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For special event on "**Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs)",** please **_Register_** here.

Day 2: 14 December 2016, Wednesday

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)
Timing (11.30 am – 1.00 pm))
Venue: Silver Oak

Background

Shortening the distance in education, Massive open online course (MOOCs) has emerged as a concept that offers free web-based distance learning program. MOOC is an emerging topic and is at a very nascent stage with a view of having open access to digital education. Several organizations in India is working in developing course contents suitable for MOOCs and the education system is likely to adopt MOOCs in near future.

One of the great initiatives in this direction is SWAYAM, which is an MOOCs platform by the Indian government with ambitious goals. It is the one platform that would bind Indian higher education, both online and offline. SWAYAM is having over 2,000 courses, 250,000 hours of content, and over $30 million paid to instructors. Students across all universities in India will be able to earn credits on SWAYAM.

The workshop on MOOCs gives a platform to participants to learn and gain more knowledge about this concept. This event will explore how MOOCs will revolutionize India's education system.

Tentative Agenda

Chair:
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