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To,

All the Principal / Director of AICTE Approved Institutions

Subject: Utilisation of Swayam and SwayamPrabha initiatives of MHRD by Institutions of Higher Education - regarding.

Dear Sir/Madam,

New Year Greetings from All India Council for Technical Education!

As you are aware that Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has taken initiative for telecasting High Quality Education Programmes through 32 DTH channels on 24x7 basis, through **Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geo-Informatics (BISAG)**. *Every day, there will be new content for at least Four hours which would be repeated 5 more times in a day, allowing the students to choose the time of their convenience.* The contents are provided by NPTEL, IITs, AICTE, UGC, CEC, IGNOU, NCERT and NIOS. The DTH channels cover Curriculum-based course contents at post-graduate and under-graduate level covering diverse disciplines such as Arts, Science, Commerce, Performing arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, Engineering & Technology, Law, Medicine, Agriculture, etc. The details of channels and programmes are available at <https://swayamprabha.gov.in> portal.

The channels also cover School education (9-12 levels): modules for teacher's training as well as teaching and learning aids for children of India to help them understand the subjects better and also help them in preparing for competitive examinations for admissions to professional degree programmes. Courses are based on curriculum that can meet the needs of life-long learners of Indian citizens in India and abroad and assist students (especially for Class 11th & 12th) to prepare for competitive exams.

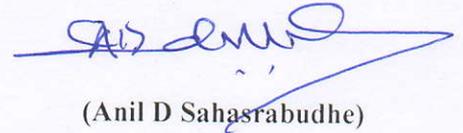
All courses are certification-ready in their detailed offering through **SWAYAM**, the platform developed for offering MOOCs (On-line) courses. All courses are interactive, prepared by the best teachers in the country and are available, free of cost to any learner. Details are available on SWAYAM portal (<https://swayam.gov.in>). These courses offer (1) video lecture (2) specially prepared reading material that can be downloaded/printed (3) self-assessment tests through tests and quizzes (4) an online discussion forum for clearing the doubts. Steps have been taken to enrich the learning experience by using audio-video and multi-media and state-of-the-art pedagogy / technology. Courses delivered through SWAYAM are available free of cost to the learners, however learners wanting a SWAYAM certificate have to should register for the final proctored exams.

In view of the foregoing, I would like to request all Institutions of Higher learning to give wide-publicity to these courses and utilise the benefit of these platforms available free of cost for improving the quality of Education in the country. **Use of Swayamprabha DTH channels, especially in rural and far flung areas of country, where Internet bandwidth may be a bottleneck can be of excellent help to students and teachers in improving the quality of education and knowledge enhancement.** These DTH channels can be accessed through DD Free Dish and set-top box, generally available with all TV dealers for less than Rs 2000/-, details available at <https://doordarshan.gov.in/dd-free-dish>.

The Institutes may have couple of dedicated classes with TV and Dish to view the courses. Individuals can also view them at home.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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