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**MINISTRY OF HRD TO HOST 2ND MEETING OF SAARC EDUCATION
MINISTERS**

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The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and SAARC Secretariat, Kathmandu, Nepal are co-hosting the 2nd Meeting of the SAARC Ministers of Education/Higher Education at New Delhi on 31st October, 2014. The Ministers will discuss about the strengthening cooperation in education amongst the SAARC Member States. They will discuss the progress made by the SAARC countries on the SAARC Development Goals on Education and the strategy for Education beyond 2015. Deliberations to strengthen the capacity within the region for improving quality and learning outcomes, mobility, leveraging the potential in research, mutual recognition of qualifications and effective use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in education including sharing of e-resources and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) will also be held in the meeting.

South Asian University established at New Delhi was also one of the outcomes of SAARC process of Development and a presentation will also be made on its different programmes and its future strategy.

The Ministers of Education and Senior Officers from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Maldives and Senior Officers from Pakistan and Sri Lanka will participate in the Meeting.

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