

Event Name: Workshop on National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)

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Place: Guwahati, Assam

FICCI STATE : Assam State Council

Brief Report:

Guwahati 29 May 2019: Assam Skill Development Mission (ASDM) and Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) organised a workshop on National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) in Guwahati. The program was attended by major industries from in and around Guwahati.

‘Most industries face multitude of problems related to skilled and unskilled employees. The smaller unit face considerable costs in hiring and training up new employees putting pressure on resources of the units’ said Mr Ashish Phookan, Chairman FICCI Assam council. He hoped that NAPS will help in reducing some burden on the resources of MSMEs. Further, Mr Phookan emphasised that the business houses needs to partner with the government to capture growth in a responsible manner by creating employment opportunities and invited everyone to take advantage of the scheme.

Mr G. C. Deka Deputy Director from Regional Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (RDSD&E) informed the participants that the response to NPS has been very low in the Northeast. Although Assam and Tripura have shown some progress in enrolment under the scheme but other NE States are far behind. He urged the participants to register there is establishment on the apprenticeship portal and avail the financial benefits under the scheme.

‘There is an allocation of ₹ 7500 per candidate if any business establishment registers themselves as basic training providers. Moreover there is an additional benefit of ₹ 1500 per candidate per month under the NAPS’ said Mr Shiladitya Sarkar from NSDC.

Assam Skill Development Mission is providing trainings to youths on multiple trades but there is a need to strengthen the industry linkage so that the trainees get industry relevant trainings’ said Mr. Kunal Sutradhar from ASDM. He also shared that the ASDM under the leadership of Shri Chandra Mohan Patowary, Hon’ble Minister for Industries and Commerce and Skill Development and Mr. A.P. Tiwary, Mission Director, ASDM is constantly taking new initiatives to understand the needs of the industry and deliver customized solutions. He informed that Northeast Skill Centre is one such state of the art training facility which is at par with standards of training in Singapore.

Other speakers at the workshop shared information about the role of Sector Skill Councils (SSC), particularly the electronic sector skill council and the agriculture sector skill council. The participants were briefed about the benefits available to the industry under the SSCs and how the same may be availed.

Around 60 major units including Britannia Industries, Emami, Marico, Noble Textiles, etc attended the workshop. Similar workshops will be organized all across the state to promote NAPS in Assam was informed by FICCI.



On Dias from Right to left: Mr. Ashish Phookan, Chairman, FICCI, Assam Council; Mr. Biswajit Chakrabarty, Director – NEAC; On podium- Mr. Hanif Noorani, Astt. Secretary ASDM



From Right to Left (seated): Mr. Shiladitya Sarkar, NSDC; Mr. Kunal Sutradhar, ASDM; Mr. Dipankar Ray, Sector Skill Council, Electronics; Mr. G. C. Deka, RDSD&E