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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
(TEL Division)

408-C, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi, Dated: 27th October, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Promotion of MOOCS offered through SWAYAM - reg.

This is in continuation to this Ministry's O.M. No. 35-1/2017-TS-I dated: 27.08.2020 on the above mentioned subject, in which it was requested to promote Online Courses and other Digital Initiatives of Ministry of Education (copy attached). It was emphasized that Online Learning is new normal in the unprecedented situation during Covid-19 and this Ministry is continuously making various efforts to provide teaching-learning material through Online Courses and other initiatives.

2. The 'Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds' (SWAYAM) is a programme initiated by Government of India and designed to achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy viz., **access, equity and quality**. The objective of this effort is to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged. This is done through an indigenously developed IT platform that facilitates hosting of all the courses, taught in classrooms from 9th Standard till Post-Graduation to be accessed by anyone, anywhere at any time.

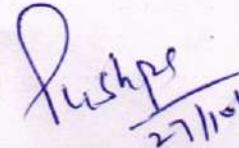
3. Students residing in urban as well as rural areas are taking advantage of the quality MOOCs (through SWAYAM) during the closure of educational institutions. The framework for transfer of credits has been put in place by AICTE and UGC by bringing out necessary regulations. The University Grants Commission vide Gazetted Notification dated 24.03.2021 had notified the University Grants Commission (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) Regulations, 2021, which now facilitates an institution to allow upto 40% of the total courses being offered in a particular programme in a semester through the online learning courses offered through SWAYAM Platform. With this, the students studying in conventional Institutes/ Colleges can transfer the credits earned through the SWAYAM Courses into their academic records.

4. This department is making continuous efforts to get develop more courses under this platform for use of learners. Further, for the benefit of a large number of students, especially in rural areas, some of the courses available on SWAYAM have been translated into regional languages. All efforts are being made to provide more and more courses in various Regional Languages.

5. In continuation to the above referred O.M. (Para 1 above), it may be appreciated that till now about 2,448 unique courses are already developed and available on SWAYAM platform, which have been listed almost 6,007 times. Total enrolments for these courses are approximately 2.42 Crore till now and unique registrations are approximately 76 Lakhs.

6. However, there is a need to accelerate the momentum generated in this regard during the pandemic and to make these initiatives more useful for the learners.

7. Therefore, all Bureaus/ UGC/ AICTE are requested to kindly issue necessary instructions to Institutions for encouraging their students to take advantage of online programmes, courses and learning materials. The credit transfer facility of SWAYAM may be utilised as much as possible.


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2. Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi
3. Prof. D.P Singh, Chairman, UGC, New Delhi

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Office Memorandum

Sub: Popularising Online courses- reg.

This has reference to the DO No. 1/28/5/2020 dated 20th August 2020 (copy enclosed) of the Cabinet Secretary regarding major initiatives announced by the Hon'able Prime Minister during his address to the Nation on 15th August, 2020. Several initiatives and reforms were announced to meet the objective of Atmanirbhar Bharat. One of the major initiatives/reforms is to sustain the momentum created for online classes even in rural areas.

2. Online learning has gained unprecedented momentum during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government of India is making continuous efforts to provide teaching - learning materials suitable for online classes. The digital initiatives like SWAYAM, SWAYAM Prabha, Virtual Lab, National Digital Library (NDL) have proved beneficial to a sizable number of students in far flung areas of the country.

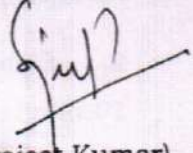
3. MOOCs available on the SWAYAM platform are playing a pivotal role in meeting the requirements of quality online courses. On this platform, courses are available on almost all the disciplines from 9th standard to Post Graduation. Students residing in urban as well as rural areas are taking advantage of the quality MOOCs during the closure of educational institutions. The framework for transfer of credits has been put in place by AICTE and UGC by bringing out necessary regulations. With this, students studying in a conventional Institutes / Colleges can transfer the credits earned through the SWAYAM Courses into their academic records.

4. For the benefit of a large number of students, specially in rural areas, some of the SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha courses have been translated into regional languages. All out efforts are being made to provide more and more number of courses in regional languages.

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5. Apart from the SWAYAM, several EdTech companies are providing MOOCs. Students are supplementing their knowledge and skills by joining these courses. Many HEIs have started their own online classes for their students.

6. Considering the above and the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, there is a need to sustain the momentum generated for online courses during the pandemic. Therefore, all Bureaus/ UGC/ AICTE are requested to kindly issue necessary instructions to Institutions for encouraging their students to take advantage of online programmes, courses and learning materials. The credit transfer facility of SWAYAM may be utilised as much as possible.


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