

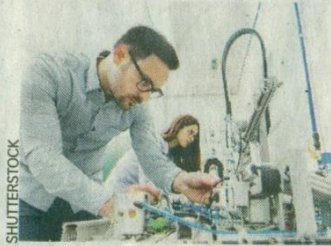
Ranking of technical institutes to be based on number of startups created

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All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has announced some amendments in the existing rules for technical education in India. This is likely to rectify the curriculum, faculty roles and research programmes in technical institutes across the country.

RESEARCH FUNDS

Technical institutes affiliated to AICTE will now have to allocate separate budget for research activities. The notification states that, "We as a nation have been performing fairly well in terms of research; however, most of the contribution is from



some elite institutions like IITs, NITs, IISc, IISERs whereas there is lot of potential at the bottom of the pyramid. Allocation of research fund will inspire faculty and students from affiliated colleges, autonomous institutes and state universities to contribute towards research and in-

novation. This will improve employability potential, more job creation and strengthen the startup ecosystem," said Anil D Sahasrabudhe, chairman, AICTE.

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

With AICTE's new rules, technical institutes might soon be ranked as per the number of startups created.

Confirming the news, Sahasrabudhe said, "MHRD innovation cell at AICTE has already initiated AARIA ranking, where focus is on innovation, entrepreneurship and startups. In future, institutes will be recognised by the number of innovative products and number of startups setup annually by an institute."

TEACHER TRAINING

To strengthen the industry-academia synchronisation, AICTE has partnered with a number of organisations to provide industrial training to the teachers.

All the teachers appointed will also have to undergo eight online modules of MOOCs on SWAYAM portal as per the AICTE teacher training policy, preferably within the first year of their service. "The aim behind such a programme is to create passion in the field of teaching and profession. The offline courses will also be available in National Institutes of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTRs) and few select universities," added Sahasrabudhe.