

Press Release from DIET - Gangtok

DIET Gangtok Organises 3 -Day Capacity Building Program on Competency-Based Assessment for Preparatory and Middle Stage Teachers

Gangtok, 15th October 2026: The District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Gangtok, successfully organised a Three-Day Capacity Building Programme on Competency-Based Assessment (CBA) from 13th to 15th October 2026 for teachers of the Preparatory and Middle Stages from PM SHRI Schools of Gangtok, Pakyong and Mangan districts, along with 14 Cluster-Level Key Resource Persons (KRPs) under the District Academic Improvement Plan of the Chief Education Officer (CEO) Office, Gangtok.

The programme aimed to strengthen teachers' and resource persons' understanding and practical skills in competency-based assessment, with particular emphasis on formative assessment strategies, preparation of assessment blueprints and construction of competency-based questions aligned with learning outcomes.

The inaugural session, held on 13th October 2026, was graced by Dr. Shanti Ram Adhikari, Director, SCERT, Sikkim.

During the three-day programme, participants engaged in interactive sessions, subject-wise discussions, hands-on activities and group presentations facilitated by DIET faculty. The sessions focused on competency-oriented pedagogy and formative assessment strategies, including observation, questioning, peer and self-assessment, rubrics and performance-based tasks. Participants were also oriented on the preparation of assessment blueprints and construction of competency-based questions relevant to the Preparatory and Middle Stages.

The programme emphasised a shift from traditional rote-based assessment towards evaluating learners' conceptual understanding, critical thinking, reasoning, application of knowledge and problem-solving abilities. Special attention was given to integrating formative assessment into regular classroom teaching-learning processes without creating an additional burden on teachers.

The participation of Cluster-Level Key Resource Persons under the District Academic Improvement Plan of the CEO Office, Gangtok, was intended to strengthen academic support at the cluster level and facilitate the dissemination of competency-based assessment practices among teachers in their respective schools and clusters through professional learning communities.

The valedictory session, held on 15th October 2026, was graced by Mr. R. K. Pandey, Joint Director, and Ms. Babita Subba, Assistant Director, Gangtok District. Their presence underscored the importance of continuous professional development of teachers and strengthening classroom assessment practices to improve student learning outcomes.

The programme concluded with an emphasis on translating the knowledge and skills acquired during the training into regular classroom practices and strengthening academic mentoring and support at the school and cluster levels.

Through such initiatives, DIET Gangtok in collaboration with the PM Shri Initiative and district education authorities, continues its efforts towards strengthening teacher professional development, academic support systems and quality education in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023.