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The Ministry of Education had launched Annual Refresher Programme In Teaching (ARPIT) for professional development of higher education faculty using the MOOCs platform SWAYAM in November, 2018. It is an online refresher course, which allows faculty to undergo training while on duty and without disrupting the institution's academic schedule.

- 2. For implementing ARPIT, 75 discipline-specific National Resource Centres (NRCs) were identified in the first phase in the year 2018-19 as ARPIT 2018 and 48 in the second phase in the year 2019-20 as ARPIT 2019. These NRCs were 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. After the completion of previous phases, the Ministry has decided to re-run the ARPIT 2019 courses in the year 2020. The course is a 40 hour module with 20 hours of video content and 20 hours of nonvideo content. They are offered in a highly flexible format and can be done at one's own pace and time. There are built-in assessment exercises and activities as part of the academic progression in the course.
- 4. At the end of the course, there will be a terminal assessment which will be conducted online by National Testing Agency. All faculties who have successfully completed the online refresher course will be given certificate.
- 5. The courses are open for registrations from 20th November, 2020 and course will start from 1st December, 2020 to 31st March, 2021.
- 6. All in-service teachers, irrespective of their subject and seniority are requested to register and complete these refresher courses. The last date for enrollment of ARPIT courses in SWAYAM platform is 10.12.2020. The courses can be accessed at https://swayam.gov.in/explorer?category=ARPIT
- 7. UGC vide its letter No. F.2-16/2002(PS)Pt.Fl.II dated 03.12.2018 had decided to treat refresher course under ARPIT programme as equivalent to one Refresher course for the purpose of Career Advancement Scheme (Appendix I).

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8. I would request you to kindly issue directions to the Universities / Institutions/Autonomous Bodies under your Bureau so as to encourage their faculty to enroll in their disciplines and get benefited.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Respected Sir/Madam,

A unique initiative of online professional development of in-service teachers' of higher education, using MOOCs platform SWAYAM-Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) was launched by MHRD on 13th November, 2018. The ARPIT is 40 hour programme with 20 hours of video content offered in a highly flexible format which can be done at one's own pace and time. The programme has built-in assessment exercises and activities as part of the academic progression in the course. At the end of the course, there is a provision for terminal assessment which can be either online or written examination.

It has been decided by the UGC that successful completion of the courses offered under the ARPIT programme with 40 hour of instruction material with a proctored examination will be treated as equivalent to one Refresher Course for the purposes of Career Advancement.

This is for the information of all universities and colleges.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities