



Waqf Management System of India

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Government is working out the modalities for Private Partnership Model to develop the Waqf land across the country: Dr. N. Heptulla, Union Minister for Minority Affairs

The Union Minister for Minority Affairs Dr. Najma Heptullah chaired a high level meeting in Srinagar on October 12, 2015 to discuss the implementation of minority welfare schemes of the Ministry of Minority Affairs in the States and Union Territories of Northern India. Representatives from seven States and Union Territories attended the meeting held at the Sher-I-Kashmir International Convention Centre. These were Uttrakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Chandigarh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

Addressing a media conference after the meeting, Dr. Heptullah expressed satisfaction over the pace of work being done by the concerned departments. Referring to concerns of most of the Chief Ministers towards implementation of schemes for minorities, she hoped that citizens would be able to reap the benefits of the schemes devised for their benefit.

Talking about the welfare schemes launched in various parts of the country, she said that Ministry of Minority Affairs has started imparting region specific skill training to members of the minority communities, so that their prospects of earning a decent livelihood are increased. The USTAAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) scheme is one such example, she added.

Dr. Heptullah said that the traditional Art & Craft of Kashmir is suffering, as the younger generation is not keen to adopt them as a profession. Identifying loopholes in marketing as the cause for such a situation, she said that the Ministry would work along with the stakeholders towards removing such hurdles, so that Artisans can reach out and sell their products to consumers across the country and the globe.

Dr. Heptullah also said that the Government of India intends to develop Waqf land across the country for development purposes and is working out the modalities of a Private Partnership model for the same. The Minister gave an assurance that encroached Waqf lands will be retrieved at the earliest.

She also said that the Ministry has started Skill Development and Training Programmes for the students of Madarsas in addition to religious education. She said that it would help the students to cope better with the challenging requirements of the present day job markets.

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FEW GLIMSES OF UNION MINISTERS' ENGAGEMENTS DURING THE MONTH



The Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Dr. Najma A. Heptulla giving away the Awards at the convocation ceremony of the Memory Development workshop, in New Delhi on October 22, 2015.



The Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Dr. Najma A. Heptulla with Awardees at the convocation ceremony of the Memory Development workshop, in New Delhi on October 22, 2015.



The Minister of State for Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi visiting an exhibition cum sale "Jashn - E - Usttar", in New Delhi on October 05, 2015.



A delegation led by Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, Ambassador (Vatican City) calling on the Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, in New Delhi on October 15, 2015.



A delegation led by the President, American Jewish Committee, Mr. Stanley Bergman calling on the Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, in New Delhi on October 13, 2015.



A German Parliamentary delegation calling on the Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, in New Delhi on October 27, 2015.

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