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EDUCATION MINISTER GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA SHRI, LAHKMEN RYMBUI ATTEND TEACHER CONNECT WORKSHOP ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION, (NIEPA) NEW DELHI.

Shillong, March 2026: A Teacher Connect Workshop for school teachers and faculty members of higher education institutions across Meghalaya was successfully held with the Hon'ble Minister as the Chief Guest. The programme aimed at strengthening educators' understanding and alignment with the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020.

The programme was attended online by Prof. Shashikala Wanjari, Vice Chancellor of National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), who joined as the Guest of Honour from Delhi.

The workshop began with a welcome address by Dr. Quendarisa Kharbuli, I/C UGC–Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. This was followed by a presentation from Dr. Sangeeta Angom, Programme Coordinator and NIEPA-NER Coordinator, Department of Higher and Professional Education, NIEPA, who outlined the objectives and aims of the workshop.

Addressing the gathering, the Hon'ble Minister emphasised the importance of such programmes in helping teachers understand and align themselves with the objectives of NEP 2020. He noted that although six years have passed since its introduction, there is still a long way to go in effectively implementing the policy.

The Minister stated that teachers are the core of a progressive society and play a crucial role in shaping the future generation. Highlighting the demographic reality of India as a youth-dominated nation, he remarked that classrooms are the places where young minds can be transformed into responsible and capable individuals. He described teachers as a “refinery” that helps shape and refine the potential of students.

The Minister further stressed that the education sector is highly dynamic and urged teachers from across the state who attended the workshop to continually update, retrain, and upgrade themselves with evolving technology and modern teaching practices. He warned that failure to adapt could result in students overtaking teachers in knowledge, as students today have access to information from multiple sources.

He also highlighted that the Government of Meghalaya has addressed this challenge by introducing policies such as the Meghalaya Teacher Training Academics to strengthen teacher training and professional development.

The Minister urged educators to guide students towards developing a mindset that goes beyond reliance on government jobs. Referring to skill development initiatives launched by Narendra Modi in 2018, he encouraged teachers to inspire students to pursue their talents and skills so that they can become self-reliant.

He also mentioned that on January 16, 2026, the Government of Meghalaya approved the Community Integrated Skills Training initiative. The programme aims to empower students by integrating practical skills and community-based learning into education. As an example, he explained that students can learn entrepreneurial or livelihood skills from family activities such as selling fish in markets or other local occupations, helping them understand that every profession is dignified and valuable. Such initiatives, he noted, will help reduce unemployment among youth.

The Minister concluded by stressing that dedication among teachers is essential. Without commitment and sincere effort to implement what is learned in such programmes, he stated, workshops and training sessions would serve little purpose.

Earlier, Prof. Sumarbin Umdor, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the North Eastern Hill University Shillong Campus, delivered the Chairperson's remarks. He emphasised that while skills are important, the nation also needs leaders, and encouraged

teachers to motivate students to aspire for competitive examinations such as the UPSC Civil Services Examination and Meghalaya Public Service Commission Examination.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Kuheli Biswas Das, Assistant Professor and Coordinator, UGC–MMTTC, NEHU Shillong.

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2-DAY TEACHER CONNECT PROGRAMME

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