

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS' TRAINING &
RESEARCH SECTOR-26, CHANDIGARH – 160019**

Subject: Institution of Best Polytechnic Awards in the Northern Region.

In pursuance of our policy to improve quality of polytechnic education system, it was decided by the management of NITTTR, Chandigarh to institute Best Polytechnic Award to five selected polytechnics each year in the northern region. It is envisaged that the award will lead to a healthy competition towards quality achievement and provide recognition of good work done by the selected polytechnics.

Following details regarding the award are enclosed along with this letter:

Annexure I: i) Criteria for selection of best polytechnics
ii) Number of Awards
iii) Type of Awards
iv) Selection Procedure

Annexure II: Contains a proforma/format to be filled in by the Principal of the Polytechnic competing for such an award.

Board of Governors of NITTTR, Chandigarh, desired that healthy competition must exist amongst the polytechnics to improve the quality of instruction and to produce better Diploma Engineers who are readily accepted in the world of work, either for wage employment or for self employment. Considerable financial assistance has been provided to the polytechnics through World Bank Assisted Project for strengthening Technical Education. Now, a time has come to embark upon improving the quality and standards of polytechnic education for meeting the challenges posed by fast changing modern technology. Institution of this award is a step to boost such efforts by recognizing good performance by polytechnics to serve as an example to be emulated by others. It is also expected that the polytechnics selected for such an award, will be instrumental in helping the nearby polytechnics to improve their functioning so as to promote innovations and inspire them to compete for such awards.

Some of the criteria mentioned in **Annexure-I** such as offering number of courses through formal and non-formal programmes, results and merit positions secured by the polytechnics in the Board Examination and distinctions bagged by the polytechnics in curricular and co-curricular activities will speak about the range of activities and quality of teaching-learning process.

Development of linkages by the polytechnics with the world of work will indicate the manner with which teaching-learning process in the polytechnics is linked to the requirements of world of work as well as indicate the competencies and services being rendered by the polytechnics for the growth and development of industry. This will forge interactive networking between the polytechnics and industry for mutual benefits.

Interaction of polytechnic with community is another indicator as to how the polytechnic is associating itself for transfer of technology, education and training of youth and providing guidance and counseling the community for improving their employment potential and quality of life.

Efforts on faculty development, infrastructure development, integrating IT applications in T-L process, generation of internal resources by offering consultancy and continuing education programmes will speak about the leadership qualities of the Principal, Heads of Department and Faculty in keeping the institute in tune with the requirement of industry/community.

It is expected that all the Directors of Technical Education will give wide publicity in the polytechnics about institution of academic awards for best polytechnics in the region by NITTTR, Chandigarh and the polytechnics will send their institutional appraisal on standard format given at **Annexure-II through proper channel.**
