



## Initiatives of AICTE

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Recently, the Union Human Resource Development Minister has launched several initiatives of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in order to improve the technical education in India.

### Initiatives Undertaken

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- **Facilitation through Margadarshan and Margadarshak**

- **Margadarshan:** Under this scheme,

- Institutions having good accreditation records or the top-performing institutions are selected to **mentor relatively newer** 10 to 12 potential institutions.
- Best teaching and learning practices followed in the mentor institute will be simulated in the identified mentee institutions.
- The mentee institutions will also be provided with funding up to Rs. 50 lakhs (per institution) over a period of **three years** (in instalments), for carrying out various activities like training, workshops, conferences, etc.

- **Margdarshak:** Under this scheme,

- The mentor teachers or the **Margdarshaks**, who are either serving or are superannuated, with good knowledge of accreditation and are willing and motivated to devote adequate time to the mentee Institutions are identified.
- These Margdarshaks will regularly **visit** the identified mentee institutions, stay on their campus and **guide** them for the improvement in their quality so that institutions are able to get accreditation by the National Board of Accreditation.

- **Waste Management Accelerators for Aspire Women Entrepreneurs (Wawe) Summit 2019**

- The Wawe Summit will be the largest gathering of young **women students**, that will promote entrepreneurship in **waste management** and provide alternatives to **single-use plastic** carry bags.

- The Summit will be jointly organized by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Institute of Waste Management (IIWM) at **Jaipur**.
- IIWM & AICTE will be registering the interested participants and will guide them to connect from **Start-Up India to Stand Up India**.
- The **theme** of the summit is: **“Make your own bag – empowering women to take up income generation activity and entrepreneurship in waste management, through making a business out of this record-creating concept.”**
- Several other initiatives were taken by the ministry of HRD for improving the higher education quality by proposing changes in:
  - The **model curriculum for diploma courses-** to start **new courses** that can prepare students in today’s competitive age, and
  - **360-degree faculty feedback-** to improve the quality of education in India.

### **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)**

- It was set up in November 1945 as a national-level **apex advisory body**.
- Its purpose was to **conduct a survey** on the facilities available for technical education and to **promote** development in the country in a coordinated and integrated manner.
- According to the National Policy of Education (1986), AICTE is vested with:
  - Statutory authority for planning, formulation, and maintenance of norms & standards,
  - Quality assurance through accreditation,
  - Funding in priority areas, monitoring, and evaluation,
  - Maintaining parity of certification & awards,
  - The management of technical education in the country.

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