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NATIONAL MISSION ON TEACHERS AND TEACHING

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The Government will set up 50 Centres of Excellence for Curriculum and Pedagogy with necessary emphasis on Maths and Science; under the newly launched Scheme Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNMTT). The Mission will provide an integrated platform for building synergies among all the existing initiatives, providing oversight to the existing activities and also carry out new activities aimed at gap filling so that a comprehensive vehicle for Teacher/Faculty related programmes and schemes is created. Ongoing programmes will also be revitalized through this Mission on Teachers and Teaching. PMMMNMTT is mandated to ensure a coordinated approach so as to holistically address the various shortcomings relating to teachers and teaching across the educational spectrum ranging from school education to higher education including technical education; using the best international practices for excellence. It will also empower teachers and faculty through training, re-training, refresher and orientation programmes in generic skills, pedagogic skills, discipline specific content upgradation, ICT and technology enabled training and other appropriate interventions. The various components of PMMMNMTT, such as, setting up 30 Schools of Education, 50 Centres of Excellence for Curriculum and Pedagogy, two Inter University Centres, National Resource Centre, five Centres of Academic Leadership and Educational Management, Subject Based Networks and Workshops and Seminars, which will strengthen teachers, are, in fact aimed at improving the understanding of the students to grasp basic concepts and help them learn better.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Lok Sabha question.

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