

**ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
Nelson Mandela Marg, New Delhi 110 070

**Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 02.30 pm onwards in the Bhaskara Meeting Room, First floor, Wing 4, at AICTE Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi:**

**Members present:**

1.	Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe Chairman, AICTE	Chairman
2.	Dr. M. P.Poonia Vice Chairman, AICTE	Member
3.	Dr. S.S. Sandhu Additional Secretary (TE), MHRD, New Delhi	Member
4.	Prof. Sunil Kumar (Chairman, CRC, AICTE) Vice Chancellor, RGPV, Bhopal	Member
5.	Prof. T. G. Sitharam (Chairman, SWRC, AICTE) IISc. Bangalore	Member
6.	Prof. Pushplata (Chairman, AIB – Architecture) IIT – Roorkee	Member
7.	Prof. Satish Chand, (Chairman, AIB – IT Education) JNU, New Delhi	Member
8.	Dr. N. R. Sheth (Chairman, AIB – Pharma. Education) Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University, Ahmedabad	Member
9.	Dr. Jaideep Mishra, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, New Delhi	Nominee of Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, New Delhi
10.	Dr. Saroj Kumar Special Secretary (Technical Education), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, UP	Member
11.	Dr. Rajesh Pankaj Joint Director, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), New Delhi	Nominee of Smt. Shobha Mishra Ghosh, Assistant Secretary General, FICCI
12.	Dr. Raj Agarwal, Director & Professor, CME All India Management Association (AIMA) New Delhi	Nominee, President, All India Management Association (AIMA), New Delhi
13.	Dr. P. K. Desai President, Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) New Delhi	Representative, ISTE, New Delhi
14.	Prof. Sandeep Sancheti President, All India Universities (AIU), New Delhi	Member

15.	Ar. Vijay Garg Vice President, Council of Architecture, New Delhi	Member
16.	Shri N.K. Chanji Director & EO to Director General, NPC	Nominee of Director General, National Productivity Council
17.	Prof. Indranil Manna, Apex Member IIM & Prof. IIT, Khargapur	Nominee, President Indian Institute of Metals Kolkata
18.	Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava President, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, Kolkatta	Member
19.	Dr. K. Balveera Reddy Former Vice Chancellor, VTU, Karnataka	Member
20.	Prof. (Dr.) K.T.V. Reddy President, Institute of Electronics and Communication, New Delhi	Member
21.	Dr. Avichal Kapur Joint Secretary, UGC	Nominee of Chairman, UGC
22.	Dr. P. Goswami Director, CSIR-NISTADS, New Delhi	Member
23.	Prof. A.P. Mittal Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Secretary (HE), MHRD; Prof. Manoj Arora, Chairman NWRC-AICTE; Prof. A.Venu Gopal Reddy, Chairman, SCRC-AICTE; Prof.(Dr.)Sandeep Kulshreshta, Chairman, AIB – HTM,; Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Chairman, AIB-TCP; Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, MHRD; Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Tripura; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Telangana; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Uttrakhand; Secretary, Technical Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh; Smt. Shalini Sharma, Confederation of Indian Industry; Dr. Sandhya Chintala, Vice President, NASSCOM, President, Pharmacy Council of India (PCI); Director, IAMR; Director, ICAR could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE welcomed all the members to the 55<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The Chairman briefed about the following events /achievements of AICTE in the recent past.

1. It was apprised that the 3-week student induction program has been made mandatory and the activities proposed by Prof. Rajeev Sangal have been integrated in the AICTE Model Curriculum 2018. Around 45 successful workshops have been conducted in various parts of the country to sensitize the faculty of AICTE approved institutions about the student induction program and more such workshops will be held for wider coverage of faculty and institutions.

A 3-day Awareness Program on student induction was also organized from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 at AICTE Headquarter, New Delhi under the guidance of Prof. Rajive Sangal to make AICTE officers aware about the program which was also attended by representatives from NPIU, UGC and few other institutions. This programme was very enriching and well received by all the participants.

