



REPORT

State Level Seminar on

“National Vocational Education Qualifications Framework”

Date: 26th September 2013 Venue: GTU, Chandkheda Campus, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Introduction & Objective of NVEQF

To stimulate and support reforms in skill development and to facilitate nationally standardized and acceptable international comparability of ranging qualifications from secondary to doctorate level; a National Vocational Education Qualifications Framework (NVEQF) is being established by the Central Government.

The major aim of the scheme is to prepare educated, employable and competitive human resources for various sectors of the economy and the global market. Accordingly the definite objectives of the scheme work out to enhance the employability of youth through competency based modular vocational courses, to maintain their competitiveness through provisions of multi-exit learning opportunities and vertical mobility / interchangeably in qualifications and to fill the gap between educated and employable; and to decrease the pressure on academic higher education.

“Gujarat State has taken initiative to implement NVEQF for upgrading Vocational Education System. This seminar is organized with the aim to create awareness and sensitize the stakeholders about NVEQF.”





The Event

Gujarat Technological University hosted a State Level Seminar on “National Vocational Education Qualifications Framework” on 26th September 2013 at Ahmedabad, Chandkheda Campus. 257 people from educational industry including Directors, Deans, Trustees and HOD of different science, arts & commerce colleges across Gujarat attended the seminar.

Honourable Minister for State, Women and Child Development, Prof. Vasuben Trivedi graced the event as a chief guest; while Dr.S.S.Mantha , Chairman of AICTE at New Delhi was the Guest of Honour. Dr. Akshai Aggarwal Vice Chancellor of the University also graced the event with Dr. G.P.Vadodaria, I/C Registrar & COE, GTU, Dr. Jayanti Ravi, IAS, Commissioner of Technical Education, Govt. of Gujarat, and Mr. N.K.Goyal , Advisor of GTU.

The event began with a prayer offered to the Goddess of Knowledge – *Devi Saraswati* and lamp lighting ceremony. *Dr. Jayanti Ravi* preceded the event by introducing the concept of NVEQF and discussed the need of the skilled based training in the society.





Prof. Vasuben lighting the lamp with Dr. Jayanti Rav & Prof. Mantha



Dr. Akshai Aggarwal , VC, GTU with Prof. Vasuben Trivedi, Honourable Minister for State, Women and Child Development

Dr. Akshai Aggarwal , Vice Chancellor of GTU said that our country needs skillfull people During his speech. he shared an example that in some high risk medication technologies used today like radiation treatment for cancer patients, technicians play a great role. Doctors depend on calibration by technicians but it is an unseen contribution of technician. Such jobs require well trained and skilled technicians. For what Prof. Mantha has come here is of great improtance. It is a challenge for us to bring society on the platform where young ones will get to learn in true sense.

After the speech of Dr. Jayanti Ravi & Dr. Akshai Aggarwal Prof. S.S Mantha began the session on Framework of Vocational Education Qualification and shared some interesting facts about the education scenerio. Prof. Mantha said that the idea of organizing this seminar was to institutionalized the concept now. He said as per the Statistics of year 2009-10 out of 280 lac students across the country only 108 lac students cleared 10th Board exam. It means nearly 50 % students failed and many students discontinued their education after failing in 10th or 12th Board exams. Such students start working as skilled manpower but do not get a chance to grow due to lack of certification.





Prof. S.S Mantha on Vocational Education Qualification. . . .

Prof. S.S.Mantha shared that the entire Vocational Education will be divided in 7 level certificates.

- Each level will have 1000 hours of learning annually.
- Each level will have two methods of learning as Theory & Skill Training.
- In the beginning level the educational subjects will have more weightage while Skill training hours will increase spontaneously. By the last level certification the skill training will have more weightage than Theory/Conventional subjects.
- The first level certificates will be introduced in standard 9 and will run parallel as mentioned below.

Standard	Level	Certification
9 th standard school	Level 1	Skill Certificate of Level 1
10 th standard school	Level 2	Skill Certificate of Level 2
11 th standard school	Level 3	Skill Certificate of Level 3
12 th standard school	Level 4	Skill Certificate of Level 4
1 st year college	Level 5	Skill Diploma by Polytechnic
2 nd year college	Level 6	Skill Certificate of Level 6
3 rd year college	Level 7	Skill Degree by University
Masters & Ph.D. will be Introduced later by AICTE		

- The certification will have value to the standards of schooling or college year parallelly.
- Educational institutes will be responsible for the academic part while skill training will be given by the technical training institute (SKP) appointed with mutual understanding.
- Student will have options of persuing the vocational education along with their academic education or can also choose to go for only vocational education.



Seminar Attendees



Prof. Mantha in open session



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Prof. Vasuben Trivedi, Honourable Minister for State, Women and Child Development appreciated the initiative taken by Gujarat Technological University for imparting Vocational Education and Skill Development Program in the state of Gujarat. She stated that proper implementation of program will cater to the needs of industries of Gujarat by providing skilled manpower for further development.

In the second session Prof.Mantha had an open session with the invitees and resolved the queries related to the concept, implementation, permission and process of the course.

The seminar was a great success with the presence of more than 230 participants from academics and industry from all over the Gujarat despite of the rainy weather. Event was coordinated by Mr Monarch A Joshi, Assistant Professor – Centre for Marketing Excellence and O.S.D – Centre for Vocational Education and Skill Development. Gujarat Technological University will soon form a Board and a committee to take this initiative further as per the guidance of AICTE.

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