



## **Press Release**

# **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship joins hands with Ministry of External Affairs for implementation of the Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY)**

- **Memorandum of understanding signed between the two Ministries in presence of Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy and Smt. Sushma Swaraj**
- **50 Centers to be opened by the end of this year**
- **Campaign with the message “Prasikshit Jaiye, Surakshit Jaiye”**

**New Delhi, July 2, 2016:** The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding for implementation of the Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY).

PKVY is a skill development initiative of the MEA in partnership with the MSDE and is aimed at training and certification of Indian workforce keen on overseas employment in select sectors and job roles, in line with international standards, to facilitate overseas employment opportunities. The scheme will be implemented by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) through its Training Partners in consultation with MEA and MSDE.

As part of collaboration, potential emigrant workers may avail work related skill training under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) or any other similar Government skill development program, which would take place at transnational standards. MSDE through NSDC proposes to establish customised International Skill Centres to operationalise this initiative. MEA's role would be to support Pre-Departure Orientation Training (PDOT), which will include language and soft skills training modules. Training offered will also be backed by an internationally recognised assessment and certification system.

The MoU signing ceremony took place in the Ministry of External Affairs in the presence of Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs and Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge). The MoU was signed by Shri Dnyaneshwar M. Mulay, Additional Secretary (OIA & CPV), MEA and Dr Sunita Chibba, Senior Adviser, MSDE on behalf of their respective Ministries.

Commenting on the signing of the MoU, Smt. Sushma Swaraj emphasized that this collaborative effort between the two Ministries would enhance overseas employment opportunities for Indian workers, boost the Skill India Mission and is an important step towards the realization of Hon'ble PM's vision of transforming India into the skill capital of the world.



Lauding the partnership, Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy said, “Till now Indians who travelled abroad for work, were not empowered with rules, regulation, finesse and skills required for those markets, which made them unsafe in those regions. Our partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs will ensure that there is a formal training imparted to these immigrants which makes them more productive and efficient and makes India the source of quality manpower.”

“We plan to set up 50 exclusive skill centers to cater to overseas employment opportunities by the end of this year. This MoU will further strengthen our efforts for the global market. I am thankful to Smt. Sushma Swaraj ji for her passion towards skill development and her support that she had extended to us. I am sure training of global standards and certification in these skill courses will ensure ample opportunity for all,” he further added.

A comprehensive study by an international agency has been done to analyse the international job market for requirement of human resource across various markets where Indians can apply. This study will help identify courses in which people can be trained and can accordingly apply for placements. Beyond regular job roles like domestic help, drivers and masons which are required abroad, there is a new market in data analytics, robotics, precision engineering, hospitality, beauty and wellness, mechatronics, electronics which is now coming up where people can apply for jobs.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has already been working with countries like US, UK, Australia, Canada, Germany, France etc. on aligning our courses to transnational standards. The scale can be mapped from the fact that aligning to UK standards have resulted in opening employment opportunities in 80 countries which these are accepted.

