



Ghani Khan Choudhury Institute of Engineering & Technology

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To

17th July, 2018

All Students of 1st & 2nd Year Diploma
(2016-18 & 2017-19 batches)
GKCIET, Malda – 732141

Subject: Answers to different questions raised by some students and status of lateral entry to the 2nd year of 4-year B. Tech under affiliation with MAKAUT during 2018-19 session

Dear students,

At the outset I would like to remind you that you have been admitted to the 2-year certificate courses during the sessions 2014-15 & 2015-16, respectively under a 2+2+2 modular pattern of education offered by GKCIET at that time (through an entrance test). It is to be noted that this same modular pattern of education has been successfully followed by North East Regional Institute of Science & Technology (NERIST), Itanagar since 1986. After completing your certificate course, all of you have been admitted to the 2-year diploma module under the same modular pattern. After the agitation by you and your senior students, the Govt. of West Bengal has intervened during June, 2016, and accordingly West Bengal State Council of Technical & Vocational Education and Skill Development (WBSCT&VE&SD) has kindly issued all certificates until that time as well as allowed GKCIET to complete the courses of existing certificate/diploma batches within their stipulated sessions.

This has reference to what I have told to about 20 or so students gathered outside my office during the afternoon on 16.07.2018 and demanded answers to the same questions whose answers have been repeatedly given by me and/or by our Dean (Acad) during the last 10 days with respect to the certificates being issued by WBSCT&VE&SD, Govt. of West Bengal; and since 8th March, 2018 with respect to lateral entry to 4-year B. Tech program referred above.

Before leaving the office around 5 pm on 16.07.2018, I have asked these students to submit (to my office) their questions in writing so that written answers can be provided. No such written questions have been received by my office till now. However, based on the queries/questions we have been asked by students on different occasions, following information is being provided to all students:

1. Regarding the validity of the certificates issued by the West Bengal State Council of Technical & Vocational Education and Skill Development (WBSCT&VE&SD), Govt. of West Bengal

WBSCT&VE&SD is the highest Technical Council empowered by the Govt. of West Bengal to issue all technical qualification certificates up to the level of Diploma and these certificates are valid and valued globally. Therefore, the validity of the certificates issued to you by WBSCT&VE&SD is not questionable and are valid as much as any other certificates issued by the Council.

2. Regarding the diploma registration certificates issued to 2016-18 & 2017-19 batches by mentioning 2 years and the semester numbers mentioned in the result published recently:

Once these issues were brought to the notice of the GKCIET administration that students were expecting same kind of registration certificates and other certificates issued by the Council to the students who are admitted through VOCLET and study in polytechnic colleges under WBSCT&VE&SD; the GKCIET administration has sent a letter to the Council requesting for the same on 02/06/2018. Further, Hon'ble District Magistrate & Collector of Malda District have also sent a letter to the Principal Secretary, DTET, Govt. of West Bengal on 19.06.2018 with a request to consider the same.

As a follow up action, the Dean (Acad) and I have visited WBSCT&VE&SD on 29.06.2018 & 02.07.2018 and discussed with all concerned officials of the Council as well as the Hon'ble Principal Secretary, DTET, Govt. of West Bengal. We were told that WBSCT&VE&SD shall issue the same kind of certificates that were issued to the earlier batches of diploma students of GKCIET (until the pass out batch of 2015-17) to 2016-17 & 2017-18 batches also, for the reasons listed below:

- (i) The students of GKCIET who have completed 2-year certificate course were allowed admission into the 2nd year of 3 year diploma course under the Council as a special case.
- (ii) The students of GKCIET have not been admitted through the competitive examination for lateral entry i.e. VOCLET conducted by the council.
- (iii) Although, the 2016-18 & 2017-19 diploma students of GKCIET are studying the Syllabus prescribed by the Council, the duration of course and schedule of registration, examinations & evaluation were allowed so as to facilitate the completion of course within their stipulated sessions for these two batches.

However, the Council shall issue a Certificate to the students of these two batches that their diploma programmes are recognised by WBSCT&VE&SD and that they have studied the syllabus prescribed by the council as well as mark sheets and certificates will be issued jointly under GKCIET and the council.

3. Equivalence of 2-year certificate offered by GKCIET and issued by WBSCT&VE&SD

Efforts were made by the Director, GKCIET to obtain an equivalence of GKCIET certificate course to that of 10+2 from Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi during November 2017 by visiting them, but in vain. It has come to the notice of the Director, GKCIET that Sant Longowal Institute of Engg and Tech, Punjab (SLIET) has been issuing an equivalence certificate to its students based on clearance by MHRD/AICTE. The Director, GKCIET is taking up the matter with MHRD, New Delhi to obtain a similar equivalence.

4. On-line verification of Certificates

The matter was taken up with WBSCT&VE&SD during February, 2018. On-line certificate verification on the portal of council shall be available only to the students registered under the Council i. e. 2016-18 & 2017-19 diploma batches. For diploma and certificate students up to the batch of 2015-17, GKCIET has developed a software for on-line verification through the website of GKCIET. Data from the pass out students up to the batch of 2015-17 has been sought through a notification on GKCIET website during May, 2018. Further, WBSCT&VE&SD shall provide physical certificate verification to all batches as and when approached by the prospective employers/institutes.

A certificate is being issued to each student by Assistant Registrar (Acad) of GKCIET stating the equivalence of 4 year diploma (2+2) to that of 3 year conventional diploma as well as citing the approval/affiliation of AICTE/WBSCT&VE&SD. Further, Institute is providing explanation to the concerned authorities for admission/employment of diploma holders of GKCIET, wherever necessary.

5. Inclusion of the titles of certificate courses of GKCIET in the list of vocational courses of WBSCT&VE&SD on its website (OR) issue of course title equivalence

The Council has agreed to consider the course title equivalence after due examination by their experts. GKCIET is in the process of submission of an application along with an analysis of possible similarities between GKCIET certificate course-wise syllabus to those of the Council for their consideration.

6. Lateral entry of diploma pass out students of GKCIET into the 2nd year of 4-year B. Tech courses in ME, EE & FPT affiliated to MAKAUT, Kolkata during the Academic Year 2018-19

The administration of MAKAUT, Kolkata has informed the Director, GKCIET that this lateral entry during 2018-19 is not possible under the University Act and Regulations. The Hon'ble Secretary of MHRD, Govt. of India has sent a letter on 28.05.2018 to the Hon'ble Chief Secretary of the Govt. of West Bengal with a request to instruct MAKAUT suitably to consider this lateral entry of diploma students as well as to facilitate the award of B. Tech degree to the 2014-16 & 2015-17 degree module students. This was repeatedly informed to some of you earlier and recorded in the minutes of the meeting between the representatives of the students, GKCIET administration and ADM & LRO of Malda district held at GKCIET on 01.06.2018. **The outcome of this effort is awaited. Further, until and unless MAKAUT allows this lateral admission being sought by you, the institute administration cannot make any such admissions.**

7. B. Tech Program in Computer Science and Engineering & Civil Engineering during 2018-19 session

B. Tech courses in these two branches (CSE & CE) have never been started at GKCIET and also AICTE approval for these courses was not available. By the time GKCIET was accorded affiliation by MAKAUT the AICTE approval process for 2018-19 session has been closed (must apply on AICTE portal by 31.01.2018 for 2018-19 session). Requisite number of laboratories and faculty are still not available in these two branches. AICTE approval and MAKAUT can therefore be obtained for 2019-20 session only.

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