From

Director Higher Education, Haryana,
Shiksha Sadan, Sector-5, Panchkula.

To

1. The Registrars of All State and Private Universities in the State.
2. The Principals of All Govt. Colleges in the State.
3. The Principals of All Aided Colleges in the State.
4. The Principals of All Self Financing Colleges in the State.

Memo No. 27/3-2019 Co. (1)
Dated Panchkula, the 16.01.2019

Subject: Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT).

Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

I have been directed to forward a copy of D.O. letter No. 5-5/2017-PN-II, dated 14.12.2018 received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide which it is informed that the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Department of Higher Education, New Delhi has launched Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT), a major and unique initiative towards online professional development of faculty using the MOOCs platform SWAYAM which allows faculty to undergo training while on duty and without disrupting the institution’s academic schedule.

Hence, you are requested to circulate the above said D.O. letter and encourage faculty to enroll in their disciplines and get benefitted.

Encl: As above.

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Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that 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. Since it is an online refresher course, it allows faculty to undergo training while on duty and without disrupting the institution’s academic schedule.

ARPIT is being implemented by 75 discipline-specific National Resource Centres (NRCs), 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. The course is a 40 hour module with 20 hours of video content and 20 hours of non-video 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. At the end of the course, there will be a terminal assessment which will be online. All faculties who have successfully completed the online refresher course will be certified. The courses are open from 1st November, 2018 to 28th February, 2019. 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 15.01.2019. The courses can be accessed at https://swayam.gov.in/courses/public.

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. A copy of the letter is annexed. I would request you to kindly issue directions to all the Universities / Institutions under your administrative control 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 a 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,

(Rajnish Jain)

To the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities