

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

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LITERACY DAY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 'Literacy Day' was celebrated in the country recently;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the celebrations;and
- (c) the target set by the Government to achieve cent percent literacy in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The 'International Literacy Day' was celebrated at national level in the country on 8th September, 2010 in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. The event was attended by dignitaries from Central and State Governments besides literacy experts, literacy functionaries, Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) functionaries, neo-literates, beneficiaries of adult education programmes etc. from across the country. The Satyen Maitra Awards were distributed to various State Literacy Mission Authorities/ Saakshar Bharat districts and Gram Panchayats for rapid progress shown in the implementation of Saakshar Bharat programme. National Literacy Mission-UNESCO Awards were also presented to various organizations like State Resource Centres (SRC)/ Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) for their outstanding work in the field of vocational education and literacy. The main event was preceded by additional activities including Panel discussions (Saaksharta Chaupal), KRITI (An Exhibition of products made by beneficiaries of Jan Shikshan Sansthan), Saaksharta Geet Sangeet, Saaksharta Sports and Saksharata March.

(c) Government have set the target of achieving 80% literacy rate by 2012.