

Annual student fee in CBIT
Notice to students seeking admission in the Academic Year 2024-25 into
B.E./B.Tech. Under graduate courses

All the students who are joining into B.E/B.Tech. under graduate courses through TGEAPCET/ TGE CET(Lateral Entry) in Category 'A' and through JEE Mains / TGEAPCET / Intermediate marks in Category 'B' in Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (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 a recommendation for the said block period, the TAFRC initially recommended an annual student fee of Rs.1,40,000/- for under graduate 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 the same was revised and re-fixed by TAFRC to be Rs.1,65,000/- *vide* G.O.Ms.No.21 dt.25.07.2024 for the 2022-25 block period.

It is important to note that the proposal for revised fixation of annual student fee in B.E./B.Tech courses for the 2022-25 block period is the subject matter of proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court of Telangana in W.P. Nos.23752 of 2023 and any further applications from CBIT.

It is made fully clear that CBIT is seeking enhancement of this fee by taking recourse to the Hon'ble Court, 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 petition instituted/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 in annual student fee of B.E./B.Tech courses.

As evident from pending W.P. Nos. 23752 of 2023, CBIT has exercised and further reserved its right to challenge the figure of Rs.1,65,000/- and pray for appropriate enhancement, as the annual student fee fixed fails to consider and include various mandatory expenditure heads.

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 up till 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/- and the annual student fee of B.E./ B.Tech. students admitted in the block period 2022-25 which was initially Rs.1,40,000/- in terms of G.O.Ms.37 dt.18.10.2022 was revised and re-fixed at Rs.1,65,000/- in terms of G.O.Ms.No.21 dt. 25.07.2024 but the said annual student fee of Rs.1,65,000/- for B.E./B.Tech students fixed for the block period 2022-25 fall short of the expectations of CBIT as the same has not considered the various items of expenditure which were already expended by the Institute.

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. 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 at rate of 5% per annum, and the fee of the subsequent block period must necessarily be greater than the fee of the previous block period by at least 15%.

The above background information is being provided, so that the students are in possession of full and total 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 possibility of enhancement of annual student fee of Rs.1,65,000/- for B.E./B.Tech students in the 2022-2025 block period, prior to joining the institution.

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