

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

**Minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Emergent Council meeting held on June 15, 2020 at 3.00 pm in the Board Room, Second Floor, 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. B.K. Bhadri, Asstt. Educational Adviser MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Nominee, Secretary (HE), MHRD
4.	Prof. Uday Kumar, (Chairman, NWRC-AICTE) Director, MNIT, Jaipur (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
5.	Prof. Appa Rao Podile, (Chairman, SCRC-AICTE) Vice Chancellor, JNTU, Hyderabad (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
6.	Prof. T. G. Sitharam (Chairman, SWRC, AICTE) Director, IIT-Guwahati (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
7.	Prof. S.P. Bansal (Chairman, AIB-HTM) Vice Chancellor, Himachal Pradesh Technical University, Hamirpur (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
8.	Prof. Pushkar Kanvinde (Chairman, AIB - Architecture) Architect, Urban Designer BKPS, School of Planning and Architecture Savitribhai Phule, Pune (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
9.	Prof. V.K. Saraswat, (Chairman, AIB - IT Education) Director, IET, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra, UP (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
10.	Prof. (Dr.) Pramod Yeole, (Chairman, AIB - Pharma. Education) Vice Chancellor, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Aurangabad, Maharashtra (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
11.	Dr. P.S. N. Rao, (Chairman, AIB-TCP) Director, SPA, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member



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12.	Joint Secretary (HRD) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology , New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee of Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology , New Delhi
13.	Shri. Biswajit Majumdar OSD (Technical) Directorate of Higher Education Govt. of Tripura (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary (TE), Govt. of Tripura
14.	Additional Secretary, Technical Education Deptt. Govt. of Uttrakhand (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary (TE) Govt. of Uttrakhand
15.	Shri Sanjay Bengia Deputy Director (Technical) AP State Council of Technical Education Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary (TE), Govt. of Tripura
16.	Shri Satish Chandra Special Chief Secretary Higher Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
17.	Dr. Rajesh Pankaj Additional Director FICCI, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee of Smt. Shobha Ghosh, Assistant Secretary- General, FICCI, New Delhi
18.	Dr. Raj Aggarwal Director- CME All India Management Association (AIMA), N.Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee/representative of President, All India Management Association (AIMA), New Delhi
19.	Dr. P. K. Desai President, Indian Society for Technical Education(ISTE) New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Representative, ISTE, New Delhi
20.	Ar. (Ms.) Sapna President, Council of Architecture, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
21.	Prof. V.V. Basava Rao President, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, Kolkatta (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
22.	Dr. K. Balveera Reddy, Former Vice Chancellor, VTU, Karnataka (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
23.	Prof. Rajive Kumar Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary




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Additional Secretary (TE), MHRD, New Delhi; Prof. Sunil Kumar, Chairman, CRC, AICTE; Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, MHRD; Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship; Secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs; Secretary (TE), Govt. of Telangana; Secretary (TE), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Secretary (TE), Govt. of West Bengal; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Smt. Shalini Sharma, Confederation of Indian Industry, New Delhi; Dr. Sandhya Chintala, Vice President, NASSCOM; President, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi; President, Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi; Director General, National Productivity Council, New Delhi; President, Indian Institute of Metals, Kolkata; President, Institute of Electronics & Communication, New Delhi; Chairman, UGC; Director, IAMR; Director, ICAR; Director, CSIR, New Delhi 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 61<sup>st</sup> emergent meeting of the Council. He informed the members about the urgent nature of agenda items being placed in today's meeting, amidst partial lockdown in the country due to COVID-2019 pandemic and the modified calendar of Approval related activities, as accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Maintaining the norms of physical distancing in this period, majority of the members joined this meeting through Video Conferencing.

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

- Item No. 61.01.01** : To consider and approve grant of LoI/LoA/LoR (as applicable) to Institutions based on the recommendations of respective SAC/ EVC and approved by the Competent Authority in respect of applications received, under Chapter I, for Setting up of New Technical Institution offering a Technical Programme at Diploma/ Post Diploma Certificate/ Under Graduate Degree/ Post Graduate Diploma/ Post Graduate Degree Level in the AY 2020-21.

**The Council was informed that total applications received for new institutions and to offer ODL courses are 296 and 12 respectively.**

**The Council was also informed that all the applications under Chapter-I as well as applications for ODL were processed by conducting online Scrutiny/Re Scrutiny/RC/EVC, as applicable as per APH 2020-21. However, after the scrutiny or EVC wherever deficiencies are noted the appeals shall be continued. Accordingly, the Council considered and approved final recommendations in respect of applications received under Chapter-I for the AY 2020-21 as follows:**

<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>296</b>
<b>LoI</b>	<b>189</b>
<b>LoR</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Under Process</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>LoI further Processed</b>	
<b>LoA</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Under Process</b>	<b>176</b>



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In the 12 applications for ODL, 10 applicants have been given approval while approval for 2 Institutions which had given undertaking about accreditation status in the Scrutiny may be put on hold till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. If the institutions submit accreditation status, then EoA/LoA shall be issued.

