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Department of Higher Education
(TEL Division)

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New Delhi dated 11.04.2019

**Subject: Minutes of the 13th Meeting of SWAYAM Board held on 08.04.2019-
regarding**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 13th Meeting of SWAYAM Board, which was held on 08.04.2019 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 (DL & Admn.), M/o HRD
7. JS&FA, M/o HRD
8. Joint Secretary (HE & ICR), M/o HRD
9. Joint Secretary (CU), M/o HRD
10. Joint Secretary (Management & Language), M/o HRD
11. Joint Secretary (SE-I), M/o HRD
12. Prof. K. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras
13. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi
14. Shri Diptiman Das, CMD, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
15. Prof. Kushal Sen, IIT Delhi
16. Prof. Ravi Soni, IIT Delhi
17. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi
18. Prof. C. B. Sharma, Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS),
New Delhi.

19. Prof. Amarendra P. Behera, NCERT, New Delhi
20. Prof. Pankaj Mittal, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi
21. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL, Electrical Engineering, IIT Madras
22. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore
23. Prof. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR Chennai
24. Dr. N. H. Siddalinga Swamy, Director, AICTE-SWAYAM, New Delhi

Copy for information to:-

1. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (ICT), M/o HRD
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Minutes of the 13th SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 08.04.2019

Dated 11th April 2019

The 13th Meeting of the SWAYAM Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on 08.04.2019. List of Participants is enclosed.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of the 12th SWAYAM Board Meeting:** SWAYAM Board confirmed the minutes of 12th SWAYAM Board meeting.

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

• Total Courses	:	2,204
• Students Registered on SWAYAM	:	28,54,685
• Students Registered on NPTEL	:	21,44,038
• Total Registrations	:	49,98,723 ✓
• Students Enrolled for courses on SWAYAM	:	38,63,432
• Students Enrolled for courses on NPTEL	:	61,73,691
• Total Enrollments	:	1,00,37,123

4. **Local Chapters:** Secretary (HE) made the following remarks. Local chapters play very important role in popularising SWAYAM. Local Chapters must clearly know their roles and responsibilities. The Action plan for Local Chapters for the year 2019-20 should be clearly defined by UGC. Also UGC should effectively monitor and track the local chapter activities. All the Local Chapters should be adequately trained by the Mentors. The Local Chapters should be encouraged through some felicitation model for best performing Local Chapters, as being done by NPTEL.

UGC should organize state wise workshops for training of Local Chapters primarily in five states where there are very less local chapters i.e. Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. The Universities /Colleges with more than 3000 students should be invited for these workshops. Proposed dates for organizing these workshops are between 1st May – 23rd May 2019, avoiding Election Dates. UGC shall also invite the respective State Government representatives to participate in these workshops.

5. **Examination:** The different models for conducting the examination like allowing University to hold the examination at their level, were discussed. It was decided that the existing Committee of Examination chaired by Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe Chairman, AICTE should examine the different options and make recommendations to the Board.

6. **Translation:** IIT Madras and IIIT Hyderabad / CDAC were requested to demonstrate their capabilities for the translation of courses, by giving a demonstration of a course that they have

translated, in the next SWAYAM Board meeting.

CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF INDIAN LANGUAGES Mysore under the **National Translation Mission** (NTM) is working on Artificial Intelligence based Translation. They may also be invited to demonstrate their capabilities.

7. **Annual SWAYAM Conference:** Board approved in principle the proposal for organizing an ANNUAL SWAYAM Conference and proposed that the first Conference to be organized in mid of August 2019. Prof. P.D. Jose IIM Bangalore was requested to coordinate the same.

8. **Training of SWAYAM Course Coordinators:** Board approved the proposal of Sub-Committee headed by Prof Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice Chairman, UGC on Capacity Building training programme for the SWAYAM CCs and to incur expenditure as per below norms. The pilot training programme will be organised at NITTTR Chennai. Board also approved an amount of Rs.5 Lakhs to be released to NITTTR Chennai, as advance for organising the training programme. Further it is decided that the list of trainees would be finalized by the Training Committee. Board approved the proposal to hold this pilot training in the last week of May 2019.

- a) Boarding and Lodging of Trainees and resource persons (about 35) for 4 nights. The per day charges at NITTTR is Rs.1500 per person per day
- b) Travel (by air) for trainees and resource persons at actuals
- c) Honorarium for Resource persons @ Rs.5000 per day and support persons @ 1000 per day (camera man, editor etc)
- d) Preparation and distribution of course material at actuals

9. **Annual Schedule of SWAYAM Courses:** Board approved the Annual schedule of SWAYAM Courses. NPTEL, NIOS and NCERT were also requested to share their schedule with the same line of activities so that a consolidated schedule could be published by MHRD to all stakeholders including all Higher Educational Institutions through UGC and AICTE. It was also decided that UGC and AICTE would intimate all the Higher Educational Institutions about the exam schedule of NPTEL.

10. **List of Courses for July 2019 Semester:** Board approved the list of 44 courses of UGC and 3 more courses from IIM B. The total list of 591 courses has been finalized for July 2019 Semester.

