

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2871
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 22/12/2021

GOAL (GOING ONLINE AS LEADERS) PROGRAMME

2871 SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to sign MoUs with other private entities to facilitate the GOAL (Going Online As Leaders) programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps Government has undertaken to create awareness about leadership among tribal youth?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI. ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) to (b): GOAL (Going Online as Leaders) is a joint initiative of Ministry with Facebook for digitally-enabled mentorship and empowering tribal youth to become leaders in their area of interest. Through GOAL initiative, renowned people from industry, arts, politics, business etc. , known for their leadership skills or roles, are mobilized to personally mentor tribal youth through digital medium. GOAL program has so far covered 23 States / UTs. Under GOAL program, there is no plan to sign MoUs with other private entities.

(c): Ministry of Tribal Affairs continuously strives for fostering partnerships with reputed organizations working for the welfare of tribal like Assocham, Microsoft, Art of Living Foundation, Tata Foundation, SECMOL aimed at taking project with community participation and for creating awareness about leadership among tribal youth.

Further NESTS an autonomous organization under Ministry has collaborated with CBSE and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for Innovation Ambassador Programs and National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) to build capacities of teachers and students and to identify hidden talent amongst tribal youth.

Ministry in partnership with IIPA has started initiative of Tribal Talent pool, in order to get connect with Tribal Talent of 4000 research scholars funded by Ministry for doing PhD, harness their strength by understanding their areas of interest and empowering them to develop as entrepreneurs, researchers and make them aware about various other schemes of Govt of India for their welfare.
