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NOTIFICATION

In the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, and the resultant lockdown, the University Grants Commission has been requesting the academic community to make productive use of this period. To ensure uninterrupted teaching and learning at home and minimise academic loss by leveraging the potential of ICT, UGC has also shared links of digital platforms developed by MHRD and UGC like SWAYAM, ePGPathshala and SWAYAMPBABA. These digital platforms can be accessed by teachers, students and researchers in universities and colleges and also by lifelong learners for broadening their horizon of learning.

The current scenario has necessitated the need for mapping and developing more UG and PG MOOCs on SWAYAM in disciplines and programmes to reach students and learners all across the country and also allow students to earn credits as per UGC (Credit Framework for Online Courses through SWAYAM) Regulation, 2016.

A meeting to discuss about the SWAYAM courses and future course of action in the lockdown period was held on 10th April, 2020 under chairmanship of Dr Rakesh Sarwal, Additional Secretary(TE), MHRD wherein it was decided to constitute of a committee to look into various issues related to mapping of courses and amendment of the SWAYAM Regulations. Accordingly, the Chairman, UGC has constituted the following Expert Committee to look into the various aspects related current SWAYAM courses and future course of action on the same:

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| 1. Prof J B Nadda
Director, CEC | Chairman* |
| 2. Prof J P Singh Joorel
Director, INFLIBNET | Member |
| 3. Prof Appa Rao Podile
VC, University of Hyderabad | Member |
| 4. Prof Nitin R. Karmalkar
VC, Savitribai Phule Pune University | Member |
| 5. Prof (Ms.) Thamarai Selvi,
VC, Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore | Member |
| 6. Prof Dheeraj Sanghi
Director, PEC, Chandigarh | Member |
| 7. Prof Sanjeev Sanghi
IIT, Delhi | Member |


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| 8. Prof Deepak Kumar Srivastav
IIM, Trichy | Member |
| 9. Dr K P S Unny
Former Registrar, JNU | Member |
| 10. Shri Parmeswaran N.
Senior Consultant, MHRD | Member |
| 11. Dr N. Gopukumar
Joint Secretary, UGC | Member |
| 12. Dr Diksha Rajput, Deputy Secretary, UGC | Member Coordinator |

*The Chairman of the Expert Committee may co-opt other members, as appropriate.

The Terms of Reference of the Expert Committee will broadly be the following:

1. Mapping of courses available on SWAYAM (swayam.gov.in) (Subject-wise/Programme-wise) with formal degree programmes. To begin with, this exercise should be initiated by involving the Central Universities.
2. Exploring the possibility of making Credit Transfer Acceptance, mandatory for Universities, and amending UGC Regulations to increase the cap of 20 percent credit transfer at present.
3. Identifying gap areas, where new SWAYAM courses can be developed.

The Expert Committee may submit its recommendations within Fifteen days from the date of issue of the notification.


(Rajnish Jain)

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All Concerned