

Brief Scheme Guideline of Margadarshak

The Technical Education has improved substantially in the country in the past few decades but its quality still remains a serious concern. Presently, merely 16% of the programmes offered by Technical Institutions in the country are accredited by the NBA, which is not a satisfactory situation. Recently, some countries have even stopped recognizing the degrees of Indian technical institutions not accredited by NBA, putting the Indian technical degree holders into serious problems. Therefore, quantum efforts are needed to be made by all stakeholders so that maximum programmes of technical education are accredited in the next few years. By the year 2022, it is envisioned that the percentage of technical programmes accredited should increase from 16% to 50%.

AICTE/MHRD has devised a new scheme called “Margadarshak”. In this scheme Mentors (Margadarshaks) are identified for institutions which are yet to get NBA accreditation. These ‘Margadarshaks’ can be serving or preferably superannuated, willing and motivated teachers having good knowledge of the process of accreditation and can devote adequate time to make required visits to guide these Institutions. These Margadarshaks shall function from prestigious institutes identified as Nodal centers/Mentor Institutes.

The Scheme envisages that every Mentor Institution will have a few Education Experts/Mentors/Guides (called ‘Margadarshaks’), housed in Mentor Institution, who will guide/mentor few Institutes, located near their place of residence/institutes, to improve the required quality parameters in the institutes to enable them to apply for NBA accreditation of their programmes.

The Margadarshaks would assist in training the teachers, Outcome Based Education (OBE), improving the pedagogy, focus on technical skill, life skills, Innovation and creating capacity and capacity to solve problems among students, developing better teaching learning, and assessment including Laboratory or practicals. Co-curricular and extra-curricular components also be an integral part of responsibility of Margadarshaks. In OBE, designing Programme Outcomes (POs) for a programme & Course Outcomes (COs) for each course are desired to be done. The maximum number of visit per Margadarshak per month can be ten. They will be paid honorarium of Rs. 5,000/visit and travel expenditure as per the provisions of the scheme.