

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan meets his Singapore counterpart, to further strengthen bilateral cooperation and deepening engagements in education and skill development

India and Singapore remain committed to work together for mutual and global prosperity – Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

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Union Education & Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan's visit to Singapore concluded today. The Minister was on a three-day visit to Singapore to strengthen existing ties and to explore the possibility for widening the scope of bilateral engagement in education and skill development.

On the 3rd day of his visit, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan met his Singapore Counterpart, Minister for Education, HE Mr Chan Chun Sing. The Ministers had fruitful conversations on further strengthening the bilateral cooperation and deepening engagements in all areas of education and skill development.



Shri Pradhan also explored ways in which Singapore can partner with India for seamlessly integrating skilling

& vocational education starting from the school-level itself. Both the Ministers agreed to broaden the contours of the existing partnership through institutional mechanisms, particularly towards building capacities of teachers and trainers, incorporating future skills into education and skilling ecosystem as well as explore engagement with special schools, sport schools.

Shri Pradhan expressed his gratitude to HE Mr Chan Chun Sing and Ministry of Education, Singapore for their enriching participation in the previous three G20 Education Working Group Meetings. Natural allies, like India and Singapore, remain committed to work together for mutual and global prosperity, he added. . Singapore delegation will be participating in the forthcoming G20 Education Ministers' Meeting in Pune



Shri Dharmendra Pradhan also visited Skills Future Singapore, a key initiative of the Government of Singapore to make the country future-ready. Skills Future Singapore (SSG) drives and coordinates the implementation of the national Skills Future movement, promotes a culture and holistic system of lifelong learning through the pursuit of skills mastery, and strengthens the ecosystem of quality education and training in Singapore.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Pradhan said that Skills Future envisions to make Singapore a nation of lifelong learners and a society that values skills mastery. Skills Future initiative has allowed Singaporeans to maximise their potential and is a key driver of Singapore's next phase of development, he added. Shri Pradhan highlighted that continuous education and lifelong learning is also the core of NEP in India. Insights gained today will add value to our efforts of transforming India's skill ecosystem, creating a future-ready workforce and harnessing the full potential of our young demography to drive national progress, he added.

He also visited Singapore University of Technology and design today.



During his 3-day visit to Singapore, Shri Pradhan met various key Ministers of Singaporean Government including DPM & Minister for Finance, Singapore, H.E Mr Lawrence Wong; Singapore's Minister of Trade and Industry H.E Mr. Gan Kim Yong; Singapore Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E Mr Vivian Balakrishnan;

Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies, HE Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam. Building on the outcomes of the G20 Future of Work workshop in Bhubaneswar, they discussed ways in which India can leverage the expertise and knowledge of Singapore for addressing common challenges and transforming the Indian skills ecosystem.

Shri Pradhan said that India and Singapore share strong historical, cultural and civilizational links. Our friendship today is rooted in reciprocity, mutual trust and respect. Scaling up partnerships in knowledge, skills and frontier areas will add new dimensions to our long-standing friendship, he added.

Shri Pradhan also visited various School, higher and skilling institutions including Nanyang Technological University, Spectra Secondary School, Skills Future, Institute of Technical Education Singapore.

Shri Pradhan had the opportunity to have a greater overview of the best practices and models being followed in Singapore for training of workforce. He interacted with teachers to know more about the teaching-learning environment, pedagogy, among others. The Minister was happy to know that the school prioritises skills-based education and also focuses on encouraging learning at the pace suitable for every learner to prepare them for future workplaces. The Minister interacted with Indian students and received good insights on the roadmap to higher education, research, innovation, entrepreneurship and taking learning beyond the four walls of the classroom.

Shri Pradhan stressed that 21st century is going to be India's century. World class global universities, like NTU and Indian universities must collaborate and deepen their engagements to create new models to inspire the 21st century, he added.

The Minister met members of alumni of IIT and IIMs, Odia Association and Indian Diaspora in Singapore during his visit.

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