

## Launch of “Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) - 2019 and Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT)”

The Hon’ble Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank recently launched Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) - 2019 and Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) – 2019 under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) ”.

### Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP)

Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) is a national initiative to build higher managerial capabilities of existing higher education leaders and administrators and to draw fresh talent into the management of higher education systems. The main objective is to prepare second tier academic heads that are potentially likely to assume leadership roles in the future. LEAP is a three weeks leadership development training programme (2 weeks domestic and one week foreign training) for second level academic functionaries in public funded higher education institutions. LEAP is being implemented through the following 15 institutions:

- Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
- Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
- Banaras Hindu University
- Jamia Millia Islamia
- Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
- Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Kolkata
- University of Hyderabad
- NIT Trichy
- University of Delhi
- Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
- Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Indian Institute of Technology BHU
- TISS Mumbai (CALEM)
- AMU (CALEM)
- NIEPA (CALEM)

The mandatory eligibility conditions are minimum 8 years of experience as Professor; 3 years administrative experience; Impeccable Integrity; High academic standing preferably 30 publications in 'SCOPUS' indexed international journals or UGC approved journals; and age below 58 years.

In 2019-20, a centralized online selection process has been put in place and is now open for applying at <http://nmtt.gov.in/>. The last date of registration is 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 and the institution-wise selections will be available by 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

### **Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT)**

ARPIT is a great platform for teachers to learn about latest developments in their field and develop their teaching qualities. It is a major and unique initiative of online professional development of 1.5 million higher education faculty using the MOOCs platform SWAYAM. For implementing ARPIT, discipline-specific National Resource Centers (NRCs) are identified which are tasked to prepare online training material with focus on latest developments in the discipline, new & emerging trends, pedagogical improvements and methodologies for transacting revised curriculum.

For ARPIT 2019, 51 discipline specific NRCs have been notified covering 46 disciplines, such as, Agriculture, Law, Architecture, Social Sciences, Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Geography, Home Science, Tribal studies, Commerce, Library and Information sciences, Curriculum development, Humanities, Language Teaching in Sanskrit, Urdu, Hindi and English, Pharmacy, Skill development, Textile Technology, Management, Public Policy, Leadership & Governance, Library & Information Science, Astronomy & Astrophysics, Assessment and Evaluation, Pedagogy and research methods, Climate Change, among others.

The training materials have now been uploaded and made available through SWAYAM to all the teachers from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2019. Currently, registrations are open for the online refresher courses on SWAYAM platform, India's own indigenous MOOC's education engine and can be accessed <https://swayam.gov.in/explorer?category=ARPIT>

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