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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
TEL Division

New Delhi 27.11.2017

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **Minutes of the 1st Swayam Board Meeting Held On 14.11.2017 At 3.00 PM-
regarding**

Kindly find enclosed herewith a copy of the minutes of Meeting of the 1st Swayam Board Meeting Held On 14.11.2017 At 3.00 PM for necessary action at your end.

Encl: As above.

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To,
As per list attached.

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MINUTES OF THE 1st SWAYAM BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14.11.2017 AT 3.00 PM IN ROOM NO. 112, C WING SHASTRI BHAVAN

SWAYAM Board, which was constituted to take policy decisions regarding MOOCs, SWAYAM & SWAYAM Prabha programmes vide MHRD letter no. 8-26/2014-TEL dated 22.06.2017 and 04.08.2017, held its 1st meeting on 14.11.2017 at 3.00 P.M. (list of participants in **Annexure I**).

2. During the meeting, the status of the SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha projects was placed before the Board, which is summarized below:

- Total Courses : 736
- Active Courses : 312
- Courses schedule completed : 494
- Upcoming courses : 61
- Students registered :5,92,178
- Students enrolled :5,12,260

NC Name	No. of Courses offered	Courses Running	New proposals received
UGC	60	60	459
CEC	77	42	177
NPTEL	503	160	120
IIM B	16	5	17
NCERT	12	12	24
NIOS	17	17	0
IGNOU	11	11	20
NITTTR	35	0	20
AICTE	5	5	19
Total	736	312	856

3. Progress of courses on SWAYAM:

In the discussion regarding the courses on SWAYAM, it was observed that the overriding priority should be to ensure that people with eminence are encouraged to give courses on SWAYAM, rather than the mere number of courses. Further following decisions were taken in this regard:

- a) The learners on the NPTEL platform will be seamlessly integrated with the learners on SWAYAM, and courses available on NPTEL would automatically be

made available on SWAYAM too. Release of funds would be only for courses which are on SWAYAM.

- b) For PG courses, only (31) Universities and for UG courses only (15) Universities have approved for credit transfer. This is not satisfactory situation and UGC will ensure that approval of SWAYAM courses shall be built into the MoU entered with the Central Universities.
- c) Wherever there is a problem in securing timely clearance from the academic body of the Host University, the same shall be run as non-credit course for the time being. It must however, be ensured that the Course should be credit worthy i.e. the quality of the course should be such that credit transfer is possible.
- d) The food and hygiene course developed by the NCERT shall be offered as a course on SWAYAM at the earliest.
- e) Courses offered under the GIAN by the foreign faculty shall be converted and offered as courses under SWAYAM with the consent of the foreign faculty. In all these cases, the domestic faculty shall work as Course Coordinator. IIT Kharagpur may be asked to give a roadmap on this at the earliest.
- f) All the courses offered by NIOS for the untrained teachers (D.El.Ed), shall be available in (5) regional languages. The translation work shall be put on a fast-track by assigning to CDAC, IIIT Hyderabad and IIT Madras (NPTEL).
- g) Whereas courses by the foreign universities are welcome, these courses shall be uploaded on SWAYAM platform and the exams shall be done through SWAYAM following SWAYAM guidelines.

4. Exam fee: Regarding the proposal to reimburse the cost of conducting the examination, a group with Chairman UGC, Chairman AICTE, IIM Bangalore and NPTEL will come up with recommendations, which would be taken up for approval in the next Board meeting.

5. Local Chapters: In order to promote usage of SWAYAM courses, it was decided to write to all the colleges to set up local chapters. MHRD would issue guidelines regarding the functioning of local chapters.

6. Payment of Honorarium: After detailed deliberations the following was decided. A sub-committee under Chairman AICTE and UGC would examine the issue in detail and come up with recommendations, which would be taken up for approval in the next Board meeting.

7. Certificate format: Board approved the format with the modification that the credit information should also be mentioned in the certificate.

