

Press Release
7th Regional (online) Workshop on
TECHNICAL EDUCATION SYSTEM
Focusing on Polytechnics of North Eastern States

On 16th August 2021, at NITTTR, Kolkata

Institute has been organising Regional Workshop on Technical Education for the states of North-Eastern Region of India since 2015 and five such workshops have already been conducted in different parts of North Eastern Regions.

The 7th Regional Workshop on Technical Education System focusing on Polytechnics of North Eastern States was conducted through online mode on 16th August 2021 through ICT mode.

Around 70 participants from different Polytechnics and Directorates of the North Eastern Region were participated in the said workshop. Director of NITTTR, Kolkata, Professor Debi Prasad Mishra was the Chairperson of the workshop and Prof. Sukanta Kumar Naskar, Associate Professor of Education & Management department along with Prof. Santanu Bhnaja, Professor of Civil Engineering department of NITTTR, Kolkata coordinated the workshop with active support from Directorate of Higher and Technical Education Govt. of Mizoram being the host state.

The workshop was divided into three parts: Inaugural Session, Technical Session and Panel Discussion. In the inaugural session, honourable Director of NITTTR, Kolkata, welcomed the Chief Guest, dignitaries and other participants. In his welcome address, he highlighted some issues of Technician Education system of North Eastern Region. He suggested that by rejuvenating its own culture and heritage of North Eastern States might be the leader of Technical Education System of the country and by utilizing local skills and resources. According to him, concept of self-sustainability and ecosystem is very much essential to the present education system. He also highlighted the importance of Humanistic Education and Humanistic Entrepreneurship a new concept that may be integrated to education system.

Er. K.Zodingliana, Jt. Director (Technical), DHTE, Mizoram, while addressing the gathering mentioned the importance of online classes in Teaching Learning process under the present pandemic situation but implementation of it at Mizoram is not up to the mark because of some limitations. He appreciated NITTTR, Kolkata for extending necessary support strengthening Polytechnic Education System.

Dr. Sukanta Kumar Naskar, Jt. Coordinator of the workshop spelt out the objectives of the workshop. During the inaugural speech by the honourable chief guest of the workshop, Chief Guest: Smt. Esther Lal Ruatkimi, Commissioner and Secretary- Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Mizoram appreciated the efforts of NITTTR, Kolkata for organizing such kind of workshops and thanks to the Director of NITTTR, Kolkata for considering Mizoram as the host state for organizing the workshop. She also mentioned, “training is expensive but no training is more expensive” and in this context she acknowledged the support of NITTTR, Kolkata to train their faculty members and support staff of Polytechnics.

In the technical sessions, FIC, Training Cell, Academic Affairs, Kolkata presented the Academic Achievement Report of NITTTR, Kolkata for the Academic Year 2020-21. In his presentation, he requested to all principals, their representatives, and other state authorities to depute more number of faculty members and support staff to attend training programme offered by NITTTR, Kolkata.

During discussion session with the participants (DTEs & Principals or their representatives), some important points were raised few of them are as follows:

- ❖ Internet facility is not up to the mark which is essential for implementing ICT based teaching learning process and it is true for all N.E States.
- ❖ Training on use of ICT tool for Teaching Learning purposes need to organised and NITTTR, Kolkata may help them in this respect.
- ❖ Training and workshops on impact of National Policy on Education (NEP-2020) on Polytechnic Education is important and NITTTR, Kolkata may take some initiatives in this respect.
- ❖ Since in N.E Regions no. of industries are very less some actions may be taken by NITTTR, Kolkata to arrange industrial visits for teachers and students.
- ❖ NITTTR, Kolkata may help the polytechnics in implementing certain projects of AICTE, implementing NEP 2020, and government schemes like MODROB, CDTP etc.

In the panel discussion eminent panellist from NITTR, Kolkata and polytechnics discussed at length in the topic on NEP 2020- Implications of Regional Language in Diploma Courses. Most of them opined that it will take time to implement it and has to be implemented in step-by-step manner.

Finally, the workshop was ended with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Sukanta Kumar Naskar Jt. Coordinator of the Workshop.

Some screenshots of the programme

