Subject: Minutes of the 5th Meeting of SWAYAM Board held on 11.06.2018-

regarding

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of 5th Meeting of

SWAYAM Board, which was held on 11.06.2018 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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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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12. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi
13. Prof. Kushal Sen, IIT Delhi
14. Prof. Ravi Soni, IIT Delhi
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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
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Copy for information to:-

1. Shri Parameswaran N., Senior Consultant, NMEICT M/o HRD
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Minutes of the 5th SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 11.06.2018

The 5th Meeting of the SWAYAM Board was held under the Chairmanship of Shri R Subrahmanyam, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD on 11.06.2018. List of Participants is at Annexure.

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

- Total Courses: 1473
- Active Courses: 159
- Courses Completed: 840
- Upcoming Courses: 474
- Students Registered: 20,57,719
- Students Enrolled for courses: 33,72,469

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<tr>
<th>National Coordinator Name</th>
<th>Total no. of courses produced till date (Also indicate within bracket the credit courses among them.)</th>
<th>Total no. of courses delivered through SWAYAM (a+b) Breakup (a) First Run (b) Re Run</th>
<th>No. of courses that are currently in production</th>
<th>Date of holding the last Academic Advisory Council (AAC) meeting (a) No. of courses examined (b) No. of Courses approved</th>
<th>No. of courses in which exams have been conducted for Credit Transfer / Certificates</th>
<th>No. of Universities that have approved credit transfer.</th>
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<tr>
<td>UGC</td>
<td>60</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>86* (45 New + 29 Repur. + 12 Invited)</td>
<td>2nd Meeting held on 26.03.2018 3rd Meeting Scheduled for 13.06.2018</td>
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<td>65 University</td>
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<td>CEC</td>
<td>160Credit Courses (87)</td>
<td>77 (a) 54 (b) 23</td>
<td>130 (50 Repurpose + 80 Fresh)</td>
<td>19th March, 2018 23rd March, 2018 159 Examined 102 Approved</td>
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<td>15 University</td>
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<td>NPTEL</td>
<td>482</td>
<td>740 (a) 482 First Run (b) 258 Rerun</td>
<td>156 (to be offered in July 2018 – new courses)</td>
<td>07th Oct, 2017 740 upto April, 2018</td>
<td>26 Institutions</td>
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<td>IIM B</td>
<td>26 (All Credit)</td>
<td>26 (a) 17 First Run (b) 09 Rerun</td>
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<td>AAC not held Planned in June - July 2018</td>
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<td>IGNOU</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>22 (a) 11 First Run (b) 11 Rerun</td>
<td>44 (31 IGNOU, 13 Other Univ.)</td>
<td>Held on 18th April, 2018 (a) No. of courses examined: 32 (b) No. of Courses approved: 24 (in principle)</td>
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<td>NCERT</td>
<td>20 Courses</td>
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<td>(a) 8 First Run</td>
<td>(b) 16 Rerun</td>
<td>20 Proposals examined</td>
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<td>AICTE</td>
<td>6 Proposals approved</td>
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<td>3 (All are credit courses)</td>
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<td>43 Examined</td>
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<td>NIOS</td>
<td>39 All Credit (19)</td>
<td>35 Approved</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>30th January, 2018</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>(14 Sec + 3 DEIEd)</td>
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<td>Total 39 (a) 21 First Run</td>
<td>8 Approved</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>For Jan 2019</td>
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<td>(b) 18 Re Run</td>
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3. **Discussion on Action Taken and Status Report:**

(i) **Local Chapters:** MHRD has issued letters regarding role of Local Chapters, to UGC and NPTEL. UGC and NPTEL informed that the same has been circulated to all Local Chapters. Secretary (HE), M/o HRD emphasized that the impact of the Local Chapters should be evaluated based on the enrollment of the students of various courses.

