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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.

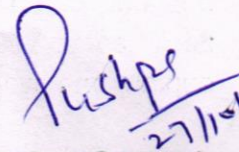
3. Students residing in urban as well as rural areas are taking advantage of the quality MOOCs (through SWAYAM) during the closure of educational institutions. The framework for transfer of credits has been put in place by AICTE and UGC by bringing out necessary regulations. The University Grants Commission 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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