

# 150 technical institutes close down every year: AICTE chief

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**Ahmedabad:** Around 150 to 200 technical colleges offering engineering and MBA courses close down every year across the country. However, pharmacy has got many takers and this year several college managements have applied for permission to start pharmacy colleges. Gujarat saw some 10 such institutes down shutters in 2015.



**Anil Sahasrabudhe**, chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), who was in the city to attend a start-up seminar at the Gujarat Technological University on Wednesday said, "AICTE on an average gets applications to cancel permission for 150 to 200 technical colleges. The council also receives over 600 applications annually for starting new colleges in the country."

He added that there are many reasons for the closure of the technical institutes in the country. Sahasrabudhe said, "On an average, in 10,800 colleges in the country, a total of 1.5 lakh technical se-

## 17 colleges to become labs for startup framework

**Ahmedabad:** As All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been churning to create a startup framework for technical institutes, around 17 autonomous institutes from Gujarat will be made experimental laboratory to test the upcoming startup framework. Dr Sunil Shukla, director of Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), said that the trial for the startup framework will be run in the autonomous colleges. TNN

ats including engineering and MBA seats fall vacant every year." He further said that educational institutes across the country is facing severe shortage of qualified faculties. "Colleges and institutes across the country now face a 30% shortage in faculties which is affecting the quality of education. In order to make up for the shortfall, AICTE has decided that that college administrations can fill up 20% of the sanctioned strength with visiting faculties from respective industries," he said.