## National Workshop on "Planning & Development of Online Courses with reference to MOOCs"

Date: 05<sup>th</sup> February to 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

A.K.Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, (a centre sponsored by the NITI Aayog, Govt. of India) Visva-Bharati, is organizing a national workshop on Planning & Development of Online Courses with reference to MOOCs during 5th to 11th FEBRUARY, 2019.

The Centre invites applications from faculty members from colleges, universities, who wish to deepen their understanding and enhance their skills in running and managing Online Courses.

Applicants have to email their application mentioning their present designation, contact address, telephone number, email address and institutional affiliation. Application must reach vbplanning46@gmail.com within 10th January, 2019.

Registration fee: <u>Rs.2500</u>/- (Rupees Two thousand five hundred). No TA and accommodation will be provided to the participants. However, working lunch and tea will be provided between session breaks.

The registration Fees to be paid online. Details of payment will be provided after selection. Participants will have to bring their own laptops. The participation in the programme will be on first come first serve basis.

## **Thematic Background**

In 2016 UGC has made a Gazette Notification on introduction of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) aimed for providing quality education which can be availed by anybody at anytime from anywhere. If successfully implemented this would increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GRE) significantly with the help of Information Communication Technology (ICT). MHRD/UGC is encouraging faculties of different educational institutes to take part in this endvour through launching online courses using the platforms like SWYAM, e-PG Pathshala, NPTEL etc. Launching online course is, relatively, a significant change in the teaching practice. Large numbers of facultiy members are not well accustomed with the mechanism. Therefore, a workshop is being planned to create awareness and update on the entire online course process so that an interested faculty member can introduce his/her course and help his/her students to take advantage of this national initiative.

## Course overview:

The course will encompass discussions and hands on training (wherever applicable) on (but not limited to) the following topics:

- 1. The process of introduction of SWYAM to the present students and how they can obtain credits through online mode while they are pursuing a specific course in regular mode at a university/college.
- 2. Launching and running courses through online platforms like SAWYAM/e-PG Pathshala etc.
- 3. Conducting online examinations using free ICT resources.
- 4. Currently available other global online learning resources and usage of them.

- 5. Developing electronic text, audio and video contents (e-content) using free or open online resources for academic purpose.
- 6. Managing online courses using free or open online platforms.
- 7. Introduction of open hardware i.e. how one can develop a very low cost computer using readily available tools in the market for running online courses.

## **Important Dates:**

Last date for receiving application: 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. Email for Correspondence: vbplanning46@gmail.com

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