

ARJUN SINGH DEFENDS SCRAPPING OF UNIVERSITIES' MODEL ACT

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VARCA; Recently, HRD minister Arjun Singh scrapped the Universities' Model Act devised by earlier HRD minister Dr Murli Manohar Joshi to provide administrative guidelines to Indian universities. When asked about his decision, Singh retorted that the act was 'curbing down the autonomy' of the universities.

"We had asked individual universities regarding the need of the act, but their opinion was unfavourable. As they felt no

need to have a separate act for university administration, we did away with the act," asserted Singh.

Talking about his 'de-Saf-ronising of education' drive, Singh said that most part of the unneeded changes have been reverted back. "Once all the reports of various committees appointed to review the changes in the syllabi are in, we would initiate steps to go back to the broad-based and secular form of education India needs,"-torted Singh.

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