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Youth Trainees at ITIs Central to Meghalaya's Growth

First Industry Engagement on Hospitality Placement Held in Shillong

Shillong, August 28, 2025: The Directorate of Employment and Craftsmen Training (DECT), Government of Meghalaya, under the Supporting Human Capital Development in Meghalaya – Phase II (SHCDM-II) project, organised the first-ever consultation on industrial engagement for ITI internships and placements in the Catering & Hospitality trade.

The programme underscored that ITI trainees – Meghalaya's youth – are at the heart of building the State's future workforce. A highlight of the event was ITI trainees showcasing their culinary skills before hotel representatives, reflecting both their potential and the importance of bridging training with real industry opportunities.

Participants included DECT officials, Project team members, Tourism Officers from East Khasi Hills and Jaintia Hills, and leading hotels such as Polo Towers, Vintage Grand Sohra, VNS Hotel Heiga, and The Habitat. The discussions focused on creating a structured and sustainable placement pathway for ITI graduates in the tourism and hospitality sector.

This initiative is one of several under SHCDM-II aimed at empowering Meghalaya's youth. Other major interventions within the Department include the construction of new hostels across ITIs to improve access and retention, the introduction of industry-relevant new trades across institutes to prepare trainees for emerging economic opportunities, and the rollout of a hybrid job marketplace – a two-faceted placement module that supports both formal employment and a gig economy-style marketplace for ITI trainees.

Together, these efforts reflect the State's commitment to building a stronger, more inclusive skilling ecosystem where Meghalaya's youth are not only trained but also meaningfully employed to drive the State's growth story.