

PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education

Shyamla Hills, Bhopal – 462 013

Regional Consultation Meeting-cum-Workshop

Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education in States/UTs of India

India has placed a greater emphasis on skill development and vocational education and training through Skill India Mission, National Policy on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015 and National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF). The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India is making special efforts in providing skill training to the students in school through the Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education under *Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan* (Integrated Scheme for School Education). Various initiatives have been taken to improve the quality of vocational education in schools, which include learning outcome based curriculum, pre-service and in-service training of teachers, on-the-job training of students and third party skill assessment of students.

The PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), a constituent unit of NCERT is playing a vital role in the development of learning outcome based curricula and textbooks for the vocational subjects in schools offered from Classes IX to XII, under the NSQF. The vocational skills included in the curricula have been aligned with the National Occupation Standards (NOSs) set by the Sector Skill Councils for the Job Roles.

A two day Regional Consultation Meeting-cum-Workshop on the implementation of Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education in Western Region States of India was organized on 6 & 7 Dec., 2018 at PSSCIVE, Bhopal. The objective of the workshop was to review the current status, policies and practices of vocational education in schools of Chhattisgarh, Goa, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra and make recommendations for addressing the various issues faced by these States in effective implementation of vocational education. Over 40 representatives from National Skill Development Corporation, Sector Skill Councils, Department of School Education, State Council of Educational Research and Training, State Examination Boards and faculty and consultants from PSSCIVE were present in the workshop.

The Regional Consultation Meeting-cum-Workshop was inaugurated on 6th Dec., 2018 by Dr. Jayant Sonwalkar, Vice Chancellor, Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University, Bhopal. Dr. Gautam Singh Additional Director, M.P. Directorate of Public Instruction, Bhopal was present as Guest of Honour. In his welcome address, Prof. Rajesh P.

Khambayat, Joint Director, PSSCIVE, Bhopal highlighted the initiatives taken by the Institute, such as publication of vocational curriculum for 100 job roles and student textbooks, innovative model vocational education in 10 schools and Diploma in Vocational Education and Training. He informed that for the first time in the country, green skills have been introduced in the employability skills module to promote sustainable development. In his inaugural address, Prof. Jayant Sonwalkar, Chief Guest on occasion, stated that there is need to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of skilled manpower by identifying the future skill development needs and the vocational courses should be designed to fulfill the current and future skill needs. He opined that the vocational education programme should be competency based and greater emphasis should be laid on the quality of training, which will help vocational pass outs to become employable. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Gautam, who was the Guest of Honour, congratulated the Institute for making remarkable achievements in the field of vocational education. He opined that engagement of industry in the effective implementation of the vocational courses in schools is of vital importance for better employability of the graduates. During the two days' workshop, presentations were made by the faculty of PSSCIVE and State representatives on various aspects of implementation of vocational education in schools. Dr. Vinay Swarup Mehrotra, Head, Curriculum Development and Evaluation Centre and NSQF Cell provided the academic support and Dr. Saurabh Prakash, Professor, Department of Engineering and Technology coordinated the programme.



