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Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi dated 10.04.2018

**Subject: Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of SWAYAM Board held on 09.04.2018-
regarding**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 3rd Meeting of SWAYAM Board, which was held on 09.04.2018 at 11:00 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 (Admn. & Parl.), M/o HRD
7. JS&FA, M/o HRD
8. Joint Secretary (CU, UGC & HE Policy), M/o HRD
9. Joint Secretary (Lang.), M/o HRD
10. Joint Secretary (SE-I.), M/o HRD
11. Prof. K. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras
12. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi
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17. Prof. Amarendra Behera, NCERT, New Delhi
18. Prof. Pankaj Mittal, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi
19. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL, Electrical Engineering, IIT Madras
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Minutes of the 3rd SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 09.04.2018 at 11.00 a.m. in Secretary (HE) chamber, Shastri Bhawan

The 3rd Meeting of the SWAYAM Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri R Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on 09.04.2018 at 11.00 a.m.
List of Participants is in **Annexure-I**.

2. JS (TEL) initiated the meeting by going over the action taken on the decisions of 2nd SWAYAM Board meeting held on 12.03.2018.

Agenda Item No.1- The Minutes of 2nd SWAYAM Board meeting has been taken as confirmed as there was no observation.

Agenda Item No.2 - Following decisions were taken on the action points:-

- (i) **Local Chapters :** After hearing UGC and other NCs, the suggestion of NPTEL to re-designate NPTEL local chapters as NPTEL SWAYAM local chapters was accepted. After discussion it emerged that all the Regional Offices of all the NCs could be tapped to reach out to maximum universities/colleges/institutions, to formulate local chapters. Secretary (HE) also suggested that a standard format be designed detailing a to-do-list and work flow of local chapters, which could be shared with all the institutions by the NCs. UGC and AICTE have agreed to organise Regional Workshops to bring in the awareness about the SWAYAM portal. NPTEL has been requested to share their existing 'local chapter' mandate. UGC and AICTE to take lead in this activity enthusing local chapters. All the Regional Offices of each NC should mobilize at least 10 local chapters.
- (ii) **Awareness Creation & Publicity:** UGC made a presentation of the 3 TVCs, 3 Radio jingles and sample posters. After seeing the TVCs and hearing the jingles, it was decided to push it through Social Media. On 10.04.2018 there is a Workshop on "Social Media- Use and Effect" in AICTE auditorium which would also be addressed by Hon'ble HRM wherein these videos would be tweeted through HRM handle after its release. This is to be re-tweeted by all, for effective social media coverage. The Radio Jingles to be pushed through FM which the UGC would take up through DAVP. Between 15.04.2018 to 01.06.2018 the campaign should be intensified through Social Media in an intermeshing manner. Secretary (HE) suggested that the posters be de-cluttered and redone by 15.04.2018 after showing to UGC & AICTE which should be displayed across institutions by 01.05.2018. The soft copy of the publicity materials may also be shared with Institutions for better utilization. AICTE to expedite the social media campaign through the selected partner M/s. Goldmine Advertising Ltd.

- (iii) **Translation of NIOS D.El.Ed. Courses:** The progress was noted and Secretary (HE) directed that the progress should be reported to HRM, for his perusal.
- (iv) **Alignment of courses to curriculum:-** Status of SWAYAM courses alongwith their credits for July 2018 semester (1st Semester of the year) of the NCs as below has been reviewed :-

> UGC	: 44	courses (29 Re-pur+15 Re-run)
> CEC	: 78	courses
> NPTEL	: 262	courses (153 new + 109 Re-run)
> IIM - B	: 4	courses
> IGNOU	: 11	courses
> NCERT	: 20	courses (8 new + 12 Re-run)
> NIOS	: 35	courses (16 new + 19 Re-run)
> NITTTR	: 15	courses (15 new)
> AICTE	: 9	courses (self paced)

Secretary (HE) directed that details of courses, introduction, credit, name of the faculty, start & end date, assessment may be called from each course coordinator latest by 15.04.2018. For this purpose, a standard format may be designed and circulated. The alignment of courses for credit approval was discussed in detail and decided that the universities will take the decision but the UGC & AICTE must ensure that the course details are shared with all the institutions and placed before the respective academic council in the period between 1st May, 2018 and 30th June, 2018.

The Board has desired that UGC / AICTE should inform the Institutions that all the SWAYAM courses are approved duly by an Expert Committee, to ensure the quality of the courses. This is expected to help the Institutions to take a decision with regard to allowing credit transfer to courses through SWAYAM.

