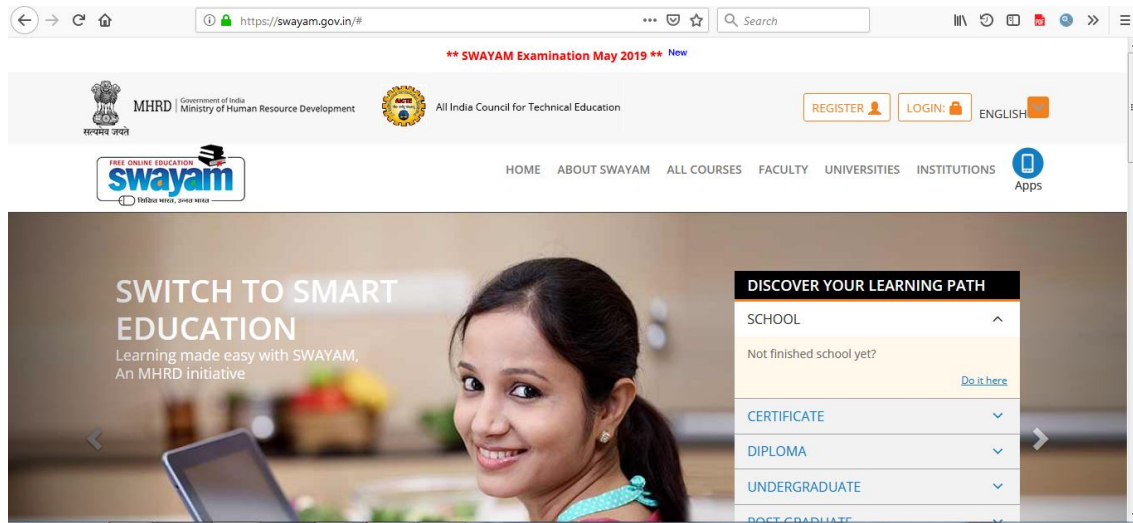
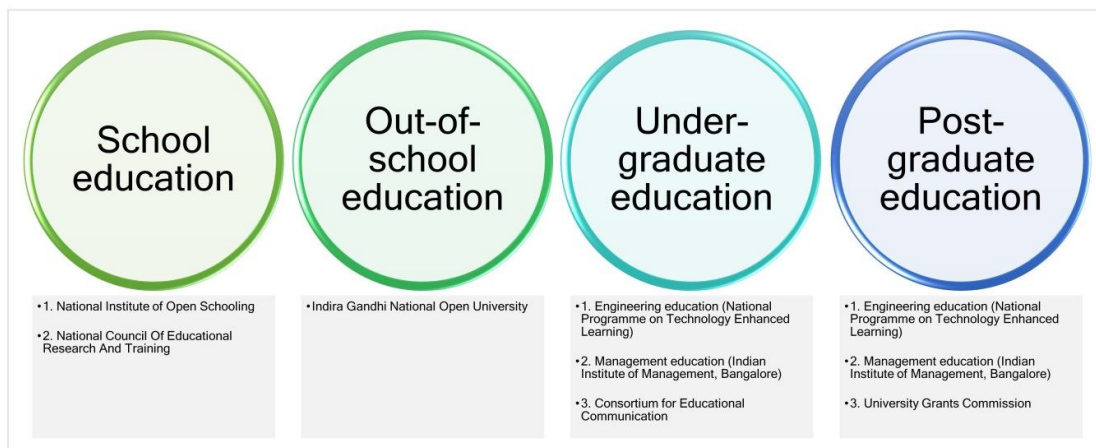


# SWAYAM : Free online Education initiated by MHRD Govt. of India

<https://swayam.gov.in/#>



**SWAYAM** is a programme initiated by Government of India and designed to achieve the three cardinal principles of Education Policy viz., access, equity and quality. The objective of this effort is to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged. SWAYAM seeks to bridge the digital divide for students who have hitherto remained untouched by the digital revolution and have not been able to join the mainstream of the knowledge economy.



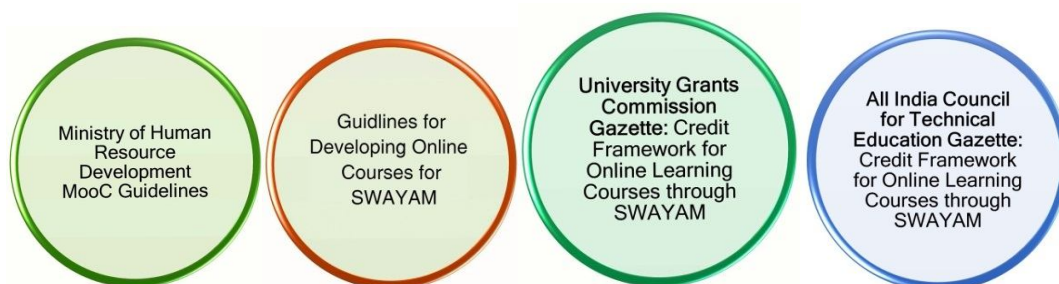
This is done through an indigenous developed IT platform that facilitates hosting of all the courses, taught in classrooms from 9th class till post-graduation to be accessed by anyone, anywhere at any time. All the courses are

interactive, prepared by the best teachers in the country and are available, free of cost to the residents in India. More than 1,000 specially chosen faculty and teachers from across the Country have participated in preparing these courses.

The courses hosted on SWAYAM are in 4 quadrants – (1) video lecture, (2) specially prepared reading material that can be downloaded/printed (3) self-assessment tests through tests and quizzes and (4) an online discussion forum for clearing the doubts. Steps have been taken to enrich the learning experience by using audio-video and multi-media and state of the art pedagogy / technology. In order to ensure best quality content are produced and delivered, nine National Coordinators have been appointed: They are [AICTE](#) for self-paced and international courses, [NPTEL](#) for engineering, [UGC](#) for non technical post-graduation education, [CEC](#) for under-graduate education, [NCERT&NIOS](#) for school education, [IGNOU](#) for out of the school students, [IIMB](#) for management studies and [NITTTR](#) for Teacher Training programme.

Courses delivered through SWAYAM are available free of cost to the learners, however students wanting certifications shall be registered, shall be offered a certificate on successful completion of the course, with a little fee. At the end of each course, there will be an assessment of the student through proctored examination and the marks/grades secured in this exam could be transferred to the academic record of the students. UGC has already issued the UGC (Credit Framework for online learning courses through SWAYAM) Regulation 2016 advising the Universities to identify courses where credits can be transferred on to the academic record of the students for courses done on SWAYAM.

SWAYAM platform is indigenously developed by [Ministry of Human Resource Development \(MHRD\)](#) and [All India Council for Technical Education \(AICTE\)](#) with the help of Microsoft and would be ultimately capable of hosting 2000 courses and 80000 hours of learning: covering school, under-graduate, post-graduate, engineering, law and other professional courses.



## Open Courseware

1. NPTEL:(National Programme on Technology Enhancement Learning)

Link : <http://www.nptel.iitm.ac.in>

2. CEC: Consortium for Educational Communication

Link: <http://www.cec.lor.edu.in/search.asp>

3. NCERT: (National Council of Education Research and Training)

Link: <http://www.ncert.nic.in>

4. e-Gyankosh(IGNOU) Link : <http://www.egyankosh.ac.in>