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Shastri Bhawan  
New Delhi dated 09.05.2018

**Subject: Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SWAYAM Board held on 07.05.2018-  
regarding**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SWAYAM Board, which was held on 07.05.2018 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 (Admn. & Parl.), M/o HRD
7. JS&FA, M/o HRD
8. Joint Secretary (CU, UGC & HE Policy), M/o HRD
9. Joint Secretary (ICR, Deemed, Pvt. Univ Lang.), M/o HRD
10. Joint Secretary (SE-I.), M/o HRD
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16. Prof. C. B. Sharma, Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), New Delhi.
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
20. Prof. Jose P. D, IIM Bangalore
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**Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 07.05.2018**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the SWAYAM Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri R Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on 07.05.2018. List of Participants is at **Annexure.**

2. The status of SWAYAM Courses that was placed before the Board is summarized below:

Total Courses	: 1335
Active Courses	: 146
Courses Completed	: 833
Upcoming Courses	: 356
Students Registered	: 20,06,048
Students Enrolled for courses	: 32,22,866

**National Coordinator Report on SWAYAM Courses**

National Coordinator Name	Total no. of courses produced till date (Also indicate within bracket the credit courses among them.)	Total no. of courses delivered through SWAYAM (a+b) - Breakup (a) First Run (b) Re Run	No. of courses that are currently in production	Date of holding the last Academic Advisory Council (AAC) meeting (a) No. of courses examined (b) No. of Courses approved	No. of courses in which exams have been conducted for Credit Transfer / Certificates	No. of Universities that have approved credit transfer
UGC	60	120	87 (46 New, 29 Repurposed, 12 Invited to be called)	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 (2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting)	7	62 Univ.
CEC	87 Credit Courses	78 (a) 55 (b) 23	252 (150 Repurposed + 102 New)	19 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2018 159 Examined 102 Approved	Nil	15 Univ.
NPTEL	482	740 (a) 482 First Run (b) 258 Rerun	156 (to be offered in July 2018 – new courses)	07 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017	514 upto January, 2018 226 in April, 2018	26 institutions
IIM B	19 (All Credit)	19 (a) 16 First Run	7	AAC not held Planned in June	14	-

		(b) 03 Rerun		– July 2018		
IGNOU	11	21 (a) 11 First Run (b) 10 Rerun	44 (31 IGNOU, 13 Other Univ.)	18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018	-	-
NCERT	20	16 (a) 12 First Run (b) 4 Rerun	24 Courses	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018(2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting) 20 Courses examined 4 Proposals examined 20 Courses approved 2 Proposals approved	-	N/A
AICTE	6	6	5	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 10 examined 2 approved	-	-
NITTTR	3 (All are credit courses)	0	34	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 43 Examined 35 Approved	-	-
NIOS	19	36	28	30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2018 47 Examined 47 Approved	14 Secondary	-

### 3. Discussion on Action Taken and Status Report:

**Local Chapters:** It was decided in the last SWAYAM Board meeting to re-designate NPTEL local chapters as SWAYAM-NPTEL local chapters. Similarly UGC local chapters would be known as SWAYAM-UGC local chapters. The local chapters would create awareness and popularise all the SWAYAM courses of all National Coordinators and not restrict themselves to one set of courses. Also it was decided that there should not be any overlap between the local chapters of different National Coordinators. This should be ensured by the National Coordinators while creating local chapters. MHRD would issue a letter to the Local chapters highlighting their role. This letter would be sent by MHRD to the National coordinators (NPTEL, UGC and CEC) who would in turn circulate it to the local chapters and accordingly enter into MoU. The new MoU would specifically mention the local chapters as the concerned SWAYAM local chapters ( eg. SWAYAM UGC , SWAYAM NPTEL ) and would bear the stamp of SWAYAM in the certificates issued too.

It is felt that local chapters should be in a position to operationalise their activities under SWAYAM, on their own. Funding support can be provided for organising Orientation Workshops for local chapters. Also, financial incentives to best performing local chapters can also be thought of. NPTEL and UGC would prepare a detailed guidelines for financing and working of Local Chapters and provide to MHRD, to place it before SWAYAM Board for approval.