Registration for all courses must open on 01.05.2018. All Course Coordinators must tweet about their courses and it should be re-tweeted from all official handles. This is to bring in a significant digital impact about the availability of the courses through SWAYAM.

- (v) **Conduct of examination:** Status noted.
- (vi) **Application Service Provider (ASP) for SWAYAM:** Status given by IIT Madras was noted. The new ASP finalisation is expected to be completed before the next Board meeting. Approximate time that would be needed for a new ASP for knowledge transfer was assessed. It was decided by the Board that since the contract with Microsoft is likely to end in mid-June 2018, their contract may be extended by 2 more months. i.e. upto July-Mid-August, 2018 to enable the new ASP to take over.

- (vii) **SWAYAM 2.0:** Status noted and final report to be placed in the next Swayam Board meeting.
- (viii) **Procurement of High Power Amplifiers for SP:** Prof. Mangala Sunder acknowledged that the funds have been received and a letter from MHRD is needed for further release. It is being processed.
- (ix) **Project Proposal on AI-based Learning System for Higher Education (ALSHE):-** Prof. P D Jose has acknowledged the receipt of funds and stated that a Brainstorming session is scheduled in May, 2018.

Agenda Item No.3 - The status of SWAYAM Courses is summarized below:

• Total Courses	: 1031
• Active Courses	: 232
• Courses Completed	: 745
• Upcoming Courses	: 54
• Students Registered	: 19,85,320
• Students Enrolled	: 31,64,839

Secretary (HE) directed the SWAYAM Cell to ensure that the change in status should be reported in every monthly meeting, comparing it with earlier status.

Agenda Item No.4 – Credit Framework through SWAYAM for diploma students.

It was decided that CP, AICTE may decide as the provision already exists in notification. AICTE agreed to clarify the provisions to all the Institutions.

Agenda Item No.5. – Following decisions taken:-

- (i) Inter-university centre for MOOCs - It was decided that UGC & CEC to interact and come to a decision which may be reported in the next SWAYAM Board meeting.
- (ii) Videos of eminent faculty on upcoming topics - it was accepted and SWAYAM Prabha rates for creation of videos would apply.
- (iii) Issue regarding fee for examination - It was felt by all members that a small fee for the exam was totally justified as lot of work goes in preparation and assessment of exam. The course should remain anyway completely free.
- (iv) Finalization of courses by all NCs by 15.04.2018 – Already decided at (iv) of Agenda No.2.
- (v) EoI of MOOCs proposals – Private Universities – All such proposals received from private institutions should be dealt by AICTE. So, all NCs should transfer such proposals to AICTE.

- (vi) Rolling advertisements for online proposals to develop MOOCs – Accepted.

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- (vii) Guidelines on IPR, Copyrights and Plagiarism for CCs – UGC. It is decided to circulate to all NCs and would be discussed in next meeting.
- (viii) The recommendation of Academic Advisory Council of UGC on approval of one week content of course by SMEG prior to the final approval of development of course, has been accepted and approved.

Agenda Item No.6.- Status of Swayam Prabha Channels. – Prof. Mangala Sunder made a presentation on the status of the 33 channels of Swayam Prabha. Secretary(HE) desired that every NC must ensure that they have access to DTH channels. After discussion, the point that came out was that the SP Channels needed publicity and this would be also taken care of by UGC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

List of Participants who attended the 3rd SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 09.04.2018

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| 1. Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD | - Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. D. P. Singh, Chairman, UGC, New Delhi | - Member |
| 3. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi | - Member |
| 4. Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, Joint Secretary (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD | - Member |
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| 15. Prof. Prathap Haridoss, NPTEL, IIT Madras | |
| 16. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (TE), M/o HRD | |
| 17. Shri G S Malik., Senior Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD | |
| 18. Shri S. P. Kulsari, Consultant, AICTE, New Delhi | |
| 19. Dr. Diksha Rajput, UGC, New Delhi | |
| 20. Shri Sandeep Kumar, AICTE, New Delhi | |
| 21. Shri Harsha Vardhan Mathpal, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD | |
| 22. Shri Amit Sharma, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD | |
| 23. Shri Praveen Kumar, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD | |
| 24. Md. Saleh Nadim, ASO, M/o HRD | |
| 25. Shri Pritosh Kumar, ASO, M/o HRD | |
| 26. Shri G. S. Sreedhar, PM (NMEICT), EdCIL (India) Ltd. | |