(ii) **Awareness Creation & Publicity:** NPTEL has printed a Booklet containing details of all the NPTEL Courses starting from July, 2018. Secretary (HE), M/o HRD suggested that a similar booklet should be printed for all other courses by 20th June, 2018. An e-Book Version is to be made available in the SWAYAM Platform and other relevant website. UGC was nominated for getting this job done. This booklet is to be circulated to all the Vice Chancellors in the VC Conference scheduled on 27th July, 2018. NPTEL was requested to circulate the softcopy of the booklet to all NCs.

UGC and AICTE were requested to start the media campaign as decided earlier ASAP. Regarding Media Campaign by UGC, it was decided that a campaign may be carried out from 15th June, 2018 to 15th July, 2018. The other details such as time slot in FM Radio Channel and all other related aspects may be decided by UGC.

The need for creating awareness or popularizing SWAYAM Courses in Foreign Countries especially SAARC Region was discussed. Secretary (HE), M/o HRD mentioned that M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. is running a program “Study in India” for attracting International Students to India and in the same campaign, SWAYAM Courses can also be added. It was decided that CMD, M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd. should be added as a member in the SWAYAM Board. Necessary Letter is to be issued in this regard.
(iii) **Certificate Format:** NPTEL showed their certificate format. Secretary (HE), M/o HRD suggested to use QR Code and upload it to National Academic Depository (NAD) for authenticity. The use of Gol Logo in the certificate was discussed and it was decided that it should not be used in the certificate. Also it was decided that the certificate would only be issued for successful completion of certificate course / credit course. The issue of certificate for participation would dilute the value of the certificate and the same should not to be issued.

(iv) **Examination for SWAYAM Courses:** The different aspect of the examination such online or offline examination, cost and effort involved in conducting such examination were deliberated in detail.

The following Committee was nominated to deliberate the different aspects related to conduct the examination and submit a report in the next SWAYAM Board Meeting to be held in July, 2018:

(a) Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore  
(b) Prof. Prathap Haridoss, IIT Madras  
(c) Prof. Shalabh, IIT Kanpur  
(d) Shri Vineet Joshi, DG, NTA  
(e) Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU  
(f) Shri S. K. Prasad, Joint Director, NIOS  
(g) Shri Parameswaran N., Senior Consultant, NMEICT

- **Chairman**
- **Convener**

(v) **List of Courses (for July, 2018 Semester):** All NCs were requested to ensure that they Tweet and post in Facebook individually for each of the upcoming course of July, 2018 Semester. UGC will develop a Common Template for Tweeting.

It was pointed out that some Universities who are trying to adopt SWAYAM Courses as part of their curriculum are unable to find courses in some areas in both UG and PG Levels i.e. there are gap areas where there are no courses. It was decided that all NCs would take necessary action to identify the gap areas and immediately develop courses in these areas.

For all the courses starting in July, 2018, the enrollments should be allowed upto 15th July, 2018.

It was also decided that the SWAYAM Home Page should display all the upcoming courses. AICTE would take necessary action for the same.

It was felt that starting date of semester of all the Universities should be aligned so that they are within a fortnight. AICTE and UGC may take necessary action for the same.

(vi) **Application Service Provider (ASP) for SWAYAM:** IIT Madras reported that M/s Persistent Systems has been selected through tendering process for ASP and the Work Order has been released. Now, the exercise for Knowledge Transfer with M/s Microsoft would be started. Secretary (HE), M/o HRD requested Chairman, AICTE to ensure smooth transaction from M/s Microsoft to M/s Persistent Systems.
Accordingly, it was decided to extend the contract of M/s Microsoft for further two months as requested by AICTE (total 4 months w.e.f. 18.06.2018) with the condition that services could be terminated by giving 1 month notice. Similarly, the contract for M/s Azure Cloud Services to be extended for 6 months with the condition that services could be terminated by giving 1 month notice.

(vii) **SWAYAM 2.0:** IIT Madras would be making a presentation in the next SWAYAM Board Meeting to be held in July, 2018.

