



MEDIA COVERAGE: Mr. Ashwajit Singh's comments featured in 'The Hindu' article on October 03, 2013

Ashwajit Singh has been featured in 'The Hindu' article that talks about gap in providing quality technical assistance to key flagship programmes. The article has been built around the various lacunae in providing technical assistance in the major government programmes in India. An extract below:

"The entire implementation mechanism, including roles and responsibilities, needs to be defined before these schemes are announced. JnNURM is a good scheme but do the States have the capacity to implement and monitor systems? The implementation machinery needs to be strengthened," said Ashwajit Singh, chairman and managing director, IPE Global, a management consulting firm that focuses on the development sector. Mr. Singh explains that actual assistance is required between Central and State governments. In fact, he adds that the State governments need 'hand holding'.

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Orientation Programme on DISE Data Capture Format by National University of Educational Planning and Administration

Shalender Sharma

The Educational Management Information System (EMIS) is a very important component within the overall framework of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). The objective of the system is to collect, collate and analyze data collected through various sub-systems, build scenarios and flag issues which need to be addressed in the process of planning, evaluation, monitoring and mid-course corrections. Besides, the system also gauges the progress made in the educational system by input of various interventions during a certain period.

Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) is one of the most important sub-systems of the EMIS. Till recently, it covered elementary education sub-sector of the school education. It has now been amended to cover entire school education systems. The purpose of implementing the U-DISE is to collect school-wise data on enrolment, physical infrastructure and teachers using structured Data Capture Format (DCF).

In order to further improve the quality of U-DISE data, an effort has been made by National University of Educational Planning

and Administration (NUEPA) by conducting a training programme on filling up of Data Capture Format (questionnaire). The annual orientation programme on DISE Data Capture Format was held on 6th and 13th September 2013.



Mr. Shalender Sharma (second from right) on the Panel

The programme was attended by thousands of education officers at District, Block and Cluster level and Head Teachers/Principals of schools. The recorded programme was telecast on 20th September and 27th September 2013 on Gyan Darshan Channel, EDUSAT Centers of IGNOU and online.

The Programme was organized and headed by Prof. Arun C. Mehta, Head, Department of EMIS. During the programme, a live question answer session through phone/fax/sms was also held through which the problems in filling up of data capture format were resolved. Mr Shalender Sharma, AVP, Education attended the programme as one of the Resource Panel. He also provided his inputs on improving the data quality and adhering to timeline. Some of the key points discussed during the program included preparation of master list of all educational institutions at CRC level, use of data for preparation of School Development Plan as per the RTE Act, creating awareness among Private Schools for filling up of DISE DCFs etc.