rajpath. This tableau has been selected as the best tableau among the categories under Ministries;
- Institutional Development Activities:
  - Online sessions on CollabCAD & I-STEM for AICTE- IDEA Labs were organized on January 2022;
  - India's First AICTE-IDEA Lab was inaugurated in Shankaracharya College, Raipur on February 8, 2022;
  - Advanced FDP on Smart Manufacturing was organized by COE-Pune March 2 to March 8, 2022;
- ATAL Academy - National Level Programs-
  - Inaugural Ceremony of 15 ATAL FDPs was held on December 27, 2021, where Prof. Rajeev Ahuja Director, IIT Ropar was the Chief Guest and Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE was Special Guest;
  - An Online webinar was orgnaized on "Effective Implementation of NEP 2020" where Dr. Manu Vora Chairman and President, Business Excellence, Inc., USA on December 29, 2021;
  - Inaugural Ceremony of 23 ATAL FDPs chief guest Dr. Sandeep Sancheti Vice Chancellor, SRM Institute of Science & Tech. Kancheepuram special guest Dr. Ajit Abraham Director, Machine Intelligence Research Labs on January 03, 2022;
  - Oragnized a webinar on January 4, 2022, on AICTE Awards, where Prof. Heena Bijli Professor, IGNOU, New Delhi was the Chief Guest and Mrs. Mamta R Aggarwal, Adviser-I AICTE was the Special Guest;
  - The Inaugural Ceremony of 17 ATAL FDPs was held on January 10, 2022 where Prof. (Dr.) K.K Aggarwal Chairman, NBA and Founder Vice-Chancellor GGSIPU was the Chief Guest and Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE was the Special Guest;
  - The Inaugural Ceremony of 34 ATAL FDPs was held on January 17, 2022, where Dr. Madhu Singh Sirohi, Head of Policy Programs and Outreach, META was the Chief Guest and Prof. M.P. Poonia, Vice-Chairman AICTE, was the Special Guest;



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- The Inaugural Ceremony of 08 ATAL FDPs was held on January 24, 2022, wherein Prof. S.G.Dhande, Former Director IIT Kanpur & Padmashri Awardee was the Chief Guest and Prof. Anil D.Sahasrabudhe Chairman, AICTE was the Special Guest;
- The “National Girl Child Day” was celebrated on January 24, 2022 under “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” wherein Ms.Madhura Das Gupta Sinha Founder and CEO of “Aspire For Her” was the Chief Guest, and Ms. Neelam Bhayre was the Special Guest;
- The inaugural ceremony of 18 ATAL FDPs was held on February 8, 2022 where Shri Binod Choudhary, Senior Vice-President, Business and Geo Head, Infosys USA was the Chief Guest and Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary AICTE was the Special Guest;
- The inaugural ceremony of 20 ATAL FDPs was held on February 21, 2022 where Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO & Managing Director, Tata Power Company Limited was the Chief Guest and Mrs. Mamta R Aggarwal, Adviser-I AICTE was the Special Guest;
- Various collaboration programs were conducted by AICTE ATAL to create linkages with industry;
- ATAL Academy trained 2,42,114 faculty and certified 1,36,910 faculty. 1500 FDPs were completed out of 1506 scheduled during 2021-22;
- NEAT and Internship Awareness Programs were organized with:
  - Directorate of technical Education, Lucknow on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022;
  - Directorate of technical Education, Chattisgarh on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022;
  - Directorate of technical Education, Madhya Pradesh on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022;
  - Directorate of technical Education, Goa on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022;
  - Directorate of technical Education, Shillong on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022;
- MIC Organized an e-Symposium on January 11-12, 2022, on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development in HEIs as part of Innovation Week Celebrations, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav. Sh. (Dr.) Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Hon’ble MOS, MOE addressed the participants;
- A Centralized Support System (CSS) was launched on December 15,2021;
- An Online meeting was held on 10-01-2022 on Education in India web portal to facilitate foreign-students and institutions, can get the details various technical institutes across India through this web portal;
- A meeting with Hon’ble Chairman National Medical Commission Dr. Suresh Chandra Sharma & Team and AICTE Officers was organized on January 19, 2022;
- A meeting between DG ICCR Shri Kumar Tuhin & Team & AICTE Officers at Interaction with Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi to explore the possibility of integration of EducationINdia (EII) Portal and Admissions to Alumni (A2A) Portal of ICCR was held on January 21, 2022;
- An interaction with Vice Chancellors on their Feedback on Vidyanjali Higher Education Programme of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India was held on February 1,2022;
- A meeting was held at IGNOU, New Delhi to develop a dictionary (Hindi to Hindi) for AI Translation tool on February 21, 2022.