4. **Local Chapters Guidelines - UGC & NPTEL:**

UGC and NPTEL Guidelines for Local Chapters were reviewed and it was felt that there should be a Portal for monitoring, registration and information exchange. AICTE, Chairman suggested that a Local Chapter Module should be created in SWAYAM Portal in the upcoming version.

Based on the proposal of NPTEL, it was decided that a funding of Rs. 10,000/- per local chapter would be provided to NC. The identification of the Local Chapters eligible for such funding would be done by NCs. The distribution of funds among NCs for Local Chapters would be proportionate to the number of courses offered by National Coordinators on SWAYAM Platform.

5. **Proposal from NPTEL and IISER Pune, for Workshop Course on Principles of Organic Chemistry Laboratory:**

It was decided that the workshop proposal should be treated as a course of SWAYAM. Preference for participation in the course should be given to faculty (1 from each Institute) and topers of the SWAYAM Course.

6. **Other points discussed:**

(i) **Students failing in MOOCs Examination:** It was discussed that CC who has created the course should normally re-run the course. In case, CC is not available, he could take the help of a colleague of his. A committee consisting of Prof. Uma Kanjilal (IGNOU), Prof. J. B. Nadda (CEC), Prof. P. D. Jose (IIM Bangalore) & Prof. Pankaj Mittal (UGC) was requested to come up with a solution for implementation of the same.

(ii) **Running of Skill Development Courses:** Prof. Pankaj Mittal, UGC raised the issue of running of Skill Development Courses on SWAYAM. It was clarified that these courses can be run provided they are NSQF certified / complaint.

(iii) **Waiver of GST for SWAYAM Exams:** Prof. Prathap Haridoss, IIT Madras pointed out that there is no GST on the Examination Fee of the Universities. However, NPTEL are having to pay GST on the NPTEL Exam Fees. It was requested that M/o HRD should take up this Ministry of Finance the issue of GST Waiver for SWAYAM Exam Fee. This was agreed to.

(iv) **Data Analytics for SWAYAM Courses:** It was discussed that SWAYAM Portal as on date is not providing enough data analytics to monitor the performance of the course in the SWAYAM Portal. Also proper documentation regarding the various reports is not readily available. AICTE was requested to look into these issues.

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### List of Participants who attended the 5th SWAYAM Board Meeting held on 11.06.2018

1. Shri R. Subrahmanyan, Secretary (HE), M/o HRD - Chairman
2. Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi - Member
3. Prof. Pankaj Mittal, AS, UGC, New Delhi - Member
4. Prof. Jagat Bhushan Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi - Member
5. Prof. P. D. Jose, IIM Bangalore - Member
6. Prof. Sudhindra Nath Panda, Director, NITTTR Chennai - Member
7. Prof. Uma Kanjilal, IGNOU, New Delhi - Member
8. Prof. Andrew Thangaraj, NPTEL, IIT Madras (through VC) - Member
9. Prof. Prathap Haridoss, IIT Madras
10. Ms. Malathi Narayanan, Deputy Secretary (TE), M/o HRD
11. Shri Anil Kumar, Director, M/o HRD
12. Prof. Nageshwar Nath, Joint Director, CEC, New Delhi
13. Shri S. K. Prasad, Director, NIOS, New Delhi
14. Dr. Diksha Rajput, Publication Officer, UGC, New Delhi
15. Shri Abishek Kumar Anand, UGC, New Delhi
16. Shri Parameswaran N., Senior Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
17. Shri S. P. Kulsari, Consultant, AICTE, New Delhi
18. Shri Sandeep Kumar, AICTE, New Delhi
19. Shri Harsha Vardhan Mathpal, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
20. Shri Amit Sharma, Consultant (NMEICT), M/o HRD
21. Shri Pritosh Kumar, ASO, M/o HRD
22. Shri Ghanshyam Devnani, PM (NMEICT), M/s EdCIL (India) Ltd.