

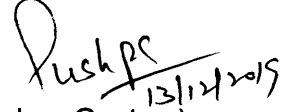
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408-C, Shastri Bhawan  
New Delhi dated 13.12.2019

**Subject: Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SWAYAM Board held on 09.12.2019  
regarding**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SWAYAM Board, which was held on 09.12.2019 at 3:00 PM. under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for information and further necessary action.

  
13/12/2019

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4. Shri Sushant Dey, Project Manager (NMEICT)



## **Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 09.12.2019**

Dated: 13.12.2019

The 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SWAYAM Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on 09.12.2019. List of Participants is enclosed.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> SWAYAM Board Meeting:** SWAYAM Board Confirmed the minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> SWAYAM Board meeting.

**After detailed discussions the following decisions were arrived at:**

3. **Local Chapters:** UGC stated that they are primarily working to get the Local Chapter established in the top 100 NIRF ranked Universities. As on date, 38 of these Universities have approved credit transfer. In all, 133 Universities have accepted credit transfer. NPTEL pointed out that from the data collected from the students who registered for the examination, compared to 4% in the January, 2019 Examination, 19% have opted for Credit Transfer in the July, 2019 Examination.

Secretary (HE), MHRD opined that Secretary, UGC should write to the Vice Chancellors of Selected Universities mentioning about the 20% Credit Transfer Regulations of UGC. They should be encouraged to adopt of SWAYAM Courses where there are no teachers are available and also in cases where certain Elective Subjects are not offered for want of faculty.

It was decided that UGC would establish Local Chapters in all Universities which are having a student strength  $\geq 10,000$  and colleges having a strength of  $\geq 3000$ . The Regional Offices of UGC should be given the responsibility of establishing and monitoring the Local Chapters in their Region. The activity has to be monthly reviewed by the UGC. A workshop of these Universities should be held to sensitize them on SWAYAM system and seek their suggestions.

4. **Credit Transfer:** UGC reported that 132 Universities have approved credit transfer of SWAYAM Courses. A link under UGC MOOCs Portal has been enabled to gather the information regarding credit transfer of courses by respective Universities.

IIT Madras was requested to submit an analysis report on breakup of Courses and Universities opted for credit transfer. IIT Madras was also requested to give a copy of the document that they have prepared on Credit Transfer to UGC.

It was decided to have a time limit for credit transfer as one year. Student can avail the credit transfer within a one year time limit from the date the credit certificate is issued.

5. **Social Media:** M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. presented the Social Media Plan and Strategy for SWAYAM Courses. It was informed that the agency for the campaign would be finalized soon. M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. was advised to attract more students for enrolling in SWAYAM Courses. It was also decided to include introductory videos in Swayam Prabha Portal, and use UGC's jingles broadcast over radio.

6. **National Coordinator for PG Non-Engineering Courses:** UGC to continue as National coordinator for PG Non Engineering courses.

7. **SWAYAM Examination:**

- Total 22,133 students registered for the Examinations held on 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 for 174 SWAYAM Courses.
- 20,088 students appeared in the proctored exams, out of which 15,546 students successfully cleared the exams.

SWAYAM Examination Committee recommendations were presented to the Board. Board agreed to the suggestions for increasing number of days of examination. The Committee was requested to explore the possibilities for examination fee waiver for students seeking credit transfer. It was also decided to stop the reimbursement of examination fees for SWAYAM Courses.

Add more points based on discussion in meeting..

8. **Orchestration of Online Programmes by Universities through SWAYAM:** Secretary (HE), MHRD emphasized that the Online Degree Programme by Universities should start as planned on January 2020.

9. **Translation of SWAYAM Courses:** Secretary (HE), MHRD observed that the translation is not coming out meaningful and understandable. There is a need to work on improving the quality of translation and also requested to do the academic review of the translation. For languages like Hindi where translation is of high quality, courses in these languages can be immediately launched.

