

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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UNESCO'S NODAL CENTRE  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) media school has become UNESCO's nodal centre for South Asia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof to the students in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): As per the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University(IGNOU), the IGNOU Media School has been nominated as UNESCO's Nodal Centre for Journalism Education for South-Asian cluster countries. The benefits envisaged to the students include networking and collaborative content creation & sharing, capacity building in community multimedia popularisation and training in the form of periodical regional workshops, upgrading and strengthening of the existing training programme on community multi-media, developing UNESCO Model Journalism Curriculum at Masters level and short-term training and workshops for working media professionals in specialised areas.