

Vocational Committee Report Submitted



Swati Majumdar, Chairperson of Vocational Committee, submitted the Vocational Committee Report to Rajesh Tope, Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra on 1st

July, 2011. This was done at a press conference held, at the Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning. The report consists of policies and recommendations in vocational education, training, skill and development sector for Maharashtra and in general for India.



Tope spoke about the need for a separate vocational education university. Over 93% of the workforce in India have no formal training or qualification, says the report. Considering the need, in Maharashtra alone, of 4 million skilled people over the next two years, for various vocational occupations, the committee suggests that such courses are part of the 9th and 10th grades, as elective vocational subjects. The committee, had also visited Germany, UK, Australia, Korea, China and Sri Lanka as part of their study. China has more than 100 vocational universities, while Germany has 160 of them. A draft of the Maharashtra Vocational Universities Act for establishment of the Vocational University is also a part of the report. As informed by Tope, the act is to be presented at the Vidhan Sabha on 22nd July, 2011 and is expected to be passed by the Diwali session.