8. Awareness creation/ Publicity: Both UGC and AICTE would prepare media plans for spreading awareness about the Courses on SWAYAM and the SWAYAM Prabha. They may consist of production of ad films, social media campaign, workshops and

newsletters. These plans would be considered in the next meeting of the SWAYAM Board.

9. SWAYAM Prabha Channels: In order to assess the impact of the project (how many users are watching it and what is their feedback) it was decided to:
 - a. Develop an app wherein the users can show their preference/interact.
 - b. NEUPA can be asked to conduct a random survey on the use and make suggestions for improving access.
 - c. Meeting shall be organized with the other DTH and cable operators to ensure that they carry these channels on their networks.

10. SWAYAM Prabha Academic coordinator and council: The proposal to set up academic advisory committee and a full time academic coordinator for each of the Channels was approved with the following details:-
 - (i) Age limit of Academic coordinator should be 65 years.
 - (ii) The Academic council members should be paid Rs. 2000 as sitting fees per meeting.

11. 1 Gbps NKN connection: Proposal to provide 1 Gbps NKN connectivity to IGNOU, NCERT, NIOS, CEC and EMRCs at Kashmir, Calicut, Chennai, Jamia millia Delhi, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Patiala at a total cost of Rs.165 lakhs was approved.

12. SWAYAM Board secretariat - The Board took note of the roles and responsibilities of AICTE regarding SWAYAM platform, cloud infrastructure and joint responsibility with UGC on Awareness creation and publicity and approved the proposal for operationalising the Secretariat.

The meeting has ended with a thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

List of participants OF THE 1st SWAYAM Board meeting held on 14.11.2017 at 3.00 PM in Room No. 112, C Wing Shastri Bhavan:-

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1. Shri K K Sharma, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD
 2. Prof. Virander Singh Chauhan, Chairman, UGC
 3. Prof. Anil D Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE
 4. Shri N. Sarvana Kumar, JS, M/o HRD
 5. Ms. Darshana Dabral, JS&FA, M/o HRD
 6. Shri Maneesh Garg, JS(SE), M/o HRD
 7. Shri Madhu Ranjan Kumar, JS (DL), M/o HRD
 8. Prof. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras
 9. Prof. Rajbir Singh, Director, CEC
 10. Prof.(Dr.) S.N. Panda, Director, NITTTR, Chennai
 11. Dr. Manpreet Singh, Director, AICTE
 12. Prof. Prathap Haridoss, IIT Madras (NPTEL)
 13. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi
 14. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore
 15. Shri R Subrahmanyam, Additional Secretary (TE)
 16. Prof. S. K. Prasad, Joint Director (CBC),
 17. Prof. A.P. Behera, I/c Joint Director, CIET
 18. Ms. Diksha Rajput, Publication Officer,
 19. Ms. Surbhi Jain, Director, DSE&L,
 20. Shri K.K. Pant, Director-Campaign,
 21. Shri Anil Kumar Pipal, Director
 22. Prof. Nageshwar Nath, Joint Director
 23. Shri D.K. Kalra, Addl. Director
 24. Ms. K. Padmavati, Asst. Director
 25. Prof. K. Srinivas, Prof. ICT
 26. Dr. G. Janardhanan, Asso. Prof. & Head I/c CEM,
 27. Dr. Yash Pal Sharma, Asst. Prof., CIET-
 28. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, DS(ICT)
 29. Shri Rajesh Singh Solkanki, US(TEL)
 30. Shri Parameswaran N, Senior Consultant (NMEICT)
 31. Shri S.P. Kulsari, Consultant,
 32. Shri Shabir Sofi, ME-Gr-I
 33. Shri Harsha Vardhan, Consultant
 34. Shri Amit Sharma, Consultant
 35. Shri Pritosh Kumar, ASO (TEL)
 36. Md. Saleh Nadim, ASO (TEL)
- Chairperson — [Signature] 29/11
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- DAVP, M/o I&B
- MeitY
- CEC.
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- Doordarshan.
- NUEPA
- NITTTR, Chennai
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