

**Ministry of Human Resource Development**  
**Department of Higher Education**

**MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2018:**

**Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During October, 2018**

**A. National Academic Depository (NAD)**

As on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018, around 1.57 crore academic awards including degrees, marks-sheets, certificates etc have been lodged by various academic institutions on NAD. This scheme to digitally store academic degrees and awards was launched by the Hon'ble President on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

**B. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA):**

A Review meeting with Principal Secretary (Higher Education) of States alongwith Vice-Chancellors & Administrators of Universities who were lagging behind in utilising funds sanctioned under RUSA was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018. These universities were requested to expedite utilization of funds and expeditiously submit utilization Certificate. Further, a meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 wherein Principal Secretary (Higher Education) and administrators of autonomous colleges were present. In the meeting presentation on action plans for enhancing quality in select autonomous colleges was made.

An amount of Rs. 4590.6 crore including Rs. 901.60 crore during the current financial year-2018-19 has been released to State Governments since the inception of the Scheme.

- C. The Ministry signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay & Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore on 11.10.2018 after approval of draft MoU by the Empowered Expert Committee.
- D. The Ministry issued Notifications declaring IIT Delhi, IIT Bombay & Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore as Institutions of Eminence on 11.10.2018.
- E. The Ministry, on 29.10.2018, extended the deemed to be University status to Kalasalingam Academy of Research & Education, Krishnankoil, Tamil Nadu upto 30.06.2019.
- F. The Ministry, on 26.10.2018, extended the deemed to be University status to Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu upto 30.06.2020.
- G. Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> SWAYAM Examination Committee was held on 30.10.2018.

- H. The SPARC web portal was launched by the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource and Development in a press conference on 25.10.2018.
- I. A meeting to discuss the issue of vacant seats in M.Tech programmes in IITs on the basis of GATE Score with major CPSUs/PSUs was held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State Human Resource Development on October 8, 2018 at Hall No.1, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- J. A meeting to review the IMPRINT and UAY Schemes with the participating Ministries who have not the released funds was held under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary(TE), MHRD on 10.10.2018 at CS Library, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- K. Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> SWAYAM Examination Committee was held on 30.10.2018.

Swayam is about to hold examination for the students enrolled in July - December, 2018 semester for the first time and more than 4000 students have been registered for this exam which is scheduled to be held on 01/12/2018 and 02/12/2018.

Following decisions were taken in the Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> SWAYAM Examination Committee, which was held on 30.10.2018.

- The format of the examination was decided. The Exam would be in both CBT & Pen & Paper format with no negative marking and will be of 3 hours duration
  - Question Paper (QP) is to be prepared by CEC and UGC and NTA shall upload it through empanelled agencies.
  - NTA will generate the Hall Ticket (format to be decided by NTA, MHRD and SWAYAM Team) of eligible candidates and the same would be available for download by students from 20<sup>th</sup> November till 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018.
  - Conduct of Examination: NTA to arrange for dispatch its Answer books to Exam Centres by 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. First Shift Reporting Time for candidates is 7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M., Start of Exam, 9:00 A.M.; End of Exam, 11:00 A.M. / 12:00 P.M.
- L. University Grants Commission(UGC) (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) Regulations, 2018 dated 16.10.2018.
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**N. Information on Progress made in Quality Initiatives by AICTE to enhance the level of Technical Education in AICTE approved Institutions.**

- Perspective plan for technical education of the country State-by-State being done by IIT Delhi will be submitted by 31.12.2018.
- Videos for training of teachers/ students to be prepared by AICTE at the earliest for putting them up on AICTE's website.
- As regards, Induction Program for engineering students, National Coordination Committee for Induction Program under the Chairmanship of Prof. Rajeev Sangal, Ex. Director, IIT-BHU has conducted about forty-five 3 days/7 days Faculty Development Program – Student Induction (FDP-SI). Around 3,00,000 students have already undergone 3-week Induction Training program in the States like Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal and Maharashtra. Many other States have informed that they will conduct the Induction Program from 2019-20. Information from the States is been gathered.
- A meeting to prepare modalities for MOOCs courses has been held on 29.10.2018 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (HE). In the meeting, the members of curriculum revision committee have been requested to prepare the training videos to train the technical teachers to impart concepts of advanced topics of engineering.