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National Digital University

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of the proposed National Digital University (NDU);
- (b) whether the discussion were held between the Government, University Grants Commission (UGC) and other stakeholders on setting up of NDU;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the operations of the NDU will commence?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) to (d) Government of India in its Budget Announcement 2022-2023 has announced Establishment of Digital University. The University will provide access to students across the country for world-class quality universal education with personalised learning experience at their doorsteps. This will be made available in different Indian languages and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) formats. The University will be built on a networked hub-spoke model, with the hub building cutting edge ICT expertise. The best public universities and institutions in the country will collaborate as a network of hub-spokes.

Multiple stakeholder consultations, with experts and representatives drawn from private & government sector in the domain of education, technology etc, statutory regulatory bodies such as University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), Government agencies including Department of Higher Education, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), University Administration are being organized to finalize the key recommendation for operationalizing the Digital University in 2023.
