

## EDII and Mizoram CM discuss launch of MEDI to boost women and student entrepreneurship

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**Aizawl, Sept 18:** Sunil Shukla, the Director General of the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), and Chief Minister Lalduhoma had a meeting on Thursday to discuss the establishment of the Mizoram Entrepreneurship Development Institute (MEDI). The discussion took place at the CM's office in Aizawl.

According to an official statement, Shukla outlined the potential for setting up the institute, emphasizing that if the state government can provide the necessary land, MEDI could be developed by pooling resources from central government schemes and corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. He highlighted that the institute would primarily cater to women and students, offering specialized training in entrepreneurship and skill development.

The MEDI will focus on entrepreneurship, skill development, start-ups,

incubation, and mentoring during its first five years of operation. Additionally, Shukla envisioned that the institute would work towards creating its own permanent campus within the next eight years.

In response, Chief Minister Lalduhoma acknowledged the broad scope of the project, which would require the collaboration of various state departments. He proposed the formation of a coordination committee to ensure the smooth and efficient implementation of the initiative, suggesting that wider consultations with stakeholders would be crucial moving forward.

EDII, established in 1983 and headquartered in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, currently operates several Entrepreneurship Development Centres across India.

The meeting was also attended by Vanlaldina Fanai, the Secretary to the Chief Minister, and R. Lalrodingi, the OSD to the Chief Minister.