

'Gifted seat' norms by AICTE

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In news– Recently, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has announced two supernumerary seats per institute for gifted and talented students.

Who is a gifted child?

- According to the AICTE's definition, a **"gifted child" is one who is "curious in studies and discusses answers in detail beyond the scope of the question"**, "(makes) careless mistakes in repetitive tasks", is a "keen observer in new learning activities", "enjoys non-structured and non-routine problems", and "speaks his/her own mind".
- It also says that there is a **difference between a "bright child" and a "gifted child"** – a "bright child" being someone who is more sincere in the classroom and well-versed with the syllabus, "scores high on well-practiced tasks", and is "compliant to the classroom".

What are the criteria for Gifted seats?

- Without the barriers of high scores in board and competitive exams, these high potential learners can seek a seat in a reputed college that is expected to provide a stimulating learning environment for their holistic development.
- But for a child to qualify as "gifted", he/she will have to be:
 - A **prizewinner of at least one national/international level** competition organised by a government or a recognised private body.
 - Has received **funding from a government agency** for pursuing innovative projects.
 - Is a candidate **having high-quality original research** article publications in peer-reviewed

journals as the first author.

- Is **primary holder of a patent** granted by Indian or international patent office.
- Is the **owner of an app on Google/Apple/Windows stores** or has launched or is in process of launching a technology based innovative product in the market (with more than 10,000 downloads).
- Following the document scrutiny, the candidate may have to **appear for the interview in front of a panel of experts** appointed by the institutions to gauge their eligibility for admission.

Facilities/Benefits-

- Institutions admitting students under this scheme are committed to give a **complete tuition waiver to the admitted students**.
- However, **institutions may charge students fees for examination, hostel, library,** transportation, laboratory, and other activities as per the prevailing norms.