

**10. Saksham Scholarship Scheme**

Sl. No.	State	No. of Beneficiaries, Year-wise		
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (as on date)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	25	19
2.	Assam	2	4	1
3.	Bihar	12	7	2
4.	Chandigarh	1	1	1
5.	Delhi	2	0	0
6.	Gujarat	4	4	0
7.	Jharkhand	2	0	0
8.	Karnataka	187	222	102
9.	Kerala	4	14	10
10.	Madhya Pradesh	3	0	1
11.	Maharashtra	11	30	12
12.	Odisha	1	0	0
13.	Tamil Nadu	12	10	12
14.	Telangana	7	5	2
15.	Uttar Pradesh	9	8	7
16.	Uttarakhand	1	0	0
17.	West Bengal	10	15	6
TOTAL		280	345	175

**Opening of new Universities**

†2946. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to open new Universities in other States on the lines of the Benaras Hindu University established by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya; and

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(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) The setting up of Universities is an ongoing process. As per the 12th Plan (2012-17), as approved by the National Development Council, the thrust was on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion was to be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. However, recently two Central Universities have been established in Andhra Pradesh and one Central Tribal University in Telangana is proposed under Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2014.

**Launch of Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme – DHRUV**

†2947. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme – DHRUV, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the main goals and objectives of this scheme and whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) The Government has launched the Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme – 'DHRUV' to mentor and nurture talented children to enrich their skills and knowledge so that they can realise their full potential and contribute to society. The programme was launched on 10th October, 2019 at ISRO, Bengaluru with active participation of State Governments.

Selection of 30 students of Science group and 30 students of Performing Arts group has been made by an Advisory Committee headed by the Principal Scientific Advisor in consultation with the Department of Science and Technology, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT), Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) and Sangeet Natak Akademi, Ministry of Culture.

During the 14 days programme, structured activities were carried out for students of Performing Arts group at National Bal Bhavan, New Delhi and for students of Science group at IIT-Delhi and during evenings, combined activities for both groups

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