AICTE Launches Second Edition of AICTE-VAANI Scheme to Promote Indian Languages

Rs. 4 Crore Financial Assistance for Institutions to organize 200 Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops in 22 Regional Languages

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The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched the second edition of its flagship scheme, **AICTE-VAANI** (Vibrant Advocacy for Advancement and Nurturing of Indian Languages), aimed at promoting Indian languages in technical education. The scheme was officially inaugurated by AICTE Chairman, **Prof. T.G. Sitharam**, along with the release of the scheme document and the dedicated online portal.

In his address, **Prof. Sitharam** highlighted that the AICTE-VAANI scheme seeks to establish a robust knowledge base in regional languages, ensuring that the latest technological advancements are accessible in local languages. Encouraging the publication of research papers in regional languages, the initiative will foster greater collaboration between academic institutions and industries. Reflecting on the success of the first edition, he announced that **200 conferences** would be supported this year, with each conference receiving **Rs. 2 lakh** in financial assistance. Additionally, the number of regional languages for conference organization has expanded from **12 to 22 languages**, and the **thrust areas** for discussions have increased to **16 emerging fields**.

Speaking on the occasion, **AICTE Vice Chairman, Dr. Abhay Jere**, emphasized the significance of regional languages in education. He stressed that critical thinking and problem-solving should be the primary focus, irrespective of the language used. He also suggested creating a comprehensive repository of all conferences for future reference and research purposes.

Key Highlights of AICTE-VAANI 2025:

- **Financial Support:** 200 conferences will receive **Rs. 2 lakh each**, totaling **Rs. 4 crore annually**.
- **Duration:** Events must span **2 to 3 days**.
- **Languages:** Expanded to **22 regional languages** including Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santhali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu.
- **Thrust Areas:** 16 emerging fields in technical education such as **Quantum Technology, Hydrogen Energy, Space and Defense, AI & Data Science, Agrotech & Food Processing, Cybersecurity,** and more.

Application Process:

Online applications for AICTE-approved institutions will be open from **March 25 to April 24, 2025**, through the **AICTE-ATAL Portal** at https://www.aicte-india.org/atal. Institutions will be selected based on AICTE's criteria, ensuring quality and relevance in organizing conferences, seminars, or workshops.