



Ministry of Human Resource Development

In Recognition of  
Commendable Contribution to Digital Initiatives  
Presented by

**Shri Pranab Mukherjee**  
Hon'ble President of India

To \_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Manpreet Singh Manna

on the auspicious occasion of

**NATIONAL CONVENTION ON DIGITAL INITIATIVES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

9th July, 2017 Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi



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Secretary (HE)  
MHRD, Government of India

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Addl. Secretary (TE)  
MHRD, Government of India





## President felicitates Dr. Manpreet, Director, AICTE



**SP Correspondent**  
New Delhi, Dr. Manpreet Singh, Director, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi received the Award from Shri Pranab Mukherjee, the Hon'ble President of India on 9th July, 2017 for his pioneering efforts for development of SWAYAM Platform for hosting Massive Open

Online Courses (MOOCs) within a record timewhile launching SWAYAM Platform, one of the important digital initiatives of MHRD during 3 Days' National Convention held at VigyanBhavan, New Delhi from 8th July, 2017 to 10th July, 2017.

The function was organised on the eve of the Guru Poornima, a day for

salutation to the teachers. The Convention was attended by the Vice Chancellors of all Universities in the Country and Heads of IISc/IITs/IIMs/NITs/IIITs.

Dr. M.S. Manna was made the Officer in charge of SWAYAM project for development of SWAYAM in the last week of March 2016. Dr. Manna, with his

visionary and dynamic leadership, transformed the dream of SWAYAM into a reality well before the targeted period assigned by MHRD and held the soft launch of the SWAYAM Platform on 15th August 2016. The Platform was declared "go-live" on 16th November 2016.

The SWAYAM Platform will host all the courses taught in classrooms from 9th class till post-graduation to be accessed by anyone, anywhere at any time, prepared by the best teachers in the Country, free of cost to the residents in India for learning any type of Course using Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to achieve three cardinal principles of Education Policy viz. access, equity and quality. With the launch of SWAYAM, India has become one of the few countries in the World which has its own online interactive learning platform that provides, not only video lectures, reading material but also assignments/quizzes that could end up in securing credits after completing the assessment system.