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Subject : Registration Open for Four MOOCs on "Buddhist Culture and Tourism" for July 2023 Semester on SWAYAM Platform (www.swayam.gov.in/UGC) .

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you may be aware, Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon on Guru Purnima Day. This year Guru Purnima was celebrated on 3rd July, 2023. Considering the importance of this day, UGC has opened registration of its four MOOCs on "Buddhist Culture and Tourism" for July 2023 Semester on the SWAYAM Platform (www.swayam.gov.in/UGC). Out of these four courses, the first three are being re-run on the SWAYAM Portal, due to a huge response from the learners. These MOOCs are developed for the revival of India as a Global Centre of Buddhist Culture and Tourism.

The details of the MOOCs are as below:

1. The History of Indian Buddhism.
2. Buddhist Philosophy.
3. Abhidhamma (Pali) .
4. Buddhist Tourism.

The details of these MOOCs with start/end date/number of credits/week duration and SWAYAM Platform course link are attached as **Annexure-I**. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are requested to get these MOOCs approved and adopted through their statutory bodies as per the University Grants Commission (Credit Framework for Online Learning Courses through Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) Regulations, 2021.

The HEIs may also use these MOOCs in a Blended mode of learning in their concerned Institutions.

I urge all HEIs to take benefit of these UGC MOOC and encourage their students and faculty members to enroll in large numbers, so that students may avail the benefit of credit transfer from their concerned HEIs.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Manish Joshi)

Encl: As above.

To,
The Vice Chancellors of all Universities
The Principals of all Colleges



July 2023 Semester Courses for SWAYAM (UGC)

S. No.	SWAYAM Course Code	Subject	Subject / Discipline	MOOC Course Title	Name of the Course Coordinator	Course Start date	Enrolment end date	Course End date	Host University/ Institute approved the MOOC for Credit Transfer	LevelUG/ PG	No of credit of the course	SWAYAM Portal Course Link
1	ugc23_ge05	Buddhist Studies	Buddhist Studies	History of Indian Buddhism	Prof. K.T.S. Sarao, Former Professor, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi, Delhi	01-08-2023	31-08-2023	14-11-2023	Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS), Sarnath, Varanasi	UG and PG Both	4	https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/ugc23_ge05/preview
2	ugc23_ge06	Buddhist Studies	Buddhist Studies	Abhidhamma (Pali)	Prof. Bimalendra Kumar, Professor, Department of Pāli and Buddhist Studies, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	01-08-2023	31-08-2023	14-11-2023	Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS), Sarnath, Varanasi	UG and PG Both	4	https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/ugc23_ge06/preview
3	ugc23_ge07	Buddhist Studies	Buddhist Studies	Buddhist Philosophy	Prof. Pradeep Prabhakar Gokhale, Former Professor, Department of Philosophy, Savtribai Phule Pune University, Pune	01-08-2023	31-08-2023	14-11-2023	Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS), Sarnath, Varanasi	UG and PG Both	4	https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/ugc23_ge07/preview
4	ugc23_ge09	Buddhist Studies	Buddhist Studies	Buddhist Tourism	Dr. Shrikant Ganvir Assistant Professor, Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, (Deemed to be University), Pune)	01-08-2023	31-08-2023	14-11-2023	Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS), Sarnath, Varanasi	UG and PG Both	4	https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/ugc23_ge09/preview