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**Dear Sir/Madam,**

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in the closure of HEIs and led to a new phase of digital online learning. To encourage continuity of learning amongst students, UGC has shared with Universities & Colleges the links of various ICT initiatives of MoE & UGC including the MOOCs being offered on the SWAYAM platform ([www.swayam.gov.in](http://www.swayam.gov.in)) of Government of India.

I am delighted to share with you that during the lockdown owing to the unprecedented COVID 19 pandemic, the various e-learning platforms of the Ministry of Education have seen an unprecedented combined access of over 1.4 crore since 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. The national online education platform SWAYAM has been accessed nearly 2.5 lakh times, which was about a five time increase over the figure of 50,000 strikes in the last week of March(Source :PIB).

In the prevailing COVID-19 scenario, Universities & Colleges are continued to encourage making optimum use of the SWAYAM online platform for the benefit of the students/learners. The list of **78 UG & 46 PG** MOOCs courses, which are ready to be offered in **January Semester 2021** is enclosed herewith and may also be seen at SWAYAM Portal at:-<https://swayam.gov.in/CEC>. The tentative examination dates for these courses are **8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**, which will be conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

It is brought to your kind attention that SWAYAM Courses may be approved and adopted on the recommendation of Dean Academics/Heads of Department for credit transfer and ratified by the Academic Council.

Several Universities have already accepted SWAYAM Courses for Credit Transfer, and remaining Universities are requested to kindly initiate urgent necessary steps and intimate the action taken at [econtent.ugc@gmail.com](mailto:econtent.ugc@gmail.com).

As on date, 2425 faculty members, i.e. total 228, SWAYAM Coordinators (list enclosed) from universities and 2197, SWAYAM Mentors from Colleges (list enclosed) have been identified by Universities and Colleges so far. The institutions to which SWAYAM Coordinators and Mentors belong are termed as SWAYAM Local Chapters.

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If your university is yet to nominate a SWAYAM Coordinator, kindly nominate a faculty member as SWAYAM Coordinator and share the details on [econtent.ugc@gmail.com](mailto:econtent.ugc@gmail.com). The Colleges are requested to kindly contact the concerned UGC regional office in this regard.

The faculty members identified as SWAYAM Coordinators and Mentors are requested to follow the **Operational Guidelines for SWAYAM Coordinators/Mentors (notified on 28.02.2020)** available at [https://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc\\_notices.aspx?id=Mjc1Nw](https://www.ugc.ac.in/ugc_notices.aspx?id=Mjc1Nw).

Further, the Universities and Colleges are requested to popularise these SWAYAM courses among Students & Faculty in their respective Universities and Colleges through website and various social media handles.

It is earnestly hoped that Universities & Colleges will come forward in large numbers to adopt the SWAYAM courses for credit transfer, and encourage more and more students to enroll in these courses to ensure uninterrupted teaching learning for students.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Rajnish Jain)

**Encl: As above**

To,

All Vice-Chancellors of Universities and Principals of all Colleges