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To

All Faculty of the AICTE Approved  
Institutions/Universities

**Subject: To derive maximum advantage of Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) available on online SWAYAM Platform by the Faculty of respective AICTE approved Institutions/Universities through enrolment to various online Training Courses - Regarding**

Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation of AICTE's letter of even number dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2018 on the subject cited above. (Copy enclosed for ready reference).

- Teachers are at the core of any education system and empowering them with access to latest developments, familiarizing them on the new & emerging trends, encouraging pedagogical improvements and methodologies is both a significant and critical need.
- To strengthening the empowerment of the Faculty/Teachers, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Govt. of India, New Delhi had launched **Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**, a major and unique initiative towards online professional development of 1.5 million higher education faculty using the MOOCs platform SWAYAM. For implementing ARPIT, 75 discipline-specific National Resource Centres (NRCs) were notified in the first phase, which were tasked to prepare online training material with focus on latest developments in the discipline, new & emerging trends, pedagogical improvements and methodologies for transacting revised curriculum. These NRCs cover wide range of disciplines in Social Sciences, Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Design & Manufacturing, Humanities, Language Teaching, Commerce, Management, Education Planning and Administration, Public Policy, Leadership & Governance, Library & Information Science, Astronomy & Astrophysics, Assessment and Evaluation, Pedagogy and research methods, cutting edge areas of Nano-sciences, Internet of Things, etc.
- SWAYAM MOOCs Platform is also now being used to train teachers through Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT).
- It bears emphasis that the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has invested significant amount of resources towards capacity building and enhancement of the professional skills of the higher education faculty under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) Scheme. ARPIT is one such initiative which aims to enhance the professional skills of faculty by way of online courses in various disciplines developed by the domain experts.
- As on date, a total of 71 online Training material/Courses in different disciplines have been completed and uploaded on SWAYAM Portal by these discipline-specific NRCs and as on date, **53704 teachers have already registered for their annual refresher course**. Faculty can benefit from this initiative as it is highly flexible and can be done at one's own pace and time. The NRCs will revolutionize professional development of faculty by catering to massive numbers by leveraging ICT and online technology platform of SWAYAM.

7. Though basically these online training courses are meant for Teachers/Faculty of Technical Higher Education, yet the students can also take advantages of these on line courses for their career growth in their respective disciplines.

8. In view of the forgoing, all Faculty/Teachers of the respective Institutions/Universities are requested to please ensure that they have registered/enrolled themselves for annual refresher online Courses already available on SWAYAM Portal to take maximum advantage of the these ARPIT online courses which will be helpful not only for keeping themselves abreast of latest development in their disciplines but also for aiding them in their career progression.

Yours sincerely

  
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Encl. As above





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To,

**All Universities / Institutions**

**Subject: Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) available on online SWAYAM Platform – direction / incentivisation for enrolment to the courses by the faculty of higher education centers.**

Sir/Madam,

The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT), a major and unique initiative towards online professional development of 1.5 million higher education faculty using the MOOCs platform SWAYAM on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

For implementing ARPIT, 75 discipline-specific National Resource Centres (NRCs) have been notified in the first phase, which as tasked to prepare online training material with focus on latest developments in the discipline, new & emerging trends, pedagogical improvements and methodologies for transacting revised curriculum.

In 2018, the inaugural year itself, the NRCs are expected to cater to around 13 lakh faculty of the total 15 lakh faculty in higher education.

It bears emphasis that the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has invested significant amount of resources towards capacity building and enhancement of the professional skills of the higher education faculty under Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) Scheme. ARPIT is one such initiative which aims to enhance the professional skills of faculty by way of online courses in various disciplines developed by the domain experts.

In order to encourage and incentivize faculty to join ARPIT, the proposal to standardize the level of assessment / evaluation of ARPIT for award of degree / certificate and grant of equivalence of same for Career Advancement Scheme (CAS), is under consideration.

In view of the forgoing, you are requested to encourage your faculty to take advantage of the ARPIT courses being provided on SWAYAM platform, not only for keeping themselves abreast of latest development in their disciplines but also for aiding them in their career progression.

Yours sincerely,

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