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525-C, Shastri Bhawan  
New Delhi dated 14.02.2019

**Subject: Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SWAYAM Board held on 11.02.2019-  
regarding**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SWAYAM Board, which was held on 11.02.2019 at 10.30 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information and further necessary action.

  
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To,

1. Secretary (HE), M/o HRD
2. Prof. D. P. Singh, Chairman, UGC, New Delhi
3. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi
4. Additional Secretary (TE), M/o HRD
5. Joint Secretary (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD
6. Joint Secretary (DL & Admn.), M/o HRD
7. JS&FA, M/o HRD
8. Joint Secretary (HE & ICR), M/o HRD
9. Joint Secretary (CU), M/o HRD
10. Joint Secretary (Management & Language), M/o HRD
11. Joint Secretary (SE-I), M/o HRD
12. Prof. K. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras
13. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi
14. Shri Diptiman Das, CMD, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
15. Prof. Kushal Sen, IIT Delhi
16. Prof. Ravi Soni, IIT Delhi
17. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi
18. Prof. C. B. Sharma, Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS),  
New Delhi.

19. Prof. Amarendra P. Behera, NCERT, New Delhi
20. Prof. Pankaj Mittal, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi
21. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL, Electrical Engineering, IIT Madras
22. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore
23. Prof. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR Chennai
24. Dr. N. H. Siddalinga Swamy, Director, AICTE-SWAYAM, New Delhi

Copy for information to:-

1. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (ICT), M/o HRD
2. Shri Parameswaran N., Advisor, NMEICT M/o HRD
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## **Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 11.02.2019**

Dated: 14.02.2019

The 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SWAYAM Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on 11.02.2019. List of Participants is enclosed.

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> SWAYAM Board Meeting:**

The minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> SWAYAM Board meeting were confirmed.

### **3. Status of SWAYAM Courses that were placed before the Board is summarized below:**

• Total Courses	:	2081
• Active Courses	:	565
• Courses Completed	:	1416
• Upcoming Courses	:	100
• Students Registered on SWAYAM	:	27,23,651
• Students Registered on NPTEL	:	22,15,614
• Total Registrations	:	49,39,265
• Students Enrolled for courses on SWAYAM	:	42,38,677
• Students Enrolled for courses on NPTEL	:	50,67,452
• Total Enrollments	:	93,06,129

Secretary (HE), M/o HRD wanted that the following basic information regarding the courses in SWAYAM and NPTEL should be properly integrated in the Dashboard. Also the information in the Dashboard should be updated on real time basis.

- (i) Number of Unique Registrations on SWAYAM and NPTEL Platforms
- (ii) Number of courses and their unique enrollments in SWAYAM and NPTEL
- (iii) Course effectiveness including course health report, course-wise

IIT Madras was requested to implement this on top priority, which was agreed to.

The following decisions were taken on the Agenda Items:

### **4. SWAYAM Examination Dates and Timelines for January, 2019 Semester (Agenda Item No. 5):**

Board approved the following schedule for the January, 2019 Semester Courses of SWAYAM-

- (i) Last Date for Enrolment : 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2019
- (ii) Course End Date : 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

(iii) Examinations Dates : 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

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All the NCs were requested to strictly adhere to the time lines approved. The NCs (UGC, CEC and IIM Bangalore) should obtain the concurrence of the University for courses offered. Also, AICTE / IIT Madras to ensure that content of the course (Videos) should be available for the students even after the course end date.

IIT Madras requested that AICTE and UGC may convey to the Universities / Institutions the dates of NPTEL Course Exams for January and July Semester so that the Universities / Institutions can ensure that there are no clash of exams. IIT Madras would convey to UGC and AICTE through email the dates of NPTEL Exams.

**5. Inclusion of 9 Courses of IGNOU for Examination along with ARPIT Exam Cycle (Agenda Item No. 6):**

Board approved the request of IGNOU to conduct Examination of 9 IGNOU Courses along with ARPIT Exams to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

**6. Exemption of Examination Fee for Students of Universities / Institutions seeking Credit Transfer through SWAYAM (Agenda Item No. 7):**

Board after detailed deliberations decided that this agenda item could be considered once we have the exact number of students who are availing the facility of Credit Transfer including the number of students who have availed this facility.

