

## RETROSPECT

### FIRST MEGA CAREER AND SKILLS EXPO HELD IN NORTH EAST

10-12 May, Aizawl, Mizoram

Hosted by the Government of Mizoram, the first CII North East Career and Skills Expo was organized in partnership with the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI), Khadi and Village Industries (KVIC), in addition to local stakeholders Mizoram Youth Commission and the Mizoram Chamber of Industry.



(L-R) – Mr Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister, Government of Mizoram, Mr. Ranjan Choudhary, Principal, National Skill Development Corporation, Mr Lalrinliana Sailo Minister - Trade & Commerce, Labour and Employment, IT, Health & Family Welfare, Mr. Abhijit Barooah, Co-chair, CII North East Council and Mr Lalsawta, Minister - School Education, Higher & Technical, Law & Judicial, Parliamentary Affairs.



"I have been around the skill development exposition 2012 organised by the CII which is very impressive. The state government shall have to follow up and continue to interact with various participants for the good of Mizoram. A very useful expo for Mizoram".

**Mr Lal Thanhawla**  
Chief Minister, Government of Mizoram



"CII has made it possible to call important entrepreneurship development agencies to Mizoram".

**Mr Lalsawta**  
Minister - School Education, Higher & Technical, Law & Judicial, Parliamentary Affairs  
Government of Mizoram



"Organizing this NE Career & skill Expo Mizoram by CII is very important and unique. This will bring a great progress & development in all respect in the future".

**Mr Lalrinliana Sailo**  
Minister - Trade & Commerce, Labour and Employment, IT, Health & Family Welfare,  
Government of Mizoram

Mr Lal Thanhawla, Chief Minister, Government of Mizoram while giving the inaugural address, informed that the state is committed to education reforms and is looking forward to introducing Skills development courses at school and college level. He went on to say that India has a demographic advantage: it has the youngest average working age of youth. If the young population is given the right skills, it will help them to get livelihood and accelerate economic growth.

Mr Lalrinliana Sailo, Hon'ble Minister - Trade & Commerce, Labour and Employment, IT, Health & Family Welfare, informed that it is essential to build capacity of institutions to enhance the skills of the young population.

Mr Lalsawta, Hon'ble Minister - School Education, Higher & Technical, Law & Judicial, Parliamentary Affairs, acknowledged the presence of stakeholders who had come to Mizoram from different parts of the country to address the needs of the youth. This is a very positive sign, and boded well for the future.

Mr Abhijit Barooah, Co-chair, CII North East Council said that Mizoram has huge potential in terms of its vast pool of talented young people, many of whom are literate and fluent in English, a very big asset in today's globalised world.

#### Partners





Mr Lal Thanhwala, Chief Minister, Government of Mizoram inaugurating the Exhibition.

During the Expo, a NSDC Roundtable with Stakeholders was organized with key state Government officials and others to discuss the Skill Gap Study for Mizoram.

Mr. Ranjan Choudhary, Principal, NSDC stated that development of the Region is directly correlated to the skilling of the population of the state. He said that today changing the mindset and aspiration of the youth and their parents is critical.

"You don't need a degree to get job, but an industry relevant skill" he said.

Over 2000 footfalls were recorded during the three day Expo. The exposition observed an overwhelming response from school and college students, faculty members from ITIs and Polytechnics and State Government Departments, as also potential entrepreneurs, and parents/guardians of the children.



Chief Minister visiting stalls

The broad objective of the Career and Skills Expo was to create awareness about new career opportunities and match these with the available skill sets. This would help to prepare students

of Mizoram to meet the demand for job opportunities generated by new developmental projects which are likely to lead to an exponential expansion of the market.



Visitors at the Expo

## CONFERENCE

An exclusive platform was organized for training providers to apprise students and local youth on the new career opportunities, required skill-sets, and the growing importance of vocational education.

**North East Career and Skills Expo - 2012 Mizoram**  
10-12 May 2012: Aizawl, Mizoram

**Themes**

- Career & Skill Development through Electronic & Mobile Platform
- Opportunities in Fashion Technology
- British Council and the opportunities it offers
- Entrepreneurship: Key Components and Planned Interventions
- Skills In Healthcare Sector
- Opportunities in Media & Mass Communication
- Design Clinic Scheme for MSMEs
- Health and Wellness (Spa) –Training and Development
- and others...

## EXPO HIGHLIGHTS

- Exposition of select **Twenty Six organizations**.
- **Several one to one meetings** between participants and State Government representatives to discuss the prospects of Ground level projects.
- **Five Partners** - NSDC, KVIC, EDI, Mizoram Youth Commission and Mizoram Chamber of Industry.
- **Ten National level Institutes** - Apparel Design and Training Centre, British Council, National Institute of Fashion

Technology (NIFT), National Institute of Design (NID), Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) and others.

- **Private Sector Organisations** from Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and North East from different sectors.
- **Focus Sectors** - IT/ITES, BPO, Media, Tourism & Hospitality, Animation, Retail, Apparel and others.



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