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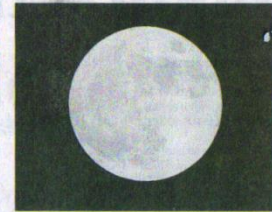
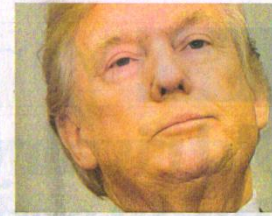
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AICTE caps number of research scholars per guide

Technical school professor can only take four at a time

NEW DELHI: The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has put a cap on the number of research scholars that the faculty of technical institutes can guide.

As per revised rules, a professor will guide a maximum of four research scholars while an associate professor just two

at a time.

This is the first time that the council has put a cap on the number of research scholars per guide.

The revised rules will be applicable to all engineering colleges and other technical institutes from the academic session 2018-19.

"This has been done in the

best interest of the students. Prescribed number of research scholars per guide is expected to improve quality in the academic work of the research scholars," an AICTE official told *DH*.

Last year, the University Grants Commission (UGC) had put a cap on the number of students per guide, drawing a stiff opposition from students of some of the central universities, including the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

"Research supervisor/co-

supervisor who is a professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three MPhil and eight PhD scholars. An associate professor as research supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two MPhil and six PhD scholars and an assistant professor as research supervisor can guide up to a maximum of one MPhil and four PhD scholars," the UGC's 2016 regulations stipulated.

The students claimed that the move will cut down the MPhil and PhD seats as a large

number of faculty positions in their respective varsities were lying vacant.

A section of faculty also criticised the move after the JNU administration implemented the revised regulations of the UGC.

The AICTE in its revised rules has stipulated that institutions should have at least 50% and 25% of the full-time faculty members with PhD if the institutions have applied for approval of 20 seats and 10 seats in each of the pro-

grammes, respectively.

Such faculty can include a fellow from the technical institutes approved by the Council, those from the universities recognised by the Association of Indian University (AIU) and those from "reputed" foreign universities.

"These faculty members should have at least two papers published in referred indexed cited international or national journals in the last three years," the council added.

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