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Dear Sir/Madam,

Recently the Union Cabinet has approved the new National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 with an aim to introduce several changes in the Indian Education System. NEP 2020 lays the emphasis on providing higher education including technical education in Regional languages. However, it does not make any language compulsory. The GOI under NEP 2020 encourages strategy for promotion of regional languages.

In this regard AICTE had constituted Prem Vrat committee to make recommendations in respect of the Higher and Technical Education. The committee in its report has recommended that Technical Education can be offered in the regional languages. The National level committee headed by Secretary, has also opined the same. It has been also suggested to IITs & NITs to consider starting courses in regional languages, wherever feasible, without compromising quality.

In the light of NEP, the Executing Committee of the AICTE has decided to start Technical Education in regional languages. Only such Institutions having NBA accreditation in engineering programme shall be allowed to start regional language division in the same discipline. Therefore, institutes can add regional language division in the programme in which the NBA programme accreditation exists as per their choice.

All Universities are hereby requested to make such provision in their statute through Senate/BoS/BoG / Syndicate/ Academic Council/ Executive committee etc to start the higher education including technical education in regional languages. Initially the institutes providing quality education i.e. having NBA accreditation/NAAC Accreditation /NRF ranking be considered for starting courses on regional languages for which over and above the approved intake can be given.

This policy is approved by the Cabinet and Government desires to implement it to increase Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) and at the same time allowing our brothers and sisters from remote and tribal areas who never had access to English education to access higher education in their mother tongue. Thus the new National Education Policy encourages the students from remote and tribal area to aspire & learn in their mother tongue. Honorable Prime Minister during Shiksha Parv organized by Ministry of Education stated that whatever children can learn easily should be the medium of instruction. He has stated that top ranking countries from Europian Union, Japan,

Finland etc impart basic education in regional language. He was also of the view that taking inspirations from NEP 2020, it will now be tried to reach all technical courses including medical.

Therefore, AICTE has decided to start the technical education in regional languages. University has also to make arrangement for the compulsory English Language graded course to accustom the students and making them proficient in English language also. By the time they complete their graduation in regional language, they will be accustomed with reading and writing skill in English.

AICTE has started to translate English Language textbook, SWAYAM English medium courses and reading and learning material in the regional languages. The translated work empowers students and provides more enabling environment to pursue higher education. All facilities shall be provided to the students to overcome the problems.

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