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CIRCULAR

Subject: Biannual Admissions in Technical Education Institutions

In line with the UGC circular No. F.1-2/2024 (CPP-II) (C.No. 143903) dated 19.06.2024, regarding biannual admissions in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), AICTE permits Technical Universities, Institution Deemed to be Universities and Autonomous Institutions to admit students biannually across respective levels and courses. This initiative aims to enhance the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER), improve access to quality education, and provide greater flexibility to universities and autonomous bodies in managing admissions and academic schedules.

The norms and guidelines are as follows:

1. Postgraduate (PG) Courses in Engineering & Technology (E&T):

- GATE scores, valid for three years, enable institutions to admit students in both July and January sessions, facilitating better utilization of available resources and ensuring wider access to advanced technical education.

2. Other Technical Programmes:

- For undergraduate and diploma-level courses in Technical Programmes (Engineering & Technology, Hotel Management & Catering, Planning, Computer Applications, Management, Design, and Applied Arts & Crafts), only vacant seats from the July session may be filled during the January session, ensuring transparency, merit and seat optimization (Giving chance to already admitted students in the institution first)

3. PG Courses in Other Disciplines:

- Admissions to PG courses in disciplines beyond Engineering & Technology should also be restricted to filling vacant seats from the July session during the January session (Giving chance to already admitted students in the institution first).

4. Integration with Lifelong Learning Initiatives:

- Technical Universities may leverage the January admission window to introduce flexible, modular programs aligned with AICTE's micro-credentials and skill development initiatives, catering to working professionals and part-time learners.

5. Coordination with Academic Calendars:

- Institutions should ensure that biannual admissions align with their academic calendars to maintain the quality and consistency of education delivery.

Any new Programmes introduced at the PG level in the Engineering and Technology Programme an application window will be opened by the AICTE for the grant of approval.

Note: Universities, Institution Deemed to be Universities & Autonomous Institutions should apply on portal for PG courses in Engineering & Technology if required.


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