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UGC asks universities to hold open online courses

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Bengaluru: In a recent notification, the University Grants Commission (UGC) asked its affiliate universities to adopt at least one Massive Open Online Course (Mooc).

Asking universities to motivate its faculty members, teachers and professors, the UGC said, "The course will give them the opportunity of using information and communication technology (ICT) tools for teaching and learning purposes and also provide them global visibility."

Since 2017, the government has allowed universities to offer 20% of their co-

urse material on the Mooc platform, Swayam.

The UGC's move to allow higher educational institutions to conduct online courses will help many students and professionals study online and get their degrees/certificates. In January 2018, the government mandated that 15% of Indian universities must deliver online degree courses.

The list of 58 PG Mooc courses on offer in January semester 2019 is available on UGC's website. Universities participating for the first time have been asked to appoint a Swayam coordinator or mentor as soon as possible.