

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ARTS AND CRAFTS UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a committee to explore the possibility of opening of a university dedicated to arts and crafts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the said university is likely to be set up; and
- (d) the details of assistance extended by the Government to the States to promote arts and crafts in the educational curriculum in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has constituted a committee to explore the possibility of opening a University dedicated to Arts and Crafts under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Technical), MHRD. The Members of the committee are Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Joint Secretary (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Joint Secretary (HE) and Director (U.Policy), MHRD.

(c): No timeline has been fixed for the proposed university.

(d): National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has informed that it has brought out the National Curriculum Framework-2005 which recommends promotion of Arts Education.

Accordingly, the NCERT has brought out a syllabi of Arts Education for classes I to XII, and also brought out text books on heritage crafts for classes XI and XII. The NCERT has been building capacity of States/UTs in art integrated learning at the elementary stage.

NCERT through its Department of Education in Arts and Aesthetics is assisting states in building their capacity by assisting them in Development, Training, Research and Extension of Arts education. This is being done by way of curriculum review, continuous comprehensive evaluation (CCE), learning indicators for different stages of school education, teachers handbooks, training packages, textbooks for higher secondary level, in service training of master trainers, orientation of school heads, status studies, impact of Art integrated learning etc.

NCERT is also initiating regular activities of Resource Centre for Arts-and Crafts (RCAC) to promote endangered traditional art forms in different states and orient states to develop their own RCACs.