

Press Briefing of Review Meeting Presided Over by

Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh
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State Government is exploring possibilities of setting up of an Engineering College at Pragati Nagar in district Shimla and one polytechnic would be opened in every district of the State. This was stated by Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal, Chief Minister, in the review meeting of Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training Department, held here under his Chairmanship today.

Chief Minister said that the State Government was according high priority to vocationalise the traditional formal educational system and provide youth facility of demand based vocational courses to help them find employment and self-employment avenues. He said that polytechnics had been opened in seven districts of the state and remaining five districts would also get the same functional in coming two years. He said that a minimum of five courses would be made available to the students from next academic session in polytechnics. . He said that additionally Diploma Courses in Chemical and Polymer Engineering would also be started at Government Polytechnic, Sundernagar. He said that one Hydro Power Engineering College would also be opened at Bilaspur to produce hydro engineering professionals. He said that the state government would also be considering conduction of short term hydro engineering courses for the benefit of youth to find employment avenues in hydel power sector. He said that construction work of Jawaharlal Nehru Government Engineering College was in progress at Sundernagar where B.Tech. Chemical Engineering course would also be started from next session.

Prof. Dhumal said that the State Government was emphasizing upon quality services in all engineering colleges, polytechnics and it is besides establishing Advance Training Institute, Regional Vocational Training Institute for women and two more women it is at Nalagarh and Una under PPP mode. He said that Instructor Training Wing would also be established under World Bank Assistance at Nalagarh by next year. He said that the proposed Technical University would be starting functioning at Hamirpur shortly and affiliate all vocational and technical educational institutions. He said that every ITI student was being given orientation of computer and internet to keep pace with the modern technology. He said that full Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme to girl trainees being implemented in all government institutions for degree, diploma and ITI courses and scholarships to SC and ST trainees for degree courses, scholarships to BPL trainees in Government it is being provided. He said that IIT Mandi had come into operation and classes started for current academic session. He said that it is at Dalash and Sandhole to be made functional next year.