- An Online webinar was organized by MoE on *Digital University-Making World Class Higher Education Accessible to All* to implement the Budget 2022 on February, 2022;
- AICTE participated in Mega Expo under the banner of Vigyan Sarvatra Pujyate, showcasing its activities and achievements;
- Two UKIERI Master Trainer L&M Training workshops were conducted during November 2021 and January & February 2022;
- Various Talks by AICTE-Distinguished Chair Professor were held. Expert Lecture was delivered by:
  - Prof. Prem Vrat in Hindustan Institute of Technology on March 5,2022;
  - Dr. M.L. Munjal in JIMS on March 7,2022
- A meeting of Expert Committee held on March 7, 2022 under Technical Book Writing & Translation;
- AICTE Signed MoUs with:
  - Veterans India for the overall development of UG and PG students of AICTE approved institutions by bringing in culture of discipline and commitment that enables the youth to grow in all three dimensions (Mansa, Vacha, and Karmana) on December 25, 2022;



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- Ministry of Railways for offering Signal Systems and other courses in UG Engg. & Tech on January 13, 2022;
- CII Young Indians(Yi) for building responsible Youth Leadership through collaboration on February 25, 2022;
- NTA and Eduquity to facilitate to provide premises and infrastructure required by Eduquity for conducting online examination Expert Lecture on March 9, 2022;
- Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology(CSTT) to collaborate, to evolve and define scientific and technical terms in Hindi and other modern languages on March 7, 2022;
- An interactive session was organised with Nodal officers and PMSSS beneficiaries on 3.3.2022 at Delhi College of Arts & Commerce, University of Delhi, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi to help resolve the queries of the students;
- An awareness program was organized with Prof. Chetan Solanki, IIT, Bombay to discuss/inform about method/strategies to be adopted for reduction in power consumption by 20% within 3 months at AICTE building by various Bureaus/Cells/ROs on March 7, 2022;
- Various innovation initiatives were held: -
  - Smart India Hackathon 2022 launched SIH 2022 on January 11, 2022, in collaboration with the MoE, AICTE & MIC and Grand Finale tentative to be organized in July 2022
  - Manthan 21 Grand Finale was organized from 8-10th December 2021
  - UNESCO (UIA) Hackathon MOE's Innovation Cell (MIC), AICTE in collaboration with MEA and UNESCO is planning to organize in June/July 2022;
- Lilavati Awards were announced at AICTE Auditorium on March 8, 2022 for women empowerment and Hon'ble Minister Smt. Smriti Irani, M/o WCD congratulated winners in a virtual address;
- Online 285 workshops were conducted on Universal Human Values(UHV) and 84405 faculty attended the same;
- The recommendations by ROs for Job Roles under Kaushal Augmentation and Restructuring Mission of AICTE (KARMA) was appraised;
- Webinars by IKS were conducted, as Talks by:
  - Dr Sachidanand Joshi, Member Secretary YMCA and Chief Guest Prof. Sushmita pande "*Ancient and Democracy*" on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021;
  - Prof Bharat gupt, Former Professor University of Delhi and Priyadarshi Patnaik "*Sanskrit & Art in the present world*" on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022;
  - Dr. Kalyan kumar Chakravarty Advisor to Government and NGO's "*Sanskrit for Humanising humanity*" on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022;
- A day-long seminar was jointly organized by the IKS Division, AICTE and the Culture Ministry under the theme "Indian's Contribution to Mathematics through Ages";
- The status of IKS Research Proposals received and evaluation was informed.

