

## **AICTE Launches Portal for QIP, Invites Applications for Master's and Ph.D. Programs**

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The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Chairman, Prof. T.G. Sitharam, announced the launch of full-time Master's and Ph.D. programs for academic year 2025-26 under the Quality Improvement Program (QIP). He also launched dedicated portal for QIP.

During the launch, Prof. Sitharam highlighted that the objectives of the program are to enhance the expertise and capabilities of faculty at degree and diploma-level institutions across the country. He emphasized that the program is implemented and monitored by AICTE and aims to equip faculty members with the necessary knowledge and skills to teach effectively. He added that faculty should be equipped with the latest emerging technologies, such as AI and ML, so that this knowledge can be passed on to students. This initiative not only benefits faculty members by enhancing their expertise but also contributes to the overall quality of technical education in India.

AICTE Vice Chairman, Dr. Abhay Jere, also emphasized the need for and the importance of QIP. He said that the program is laying the foundation for tomorrow's startup leaders. Member Secretary, Prof. Rajive Kumar, urged heads of institutions to ensure that a large number of their faculty members participate in the program.

Under QIP, only sponsored faculty members are eligible for admission to both Master's and Doctoral programs. The goal is to enable these teachers to acquire advanced degrees and foster a culture of research and improved educational capabilities by exposing them to the enriching environment of their institutes of study.

For admission to the Master's Degree program under the QIP scheme, applicants must be full-time, regular, or permanent faculty members of AICTE-approved Polytechnic (Diploma Level) institutes with at least one year of teaching experience at the polytechnic level and a Bachelor's degree in the appropriate branch. For admission to the Ph.D. program in Engineering/Management, applicants must be full-time, regular, or permanent faculty members of AICTE-approved degree or diploma-level institutes with at least three years of teaching experience at the graduate level and a Master's degree in the appropriate branch.

Applications for admission to the 2025-26 session will open on 1 March, 2025. Applicants must complete a detailed application form online at <https://qip.aicte-india.org> by 31 March 2025. Shortlisted candidates for interviews/tests will be informed by the QIP Institute/Department via email. Detailed scheme guidelines are available at <https://www.aicte-india.org>.