**7. Charges payable to National Testing Agency (NTA) for Conducting SWAYAM Examination (Agenda Item No. 8):**

Board approved the per candidate fee of Rs. 600/- payable to NTA for conducting examination for SWAYAM Courses. Accordingly, payment of Rs.22,84,200/- to NTA for examinations held on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018 for 3807 candidates of July 2018 semester has been approved.

**8. Extension of Contract of M/s Embee Software Pvt. Ltd. for M/s Azure Cloud Services for SWAYAM MOOCs Platform for 6 Months w.e.f. 08.02.2019 (Agenda Items No. 9):**

AICTE informed the Board that the Expert Committee has recommended that the agreement with M/s CtrlS for providing Cloud Services should be terminated as their performance is not satisfactory. Accordingly, show cause notice has been issued to M/s CtrlS after taking legal opinion.

The Secretary (HE), M/o HRD emphasized the need to ensure that there are no disruption in services in the SWAYAM 1.0 Platform as well as while migrating to SWAYAM 2.0 Platform.

Board ratified the Extension of the Contract of M/s Embee Software Pvt. Ltd. for providing M/s Azure Cloud Services for a further period of six months from 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 to 7<sup>th</sup>

August, 2019 on the existing terms & conditions with provision for termination of service anytime by giving one month notice. This was already approved by Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on file before the last date of contract.

**Payment of GST Charges on the translation proposals of IIT Madras and IIIT Hyderabad & C-DAC (Agenda Item No. 10):**

Board approved payment of GST Charges as applicable on actuals, in addition of the approved amount of Rs.10.79 Crore for translation of 1600 hours of Video contents and the Allocation of Work of Translation of SWAYAM Courses on same terms and conditions to IIIT Hyderabad & C-DAC.

**9. Finalization of Courses for July, 2019 Semester (Agenda Item No. 11):**

Board requested all NCs to submit the list of courses that would be offered during the July, 2019 Semester latest by 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

**10. Training of SWAYAM Course Coordinators (Agenda Item No. 12):**

The need for Capacity Building was discussed in detail. Board constituted a Committee for planning and implementation of the training programme for SWAYAM Course Coordinators under the chairmanship of Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice-Chairman, (UGC). The Board also nominated Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, Joint Secretary (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD, Prof. Shridhar Iyer (IIT Mumbai), Prof. Prathap Haridoss, IIT Madras, Prof. Sudhindra Nath Panda (NITTTR, Chennai), Prof. P. D. Jose (IIM Bangalore), Dr. Pankaj Mittal, AS (UGC), Dr. J. B. Nadda, Director (CEC), Prof. Uma Kanjilal (IGNOU), Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (TEL), M/o HRD -(Convener) as members of the Committee. The Committee is free to co-opt other Experts / Members.

This committee would finalise the strategy to train the existing and potential course coordinators in all aspects of SWAYAM including production of MOOCs, running of MOOCs, engaging and motivating students, effective functioning of discussion forum. The committee would identify key resource persons to carry out this capacity building exercise in a rigorous and passionate manner. The focus would be to promote quality in the production and running of MOOCs in SWAYAM platform.

The committee would submit report in 15 days time.

**11. SWAYAM Prabha - Revision of SME Honorarium & Channel Maintenance Cost (Agenda Item No. 13):**

Board approved the revision of the SME Honorarium from Rs. 2,500/Half Hour to Rs. 5,000/Half hour (in-line with Financial Norms for SWAYAM) and Annual Channel Maintenance Cost from Rs. 10.00 Lakhs to Rs. 15.00 Lakhs per Channel per year.

**12. SWAYAM Prabha - Inclusion of GYAN DARSHAN in SWAYAM Prabha (Agenda Item No. 14):**

Board approved the inclusion of GYAN DARSHAN as one of the IGNOU Channels in

SWAYAM Prabha without any financial implication.

**Other Items discussed:**

**13. SWAYAM 2.0 & Azure optimization:**

NPTEL made a presentation giving the following details:

Development of SWAYAM 2.0 is progressing as per plan. Alpha 1 (completed), Alpha 2 (ongoing), RFP and cloud providers (ongoing), Beta (upcoming). The SWAYAM 2.0 is scheduled to go live in April, 2019.

