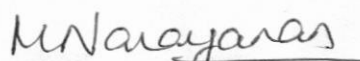


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Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi dated 23.07.2018

**Subject: Minutes of the 6th Meeting of SWAYAM Board held on 09.07.2018-
regarding**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 6th Meeting of SWAYAM Board, which was held on 09.07.2018 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,

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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
11. Prof. K. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras
12. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi
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14. Prof. Ravi Soni, IIT Delhi
15. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi
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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22. Dr. Manpreet Singh Manna, Director, AICTE, New Delhi

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2. Shri Ghanshyam Das, Project Manager (NMEICT)

Minutes of the 6th SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 09.07.2018

The 6th Meeting of the SWAYAM Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on 09.07.2018. List of Participants is at **Annexure**.

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

- Total Courses : 1523
- Active Courses : 239
- Courses Completed : 843
- Upcoming Courses : 441
- Students Registered : 21,11,379
- Students Enrolled for courses : 34,71,953

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 Repur. + 12 Invited)	2 nd Meeting held on 26.03.2018 3 rd Meeting Scheduled for 13.06.2018	7	65 University
CEC	160 Credit Courses	77 (a) 54 (b) 23	130 (50 Repurpose + 80 Fresh)	19 th March, 2018 23 rd March, 2018 159 Examined 102 Approved	-	15 University
NPTEL	482	740 (a) 482 First Run (b) 258 Rerun	156 (to be offered in July 2018 – new courses)	07 th Oct, 2017	740 upto April, 2018	26 Institutions
IIM B	26 (All Credit)	26 (a) 17 First Run (b) 09 Rerun	7	AAC not held Planned in August 2018	18 (14)	-
IGNOU	14 (11)	22 (a) 11 First Run (b) 11 Rerun	44 (31 IGNOU, 13 Other Univ.)	Held on 18 th April, 2018 (a) No. of courses examined: 32 (b) No. of Courses approved: 24 (in principle)	-	-

NCERT	20	24 (a) 8 First Run (b) 16 Rerun	24	23 rd March 2018 (2 nd meeting) 20 Courses examined 4 Proposals examined 20 Courses approved 2 Proposals approved	-	-
AICTE	6	6	6 *43 upcoming	20 th March 2018 Next meeting on 08.06.2018		
NITTTR	8 (3) (All are credit courses)	0	26 (34)	6 th December 2017 43 Examined 35 Approved	-	-
NIOS	19 All Credit	Total 39 (a) 21 First Run (b) 18 Re Run	8 For Jan 2019	30 th January, 2018 52 Examined 52 Approved	17 (14 Sec + 3 D.El.Ed)	-

3. Discussion on Action Taken and Status Report:

- (i) **Local Chapters:** UGC and NPTEL informed the SWAYAM Board regarding activities of Local Chapters. SWAYAM Board emphasized that the focus should be on popularizing SWAYAM Courses and enrolling more students in SWAYAM.
- (ii) **Awareness Creation & Publicity:** Secretary (HE), M/o HRD expressed his concern that none of the National Coordinators (NCs) are effectively using the Social Media to publicize the courses starting in July, 2018 Semester. He urged the NCs to step up the Social Media Campaign immediately. It was decided that all the National Coordinators would take necessary action regarding Social Media Campaign by 13.07.2018 and continue the campaign till 15.08.2018.

Each NC should have their own Social Media Campaign through verified accounts and designate a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Social media.

It was pointed out that during Study in India Campaign, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. had effectively used the Social Media. It was decided that JS (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD would chair a meeting of SPOCs from all NCs and M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. (Mr. Nikhil) on 10th July, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. for finalizing the Strategy for Social Media Campaign.

UGC and CEC presented the recorded testimonials of students of SWAYAM Courses. The following suggestions were made by the members. Only the Video portion of SWAYAM Courses is getting covered in the testimonials. The other quadrants such as discussion forum and assessment are not highlighted. The back ground of many videos need improvement (proper framing is required). In case of languages other than Hindi and English, subtitling should be done.

(iii) **Examination for SWAYAM:**

The Board in its 5th meeting held on 11.06.2018 had nominated Two Committees to deliberate on the different aspects related to conduct of examination and re-running of the courses. The Committee Members (Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore, Prof. Pankaj Mittal, Additional Secretary, UGC, Prof. Prathap Haridoss, IIT Madras, Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, Shri S. K. Prasad, Joint Director, NIOS and Shri Parameswaran N., Senior Consultant, NMEICT) met in MHRD on 09.07.2018 at 11 A.M. and discussed the issues in detail. The outcome was appraised to the Board as follows:-

- (a) Recognizing the right of the student, there would be one re-examination for every course. The total exam time frame would be three months. The result of the 1st Exam would be declared within one month of the exam. The Re-examination would be conducted one month after declaration of result of 1st Exam. The students who have not cleared the 1st Exam or those who would like to improve the score can attend the re-examination. The Exam Fee for the Re-examination would be higher than the 1st Exam (recommended double). The Result of Re-examination would also be declared within one month of the exam. The total time frame from the date of 1st exam to the result of the Re-examination would be maximum of three months.
- (b) Regarding the conduct of examination, ultimately it should be done in the digital mode. However, the same could be achieved only in a phased manner. For the courses for July, 2018 Semester, NPTEL, IIM Bangalore, NCERT, NIOS will continue to conduct examination as they are doing now. IGNOU would organize the examinations for UGC, CEC, IGNOU and NITTTR. Meanwhile, the Committee would take presentations from vendors who are specialized in conducting the examination using digital techniques and finalize a suitable methodology for January, 2019 courses.

