

NITI Aayog recognizes IITE amongst 23 Best Practices in HRD Sector in the country

NITI Aayog has recognized the Indian Institute of Teacher Education (IITE) as one of the 23 Best Practices in the Human Resource Development Sector in the country. The Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office of NITI Aayog has prepared a report titled 'Best Practice Compendium - Human Resource Development Sector' in October 2020, which has recognized IITE as one of the solutions to the wide-spread issues in Teacher Education sector across the country.

An evaluation of an Umbrella Centrally Sponsored Schemes (UCSS) was commissioned by NITI Aayog in August 2019. One of the key points of this evaluation study was to identify global, homegrown best practices, interventions, case studies etc. Compendium of Best Practices highlights the high impact and innovative practices, which have resulted in positive changes for all stakeholders in education sector.

The compendium talks about the IITE as an ecosystem established by the Government of Gujarat for nurturing teacher education. The summary about the IITE in the report reads, "The pre-service teacher education in India grapples with the various issues such as determining quality of Teacher Education Institutions and programmes offered, eligibility criteria across various programmes, curriculums of programmes offered, their duration and quality, competency level of student teachers and their certification. In order to overcome the issue of pre-service teacher education programme, the state of Gujarat has tried to support teacher education ecosystem at pre-service level by establishing state university that provides courses/ programmes and conduct research in teacher education space through its research focused, theme based centres."

The report has stated that affiliation of District Institutes of Education & Training (DIETs) and other Teacher Education Institutions with IITE has paved way to overcome various functional and academic issues in the area of Teacher Education.

The report has also highlighted the establishment of 5 researched oriented theme based centres by IITE.

Expressing happiness for getting attestation of NITI Aayog for IITE as one of the 23 best practices in the country, Vice Chancellor of IITE Dr. Harshad Patel said, "It is like new year gift for us after Diwali. IITE has been mentioned in the compendium as one of the best practices in the country's education sector and specifically one of the solutions for the challenges faced in the faculty of teacher education. This is what our Prime Minister Shree Narendra Modi has envisioned, when he had established IITE during his tenure as the Chief Minister of Gujarat. We feel that our responsibility of maintaining the expectations and quality has increased with this report. We will continue to work as an exemplary University system to progress towards becoming a centre of excellence in teacher education."