

CHAITANYA BHARATHI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (Autonomous)

Annual student fee in CBIT

Notice to students seeking admission in the Academic Year 2024-25 into B.E./B.Tech. undergraduate courses and MBA / MCA Postgraduate courses

All the students who are joining into B.E/B.Tech. undergraduate courses through TGEAPCET in Category 'A' and through JEE Mains /TGEAPCET /Intermediate marks in Category 'B' in Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) and the students joining into MBA/MCA Postgraduate course through ICET in CBIT in the Academic Year 2024-25 i.e., in the block period 2022 to 2025 are hereby informed and put on notice about the following facts:

By revising an earlier recommendation for the same block period, the TAFRC recommended a annual student fee of Rs.1,40,000/- for undergraduate B.E./B.Tech. courses in CBIT in the 2022-2025 block period, and the same was fixed vide G.O. Ms. No.37 dated 18.10.2022 and an annual student fee of Rs.90,000/- for MBA and Rs.95,000/- for MCA was fixed vide G.O.Ms.No.39 dt.18.10.2022 for the 2022-25 block period. It is made fully clear that CBIT shall seek enhancement of this fee by taking recourse to the Hon'ble Courts, with the entire gamut of grounds available to it in law. Therefore, all the students must carefully note that this fee is subject to enhancement based on revision of fee by the TAFRC pursuant to now culminated revised fee proceedings in respect of the previous block periods and/or based on the outcome of writ petitions to be instituted by CBIT before the Hon'ble High Court and consequent proceedings.

The clear possibility of such enhancement is put to clear notice of the students, so that they are in transparent possession of full information even prior to joining the Institution, and exercise their option to join the Institution only after duly factoring in the possibility of such enhancement.

CBIT has reserved its right to challenge the figure of Rs.1,40,000/- and others, and pray for appropriate enhancement, as the annual student fee fixed fails to consider and include various mandatory expenditure heads, and is also much lower than the revised fee fixed for the previous block period itself (which is usually never possible).

It is also apposite to mention that the annual student fee of undergraduate B.E/B.Tech. students in the block period 2016-2019 were finally revised pursuant to a successful challenge by the CBIT before the Hon'ble High Court, which litigation culminated *vide* Common Order dated 29.04.2020 in Review Petitions in I.A. No.2 of 2019 in W.P. No. 22564 of 2016 and in I.A. No. 4 of 2019 in W.P. No. 22595 of 2016, and the final revised fee pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court for the 2016-2019 block period was belatedly fixed to be Rs.1,40,000/- per annum for B.E./B.Tech students on 14.07.2022 by G.O.Ms.21 Higher Education (TE) Govt. of Telangana (during the pendency of this litigation, an interim arrangement for enhanced collection was put in place by the Hon'ble High Court for the 2016-2019 block period).

Consequent to such belated revised fee fixation in respect of the 2016-2019 Block Period and which re-fixation happened after including the mandatory expenditure heads (the exclusion of which was held arbitrary as a declaration of law by the Hon'ble High Court in the afore-described proceedings), CBIT has immediately represented for revised fee-fixation in respect of B.E./B.Tech. students in the 2019-2022 block period, urging that the delay caused in

implementation of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court in respect of the previous block period of 2016-2019 had led to a cascading delay in respect of the 2019-2022 block period upto date, and it is essential to revise the annual student fee fixed for the subsequent block period of 2019-2022 based on the revised fee of the previous block period at the earliest.

It is essential for subsequent block period fee to be revised, enhanced, and refixed as expenditure heads excluded from consideration in the base year expenditure of the previous block period, which base year expenditure of previous block period is considered for fixation of fee in the subsequent block period (and which forms the fundamental substratum for fixation of subsequent block period fee), will now have to be considered. Further, as it is a trite proposition that fee of the subsequent block period will reflect a necessary enhancement over the previous block period, as escalation, inflation, and furtherance together will result in consequent upwards revision in expenditure to be considered.

It is submitted that pursuant to the recommendations of the TAFRC, G.O. Ms. No. 36 dated 06.06.2023 was issued by the Higher Education (TE) Department, Government of Telangana, fixing a revised annual student fee of Rs.1,60,000/- for B.E./B.Tech. students of the 2019-2022 block period.

The present position is that the annual student fee of B.E./B.Tech. students admitted in the block period 2016-2019 has been revised to Rs.1,40,000/- on 14.07.2022 from the old fee of Rs.1,13,500/-, and the annual student fee of B.E./B.Tech students in the block period 2019-2022 has been revised to Rs.1,60,000/- on 06.06.2023 per student per annum from the old fee of Rs.1,34,000/- but the annual student fee of B.E./ B.Tech. students admitted in the block period 2022-25 still remains to be Rs.1,40,000/- in terms of G.O.Ms.37 dt.18.10.2022.

Immediately after the revision of the annual student fee for B.E./B.Tech. students in the 2019 to 2022 block period to Rs.1,60,000/- vide G.O. Ms. No. 36 dated 06.06.2023, CBIT submitted a representation dated 19.06.2023 to the TAFRC seeking revision of annual student fee of B.E./B.Tech. & MBA/MCA students for the 2022-2025 block period pursuant to final culmination of fee in the previous block period. In addition to precedent as settled and the recommendations of the National Fee Committee, it stands both to plain logic and first principle that various heads of expenditure will increase year on year, and the fee of the subsequent block period must necessarily be greater than the fee of the previous block period to account for the same, and can never be lesser than the fee fixed for the previous block period.

Pursuant to the representation dated 19.06.2023 by CBIT, revised fixation of annual student fee in respect of B.E./B.Tech & MBA/MCA students of the 2022-2025 block period is awaited, failing which appropriate proceedings will be instituted by the CBIT forthwith before the Hon'ble High Court seeking enhancement of annual student fee in respect of the 2022-2025 block period.

The above background information is being provided, so that the students are in transparent possession of full information before exercising their option to join our Institution. This notice will also have to be duly signed by the student and the parent/guardian at the time of admission into the Institute, so there is crystal clear comprehension about enhancement of annual student fee in the 2022-2025 block period, prior to joining the institution.

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