

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.590
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023**

Pradhan Mantri Innovating Learning Programme-DHRUV

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme-DHRUV;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the aims and objectives of the programme and any guidelines issued by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (d) The Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme- 'DHRUV' was launched by the Government on 10th October, 2019 at Bengaluru with active participation & consultation of State Governments to mentor and nurture talented children to enrich their skills and knowledge so that they can realize their full potential and contribute to society. Under this Programme, 30 students of Science group and 30 students of Performing Arts group were selected from class 9 to 12.

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 BalBhavan, New Delhi and for students of Science group at IIT-Delhi and during evenings, combined activities for both groups were organized. The students were mentored and nurtured by renowned mentors from IIT- Delhi, Atal Innovation Mission, NCERT, CCRT etc.
