MINUTES OF THE 60th EMERGENT MEETING OF GENERAL BODY OF NCTE HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2024 IN VIRTUAL MODE

The 60th Emergent Meeting of NCTE was held on 14th March, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Yogesh Singh, Chairperson NCTE in online mode. The list of members who attended the meeting is attached at Annexure-1.

2. At the outset, the Chairperson NCTE welcomed all the participants and conducted the proceedings of the meeting as per the following agenda.

2.1 Table Agenda Item No.1: Permission for inviting applications for 4th phase of Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) for the academic session 2025-2026 in multidisciplinary institutions

The Council, after consideration of the Agenda placed before it and after detailed discussion and deliberation, as below, observed the following:

i. The NCTE has notified the Gazette Notification NCTE-Reg1011/80/2018-MS(Regulation)-HQ dated 26th October 2021 which includes granting recognition to the eligible institutions, determining intake, eligibility, admission procedure, curriculum and programme implementation, assessment and evaluation etc. In para 1.8 of the Gazette, it is mentioned that the ITEP shall be implemented in a phase wise manner starting from piloting in multidisciplinary HEIs/TEIs and thereby country wide expansion as per NEP 2020 time frame.

ii. Based upon Appendix-15 of aforesaid Gazette Notification, 195 applications were received for grant of recognition for ITEP course for the academic session 2023-2024 in response to Public Notice dated 1st May 2022. 42 institutions across the country commenced ITEP in the 1st phase of pilot from the academic session 2023-2024.

iii. The 2nd phase of pilot of ITEP, aligned with NEP 2020, was made operational by inviting online applications from the Central/State Government Universities, Institutes of Eminence and Institutions of National Importance for the academic session 2024-2025 vide Public Notice dated 27.04.2023. In response, 77 applications were received out of which 22 institutions across the country have been granted recognition including 1 institution which was granted permission for additional intake.

iv. The 3rd phase of ITEP commenced with the Public Notice dated 05.02.2024, inviting applications for transition to ITEP from Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) which were granted recognition by NCTE to run the 4-year Integrated Program (B.A. B.Ed./ B.Sc. B.Ed.), under omitted Appendix-13 of the NCTE Regulations 2014. Further, the last date for filing applications has been extended till 26.03.2024 vide Public Notice dated 05.03.2024.

v. Taking the phasewise journey of ITEP forward for the 4th phase, for the academic session 2025-2026, an Expert Committee was constituted for determining the modalities, along with the eligibility criteria, for inviting applications for ITEP for
the academic session 2025-2026 under Section 14 and 15 of the NCTE Act 1993. The Committee constituted vide Office Order dated 16.01.2024 comprised of the following members:-

a) Prof. Shashikala Wanjari, Vice Chancellor, NIEPA (Chairperson)
b) Prof. HCS Rathore, Chairperson, Northern Regional Committee, NCTE (Member)
c) Prof. Dibyajyoti Mahanta, Chairperson, Eastern Regional Committee, NCTE (Member)
d) Prof. Shailesh N. Zala, Chairperson, Western Regional Committee, NCTE (Member)
e) Dr. Meena Chandawarkar, Chairperson, Southern Regional Committee, NCTE (Member)
f) Ms. Kesang Y. Sherpa IRS, Member Secretary NCTE (Member Secretary)

The Expert Committee submitted its report on 14.02.2024 for determining the Shortlisting Criteria for inviting applications for ITEP for the academic session 2025-2026 under Section 14 and 15 of the NCTE Act 1993. This report was appreciated by the members of the General Body. During deliberations, it was discussed that in this Shortlisting Criteria submitted by the Expert Committee, in Sl. No. 1, Category 1 institutions as per UGC should also be included having 8 points and the total points to be obtained by institutions to be shortlisted for processing would be a minimum of 10 (ten). Accordingly, the Shortlisting Criteria, as discussed, is as follows:

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Institutes of Eminence or, Institutes of National Importance or, Category 1 Institutions as per UGC or, Central/State Government/Private Universities/ Deemed Universities/ Institutions graded with NAAC **</td>
<td>Distribution of points is as below: IoE 8 IoNI 8 Category I 8 Institutions with NAAC grade- A++ 8 A+ 7 A 6 B+ 5 B 4 Below B 3 Not Accredited 0</td>
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**Shortlisting Criteria for Processing of Applications for ITEP from Multidisciplinary Institutions for academic session 2025-26**

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<td>2.</td>
<td>NIRF Ranking of Institutions (Overall category)</td>
<td>Rank 1-100: 4; 101-300: 3; 301-500: 2; 501 &amp; above: 1; Not ranked: 0</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Multidisciplinary Institutions successfully running for some number of years</td>
<td>Counting of years will be from the date of inception of the institution till the date of issue of public notice inviting applications by NCTE. <em>30 years &amp; above: 4; From 25 to below 30 years: 3; From 10 to below 25 years: 2; Below 10 years: 1</em></td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Institutions running NCTE recognized course(s)</td>
<td>2 points will be awarded to institutions having experience of running any NCTE recognized Teacher Education Programme(s) and are currently recognized.</td>
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*Note: The Institutions obtaining a minimum of 10 points will be shortlisted for processing on the basis of extant norms and standards prescribed by NCTE*

Based on the deliberations above, it was proposed that NCTE may invite applications for 4th phase of Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) from multidisciplinary institutions for the academic session 2025-2026 under Section 14 and 15 of the NCTE Act 1993. To operationalise the same, the online portal may be allowed to be opened any time between 1st April 2024 to 31st May 2024 for inviting applications based on the above Shortlisting Criteria.

3. In light of above, the Council decided the following:

- **a)** The Shortlisting Criteria as given in 2.1.vi. above was approved.
- **b)** NCTE should invite applications for 4th phase of Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) from multidisciplinary institutions for the academic session 2025-2026 u/s 14 and 15 of the NCTE Act 1993, based on the above approved Shortlisting Criteria. The online portal for inviting the applications should be opened for some period between 1st April 2024 to 31st May 2024.
c) *A public notice in this regard may be issued by NCTE within two days from the date of issue of these Minutes informing about the decision of the General Body.*

*The Committee also decided the following:*-

*Confirmation and action taken report of previous GB meeting(s) will be done in the subsequent GB Meeting.*

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.