To complete the pending appeals, the Council decided that AICTE may seek extension of time from Supreme Court for pending appeals and completion of Approval Process for AY 2020-21 up to June 30, 2020.

As per past practice, it was again resolved that Chairman, AICTE is authorized to take an appropriate decision in the remaining applications/cases of Chapter-I and Chapter-II, which are under process, as per APH 2020-21 and the same may be placed in the next meeting of the Council for its ratification.

**Item No. 61.01.02** : To consider and approve grant of Extension of Approval for the AY 2020-21 to pending existing technical institutions.

The Council was informed that the total applications received from the existing Institutions are 9682 (including 10 Institutions offering ODL) and processed as follows:

EXISTING INSTITUTES				
Sl. No.	Particulars	No. of institute	EOA Issued	Pending*
1	Existing Institutes EOA Only	6124	6030	94
2	Existing Institutes (Affidavit _2)	884	831	53
3	Existing Institutes _ Revised Affidavit/Undertaking	439	414	25
4	Existing Institutes Applied for Changes	1873	1817	56
5	Existing Institutes (Chapter-1)	184	184	0
6	Closure of the institute	178	168	10
	<b>Total</b>	9682	9444	238

\* For discussion under item 61.01.03

A total of 9444 existing institutes have been given approval.

In the Change of Site, the conduct of SAC and EVC are under process for 29 Institutions.

It was also decided that any PGDM institution which has not submitted the enrolment data (partial/ complete) shall not be allowed to download the EoA till the submission of the data.

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**Item No. 61.01.03** : To consider the request of Government of Telangana for grant of EOA  
**Approval Bureau** for the 2020-21 to 238 Institutions.

The Council was informed that a communication from MHRD has been received by AICTE in the morning, prior to this meeting in respect of 238 Institutions of Telangana state, wherein it has been mentioned that no-coercive action may be taken as of now. Accordingly, the Council considering the same, approved grant of EoA for 2020-21 to these 238 institutions of Telangana State.

**Item No. 61.01.04** : To consider and approve the recommendations for Vocational course  
**SDC** of AY 2020-21.

The Council considered and approved the recommendations of the Expert Committee for Vocational courses for AY 2020-21 as follows:

S.No.	Vocational Courses	No. of Institutes
1	Recommended	24
2	Recommended with Affidavit or request	48
3	Not Recommended	02

**Item No. 61.01.05** : To consider and approve the list of HEIs for the Course Approval  
**MIC** of MBA/PGDM in IEV (Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Venture development) for the AY 2020-21.

The Council was informed that evaluation for course approval of MBA/PGDM in IEV (Innovation, Entrepreneurship & Venture development) for the AY 2020-21 was carried out online and HEIs presented their case to Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee (SEC). The SEC team assessed the institution's incubation capacity, team competency, and resourcefulness to offer the MBA/PGDM in IEV course.

The Council considered and approved the recommendations of SEC in respect of 15 HEIs out of proposed 17 HEIs, to run MBA/PGDM in IEV course for the AY 2020-21.

**Item No. 61.02.01** : To receive information on the creation and functioning of a new  
**Administration** Division viz. 'Indian Knowledge System' (IKS) Division of MHRD in  
**Bureau** AICTE and recruitment / posting of officials for IKS.

The Council received the information.

The details about IKS as approved by MHRD were shared with

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the members. The members of the Council appreciated the novel initiative of 'Indian Knowledge System(IKS) Division' of MHRD, under the aegis of Hon'ble Minister of HRD, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'. The members also lauded the role of Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE and his team for supporting the project. AICTE will fund this 3-year project to the tune of Rs.1.00 crore per year with 5 contractual positions of One Chief Coordinator, 2 Coordinators & 2 Research Fellows and create a repository of IKS and other allied tasks such as a portal for this knowledge, text book writing, seminars, workshops, research etc., which will inspire young children about our rich heritage, unearth wealth of knowledge hidden in several manuscripts and will open new vistas for research thus taking forward by helping the society and the mankind.

The members of the Council placed on record their appreciation for AICTE for remarkable steps of digital transformation undertaken amidst COVID-2019 period, with online scrutiny process/ online EVC and for completing the Approval Process 2020-21. Dr. Usha Natesan, Adviser (Approval Bureau) and Dr. N.H. S. Swamy, Director (E-Gov Cell) along with their respective teams were applauded for their effective contributions.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



**(Prof. Rajive Kumar)**  
**Member Secretary**



**(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)**  
**Chairman**