10. **January 2019 Courses:** Board requested all the NCs to upload their Committed courses on the SWAYAM Portal with all necessary details immediately (details i.e. Course Start Date, Course Enrolment End Date, Course End Date, Final Examination Date, Examination Slot, Language of Instruction, Duration of course, Mode of Exam: CBT or Pen & Paper , Details and mode of internal assessment ). It was also decided that in line with best global practices, SWAYAM courses should be available year round, while exams can be held at defined time period.

IIT Madras: added 15 New Courses, CEC: added 5 New and dropped 3: IGNOU: added 1 new course in the already provided list. With this, the total number of course that would be offered in the January, 2020 Semester comes to 567.

**Performance of NC and Local Chapter activity is given in table below:**

## July 2019 Semester Courses

NC wise Statistics										
NC	Courses	Enrolled Students	Students Registered for Exams	Students Registered for Exams in %	Students Appeared in Exam	Students Appeared in Exam in %	Students Pass the Exam	Students Pass the Exam in %	Students Failed in Exam	Students Failed in Exam in %
NITTT R	4	21204	354	1.67	313	88.42	284	90.73	29	9.27
IGNOU	15	44971	1113	2.47	950	85.35	829	87.26	121	12.74
UGC	43	125699	7745	6.16	7170	92.58	5316	74.14	1854	25.86
CEC	91	263590	9028	3.43	8189	90.71	6185	75.53	2004	24.47
IIMB	21	67828	3893	5.74	3466	89.03	2939	84.80	527	15.20
NPTEL	359	1828286	253648	13.87	222890	87.87	164830	73.95	58060	26.05
AICTE	48	146919	Not yet started	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>2498497</b>	<b>275781</b>	<b>11.04</b>	<b>242978</b>	<b>88.11</b>	<b>180383</b>	<b>74.24</b>	<b>62595</b>	<b>25.76</b>

## October 2019 Semester Courses for School

NC wise Statistics										
NC	Courses	Enrolled Students	Students Registered for Exams	Students Registered for Exams in %	Students Appeared in Exam	Students Appeared in Exam in %	Students Pass the Exam	Students Pass the Exam in %	Students Failed in Exam	Students Failed in Exam in %
NIOS	43	36835	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NCERT	27	51854	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>88689</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

## January 2020 Semester Courses (Upcoming)

NC wise Statistics										
NC	Committed	Status of Upload	Registered Students	Registered Students in %	Appeared Students	Appeared Students in %	Passed Students	Passed Students in %	Failed Students	Failed Students in %
NPTEL	373	388								
CEC (PG)	40	23								
CEC (UG)	59	61								
IIMB	25	25								
IGNOU	24	24								
NITTT R	29	7								
AICTE	4	-								
<b>Total</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>528</b>								

An action plan for improving enrollment, and credit transfer is to be prepared and put up in next Board Meeting.

11. **Addressing Gap Areas in Engineering and Non-Engineering Programmes:** Board requested NCs to finalize faculty and courses in the gap areas and start to develop these courses immediately.

12. **Issue of Certificate:** IIT Madras informed that the automated process of certificate generation has been implemented on SWAYAM 2.0. Board said that the system generated mark sheets does not require signature for authentication. Signed Certificates by authorized signatory of NC and respective Host University are issued to all successful candidates.

13. **SWAYAM 2.0:** IIT Madras informed that the AICTE may close azure account as the SWAYAM 1.0 has been decommissioned on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

14. **Review Report on SWAYAM Courses and Examination:** Board requested all the NCs to do a review on the low enrollment and low registration for examination in the July, 2019 Courses. The NCs should then submit a report giving concrete suggestion for improvement. This report should be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

15. **Permission to Publish e-Content in the form of a Book / Other Distribution Material for Commercial Purpose:** SWAYAM Board permitted the publishing of e-Content of course in the form of a Book / other distribution material for commercial purpose as per Creative Commons License requirements. Any change that the Course Coordinator makes in the published book on a later date should also be reflected in the course material in SWAYAM.