2. AICTE was entrusted the task of conducting examinations for students of 4 Deemed-to-be-Universities by the Hon'ble Supreme Court order. This task was accomplished successfully by AICTE. The results of the examinations have been declared with an outcome pass percentage of UG ~40% and ~PG 72%. An analysis of the results reflect that PG students have performed better since they must have pursued regular UG program or passed from a better Institute/University in a regular mode. The results of UG students indicate that the engineering studies have been pursued by these students in distance education mode only after class XII.
3. AICTE has launched National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF) scheme extending scholarship to Full Time Ph.D. students, in which 150 students have been given admission in 28 AICTE approved QIP centres.
4. The scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) has progressed reasonably well since the last two years of its launch. It is expected that around 1.5 lakh students will join this skilling programme out of an approximate of 2.0 lakh seats approved this year.
5. The Review of Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme by Tata Institute of Social Science, School of Vocational Education -2018 indicates that the scheme has shown positive results and is in line with the objectives of the scheme. In the year 2018, approx. 3000 J&K students have joined the programme/ in process of joining.
6. Innovation Cell of MHRD has been started in AICTE. Dr. Abhay Jere of M/s. Persistent Pvt. Ltd. who led the Smart India Hackthon (SIH) 2016 & 2017 has joined as Chief Innovation Officer on secondment. Innovation Director has also joined. Innovation Index for AICTE approved institutions is being devised, which will become a significant activity of the Cell. This Cell will be formally launched by the Hon'ble HRM on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.
7. AICTE has signed an MoU with Clarivate Analytics in April 2017 to promote research culture in institutions. A Research Policy document has been developed by Clarivate analytics in consultation with AICTE and is now available on AICTE web site.
8. AICTE is trying to conserve energy to the maximum possible extent and also use renewable energy; Accordingly, solar panels of 140 kW have been installed on the rooftop of its building. This initiative will immensely conserve energy and optimize costs.
9. The Digitalization of past records at AICTE Headquarters is nearing completion. The digitalization process at Regional Offices is ongoing and expected to be over in couple of months.
10. An MoU between AICTE and Internshala was signed in April, 2017 to facilitate internship for students. To encourage institutions to award internships to students, an Internship Day is being celebrated by Internshala on 25<sup>th</sup> August – 2018 at AICTE wherein institutions will be conferred awards/trophies for providing large number of internships.
11. A compilation of events and activities of AICTE have been finalized in the form of a Coffee Table Book (CTB). The expected release date of this CTB is 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.
12. The members were informed about the participation of Prof. Rajive Kumar, Adviser (P&AP Bureau) and Prof. Dileep N. Malkhede, Adviser (RIFD Bureau) as delegates from AICTE in the Indian Higher Education Knowledge Delegation to the United States of America from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

Members appreciated the efforts made by team AICTE for such successful initiatives. Further the members applauded on knowing about extension of Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe as Chairman, AICTE for another term of three years. All members expressed their pleasure and bestowed best wishes to the Chairman and hoped that AICTE shall scale new heights under the leadership of Prof. Sahasrabudhe.

The formal Agenda Items were taken up and the following matters were considered, deliberated upon and decisions taken are as under:

**Item No. 55.01.01** : To confirm the minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council held on April 26, 2018.

**The Council confirmed the minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council held on April 26, 2018.**

**Item No. 55.02.01** : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council held on April 26, 2018.

**The Council received the note on action taken on the decisions taken in the 54<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council held on April 26, 2018.**

**Item No. 55.03.01** : To receive the information on the minutes of the Executive Committee (EC) meetings held since last reported in the Council meeting held on April 26, 2018.

**The Council received the information.**

**Item No. 55.04.01** : To consider and approve according status of "AICTE approved NDF Research Centre" to well performing institutes for running PhD programme.

