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**10 chairs being set up in different Universities in the name of renowned women-HRD
Minister**

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that with the assistance of UGC, Ministry of Women and Child Development is setting up 10 Chairs in different fields with an aim to carry out research activities to encourage women. The initiative is called ‘Establishment of Chairs in the University in the Name of Eminent Women Administrators/ Artists/ Scientists/ Social reformers’. The main objective of establishing the Chairs in the name of eminent women from India, is to inspire women to pursue higher education and to achieve excellence in their various areas of work. This initiative of highlighting and celebrating women achievers of the country will motivate the young girls and women towards pursuing higher studies.

The criteria fixed by the Government for selection of Chair Professor is as under:

Qualification	An Academic/Scholar of outstanding track in their respective subjects of specialization
Age	55-70 years
Scale of Pay	Professors Scale of Pay : Pay level 14, Rs. 1,44,200-Rs. 2,18,200-
Period of Appointment	5 years (can be extended for another five years subject to maximum of 10 years, not exceeding 70 years of age)
Duration of the Chair	Maximum of 10 years or until the incumbent attains the age of 70 years whichever is earlier
Mode of Nomination	Through Nomination and/or invitation on the recommendation of a 3 member Committee consisting of two eminent persons to be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor of the University and one nominated by UGC

The financial implication of establishing the Chairs is Rs. 50.00 lakhs per Chair per annum.

Details of the names of distinguished women in whose names the Peeth is likely to be established are as under:

S.No.	Proposed name of chair	Subject
1.	Devi Ahilyabai Holkar	Administration
2.	Mahadevi Varma	Literature
3.	Rani Gaidinliu	Freedom Fighter (North East)

4.	Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi	Medicine & Health
5.	M.S. Subbulakshmi	Performing Art
6.	Amrita Devi (Beniwal)	Forest/Wildlife Conservation
7.	Lilavati	Mathematics
8.	Kamala Sohoni	Science
9.	Lalleshwari (Lal Ded)	Poetry & Mysticism
10.	Hansa Mehta	Educational Reforms

The information was given by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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