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To,

All Vice Chancellors of Technical Education and
All Director/ Principals of AICTE Approved Institutions

Sub:- Advisory regarding compliance of Fire Safety norms.

Sir/Madam,

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) hereby issues an advisory to all AICTE-approved institutions to ensure strict compliance of fire safety norms and regulations in their campus.

2. Institutions are requested to comply the following key points:

i. AICTE in its Approval Process Handbook has mandated that a valid Fire Safety Certificate shall be obtained from the Competent Authority by all Technical Institutions. Accordingly, all the AICTE approved institutions shall be in possession of Fire Safety Certificate as per extant regulations. This certificate shall be renewed periodically as per the norms.

ii. Institution may conduct regular comprehensive fire safety audits to identify potential fire hazards and non-compliances within the institution's premises.

iii. Institution shall ensure the installation and proper functioning of firefighting equipment, such as fire extinguishers, hose reels, and automatic fire detection and alarm systems.

iv. Institution shall regularly inspect and maintain the institution's electrical systems, wiring, and equipment to prevent fire hazards.

v. Implementation of strict protocols for the safe storage, handling, and disposal of any hazardous materials, such as chemicals, used in laboratories or workshops.
vi. To conduct regular fire safety awareness sessions and training programs for students, faculty, and staff. To display at prominent places fire safety signage, evacuation plans, and instructions.

vii. Institutions may undergo periodic fire safety inspections by the authorized fire safety authorities to ensure that the necessary safety measures are in place and maintained.

viii. Institution may designate a responsible fire safety officer or committee to oversee the institution's compliance with fire safety norms.

3. The safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff is of utmost importance, and the AICTE is committed to ensuring a safe learning environment across all technical institutions.

4. Non-compliance of aforesaid norms and standards shall be at the risk and responsibility of respective institution.

Your sincerely,

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