

Special vocational edu panel submits final report

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Pune: Introducing vocational courses as electives at secondary school level and higher secondary level, setting up vocational university, offering higher education in vocational streams, and enacting special law for promoting and regulating vocational education, are amongst the prominent recommendations made by special vocational committee set up by the state government.

The 11-member committee, headed by Symbiosis Center For Distance Learn-

ing director Swati Mujumdar, submitted its final report to minister of higher and technical education Rajesh Tope here on Friday.

He said the reforms planned by the government in the field of vocational education are in accordance with the National Skill Development Mission that aims at creating skilled labour of 50 crore by 2022.

"There is major shortfall of skilled persons inspite of the huge demand from industry. In Maharashtra alone, the requirement is about 40 lakh skilled people for the next two years. There exists a system for vo-

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Introduction of vocational courses as electives at 9th and 10th standards on the lines of CBSE.
- Introduction of new scheme for HSC (vocational) that will enable students to become eligible for applying to under graduate programs and appear for entrance test for professional courses.
- Setting up a vocational university to provide vertical mobility to students by creating degree programs.
- Setting up single statutory body to plan, promote, regulate, develop and standardize vocational education, training and skill development at all levels.
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ational education in State, in which enabling provisions and reforms are being suggested by the vocational committee," he said.

He added that the committee report would be presented before the CM and Dy CM and then it would be tabled in forthcoming monsoon session of State Legislature for final approval.

Mujumdar said the committee, which was set up on June 27, had studied the Indian vocational scenario in great detail and also the intentional scenario, including countries like Germany, UK, Australia, China and Sri Lanka.