<u>**Ministry of Human Resource Development**</u>
<u>**Department of Higher Education**</u>

MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE CABINET FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2019:

1. **Important Policy Decisions Taken and Major Achievements During July, 2019**

A. **Improving access**

i. Meeting for Review of SWAYAM Guidelines and Financial Norms was held on 08.07.2019: This meeting was held to revise the financial guidelines and Financial Norms of SWAYAM which was earlier approved in December 2017

ii. Meeting for Review of IRINS Project under NMEICT was held on 11.07.2019: This meeting was held to analyse the growth of IRINS project and its financial matters was discussed.

iii. **Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)**
An amount of Rs. 5602.47 crore including Rs. 541.37 crore during the financial year 2019-20 has been released to State Governments since the inception of the Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA).

B. **Quality Improvement**

i. Meeting of Screening Committee for Identification of Course Coordinators (CCs) for Capacity Building Workshop was held on 11.07.2019: In the meeting it was asked to organize more workshops for Capacity Building of Course Coordinators.

ii. 1st Meeting of Stake Holders for Procurement of e-Books to provide knowledge based services to the Citizens was held on 18.07.2019:

iii. **University Grants Commission (UGC)**
The status of implementation of Quality Improvement Programme of UGC in Non Technical Education is attached as Annexure 1.

Status of implementation of Quality Improvement Programme of UGC in Non Technical Education:

S.No.	Initiative	Present status
1.	Induction programme for students.	'Deeksharambh – A guide to Student Induction Programme' has been launched formally by Hon'ble Minister of HRD on 18.07.2019. 3 Regional Workshops on Training of Teachers (ToT) for Student Induction has already been held which was attended by 650 Participants. 2 more Regional Workshops to be organized in August, 2019 in Guahwati and Bhopal.
2.	Learning outcomes based curriculum framework (LOCF) revision.	New curriculum in 10 subjects which is based on LOCF has been developed. Stakeholders comments received and updated. Final uploading shall be done by 9th August, 2019 on UGC website to facilitate universities to revise the curriculum. Model LOCF in 5 more subjects is to be uploaded for seeking stakeholders comments. Final uploading shall be done by 30.08.2019.
3.	Use of ICT based learning tools for effective teaching learning process	58 UGC MOOCs Courses offered from January to May, 2019 in which 2035 students appeared in the examination. 1295 SWAYAM certificate & Mark Sheets have been issued for these courses. 43 MOOCs courses offered from July-October, 2019.
4.	Life skills (Jeevan Kaushal) for students.	The curriculum on Jeevan Kaushal (Life Skills) will be launched by 10th August, 2019 and will be uploaded on UGC website. Manual for teachers on Jeevan Kaushal will be launched by 31.08.2019. Work on development of 4 MOOCs courses is being initiated.
5.	Social and Industry connect for every institution: Every institution shall adopt at least 5 villages for exchange of knowledge and for the overall social/economic betterment of the village communities.	UGC has constituted a working group to formulate a concept note and scheme on University- Industry Linkage Programme. In this regard, three meeting have been held by July, 2019. The concept note is in the process of finalization. Two credit course curriculums developed on, "Fostering Social Responsibility Community Engagement of HEIs in India", is available on UGC website.

6.	Evaluation Reforms.	Evaluation Reforms is ready to be launched by 15.08.2019. Four Regional Workshops on Evaluation Reforms for 600 participants are scheduled in July-August, 2019.
7.	Tracking of student's progress	A task force has been constituted to formulate a policy document on 'Student Career Progression and Alumni Network'. The first meeting of the task force held at UGC Office on 20.05.2019. The second meeting was held on 15.07.2019 at UGC. The policy document would be finalized by the end of August, 2019.
8.	Induction training for all new teachers, and annual refresher training for all the teachers – role of the NCRs; and mandatory leadership/management training for all educational administrators.	One Training of Teachers (ToTs) Workshop has been conducted at Pune.
9.	Promoting quality research by faculty and creation of new knowledge.	Scheme for Trans-disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy (STRIDE) has been launched on 01.07.2019 and notified by UGC on 20.07.2019. Operational Guidelines of STRIDE have been printed and also uploaded on UGC Website: www.ugc.ac.in. The task of implementing STRIDE has been assigned to Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and a STRIDE Cell has been established there. The portal for submission of online proposal under the STRIDE has been operationalized w.e.f. 31.07.2019. The report from Balram committee has been received and ready to be placed in the Commission meeting for uploading on UGC website.
10.	Mentoring of non-accredited institutions, so that every institution can get accreditation by 2022.	PARAMARSH- a scheme of UGC to mentor institutions seeking National Assessment and Accreditation Council, has been launched by Union Minister for Human Resource Development on 18th July, 2019. Identification of mentors and mentees is in process.

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