The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Chairman, Prof. T.G. Sitharam announced the launch of full-time Master’s (M.E./M.Tech.) and Ph.D. programs under the Quality Improvement Programme (QIP). Applications are now open for admission for 2024-25 session.

During the launch, Prof. Sitharam highlighted that one of the primary objectives of the program is to enhance the expertise and capabilities of faculty members at degree and diploma level institutions across the country. He emphasized that the program is implemented and monitored by AICTE and aims to equip faculty members with the necessary knowledge and skills to teach effectively. This initiative not only benefits faculty members by enhancing their expertise but also contributes to the overall quality of technical education in India.

Under the QIP, only sponsored teachers are eligible for admission to both Master's and Doctoral programs. The goal is to enable these teachers to acquire advanced degrees and foster a culture of research and improved educational capabilities by exposing them to the enriching environment of their institutes of study.

For admission to the Master's Degree program under the QIP scheme, applicants must be full-time regular or permanent faculty members of AICTE approved Polytechnic (Diploma) institutes with at least one year of teaching experience at the polytechnic level and a Bachelor's degree in the appropriate branch. For admission to the Ph.D. program in Engineering/Management, applicants must be full-time regular or permanent faculty members of AICTE approved degree or diploma level institutes with at least three years of teaching experience at the graduate level and a Master's degree in the appropriate branch.

Applicants must complete a detailed application form online at https://qip.aicte-india.org. Shortlisted candidates for interviews/tests will be informed by the QIP Institute/Department via email. Online admissions for both programs started on 21 May 2024, and the last date for submitting applications is 20 June 2024. Detailed scheme guidelines are available at https://www.aicte-india.org.