**The Council deliberated and appreciated introducing National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF) scheme, by AICTE, for promoting research for full time Ph.D students with fellowships not from AICTE but from these well performing institutes or from industries where the students will do the research work.**

**The Council approved the proposal of according status of "AICTE approved NDF Research Centre" to well performing institutes for running PhD programme as per the suggested criteria and details mentioned in the agenda. These centres should also do mentoring of nearby colleges and shall be eligible to apply for Margadashan scheme. Further, it was decided to extend NDF to Universities / Deemed-to-be-Universities.**

**Item No. 55.04.02** : To consider and approve the proposal for grant of 'Graded Autonomy to AICTE approved standalone PGDM institutions.

**The Council deliberated on the proposal and appreciated the tasks accomplished by the Committee and its recommendations in terms of various benchmarking parameters for grading AICTE approved PGDM institutions. The Council decided that these recommendations may be sent to National Board of Accreditation (NBA) for an**

appropriate inclusion of the same in the accreditation procedure for standalone PGDM institutions.

The Council also approved the proposal of granting graded Autonomy to AICTE approved standalone PGDM institutions as Category-I for those institutes whose at least three programmes are accredited with a score of 750 marks & above out of 1000 marks and Category-II for those institutes whose at least three programmes are accredited with a score of 700 & above out of 1000 marks. The Council further decided that AICTE will decide what benefits would be extended to these institutes and bring in an agenda in the next meeting.

**Item No. 55.04.03** : To consider and approve granting scholarship under QIP(FU) scheme for undergoing Doctoral Degree Programme in reputed Foreign Universities.

The Council deliberated at length and approved the proposal for granting scholarship under QIP(FU) scheme for undergoing Doctoral Degree Programme in top 500 QS, Times and Shanghai ranked Foreign Universities by extending the existing QIP scheme of AICTE.

The Council further approved creation of a provision of Rs.30.00 Crores on annual basis from the funds of AICTE towards grant of the scholarship @ Rs.25,000/- per month to a maximum of 1000 numbers of eligible faculty members (of AICTE approved institutions) only during the first year of the program and manage their own resources/or work to make up their living, under the proposed QIP(FU) scheme. Faculty members who receive sponsorship shall have to execute a bond for serving the institute at least for five years after acquiring the Ph.D. degree. The format of bond will be devised by AICTE.

**Item No. 55.04.04** : To consider and approve framing of AICTE (Open and Distance Learning Regulations) Regulations, 2018 for Standalone Institutions.

i) The Council was informed about the status of framing of AICTE (Open and Distance Learning Education) Regulations, 2018 for Standalone Institutions as per the decision of 112<sup>th</sup> EC meeting wherein a committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Prof. Sanjay Dhande, Ex-Director, IIT Kanpur to frame ODL regulations in compliance to the directives from MHRD. 'Standalone Institutions' mean those institutions which are not affiliated to any of the Universities and imparting education by means of conducting regular courses or through open and distance learning systems, leading to Diploma, Post Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate and Post Graduate Diploma levels in

Management and allied areas and computer applications (as defined in APH of AICTE). The Council considered the recommendations of the Committee and the Regulations drafted by the Committee. The Council deliberated on various provisions of the Regulations, as applicable to the Standalone Institutions and also referred UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 from the perspective of maintaining sanctity of admissions, examinations, learning materials, learning support centres, territorial jurisdiction and effective use of ICT. The Council approved the Draft Regulations AICTE (Open and Distance Learning Education) Regulations, 2018 for Standalone Institutions with minor modifications. These regulations will be sent to MHRD for their views before finalising and issuing gazette notification.