- (i) **Awareness Creation & Publicity:** After detailed discussions, it was decided to do channelise the entire publicity campaign from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 through DAVP, to have more impact. UGC and AICTE would prepare the Social Media Plan and get the approval from MHRD on time. UGC has already created the TVCs, Radio Jingles and Posters. AICTE has been asked to ensure the timely preparation of all creatives.
- (ii) **List of courses (for July 2018 semester):** All NCs were requested to ensure that they publish the July 2018 semester courses on SWAYAM immediately. UGC through their Regional centers will take up with the Universities for approving these courses in their Academic Councils.
- (i) **Application Service Provider (ASP) for SWAYAM:** IIT Madras reported that technical evaluation of the ASP is taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018. AICTE informed that the Microsoft has been granted two months extension upto 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- (i) **SWAYAM 2.0:** IIT Madras would be making the proposal in the June 2018 monthly meeting.
- (i) **Procurement of High Power Amplifiers:** Chief Coordinator SWAYAM Prabha informed that the work is in progress.

#### **4. Facilitating Course Coordinators to offer courses to the students from other Universities / Institutions:**

After detailed deliberations, it was decided that

The MOOC version of all such courses which are already being offered in the host institution, would not need further approval by the concerned University Academic Council (AC) before hosting.

However, if any new course, which is not already approved by the AC of the university, is proposed to be offered under SWAYAM, the same shall be duly approved by the AC specifying the credits available, the modalities for evaluation etc.

The Course Coordinator, thereupon, is authorised to run the course, and also conduct evaluation either directly, or through a third party, after which the candidates would be awarded marks.

In order to ensure that the evaluation is standardised, the National Coordinator, in consultation with stakeholder Universities, will prescribe the detailed guidelines for evaluation and setting of question paper.

The Course Coordinator, based on the detailed guidelines prescribed by the National Coordinator, will set the examination paper, run the exam and will convey the marks directly to the Controller of Examinations of the parent Institute of the learners.

The Controller of Examination of the Parent University (where the SWAYAM learner is enrolled) will accept the marks provided by the CC and would incorporate in the mark sheet of the student.

Changes should be made in the SWAYAM guidelines to this effect and communicated to all institutions.

**5. Releasing of funds for SWAYAM Local Chapters:** It was decided that the guidelines for release of funds to the Local chapters would be approved first and the funds would be released accordingly.

**6. Translation and subtitling of SWAYAM Courses:** Among the two proposals from IIT Madras and CDAC/IIIT Hyderabad, the Board approved the proposal of IIT Madras since it was much lower in cost. It was decided to give to IIT Madras video content of 1600 hours (i.e. top 40 SWAYAM courses of 40 hours) for translation. Meanwhile CDAC would be requested to match the prices of IIT Madras proposal. In case CDAC is able to match the prices they would also be given courses for translation.

**7. Guidelines on IPR, Copyrights and Plagiarism for CCs:**

All the National coordinators would go through the guidelines and send their comments to MHRD in 15 days.

**8. Workshop on ICT in Education for the UNSECO E-9 countries**

The proposal was approved and it was desired to showcase the ICT initiatives in Higher and School Education. It was also felt that the workshop could be held at IIT Madras or IIM Bangalore or NITTTR Chennai, to facilitate the field visits to showcase ICT initiatives.

**9. Presentation by IIM Bangalore:** The Secretary (HE) complimented Prof P.D. Jose IIM Bangalore for the comprehensive presentation and bringing out many important points that needs to be addressed. It was decided to circulate the presentation to all National Coordinators. The points mentioned in the presentation could be discussed in detail in the next Board meeting.

**10. Examination and Fees reimbursement:** It was decided that for the first year (From July 2018 semester) the fees of examination will be reimbursed only to those students who register on SWAYAM, take the course work and register for examination through the SWAYAM platform. The reimbursement would be limited to a maximum of upto Rs.1100.

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**List of Participants who attended the 4<sup>th</sup> SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 07.05.2018**

1. Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD - **Chairman**
2. Prof. D. P. Singh, Chairman, UGC, New Delhi - Member
3. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi - Member
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18. Dr. Manpreet Singh Manna, Director, AICTE, New Delhi - Member
19. Prof. Prathap Haridoss, IIT Madras **(through VC)**
20. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (TE), M/o HRD
21. Prof. Nageshwar Nath, Joint Director, CEC, New Delhi
22. Shri S. K. Prasad, Director, NIOS, New Delhi.
23. Dr. Diksha Rajput, Publication Officer, UGC, New Delhi
24. Shri Abishek Kumar Anand, UGC, New Delhi
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28. Shri Sandeep Kumar, AICTE, New Delhi
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30. Shri Amit Sharma, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD

31. Shri Praveen Kumar Rai, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
32. Md. Saleh Nadim, ASO, M/o HRD
33. Shri Paritosh Kumar, ASO, M/o HRD
34. Shri G. S. Sreedhar, PM (NMEICT), EdCIL (India) Ltd.