The PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), NCERT, Bhopal, organised a five-day "Awareness Programme for Key Functionaries on Implementation of Vocational Education as per NEP 2020 and NCF-SE 2023" from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 for the Western Region. The programme aimed to build awareness and understanding among educational administrators and functionaries about the effective implementation of vocational education in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE) 2023.

A total of 32 key functionaries from Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh participated in the programme. The participants included State and Project Coordinators, District Education Officers, Vocational Education Officers, Principals, and Headmasters.

The inaugural session was graced by the *Joint Director*, PSSCIVE, who highlighted the new dimensions and initiatives in vocational education. Dr. Deepak Shudhalwar, Programme Coordinator and Professor, Department of Engineering and Technology, outlined the objectives, structure, and schedule of the programme.

The five-day programme featured interactive and informative sessions on various aspects of vocational education implementation. Prof. R. K. Pathak, Prof. V. S. Mehrotra, Prof. Saurabh Prakash ,Prof. Pinki Khanna, Dr. Vinod Kumar Yadav, Dr. Pravin Mahamuni, and Dr. Deepak Shudhalwar conducted technical sessions focusing on NEP and NCF-SE frameworks, integration strategies, and institutional roles. Dr. Deepa Dass from SCERT Chhattisgarh delivered a special session on Career Guidance in Vocational Education. Pre- and post-tests were conducted to assess participants' learning outcomes.



