

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**Financial assistance to AICTE**

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Will the Minister of *Education* be please to state:

- (a) whether Government provides financial assistance to All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to promote quality education across the country;
- (b) if so, the details of financial assistance provided to AICTE during the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any scheme for the purpose of improving quality education;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of public and private institutes selected to emerge as world-class teaching and research institutes; and
- (f) further steps taken by Government to improve quality of education in the country?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
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(a) to (f): All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), a statutory body under the Ministry of Education, grants approval for conducting courses in Technical Education at diploma, undergraduate and post graduate levels to Technical Institutions.

AICTE undertakes several activities to enhance the quality of technical education in the country, including developing and regularly updating model curricula, facilitating internships for practical exposure, implementing various programs aimed at promoting innovation and skill development, providing scholarships to support students etc.

The expenditure made by AICTE for scholarships as part of Quality Improvement Initiatives is Rs. 325.92 crores, Rs. 387.13 crores, Rs. 344.814 crores, Rs. 284.32 cores and Rs. 309.475 crores for the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 respectively. During the same period, i.e., last five financial years, Ministry of Education had released grant in aid of Rs. 385 crores, Rs. 416 crores, Rs. 420 crores, Rs. 352.25 crores and Rs. 137.5 crores to the AICTE. Functioning and activities of AICTE are financed through its internal revenue and grant in aid from the Ministry of Education.

Government of India has made concerted efforts to improve Quality of Education in the country. Since 2014, augmentation of Higher Education ecosystem has been undertaken by establishment of new Central Higher Educational Institutions (CHEIs) in the fields of Technical Education, Management, Science Education & Research, Information Technology, and Humanities. CHEIs are envisaged to function as pace setter institutions to provide academic leadership to other institutions in the region. Since 2014, 16 Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIIT), 8 Central Universities (CU), 8 Indian Institute of Management (IIM), 7 Indian Institute of

Technology (IIT), 2 Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) and 1 National Institute of Technology (NIT) have been established.

In alignment with the principles of NEP 2020, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), has been established as an apex body to provide high-level strategic direction for research, innovation and entrepreneurship in the fields of natural sciences including mathematical sciences, engineering and technology, environmental and earth sciences, health and agriculture. Total estimated cost of Anusandhan National Research Foundation for five years is Rs. 50,000 crores.

Government has also approved a new Central Sector Scheme, One Nation One Subscription (ONOS). ONOS envisages to expand access to scholarly journals to a vast diaspora of students, faculty, researchers and scientists of all disciplines, of all Higher Educational Institutions under the management of the Central or State Government and Research & Development Institutions of the Central Government, through a national subscription coordinated by a central agency. More than 6300 such institutions are covered under this scheme. A total of about Rs.6,000 crore has been allocated for the scheme for 3 calendar years, 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Ministry of Education launched the World Class Institutions scheme in the year 2017 to grant the status of Institution of Eminence (IoE) to 10 higher educational institutions each from the public and private category and enable them to emerge as world class teaching and research institutions. Twelve institutions have been notified as IoE so far. These include 08 public category institutions, namely - IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Kharagpur, IISc Bangalore, BHU Varanasi, University of Hyderabad, and University of Delhi and 04 private category institutions namely - BITS Pilani, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, O.P. Jindal Global University and Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida. Only public institutions are provided funds under the scheme. An amount of Rs 6198.99 Crore (approximately) has been sanctioned for the 08 public institutions since the inception of the scheme.

The ‘Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education’ (MERITE) Scheme has been approved for implementation in 275 technical institutions comprising 175 engineering institutions and 100 polytechnics. The objective of the scheme is to improve the quality, equity and governance in technical education covering all States/UTs by implementing interventions aligned with the National Educational Policy-2020 (NEP-2020). It is a ‘Central Sector Scheme’ with total financial implication of Rs.4200 crore for a period from 2025-26 to 2029-30.

Furthermore, in order to conduct interdisciplinary research, develop cutting-edge applications, and create scalable solutions in three areas of health, sustainable cities and Agriculture, Government has approved establishment of three Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Artificial intelligence (AI), one each in the areas of health, sustainable cities and agriculture with a total financial outlay of Rs. 990.00 Cr over the period of FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28. The Budget 2025-26 has also provided for setting up of an AI CoE in field of Education with an outlay of Rs. 500 crores.

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