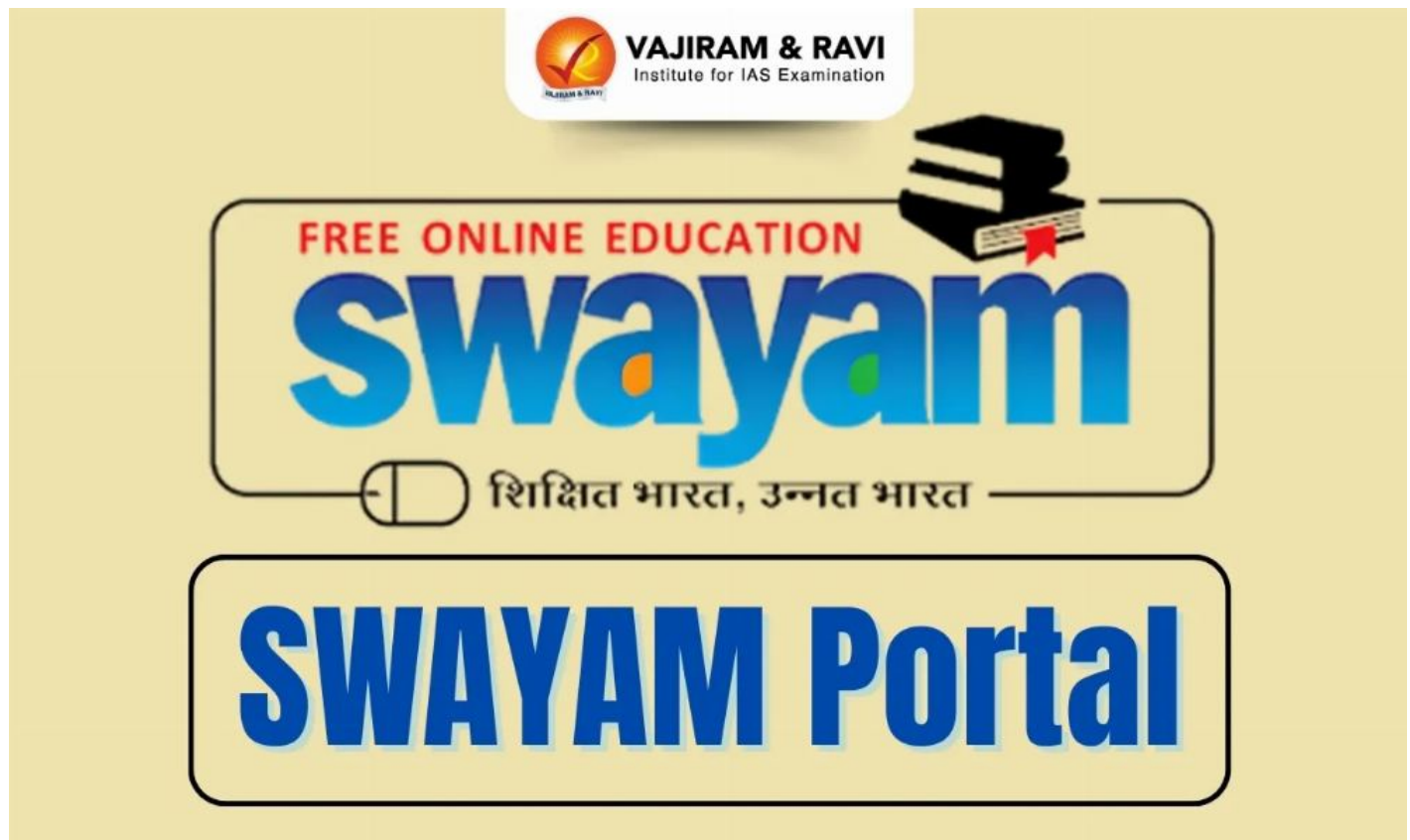


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SWAYAM Portal Latest News

The Ministry of Education is offering free Artificial Intelligence (AI) courses on the Swayam Portal to help students stay updated with the rising demand for AI skills.

About SWAYAM Portal

- SWAYAM (**Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds**) is India's own MOOCs (**Massive Open Online Course**) platform of the **Ministry of Education** (MoE) initiative and was launched during 2017.
- It 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.
- It is an indigenously developed IT platform that facilitates **hosting of all the courses** taught in classrooms **from Class 9 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.

What is offered in SWAYAM?

- **Courses** that are taught in classrooms **from 9th class till post-graduation.**
- The courses hosted on SWAYAM are in **4 quadrants**:
 - **video lecture**
 - **specially prepared reading material** that can be downloaded/printed
 - **self-assessment tests** through tests and quizzes and
 - an **online discussion forum** for clearing the doubts.
- Categories of **courses include** – **Engineering, Science, Humanities, Management, Language, Mathematics, Arts** and Recreation, Commerce, General, Library, Education.
- Courses delivered through SWAYAM are **available free of cost** to the learners.
- **Students wanting certifications need to register** and 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 a proctored examination, and the marks/**grades secured** in this exam **could be transferred to the academic record** of the students.
- UGC and AICTE have 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.

National Coordinators of SWAYAM

- **AICTE** (All India Council for Technical Education) for self-paced and international courses.
- **NPTEL** (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning) for Engineering
- **UGC** (University Grants Commission) for non technical post-graduation education
- **CEC** (Consortium for Educational Communication) for under-graduate education
- **NCERT** (National Council of Educational Research and Training) for school education
- **NIOS** (National Institute of Open Schooling) for school education
- **IGNOU** (Indira Gandhi National Open University) for out-of-school students
- **IIMB** (Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore) for management studies
- **NITTTR** (National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research) for Teacher Training programme
- **INI** (Institutes of National Importance) for Non-Technical Courses

SWAYAM Plus Platform

- It **offers courses developed collaboratively with the industry.**
- This platform aims to enhance employability of both college students and lifelong learners.
- It will offer programmes in **sectors like Manufacturing, Energy, Computer Science and Engineering/IT/ITES, Management Studies, Healthcare, Hospitality and Tourism besides Indian Knowledge Systems.**
- It features **innovative elements** such as **multilingual content** (available in 12 major Indian languages of the country), **AI-enabled guidance, credit recognition**, and pathways to employment.

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (**IIT Madras**) will be operating this Platform.

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