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MOOC Courses in Swayam Platform

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has started Massive Open Online Courses(MOOC) in SWAYAM Platforms which are taught by subject experts, if so, the details of duration of the courses;
- (b) the total number of MOOC courses developed till now and total registered students and the numbers of MOOC courses developed/originated from different Educational Institutes of North East; and
- (c) whether it is true that in many cases, the exams of MOOC's are delayed and if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken by the Government to encourage MOOC's in North East?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (c) The SWAYAM portal was launched on 9th July 2017 to make high-quality content available to learners free of cost with the approach of “Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime Learning”. Development of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) under the SWAYAM MOOCs program is coordinated through a network of National Coordinators. These National Coordinators identify Subject Matter Experts (SME) to develop courses in various domains. These SME include senior academicians drawn from the leading institutions from across the country. The SME develop courses in technical, non-technical, inter-disciplinary, multi-disciplinary, emerging technology areas from Class 9th to Post Graduation levels and for teacher training and working professionals as well. The duration of courses varies from 4 Weeks to 16 Weeks for HEIs and 24 weeks for School education.

As on 14th December 2023, 3087 Unique MOOCs Courses have been developed under the SWAYAM program and 3.85 crore enrolments have been made in these courses. Further 224 Courses have been developed through subject matter experts at different Host Institutes located at North East.

SWAYAM MOOCs program follow a pre-defined calendar in alignment with semester system. Required flexibility is provided based on local conditions for conduct of exams. To take this initiative forward and to encourage more students across Higher Education Institutes to participate in this initiative, Local chapters have been established in colleges as Single Point of Contact. More than 80 Local chapters have been assigned for North East states. Other than these, workshops have also been conducted for different universities of the North East region to increase their participation.
