



New Regulation of AICTE

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Why in News?

Recently, the [All India Council for Technical Education \(AICTE\)](#) has announced new regulations for undergraduate courses like Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Bachelor of Computer Application (BCA) starting from 2024-25.

What are the Key Highlights of the New Regulations?

- **Regulation Expansion:**
 - Undergraduate (UG) courses in Computer Applications (BCA) and Management (BBA/BMS) will **come under the umbrella of AICTE** to ensure coordinated development in technical and management education.
 - Engineering colleges are now permitted to offer BBA and BCA programs, expanding their scope beyond traditional engineering disciplines.
- **Institutional Flexibility:**
 - Well-performing institutions will be given provision for Extension of Approval up to 3 years for well-performing institutions.
 - Presently, every technical education institute has to reapply for approval every year.
- **Career Advancement for Working Professionals:**
 - Flexible study timings are introduced for selected institutes, allowing working professionals, such as diploma graduates, to pursue lateral entry into engineering degrees. This accommodates their work commitments by allowing extended study durations.
- **Professional Upgradation Initiatives:**
 - AICTE has identified and selected over 300 institutes nationwide offering limited seats in diploma, engineering UG, and PG degrees for working professionals seeking educational upgrades.
 - Relaxation in ranking criteria is provided for regions lacking suitable institutes.
- **Regional Language Emphasis:**
 - AICTE has published academic textbooks, including engineering, in **13 regional languages**, promoting regional language education in technical fields.
- **Polytechnic Autonomy and Industry Collaborations:**
 - AICTE is granting autonomy to polytechnic colleges and encouraging collaborations with industries for degree issuance, focusing on employability and facilitating placements.

What is All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)?

- The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is a statutory body, and a national-level council for technical education, under Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- It was set **up in November 1945** as a national-level **apex advisory body**.

