

**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 details thereof; and
- (c) the objectives set on the occasion?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): International Literacy Day (ILD) celebrations including International Conference on 'Women's Literacy for Inclusive and Sustainable Development' were held at New Delhi from 8-10 September, 2011. It was for the first time that UNESCO, Paris had also joined for their celebration of this day in India. On this occasion, the Hon'ble President of India gave away the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize, UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy, Satyen Maitra Memorial Literacy Awards and NLM-UNESCO Awards for the winners' contributions in the field of Adult Education.

(c): As an outcome of the International Conference on Women's Literacy for Inclusive and Sustainable Development, the participating countries reiterated their resolve for a collaborative action for women's literacy in their respective countries. Commitment was also made to (i) improve the quality of adult education programme; (ii) decentralization and inclusion of women in all the initiatives related to literacy programmes; and (iii) to forge alliances for regional and sub- regional co-operation to meet literacy targets and in the areas of capacity building, assessment protocol, training and research.