

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

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AICTE and its functions

- It was set up in November 1945 as a national-level Apex Advisory Body to conduct a survey on the facilities available for technical education and to promote development in the country in a coordinated and integrated manner.
- **Objectives**
 - Promotion of quality in Technical Education system
 - Planning & coordinated development of technical education system
 - Regulations and maintenance of norms and standards
- **As stipulated in the National Policy of Education (1986), AICTE was vested with:**
 - Statutory authority for planning, formulation, and maintenance of norms & standards
 - Quality assurance through accreditation
 - Funding in priority areas, monitoring, and evaluation
 - Maintaining parity of certification & awards
 - The management of technical education in the country
- Till 1987, it was acting as an advisory body under the Department of Education, Ministry of HRD.
- In 1987, it was given a statutory status by an Act of Parliament, enabling it to exercise in a more effective manner.
- AICTE as a body is responsible for accrediting all

postgraduate and graduate programs, under specific categories of technology for Indian institutions.

- AICTE is primarily the accrediting authority for institutions, including schools and colleges giving diplomas, undergraduate and postgraduate education.
- It is based in New Delhi. AICTE has its various operational regional offices in different cities such as Bangalore, Bhopal, Chennai, Chandigarh, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Kanpur, Thiruvananthapuram, and Kolkata