16. **Extension of SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha Projects beyond March, 2020:** Board requested to expedite the third party review and to start working on the SFC Document for April 2020 onwards.

17. **Pass Criteria for SWAYAM Courses:** The issue was referred to Examination Committee for their recommendations.

18. **Mandating / Encouraging Participation of all Universities to offer / accept SWAYAM Courses for Credit Transfer:** Universities & Colleges with  $\geq 10,000$ ,  $\geq 3000$  strength respectively should be convinced and encouraged to put and take courses on SWAYAM for credit transfer.

19. **Proposal for a Pilot Project for Strengthening Uptake and Adoption of MOOCs and SWAYAM Prabha TV Channels amongst the students and faculty members of the University - By JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA:** It was decided that the Institute may submit the project proposal under HEFA Project.

20. **Conduct of Yoga Programme Examinations by S-VYASA and proposal for Re-running of Yoga Courses on SWAYAM Platform - By AICTE, New Delhi:**

Board directed that the courses should be run on SWAYAM Platform. The Registration and Payment of

Fees for Examination must be through SWAYAM Portal.

Board appreciated the fact that the Yoga Courses are different than the other Online Courses on SWAYAM and the examinations including practicals could be conducted only by the University. The Board also felt that the University could charge a higher Examination Fees provided the same is made known to the students in advance and the students are willing to pay the amount. However, there cannot be any charges for undergoing the course, as all the courses in SWAYAM are free.

21. **MoU with Community Service Centre of MeitY for offering and publicizing SWAYAM Courses through their Kiosks:** The Board approved the proposal of publicizing SWAYAM courses through Community Service Centre, MeitY and asked for detailed modalities to be worked out.

22. Third Party evaluation of SWAYAM courses is to be completed by December.  
SFC Note for continuation of SWAYAM is to be out up by December, 2019 end.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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**List of Participants who attended the 18<sup>th</sup> SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 09.12.2019**

1. Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD - **Chairman**
2. Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi - Member
3. Dr. Rakesh Sarwal, Additional Secretary (TE), MHRD - Member
4. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi - Member
5. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL IIT Madras - Member
6. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore - Member **(through VC)**
7. Dr. Amarendra P. Behera, NCERT, New Delhi - Member
8. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR, Chennai - Member
9. Shri Anil Kumar, Director (Finance), MHRD
10. Shri S. K. Prasad, Joint Director CBC, (NIOS), Noida, U. P.
11. Shri Pramod Tripathi, TO (CS), (NIOS), Noida, U. P.
12. Shri Nageshwar Nath, Joint Director (HW), CEC, New Delhi
13. Dr. Diksha Rajput, Deputy Secretary, UGC, New Delhi
14. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (ICT), M/o HRD
15. Ms. Pushpa Guatam, Under Secretary (TEL), M/o HRD
16. Dr. Prathap Haridoss, NPTEL, IIT Madras
17. Dr. Mohd. Mamur Ali, Assistant Professor, NCERT, New Delhi
18. Shri Manoj Kumar, CMD, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd., Noida, U. P.
19. Shri Sushant Dey, Project Manager (NMEICT), M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
20. Shri S. P. Kulsari, Consultant, AICTE, New Delhi
21. Shri Sandeep Kumar, Sr. Software Developer, AICTE, New Delhi
22. Shri Abhishek Kumar Anand, e-Content Cell, UGC, New Delhi
23. Ms. Bharathi Balaji, Senior Project Officer, NPTEL, IIT Madras
24. Shri Ashish Kumar Awadhiya, Assistant Director, IGNOU, New Delhi
25. Shri Parameswaran N., Advisor (NMEICT), M/o HRD
26. Shri Harsha Vardhan Mathpal, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
27. Shri Kumar Sandeep, Sr. System Analyst (NMEICT), M/o HRD
28. Shri Ajay Pratap Singh, Sr. System Analyst (NMEICT), M/o HRD
29. Shri Pritosh Kumar, ASO, M/o HRD
30. Shri Nikhil Mahajan, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd., Noida, U. P.