Overall Cloud Charges has come down from ~55 Lakh (August, 2018) to ~36 Lakh (January, 2019). All SWAYAM pages are updated for Google Analytics support & SWAYAM Social Links (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram).

IIT Madras is regularly holding a Conference Call for SWAYAM 2.0 and requested all NCs to participate and provide their valuable inputs.

Prof Andrew expressed the difficulty in carrying on with RFP for SWAYAM 2.0, due to unavailability of funds. JS ( ICC ) explained the delay in getting reappropriation approval and assured of providing the funds at the earliest. He requested IIT Madras to go ahead with all necessary activities to launch SWAYAM 2.0 within decided timelines.

**14. SOCIAL Media Campaign:**

M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. made a presentation on the status report of Social Media Campaign. NPTEL Team also suggested that the media campaign should consider making their presence felt in QUORA also. M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. will share the SEO gaps to IIT Madras. Board has observed that Social Media Activities will be done in regular fashion.

M/s EdCIL has been tasked with the social media campaign for SWAYAM on behalf of all NCs. The Board expects EdCIL to continuously do the social media campaign for wider dissemination of SWAYAM and MOOCs courses offered. On request from EdCIL, Board has asked EdCIL to submit their proposal for annual running of social media campaign.

**15. Role of NC Office in development / Repurposing of MOOCs:**

The NCs pointed out that part of the activities connected with development / repurposing of MOOCs (as per Financial Norms for Development of MOOCs for SWAYAM dated 04.12.2017) are carried out at the level of NCs. But, there is no such specific mention in the SWAYAM financial norms. So, part of the funds in this regard needs to be utilized at the NCs Office. After deliberation, the Board agreed that the as part of the works related to production and running of MOOCs courses is being done at NC level also, NCs can decide to utilize part of the budget at their level, within the overall limits prescribed, for developing / repurposing of MOOCs.

16. **Exams for NITTTR Courses:**

Board requested NITTTR to conduct final proctored examinations for their completed courses in-line with other SWAYAM Courses and also align their proposed certificate with already approved SWAYAM Certificate.

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**List of Participants who attended the 11<sup>th</sup> SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 11.02.2019**

1. Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD - Chairman
2. Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi - Member
3. Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, Joint Secretary (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD - Member
4. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi - Member
5. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi - Member
6. Dr. Amarendra P. Behera, Joint Director, NCERT, New Delhi - Member
7. Prof. Pankaj Mittal, AS, UGC, New Delhi - Member
8. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL IIT Madras - Member
9. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore - Member
10. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR, Chennai - Member
11. Dr. N. H. Siddalinga Swamy, Director AICTE, New Delhi - Member
12. Shri Anil Kumar, Director (Finance), M/o HRD
13. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (TEL), M/o HRD
14. Mohd. Mamur Ali, Assistant Professor, CIET, NCERT, New Delhi
15. Prof. Nageshwar Nath, Joint Director, CEC, New Delhi
16. Dr. Prathap Haridoss, NPTEL, IIT Madras
17. Dr. G. Janardhanan, Associate Professor, NITTTR Chennai
18. Shri Sandeep Goel, GM (Finance), M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
19. Ms. Bharathi Balaji, NPTEL, IIT Madras
20. Dr. Diksha Rajput, Publication Officer, UGC, New Delhi
21. Shri Abhishek Kumar Anand , e-Ccontent Cell, UGC, New Delhi
22. Shri S. P. Kulsari, AICTE, New Delhi
23. Shri Sandeep Kumar, Sr. Software Developer, AICTE, New Delhi
24. Shri Parameswaran N., Advisor, M/o HRD
25. Shri Harsha Vardhan Mathpal, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
26. Shri Amit Sharma, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
27. Kumar Sandeep, Senior System Analyst, (NMEICT), M/o HRD
28. Shri Ajay Pratap Singh, Senior System Analyst, (NMEICT), M/o HRD
29. Shri Pritosh Kumar, ASO, M/o HRD
30. Shri Neeraj Kumar Vishnoi, ASO, M/o HRD
31. Md. Saleh Nadim, ASO, M/o HRD
32. Shri Ghanshyam Das Devnani, Project Manager (NMEICT), M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
33. Shri Subhodh Varshney, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd., Noida, U. P.
34. Shri Nikhil Mahajan, MT, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
35. Shri Harshit Aggarwal, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.