The Board approved the above approach suggested by the Committee.

- (iv) **List of Courses (for July, 2018 Semester):** The Current Status of Courses uploaded on SWAYAM was presented to the Board. Secretary (HE), M/o HRD pointed out the low figures of enrollment in July, 2018 Semester Courses. NCs should bring up the courses that have less than 500 Enrolments. Progress in enrollment should be regularly monitored by NCs and should take necessary step to popularize courses in starting days of launch.

The courses with low enrollment should be reported to the board and may be scrapped from SWAYAM portal.

It was noticed that the enrollment numbers as per the SWAYAM Portal and NPTEL Portal are different. The Board desired that the aspect of mirroring of NPTEL Data (like Registration, Enrollment etc.) on SWAYAM Portal should be examined on urgent basis and report in the next Board meeting

e-Book Version of Courses was showcased by UGC. The Board cleared the same with some suggestions to highlight the course details.

- (v) **Application Service Provider (ASP) for SWAYAM:** IIT Madras and AICTE reported that knowledge transfer process between M/s Microsoft and M/s Persistent System has started.
- (vi) **SWAYAM 2.0:** Secretary (HE), M/o HRD desired that the work on SWAYAM 2.0 should be expedited and requested IIT Madras to give a presentation on new architecture, features and implementation plan in the next Board meeting. Chairman, AICTE suggested that there should be a Brainstorming Session with all NCs before finalizing the additional features in SWAYAM 2.0.

4. **Request from Government of Afghanistan for using SWAYAM Platform:** The Board approved in-principle for proposal for permitting the Institutions under Afghanistan Government to upload courses on SWAYAM Platform and offer the courses to the learners / students in Afghanistan. It was felt that since the facility is being extended free of cost, there should be a time limit of 2 / 3 years specified in the MoU. Further, the proposal would require the approval of the Competent Authority.

AICTE was requested to make available a draft MoU.

The Members also felt that the Foreign Students who come through SWAYAM could be given Credit Transfer Facility in the Indian Universities. This would be an encouragement for students to come to India under the Study in India Programme.

5. **Approval letter for courses to be offered by each NC and release of funds:** The Board approved the proposal for issue of formal letter from MHRD confirming the courses to be run by an NC as well as the corresponding budget. In case, the total number of courses exceeds the number provided in the SFC, approval for the same will have to be obtained.

6. **Fund Allocation to National Coordinators towards Local Chapters:** The Board approved the proposal for release of funds for Local Chapters to the NCs in proportion to the number of courses offered by them.

7. **To refund the 50% fee waiver extended to SC/ST Students and PwD Students:** As per the SFC, the reimbursement of examination fee could be possible only for the Registrations done through SWAYAM. Mirroring of Data between SWAYAM and NPTEL Portals would solve the issue. The reimbursement would be limited to a maximum of Rs.1,100/-.

8. Points raised by UGC:

- ISTM and IEEE are allowed to run their courses on SWAYAM as Self Paced Courses and no financial support would be provided for these courses.
- The Board desired that a detailed proposal for revision of Budget Heads to be made for examination through IFD.
- No Experience Certificate would be given for Course Coordinators.
- The existing Feedback Mechanism of SWAYAM Portal was explained by AICTE.

Annexure

List of Participants who attended the 6th SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 09.07.2018

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| 1. Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD | - Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi | - Member |
| 3. Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, Joint Secretary (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD | - Member |
| 4. Shri H. Madhu Ranjan Kumar, Joint Secretary (Admn), M/o HRD | - Member |
| 5. Ms. Darshana Momaya Dabral, JS&FA, M/o HRD | - Member |
| 6. Shri Diptiman Das, CMD, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. | - Member |
| 7. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi | - Member |
| 8. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi | - Member |
| 9. Prof Amarendra P. Behera, NCERT, New Delhi | - Member |
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| 15. Shri S. K. Prasad, Director, NIOS, New Delhi | |
| 16. Hrushikesh Senapaty, Director, NCERT, New Delhi | |
| 17. Dr. Mohd. Mamur Ali, Assistant Professor, CIET, NCERT, New Delhi | |
| 18. Prof. Nageshwar Nath, Joint Director, CEC, New Delhi | |
| 19. Dr. Diksha Rajput, Publication Officer, UGC, New Delhi | |
| 20. Shri Abishek Kumar Anand, Project Officer, UGC, New Delhi | |
| 21. Prof. Prathap Haridoss, NPTEL, IIT Madras | |
| 22. Ms. Bharathi, NPTEL, IIT Madras | |
| 23. Shri Parameswaran N., Senior Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD | |
| 24. Shri Harsha Vardhan Mathpal, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD | |
| 25. Md. Saleh Nadim, ASO, M/o HRD | |
| 26. Shri Neeraj Kumar Vishnoi, ASO, M/o HRD | |
| 27. Shri Ghanshyam Das Devnani, Project Manager (NMEICT), M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. | |