ii) The Council also noted the communication received from the UGC D.O. No. F.1-13/2013(DEB-1) dated 13.8.18 requesting AICTE to formulate and notify recognition methodology for recognizing professional programmes to be conducted by Higher Educational Institutions[HEIs] in ODL mode. Also, under Item No. 73.03.12 of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on March 20, 2012, wherein the Executive Committee accepted the report and recommendations of the five-member Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Anandkrishnan, Chairman, BoG- IIT-Kanpur, for various aspects of Distance Education in Technical Education. This Committee, vide its report and recommendations has mentioned that only those programmes, which do not involve extensive practical course work, shall be permissible through distance mode. Thus implying that programmes in Engineering & Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture, Hotel Management and Applied Arts & Crafts, which contain extensive practical/laboratory work cannot be permitted to run under distance mode. Whereas, programmes under Management (MBA, Diploma and Post Diploma in management, PGDM, PGCM), Computer Applications (MCA, PGDCA) and Travel & Tourism (Degree, Diploma, Post Graduate Diploma) can be permitted for conducting courses under distance mode. Further, consequent upon dissolution of Distance Education Council (DEC) of IGNOU in May 2013, powers of conferring distance education were vested with UGC vide MHRD's OM dated 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. Subsequently, UGC continued permitting distance mode of education in MBA, MCA and Travel & Tourism only. Thus the consistent stand of AICTE that distance education in Engineering & Technology, Architecture, Pharmacy, Applied Arts & Craft and Hotel Management cannot be permitted, is maintained. After deliberations, the Council inferred that the technical programmes i.e. M.B.A (Various Disciplines), M.C.A, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism in Open and Distance Learning mode have been proposed by the HEIs; Central Universities, State Universities, State Open

Universities, State Private Universities, Deemed-to-be Universities and Indira Gandhi National Open University.

After detailed deliberations in the matter, the Council decided the following:

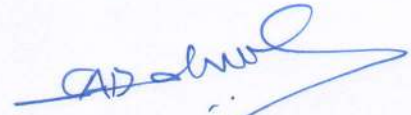
1. Keeping in view the provisions of the AICTE Act, which mandates approval of AICTE for affiliated colleges and Deemed-to-be-Universities, through the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court in CA No. 17869-17870/2017 & also CA No. 17902-17905/2017, dated November 3, 2017, the Central Legislated Universities and State Legislated Universities including Open Universities are exempted from seeking approval from AICTE to run programmes in MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism in ODL mode. However, Universities shall have to adhere to minimum norms and standards announced by AICTE from time to time and an affidavit stating that the university is observing minimum norms & standards of AICTE, must be submitted to the UGC. For all such Universities, the AICTE approval shall be considered as deemed to have been accorded for running ODL programmes in the MBA, MCA, Travel and Tourism disciplines. However, in case of violation of AICTE norms, AICTE shall communicate its observations and recommendations to the University Grants Commission (UGC) to initiate actions including withdrawal of Programme recognition and take further actions as per provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and amended from time to time.
2. All the Deemed-to-be-Universities notified by UGC as Category-I institutions as per UGC (Categorization of universities (only) for grant of graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018 shall be exempted from seeking approval from AICTE for the programmes mentioned in Sl. No. 1 above i.e. MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism. However, such Deemed-to-be-Universities shall have to adhere to norms & standards announced by AICTE from time to time and an affidavit stating that the deemed-to-be-university is observing norms & standards of AICTE, must be submitted to the UGC. For all such UGC notified Category-I Deemed-to-be-Universities, the AICTE approval shall be considered as deemed to have been accorded for running ODL programmes in MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism. However, in case of violation of AICTE norms, AICTE shall conduct inspection and submit its observations and recommendations to the University Grants Commission (UGC) to initiate actions including withdrawal of Programme recognition and take further actions as per provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations.

3. For all other Deemed-to-be-Universities interested in running ODL programs in MBA, MCA and Travel & Tourism, AICTE shall invite applications and such Deemed-to-be-Universities shall submit applications online on the AICTE web portal within notified deadline and shall be processed as per laid down procedure, duly notified by AICTE. AICTE will forward the recommendations to UGC for further necessary action in the matter.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. A.P. Mittal)  
Member Secretary



(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)  
Chairman