Tie-up opens doors for educational exchange

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Bhubaneswar, Feb 2: A group of delegates from Technical and Further Education Commission of New South Wales, or TAFE NSW, Australia, concluded their three-day visit to Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) here Thursday. The delegation worked on implementing skill development training programmes at CUTM aimed at improving employment prospects for students.

Deputy Director of TAFE NSW said reports that Orissa had a huge scope for implementation of certain training models for improving the skills of students. "The plan is to facilitate a mutual exchange of education, art and culture. Training of teachers is another initiative that will be part of this programme," Bhat said.

TAFE NSW and CUTM had recently signed an MoU for the initiative. Under the pact, the initiative is to exchange knowledge and best practices in technical and vocational education and training, especially focused on integration of skill development with mainstream education. The MoU will also facilitate collaborative art and craft programmes that will bring together students of Orissa and Australian students from Australia.

The Australian delegation will also initiate a mobile training lab at which trainers can reach out to different locations in host skill development programmes. "Mobile training labs are already operational in Australia. TAFE NSW wants to replicate these in Orissa, too. With the implementation of this initiative, tribal students will not have to travel far to access vocational training. Mobile labs will reach them and train them," professor Muktis Mohra, the president of CUTM, said.

TAFE NSW is funded by the federal government of Australia to run worldwide collaboration in learning along with regional institutions of excellence. This year, the ministry of foreign affairs of Australia selected six institutions including TAFE NSW and CUTM from among the many applicants.