11. **edX Proposal for Collaboration with SWAYAM:** Board decided that the proposal cannot be considered at this stage.

12. **Action plan for SWAYAM Prabha Channel 29:**

Director INFLIBNET made a presentation regarding the need for the studio equipment and the action plan for Channel 29 contents.

Board approved the proposal (which was deferred in the 12th meeting) regarding procurement of one set of studio equipment for INFLIBNET costing Rs. 38 lakhs using the funds available under SWAYAM Prabha with the Chief Coordinator IIT Madras

Board felt that proposed channel should totally focus on unique subject like soft skill / life skill content from top class faculty presented in an interesting manner. These courses may be taken as induction courses by students in colleges. A committee was appointed under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice Chairman, UGC with Dr. N. Saravana Kumar JS, Prof. J.P. Singh Joorel Director INFLIBNET, Prof. Mangala Sunder, IIT Madras, Dr.N.H. Siddalingaswamy, Director AICTE, Sri. Parameswaran N Advisor and Smt. Malathi Narayan DS, MHRD (Convener) as members to work out the action plan for the proposed channel.

13. eVBAB programme of MEA :

MEA has shown interest to use SWAYAM portal, to offer courses / programmes to African students. Initial discussions have happened between MEA and IIT Madras. The Board appreciated the initiative as it aims at the maximum utilisation of the SWAYAM portal, which is a national asset.

14. SWAYAM 2.0 :

Prof. Andrew Thangaraj IIT Madras presented the following time-lines for SWAYAM 2.0:

- April 8, 2019: Alpha-3 release (internal)
- April 24, 2019: Identify Cloud Service Provider
- May 15, 2019: Beta release and testing by limited release
 - swayam.gov.in will move on this date to SWAYAM 2 beta
 - Enrolments can open for July courses
 - 10 courses will be open for testing
- June 15, 2019: Launch
- Training on transition for NCs: April 8 - May 15
- Loading of courses and freezing of nodes: May 15 onwards
- Migration of user profiles to SWAYAM 2: May 15 onwards

Board requested IIT Madras to share with all NCs a step by step guide, video of new features, best practices and process of uploading videos, tests, assignments in SWAYAM 2.0. The new URL of SWAYAM 2.0 shall be shared to all NCs in private. All NCs are requested to share the July 2019 course credentials in a specified format to IIT Madras.

List of Participants who attended the 13th SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 08.04.2019

1. Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD - **Chairman**
2. Ms. Darshana Momaya Dabral, JS & FA, M/o HRD - Member
3. Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, Joint Secretary (TEL & ICC), M/o HRD - Member
4. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi - Member
5. Prof. C. B. Sharma, Chairman NIOS, New Delhi - Member
6. Prof. Pankaj Mittal, AS, UGC, New Delhi - Member
7. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL IIT Madras - Member
8. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore - Member **(through VC)**
9. Shri Diptiman Das, CMD, EdCIL - Member
10. Prof. (Dr.) Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR, Chennai - Member
11. Mr. N.H Siddalinga Swamy, Director, AICTE, New Delhi -Member
12. Prof. Amarendra P. Behera, Joint Director, NCERT, New Delhi -Member
13. Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan, Vice-Chairman, UGC, New Delhi
14. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (TEL), M/o HRD
15. Mohd. Mamur Ali, Assistant Professor, CIET, NCERT, New Delhi
- 15.Prof. Amarendra P Behera, Joint Director, NCERT
16. Prof. Nageshwar Nath, Joint Director, CEC, New Delhi
17. Dr. G. Janardhanan, Associate Professor, NITTTR Chennai
18. Ms. Pushpa Gautam, Under Secretary (TEL)
19. Ms. Bharathi Balaji, NPTEL, IIT Madras
20. Shri Girish V. G., Assistant Manager (Digital Learning), IIM Bangalore **(through VC)**
21. Dr. Diksha Rajput, Publication Officer, UGC, New Delhi
22. Dr. N.H.Siddalinga Swamy, Director, AICTE
22. Shri S. P. Kulsari, AICTE, New Delhi
23. Shri Sandeep Kumar, Sr. Software Developer, AICTE, New Delhi
24. Shri S. K. Prasad, NIOS, New Delhi
25. Prof J P S Joorel, Director, NIOS.
26. Shri Parameswaran N., Advisor, M/o HRD
27. Shri Abhishek Kumar Anand , e-Content Cell, UGC, New Delhi
28. Shri Harsha Vardhan Mathpal, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
29. Shri Amit Sharma, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
30. Shri Pritosh Kumar, ASO, M/o HRD
- 31.Ms. Unnati Gulaty, CEC
32. Md. Saleh Nadim, ASO, M/o HRD
- 33.Dr. V. Shanmuganidhi, Asst Professor, NITTTR, Chennai.
34. Shri Nikhil Mahajan, MT, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
35. Shri Harshit Aggarwal, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.
36. Shri Ashish Kumar, Asst Director, IGNOU.
37. Shri Ajay Pratap Singh, Senior System Analyst, (NMEICT), M/o HRD.