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**DR SHASHI THAROOR TAKES CHARGE IN MINISTRY OF
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SAYS EDUCATION CAN
CHANNELISE YOUTH ENERGY**

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Dr Shashi Tharoor took charge as Minister of State in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, in New Delhi today. This is his second stint in the Council of Ministers. Dr Tharoor, first elected to Lok Sabha in 2009, was Minister of State, External Affairs from in 2009-2010.

Interacting with the press after assuming office, the Minister stressed that education is crucial in a country like India which has the world's largest youth population. Dr Tharoor said education and opportunities emerging from it can persuade the youth to desist from going the way of Naxalites, Maoists and others. He said the quality of education is also a priority area for him.

A writer and former international civil servant, Dr Shashi Tharoor studied at the reputed Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, USA.

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