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Students can now get 40% of univ credits from e-courses

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New Delhi: Come the 2021-22 academic session, students of 149 universities would be allowed to earn up to 40% of their required credits from among the over 800 online courses available on the SWAYAM platform. The academic bank of credit (ABC) would also become functional from the forthcoming academic session, which will be a repository of the credits earned by a student. Once the student fulfils the total credits required, he or she will be granted the degree.

The 149 universities include central universities like Jamia Millia Islamia, University of Allahabad and Mizoram University. State universities like National Law University, Delhi, University of Calcutta, University of Kerala and over 75 private and deemed universities have all approved the credit transfer from these online courses.

Started last year, around 40 universities initially allowed credit transfers from SWAYAM courses. Over 100 other universities approved the credits to be earned from these online courses this year, according to sources in the University Grants Commission. There are 846 online courses which will be offered by SWAYAM from the forthcoming semester. The courses are divided into seven cate-

Credit transfer from SWAYAM courses

149 universities to accept credits of SWAYAM's Massive Open Online Courses



- > Students will be allowed to do a maximum of 40% of the courses online via SWAYAM
- > Credits to be transferred
- > 60% of the credits to be earned from the parent university

- > National Testing Agency will conduct the online exams for the SWAYAM MOOCs
- > SWAYAM is offering 846 courses from July 2021 semester

Total students enrolled in SWAYAM since inception
2.1 crore



Enrolment in January 2021 semester
24.6 lakh

gories — architecture and planning, engineering and technology, humanities and arts, law, management and commerce, mathematics and sciences and NPTEL domain (National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning—the online/ video courses offered by the IITs).

Each category is further divided into small course modules from which a student can choose and register and learn online. The National Testing Agency conducts exams twice a year at the end of each semester. Speaking to the TOI, professor Raghavendra P Tiwari, vice chancellor, Central University of Punjab, said: "This would give flexibil-

ity to our students as envisaged in the National Education Policy 2020. Now an engineering student from Tezpur Central University can pick up a course or multiple online courses via SWAYAM or NPTEL, earn credits and complete his studies. So far a student used to get the experience of one university. This truly democratises education."

Tiwari said this will boost the skill set among students as well "as a university may not offer a particular skill which another might have". At present a postgraduate course comprises around 90 credits and a traditional undergraduate course needs 120 to 140 credits to complete.