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Dear Siv/ Majon,

The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT), a major and unique initiative towards online professional development of 15 lakh higher education faculty using the MOOCs platform SWAYAM on 13th November, 2018.

- 2. For implementing ARPIT, 75 discipline-specific National Resource Centres (NRCs) have been notified in the first phase, which are 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. Since the launch, around 49,000 faculty have already enrolled and are currently undergoing the refresher course. The courses can be accessed at http://swayam.gov.in/courses/public and last date for registration is 15th January, 2019.
- 4. In order to encourage and incentivize faculty to join ARPIT, UGC has decided to treat refresher course under ARPIT programme as equivalent to one refresher course for the purpose of Career Advancement Scheme. Further, UGC and AICTE have already issued letter to all the Universities/Institutions under their control to encourage greater participation.
- 5. In view of the above, you are requested to urge all 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.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To

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