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## Study on skill to boost job chance

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**Guwahati, Sept. 4:** The National Skill Development Corporation is carrying out a skill-gap analysis in the Northeast.

The study will find out the skills available in different states of the Northeast and recommend some with a view to enhance employability through formal employment, self-employment and creation of livelihood opportunities.

The corporation is the first-of-its-kind public-private partnership in the country to facilitate skill development.

“We are on the job and the report will be released by October,” the managing director and CEO of the corporation, Dilip Chenoy, told **The Telegraph**.

The corporation, created by the Union ministry of finance, has an equity base of Rs 10 crore of which the private sector holds 51 per cent and the Centre controls 49 per cent.

Set up in 2009, the corporation aim is to fulfil the objective of the National Skill Development Mission to create 500 million skilled people by 2022. It has mapped skill gaps in 20 high-growth sectors in the country till 2022.

The adviser to the Prime Minister’s National Council on Skill Development, S. Ramadorai, was in Assam in July to get feedback on skill development in the state.

The draft state employment policy of Assam states that an overwhelming majority of the work force, which is not only in the rural areas but also in urban areas, does not possess any identifiable marketable skills.

Nearly 80 per cent of job-seekers enrolled in employment exchanges are without any professional skills.

Dispur will also set up a skill development council with the help of the National Council on Skill Development.

After conducting skill mapping in Tirap and Changlang districts of Arunachal Pradesh, the corporation recommended that vocational training/skill development centres should be set up and training imparted in identified areas.

The study found that there was no skill development infrastructure in Changlang or Tirap. There is no Industrial Training Institute (ITI) at Tirap and only one ITI at Balinong in Changlang district for which one has to travel three hours.

The study revealed that 90 per cent of Tirap's population has studied below Class X and avenues for higher education in science or commerce streams were not available.

The study recommended trial projects — one each in agricultural productivity improvement and processing in horticulture/floriculture and demonstration of success stories through establishment and training of cooperatives.

The corporation has joined hands with the Union ministry of youth affairs for a youth employability project, which was inaugurated in Manipur recently. The project will train youngsters to boost their chances of finding jobs or starting their own enterprises. Nearly 8,000 youths will benefit from it.