University Grants Commission
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**Report on Orientation Workshop for SWAYAM Coordinators of Universities
held on 2nd February, 2018, AICTE, Nelson Mandela Marg, New Delhi**

UGC in its efforts to take the SWAYAM initiative forward and encourage more and more HEIs to adopt the MOOCs courses on SWAYAM, organized a one day Orientation Workshop for SWAYAM Coordinators of Universities on 2nd February, 2018, at AICTE, New Delhi provided a perfect platform for the university nominated SWAYAM Coordinators from diverse faculties representing 150 universities from all corners of the country.

Objectives
The objectives of the workshop was to sensitize and train SWAYAM coordinators on the roles and responsibilities of the University and its SWAYAM coordinators, and also to increase the reach of SWAYAM Course, as the SWAYAM is a path-breaking initiative of the government aimed at providing quality education to large number of students pursuing higher education in Universities and Colleges.

These SWAYAM coordinators, would also act as a Single Point of Contact(SPOC) for their university and play a pivotal role in disseminating and popularising the SWAYAM courses amongst students in particular and the academic fraternity at large, thereby enabling a bigger and wider access to students avail the benefit of MOOCs.

Inauguration and presentation
The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dhirendra Pal Singh, Chairman, University Grants Commission, in the august presence of Prof Anil D Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi, Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad , Dr. JB Nadda, Director, CEC, New Delhi and Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Additional Secretary, UGC.

In her welcome address Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Additional Secretary, UGC , gave a brief overview of the GOI's NME-ICT project under which UGC has developed 18000 modules for PG courses which are available on e-PG Pathshala website: epgp.inflibnet.ac.in. Further UGC has also developed MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) courses for indigenously developed SWAYAM Platform. At present UGC is running 60 MOOCs courses on the SWAYAM website. UGC has also issued Regulations allowing credit weightage up to 20% of MOOCs in their own programmes.

Prof Anil D Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE in his address highlighted the importance of SWAYAM Platform managed by AICTE. He informed that 989 courses are being offered by 8 National Coordinators and 18,46,098 is the current enrolment on the SWAYAM platform**.** SWAYAM Platform will also serve a dual purpose as it can be used for students to learn and also to enhance the pedagogy and skills of the teachers.

Prof. Dhirendra Pal Singh, Chairman, UGC , in his Inaugural address while highlighting the importance of SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha projects of UGC/MHRD, requested and exhorted the SWAYAM coordinators to join the UGC in disseminating the information about SWAYAM courses and 24*7 DTH Channels of SWAYAM Prabha in universities and affiliating colleges to ensure that more and more students can avail the benefit of MOOCs.

Further Four presentation were made on following topic by :-
- Dr (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Additional Secretary, UGC presentation on e-PG Pathshala, MOOCs, UGC Regulations and its Adoption.
- Sharing Experiences of Hosting MOOCs Course on Swayam Platform by Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.
- Presentation on Roles, Responsibilities and Steps to be taken for promoting the MOOCs on SWAYAM by Dr. Diksha Rajput, Publication Officer, UGC
- Presentation on SWAYAM Prabha by Abhishek Kumar, Scientist-C, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmadabad.
  The Workshop Presentations may be seen on the following link:-
  http://ugcmoocs.inflibnet.ac.in/downloads.php

Launch of dedicated UGC MOOCs Portal, Brochure on SWAYAM and Higher Education Statistics 2018

The dedicated 24*7 UGC MOOCs Portal (http://ugcmoocs.inflibnet.ac.in/) for SWAYAM Coordinators and Brochure on Higher Education Statistics 2018 was launched by Prof. Dhirendra Pal Singh, Chairman, UGC, preceded by a 5 min video.
Prof Anil D Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE launched Brochure on SWAYAM.

Question and Answers session/open house/recommendation of SWAYAM Coordinators

The participants were divided into 6 groups with a request to interact with in groups and come up with suggestion for promoting SWAYAM. The six groups nominated following as the leaders of their groups:-
- *Prof Harichandran*, Professor cum Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning, University of Mumbai.
- *Dr Jagdish Arora*, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, Ahmedabad.
- *Prof Harel Thomas*, Professor, Deptt. of Applied Geology, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.)
- *Prof. K. Rama Sudha*, Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering ,Andhra University College of Engineering (A), Visakhapatnam
- *Prof Prabhat K Singh*, Dean and head, School of Language of Literature, Central University of South Bihar
- *Dr. Guruprasad Khataniar*, Academic Registrar, Gauhati University

Based on the suggestions given by the group members, group leaders made a presentation. The major suggestions received from the various groups are listed below:-
- Number of attempts to clear/ qualify the exam to be defined.
- Flexibility for exam dates.
- Expenses for the lab component and Budgetary permission & popularing the initiative/ support staff / reference
- The focus should be on the registered students of the university.(UGC Directive in this reference).
- National agency for conducting the exam.
- API for SWAYAM Coordinators.
- North East and J&K learners have a different semester system, which should be clarified.
- CBCS to be mandatory for every University to enable credit transfer.
- In case of non-CBCS, what is the form of Credit Transfer.
- Step by step procedure for every activity for all stockholders.
- Certificate courses & enhancing employment

- Relaxing of teaching Experience.
- Assessment test alternate date for continuous assessment & Virtual Labs for lab experiments
- Courses getting translated in 10 Indian languages.
- Mizo, Bengali departments should be included.

Road map ahead for UGC Swayam Coordinators (USC)

The following road map was suggested to the Swayam Coordinators to increase the reach of SWAYAM Course,

1. UGC Swayam Coordinators (USC) shall nominate University Swayam mentors(USM) i.e. faculty from their affiliated college to popularize the SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha initiative among students and faculties of colleges.
2. Provide the following link on the University website Home-page.
   https://swayam.gov.in/
   http://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/
   https://www.swayamprabha.gov.in/
   http://ugcmoocs.inflibnet.ac.in/
3. UGC Swayam Coordinators (USC) are also requested to login into the UGC MOOCs dedicated portal i.e. http://ugcmoocs.inflibnet.ac.in/ and create a profile with the details of designation, university name, address, email and Mobile number. Further, they may identify University Swayam mentors(USM) i.e. faculty from their affiliated colleges and also student volunteers.
4. Encourage more and more students across Universities & Colleges to enrol for the SWAYAM Course, and provide the details of enrolment to UGC for each semester.
5. Conduct Awareness workshops in their University by inviting all affiliated Colleges and their students.
6. Provide the SWAYAM workshop participation certificate to participants
7. Issue a press release i.e. Send Press releases to local news papers regarding the SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha initiative taken by the University.
8. Promote the of SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha through the Social networking sites:-
   - Create a Facebook/twitter/ Instagram Page of the university for SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha
   - Provide the link of Facebook/twitter/ Instagram Page on the university notice board and other prominent places so that it reaches to students. along with UGC official twitter account : @ugc_india and MHRD official twitter account: @HRDMinistry
   - Share the SWAYAM Courses details on these Social networking pages by tagging along with UGC official twitter account : @ugc_india and MHRD official twitter account: @HRDMinistry
   - Shortly UGC will share 3 TVCs and 3 jingles in 10 different regional languages, with SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha poster to Swayam Coordinators.
   - Swayam Coordinators are directed to publicise TVCs widely. Further, posters may be displayed at prominent places i.e. University/college eg: Notice Board, Canteen, Mess, Hostel, Main gate of University/college.