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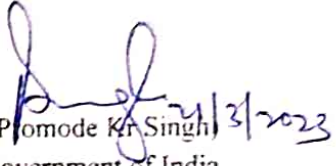
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Summary for the Cabinet concerning M/o SDE -reg

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the Monthly Summary of important activities for the month of February 2023, in English and Hindi, for information.

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Some of the key achievements/ initiatives by this Ministry during the month of February, 2023 are as under:

1. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organized a seminar on 21.02.2023 on Building Capacities through skill training and the New Generation of Entrepreneurs in Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Partner Nations towards usage and set up of digital IT platforms. The sessions were attended by eight member countries including Russia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Cambodia, Maldives, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates (UAE). In addition, 50 delegates joined in a hybrid mode from SCO member states, observer states, and dialogue partners. Hon'ble Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan addressed the event through a video message and stressed on the importance of creating multiple entry and exit points in the education system to provide vertical and horizontal mobility across several disciplines, general education, and skill education.

2. Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM): The States/UTs have been advised to organize PMNAM every 2nd Monday in 1/3 of a total number of districts in the State so that all districts are covered once in a quarter, and four times in a year. States/UTs have been given the flexibility for choosing the district/location and the day of Mela based on local conditions/festivals, etc. Accordingly, for the month of February, PMNAM was organized on 13-02-2023 through the PM National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) portal (<https://dgt.gov.in/appmela>) across 220 districts in the country. With this, so far PMNAMs have been organized in 1,612 locations in the country since the month of June, 2022. Cumulatively, candidates footfall has reached 2.62 lakh and establishments that participated in PMNAM stand at 13,929. PMNAM also acts as an advocacy platform for apprenticeship training. Post PMNAM every month, apprenticeship contracts were tracked for the next 20 days and 3.16 lakh apprenticeship contracts were found generated; which may also include contracts generated outside PMNAMs.

3. Webinar post-budget announcement 2023-24:

The Union Budget 2023-24 included important announcements pertaining to MSDE. This inter alia included launch of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 4.0, launch of unified Skill India Digital Platform and roll out of Direct Benefit Transfer under a pan-India National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme .

Against this backdrop, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) along with the Ministry of Education (MoE) organized Post Budget Webinar on the theme "Harnessing Youth Power through Skilling & Education" on 25th February 2023.

- i. In the Webinar held on 25th February, 2023, a breakout session on "**Re-imagining Short-Term Skilling – PMKVY 4.0**" was organized moderated by Dr K K Dwivedi, Joint Secretary, MSDE. The deliberations of the panelist revolved around the following aspects:
 - a. Skill Gap and Demand Assessment
 - b. Industry Partnership
 - c. Convergence in skilling
 - d. Integration with Education
 - e. Aspiration and Awareness
 - f. Strategies for effective implementation of the Scheme.
- ii. Regarding apprenticeship promotion, a parallel break-away session 'Promoting Apprenticeship as School to Work Transition- National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme' was held as part of the webinar. The session was chaired by Sh. Prof. M. Jagadish Kumar, Chairman, UGC and was moderated by Smt. Sonal Mishra, Joint Secretary, MSDE.
- iii. Topic of another break-away session of the post-budget webinar on 25th February, 2023 was "The Digital Public Infrastructure for Skilling -Skill India Digital." This session was chaired by Shri Saurabh Garg, CEO, UIDAI and moderated by Shri Ved Mani Tiwari, CEO, NSDC.

- iv. Online webinars with the Jan Shiksha Sansthan(JSSs) were conducted by the Senior Officers of the Ministry on February 21 & 22, 2023 for discussion on the identification of new job roles, steps taken for promotion of self and wage employment, success stories, financial linkages etc.
- iv. A Webform (<https://dgt.gov.in/webinar>) was created to collect the data of ITIs participating in the Post-Budget webinar for the Skill and Education Sector.

4. An Agreement for Recognition as Assessing Agency and Awarding Body under "Dual Category" for JSS Scheme was signed between Directorate of JSS and NCVET on February 7, 2023.

Online meetings with JSSs were conducted on 14th and 15th February, 2023 regarding allocation of additional target under JSS Scheme and Skill Hub programme of PMKVY.

