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Dear Colleagues,

I request each faculty of Pondicherry University to help popularize online courses amongst students.

Please do go through the Ministry of Education's office memorandum dated 27th August 2020 shared below.

There is a clarion call for integrating available MOOCs on the SWAYAM platform and encouraging students to take advantage of online programmes, courses and learning materials.

Further, the credit transfer ability of SWAYAM may be utilized as much as possible.

I take this occasion to once again request colleagues to also submit proposals in the six subjects mentioned below, in which fresh UG MOOCs are required by the Education Ministry to be launched in July 2021:

1. Anthropology
2. History
3. Political Science
4. Public Administration
5. Sociology
6. Commerce

The details are available on the link:

<http://swayam.inflibnet.ac.in/>

EMRC, Pondicherry University will extend all the support necessary for the production of MOOCs by the faculty.

Warm regards,

Radhika Khanna

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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
(TEL Division)

New Delhi, dated the 27th August, 2020

Office Memorandum

Sub: Popularising Online courses- reg.

This has reference to the DO No. 1/28/5/2020 dated 20th August 2020 (copy enclosed) of the Cabinet Secretary regarding major initiatives announced by the Hon'able Prime Minister during his address to the Nation on 15th August, 2020. Several initiatives and reforms were announced to meet the objective of Atmanirbhar Bharat. One of the major initiatives/reforms is to sustain the momentum created for online classes even in rural areas.

2. Online learning has gained unprecedented momentum during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government of India is making continuous efforts to provide teaching - learning materials suitable for online classes. The digital initiatives like SWAYAM, SWAYAM Prabha, Virtual Lab, National Digital Library (NDL) have proved beneficial to a sizable number of students in far flung areas of the country.
3. MOOCs available on the SWAYAM platform are playing a pivotal role in meeting the requirements of quality online courses. On this platform, courses are available on almost all the disciplines from 9th standard to Post Graduation. Students residing in urban as well as rural areas are taking advantage of the quality MOOCs during the closure of educational institutions. The framework for transfer of credits has been put in place by AICTE and UGC by bringing out necessary regulations. With this, students studying in a conventional Institutes / Colleges can transfer the credits earned through the SWAYAM Courses into their academic records.
4. For the benefit of a large number of students, specially in rural areas, some of the SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha courses have been translated into regional languages. All out efforts are being made to provide more and more number of courses in regional languages.

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5. Apart from the SWAYAM, several EdTech companies are providing MOOCs. Students are supplementing their knowledge and skills by joining these courses. Many HEIs have started their own online classes for their students.

6. Considering the above and the vision of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, there is a need to sustain the momentum generated for online courses during the pandemic. Therefore, all Bureaus/ UGC/ AICTE are requested to kindly issue necessary instructions to Institutions for encouraging their students to take advantage of online programmes, courses and learning materials. The credit transfer facility of SWAYAM may be utilised as much as possible.


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1. Prof. D. P Singh, Chairman, UGC, New Delhi
2. Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE
3. All Bureau Heads of the Department of Higher Education

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