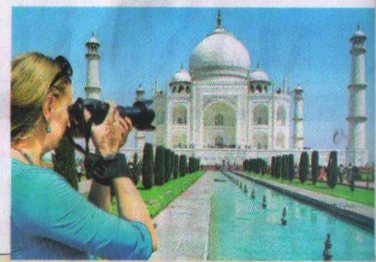


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Anna varsity V-C to head AICTE regional panel

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SOON to be appointed Vice-Chancellor of Anna University will have another important role to play as he/she also has to head the Southern Regional Committee of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). The AICTE has recently reconstituted the southern regional committee with Anna University V-C as its chairman. Anna University V-C has been nominated by AICTE Chairman Anil D Sahasrabudhe. Annamalai University V-C S Manian will also be a member of the committee.

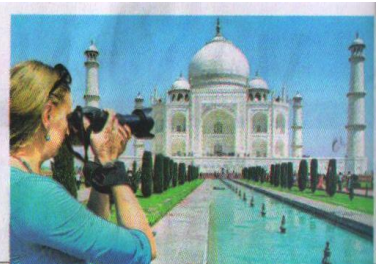
Apart from these two V-Cs, Directors of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchy and Puducherry, Director of National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chennai, and Principal of Government College of Technology have been appointed as members. In addition, presidents of All India Manufacturers Organisations, CII and FICCI, Heads of College of Pharmacy and Mother Theresa Post Graduate and Research Institute of Health Science, Puducherry, were also appointed as members of the committee.

The 17-member committee also includes Director of Board of Apprenticeship Training, TN's Higher Education Secretary, Puducherry's Technical Education Secretary, Director of State Board of Technical Education Training, Chennai, a representative of Ministry of Human Resource Development and an AICTE adviser. AICTE southern regional officer will be the Member Secretary of the committee.

Previously, R Rudhramoorthy, principal of the PSG College of Technology, was heading the southern regional committee of the AICTE.



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Colleges affiliated to VTU to go paperless

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VISVESVARAYA Technological University (VTU) has directed all its affiliated colleges to go paperless and strictly asked them to communicate only through email.

An official circular from the varsity's registrar (administration) to principals says: "As the university is moving towards less paper and paperless office, principals of all affiliated colleges have been directed to check the university website for notifications and general circulars. No hard copy of the circular and notification will be sent to colleges through post here after."

However, in case of impor-

tant communication such as college affiliation notification, both hard and soft copy will be sent. Prof Jagannath Reddy, the registrar (administration) said, "This move towards paperless office will have multiple benefits. It is environmental friendly, it will avoid delay in reaching the communication through post and also save postal expenses."

According to the university, every day there are at least two communications from the university to all affiliated colleges. There are at least 200 colleges affiliated to VTU. The registrar however clarified that this paperless move will be applicable only to administrative matters and not examination-related issues.