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**D.O.No.1-14/2020-PN-II**

Date: 27.11.2020

Dear Sir,

The Ministry of Education had launched Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching (ARPIT) for professional development of higher education faculty using the MOOCs platform SWAYAM in November, 2018. It is an online refresher course, which allows faculty to undergo training while on duty and without disrupting the institution's academic schedule.

2. For implementing ARPIT, 75 discipline-specific National Resource Centres (NRCs) were identified in the first phase in the year 2018-19 as ARPIT 2018 and 48 in the second phase in the year 2019-20 as ARPIT 2019. These NRCs 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.
3. After the completion of previous phases, the Ministry has decided to re-run the ARPIT 2019 courses in the year 2020. The course is a 40 hour module with 20 hours of video content and 20 hours of non-video content. They are offered in a highly flexible format and can be done at one's own pace and time. There are built-in assessment exercises and activities as part of the academic progression in the course.
4. At the end of the course, there will be a terminal assessment which will be conducted online by National Testing Agency. All faculties who have successfully completed the online refresher course will be given certificate.
5. The courses are open for registrations from 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and course will start from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.
6. All in-service teachers, irrespective of their subject and seniority are requested to register and complete these refresher courses. The last date for enrollment of ARPIT courses in SWAYAM platform is 10.12.2020. The courses can be accessed at <https://swayam.gov.in/explorer?category=ARPIT>
7. UGC vide its letter No. F.2-16/2002(PS)Pt.FI.II dated 03.12.2018 had decided to treat refresher course under ARPIT programme as equivalent to one Refresher course for the purpose of Career Advancement Scheme (Appendix I).

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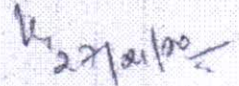


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8. I would request you to kindly issue directions to the Universities / Institutions/Autonomous Bodies under your Bureau so as to encourage their faculty to enroll in their disciplines and get benefited.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Kamini Chauhan Ratan)

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December 3, 2018

Respected Sir/Madam,

A unique initiative of online professional development of in-service teachers of higher education, using MOOCs platform SWAYAM-Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) was launched by MHRD on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The ARPIT is 40 hour programme with 20 hours of video content offered in a highly flexible format which can be done at one's own pace and time. The programme has built-in assessment exercises and activities as part of the academic progression in the course. At the end of the course, there is a provision for terminal assessment which can be either online or written examination.

It has been decided by the UGC that successful completion of the courses offered under the ARPIT programme with 40 hour of instruction material with a proctored examination will be treated as equivalent to one Refresher Course for the purposes of Career Advancement.

This is for the information of all universities and colleges.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

To the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities

F. No. 13-78/2020-CU.Cdn(pt.)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Education  
Department of Higher Education  
CU-Cdn  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated 4th December, 2020

To

The Vice Chancellors of all Central Universities.

Subject: Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) 2020 available on online SWAYAM Platform – direction/ incentivization for enrolment to the courses by the faculty of higher education centers-reg

Madam/ Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith D.O. No. 1-14/2020-PN-II dated 27.11.2020 received from Joint Secretary (HE), M/o Education regarding Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) 2020.

2. ARPIT-2020 refresher programme is a 40 hours module with 20 hours of video content and 20 hours of non-video content being offered in a highly flexible format which can be attended at one's own place and time. There are built-in assessment exercises and activities as part of the academic progression in the course.

3. At the end of the course, there will be a terminal assessment which will be conducted online by National Testing Agency. All faculties who have successfully completed the online refresher course will be given certificate. The courses are open for registrations from 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

4. It is, therefore, requested to disseminate this information among all in-service teachers, irrespective of their subject and seniority to register and complete these refresher courses. The last date for enrollment of ARPIT Courses in SWAYAM platform is 10.12.2020. The courses can be accessed at: <https://swayam.gov.in/explorer?category=ARPIT>

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: As above.

(Kumar Kalikanand)  
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Signature Not Verified

The Secretary, UGC, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi, for necessary action.

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