

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had declared the National School of Drama (NSD) as a deemed to be university;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) The role played by NSD to promote cultural activities in the country;
- (d) whether the Government had received any proposal from NSD for its expansion and upgradation of research capabilities, teaching faculty and library after grant of the deemed to be university status;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken thereon; and
- (f) the present status of the institute ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. National School of Drama (NSD) was declared as a "Deemed to be University" vide Notification No.F.9-24/2004-U.3 dated 11th March, 2005 issued by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Secondary and Higher Education).

However, keeping in view the fact, inter alia, that the proposal for grant of status of Institution of National Importance to the NSD is under consideration, Ministry of Human Resource Development has since de-notified the grant of "Deemed University" status to the NSD vide Notification No.F.9-24/2002-U.3 dated 30th September, 2011.

(c) NSD is primarily a theatre training institute, conducting a 3 year Post Graduate Diploma Course in theatre/dramatic arts. Further, through its Outreach/Extension Programmes theatre Workshops are conducted in various parts of the country in collaboration with local theatre groups. NSD also organizes theatre festivals such as the Bharat Rang Mahotsav, Bal Sangam, Jashne Bachpan, Poorvotar Festival etc annually. In some festivals, theatre groups from abroad also participate. Such festivals help to popularize and propagate theatre culture across the country. NSD also works in the area of children's theatre, through its Theatre-in-Education Programme.

Its Repertory company provides opportunities to graduates for performing creative theatre activities on a professional basis. NSD also brings out publications on theatre. Further, for promoting culture through theatre, a decision has been taken to set-up Training Centres in 5 regions, one each at Kolkata, Mumbai/Goa, North-East region, J&K, and upgrading the existing Regional Resource Centre, Bengaluru to a full-fledged Theatre Training Centre.

(d)&(e) Yes, Sir. A proposal to expand and upgrade research capabilities, teaching faculty and redevelop the NSD campus is currently under process.

(f) The National School of Drama is at presently functioning as an autonomous body fully funded by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.