

HRDD Conduct Workshop with Representative Professors from Helsinki University, Finland

A 2-daylong Consultative workshop of Human Resource Development Department with Prof. Jari and Prof. Patrik of Helsinki University of Finland was conducted on December 04 and 05, 2017 at Hotel Lemontree, Sichey Road Gangtok.

The Hon'ble Minister for HRDD Shri. RB Subba was present as the Chief Guest on the inaugural day of the workshop while the Hon'ble MP, Lok Sabha Shri. PD Rai was Special Guest.

The Additional Chief Secretary/HRDD Shri. GP Upadhyaya apprised the Finnish educationists about the system of governance in India in general and about the education system in India in particular.

Dr Rabin Chhetri/Director/SCERT gave the welcome address while Dr Shantiram Adhikari highlight upon the teacher education system in Sikkim.

Shri. PD Rai, MP/Lok Sabha spoke about the concept behind having this workshop. Hon'ble Minister Shri. RB Subba extended warm welcome to the guests from Finland and also urged all present to forge an educational link between Sikkim and Finland.

A presentation on Education in Sikkim was made by Sunay Advisors which highlighted the pros and cons of education system in Sikkim.

The Programme was followed by two parallel sessions in which administrators were grouped with Prof. Patrik and school heads and educationists were grouped with Prof. Jari. Some fruitful and conclusive discussions were made which yielded to further making a link with the Finnish education with Sikkim in order to achieve quality education.

This may be noted that Finland has achieved top class of education system in the world and Sikkim has been looking forward to seeking ideas and replicable styles from the Finnish education in order to achieve top class education system with special focus on primary education. The ground work has begun since May 22,

2017 when the Finland Ambassador to India Ms. Nina Vaskunlathi visited Sikkim and interacted with the educationists and administrators of the HRDD.

All the Directors, district Joint Directors and other officers of the HRDD attended the workshop alongwith Principals from few Government and private schools. EQUIP team members were also present with SCERT and DIET faculty members. On the 2nd day the workshop started with the School visit of Deorali SSS by the Finland delegates. After School visit again two brainstorming sessions were conducted with the Hon'ble MP moderating the synthesis session at last.

The workshop concluded by identifying the areas where we can work together to raise the quality of education in Sikkim.

