

## Online Meeting of Joint Working Committee Meeting held between NCERT, EDUFI, and GINTL: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), in collaboration with the Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI) and Global Innovation Network for Teaching and Learning (GINTL) India, convened the third Joint Working Committee (JWC) Meeting to mark the conclusion of the GINTL project and explore future avenues of partnership.

The virtual meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 brought together key stakeholders from NCERT, Finnish educational institutions, and EDUFI to reflect on the collaboration's journey, exchange insights, and discuss sustaining relationships post-GINTL. In his opening remarks, Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, NCERT expressed appreciation for the fruitful partnership, highlighting the shared efforts in enhancing early childhood education and vocational education. Prof. Anna-Maija Poikkeus, Dean at the University of Jyväskylä (JYU) and GINTL lead echoed the sentiment, emphasizing the value of cross-border cooperation in shaping innovative educational frameworks.

**JOURNEY OF COLLABORATION: 2022**

**Signing of MoU between National Agency for Education (EDUFI, Finland) and National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT, India)-11 March 2022**

**Objective:** to promote educational cooperation through sharing of information and content in areas those are of mutual interest and to

- (a) organize joint workshops,
- (b) undertake joint academic research,
- (c) exchange faculty, students' academic documents and publications,
- (d) build academic ties with relevant institutions at home and abroad

"A working group called the Joint Working Committee (JWC) was constituted. The JWC comprises NCERT, EDUFI, and the Global Innovation Network for Teaching & Learning (GINTL) India network. GINTL India is a network of 10 Finnish higher education institutions and is supporting EDUFI in the implementation of the MoU until the end of 2024."

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Ms. Apoorwa Hooda, GINTL's India Coordinator, provided a comprehensive overview of collaborative activities, underscoring the project's key milestones and contributions to India's evolving education landscape. Participants highlighted pilot programmes, curriculum development, and capacity-building initiatives that aimed to align educational strategies with industry needs and international best practices.

Dr Vinay Swarup Mehrotra, Professor and Head, Centre for International Relationship at PSSCIVE presented the activities organised for sharing experiences on vocational education.

The meeting concluded with a forward-looking session led by Mr. Juha Ketolainen, Senior Advisor at EDUFI, who outlined plans for extending cooperation beyond 2025 through a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Prof. Anupam Ahuja, former Head of NCERT's International Relations Division (IRD), delivered closing remarks, reinforcing NCERT's commitment to sustained collaboration with Finnish institutions to further educational excellence in India.