

Press Release

The Sub-Group of Chief Ministers on Skill Development which was formed by the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held a Regional Consultation Meeting on 11th May, 2015 at the State Convention Centre, Shillong. The Chief Minister of Punjab is Convener; Chief Ministers of Meghalaya, Assam, Chhatisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal, Odisha, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Tripura are members and CEO/NITI Aayog is the Coordinator of the Sub-Group.

In the Regional Consultation Meeting at Shillong, 13 (thirteen) States participated. Three States viz., Punjab, Meghalaya and Arunachal were represented by their Chief Ministers; Three States viz., Mizoram, Nagaland and Assam were represented by their Ministers; Tripura by Chief Secretary and Sikkim, Chhatisgarh, Manipur, Puducherry, Bihar and Odisha were represented by their respective Officers.

The objective of the meeting was to deliberate on measures to enhance capacity and improve standards of skilling at the State level, examine private sector participation in skill development and to suggest ways for improved partnership of private sector in curriculum development, delivery mechanism, pedagogy, certification, apprenticeship training and propose measures to expand outreach of skilling programmes, particularly in demographically advantageous States.

Some of the important issues discussed in the Regional Consultation Meeting were implementation structure of skill development programmes in the States, shortage of trainers, utilising the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare funds available with the State for skill development, harnessing of traditional skills, making best use of the resources and opportunities available with the States, promoting local entrepreneurship in viable sectors and the funding requirement for Skill Development Programmes.

It was also decided that the next Regional Consultation Meeting will be held in Chhatisgarh.