

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF ART AND CULTURE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has introduced values education at the university level for promotion of arts and culture, sports and youth development and other community outreach programmes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a)&(b) : Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) is implementing various schemes for promoting values education at the University level during the XIIth Plan, namely: Human Rights Education (HRE); Special Studies on Epoch making Social Thinkers of India; and Establishment of Centres in Universities for the study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy. The UGC also provides financial assistance to 12B institutions to organize seminars and symposia on human rights. Human rights education has three main ingredients, viz; Human Rights and Duties, Human Rights and Values and Human Rights and Human Development. The details of UGC schemes are available at www.ugc.ac.in and also available in Annual Reports laid in the Parliament.

The UGC has also requested the Principals of 30 Autonomous Colleges and Vice Chancellors of the affiliating Universities to introduce National Cadet Corps (NCC) as an elective subject in the education being imparted by them. This aims to enhance life and leadership skills in students and prepares them to face all challenges as they take their place as leaders in any career or walk of life that they choose. The UGC is also providing grants to Universities for implementing Career Oriented Courses(COCs) for enabling graduates to have knowledge, skills and aptitude for gainful employment.

The UGC, in its meeting held on 10th January, 2014, has approved guidelines and modules for the promotion of sports during the XIIth Plan and the integration of high performance sports facilities in Universities and Colleges.