5. In the presence of Hon'ble Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), with due support from the Ministry of Tourism signed an MoU with Switzerland-based Hotel and Tourism Management Institute (HTMi) on 28.02.2023 to jointly provide certificate, diploma, advance diploma and certification courses in hospitality trades to the aspiring students. While addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said that this year's budget focused on making India stand in the global economies of the world by emphasizing more capital expenditure and building a circular economy to empower the public.

6. Ongoing Projects:

- i. For furthering the apprenticeship agenda and ensuring there is adequate awareness about the existing apprenticeship schemes among key stakeholders 250 apprenticeship advocacy workshops have been planned. Aiming at improving the branding and communication of Apprenticeship at both the demand side and the supply side, a total of 63 such workshops have been organized (13 in the month of Jan'23 and 50 in the month of Feb 23). The workshop also focuses to mobilize students from educational institutions other than ITIs.
- ii. The National Institute for Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development (NIESBUD), an apex organization under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship organised a 5 days offline (Residential based) Training-of-Trainers-programme-on-Entrepreneurship Development, Employability and Life Skills for 500 Instructors/Trainers of ITIs was organized by DGT, facilitated by National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).
- iii. National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) also organized a six weeks(ITEC sponsored) Capacity building programme on Cluster Development for rural and traditional enterprises2023 for delegates from 29 countries from February 20,2023.
- iv. YUVA Phase II project is being implemented in partnership with Delhi Police which aims to strengthen community-oriented policing by reaching out to the marginalized section of society and making themselves more accessible to the citizen. As part of the project, Delhi Police in association with NSDC organized a mega job fair on 20th February 2023 at Dwarka District, Delhi wherein more than 1800 candidates from 15 districts of Delhi participated in the fair, out of which 1250 candidates were given letter of intent.
- v. 'Sarathi - HCV Driver Training' is being implemented in the States of Odisha, Telangana, and Maharashtra with an aim to provide skill training to drivers for Heavy Commercial Vehicle (HCV). As on 28.02.2023, 218 candidates have enrolled (11 batches), of which 193 candidates have completed training (9 batches).
- vi. A project to upskill 2,000 Zari work artisans working in different clusters of Mumbai is being implemented in partnership with the Handicraft and Carpets Sector Skill Council (HCSSC). As on 28.02.2023, a total of 60 workers have been enrolled, 56 candidates have been trained, and 50 have been assessed and certified in two batches. Training of 30 workers is underway.
- vii. A project in partnership with the Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV) of the Indian Army is being implemented to recognize and certify the skills learned during the service by retiring soldiers as trainers

and assessors. The project aims to cover 5,000 nearing retirement/ retired military personnel. As on 24.02.2023, training has commenced in 26 Army Training Centers in 28 job roles across 12 sectors. A total of 3324 candidates have been trained and certified.

- viii. An Upskilling program in partnership with New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) is being implemented with the aim to certify/ upskill its contractual staff and other staff engaged in work. As on 24.02.2023, enrollment of 26,225 candidates has been completed, out of which 21,199 candidates have been trained.
- ix. An Agreement for Recognition as Assessing Agency and Awarding Body under “Dual Category” for JSS Scheme was signed between Directorate of JSS and NCVET on February 7, 2023.
- x. Online meetings with JSSs were conducted on 14th and 15th February, 2023 regarding allocation of additional target under JSS Scheme and Skill Hub programme of PMKVY.

7. Important Meetings:

Two virtual meetings were held under the chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE on 20.02.2023, one with the representatives of institutes of national importance viz. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indian Institute of Management (IIM), National Institute of Technology (NIT), Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) and second with the representatives of representatives from the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Central Board of Secondary Education, Sainik Schools Society, National Education Society for Tribal Students (EMRS), Department of School Education and Literacy (Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya), to discuss on the implementation of PMKVY 4.0 through Skill Hubs. The Ministry and NSDC to provide handholding support to all the institutions for successful and effective implementation of the scheme.

8. In addition to the above initiatives, during the review meetings held periodically, the officers are advised to work diligently and contribute their best for strengthening the skill ecosystem of the nation ensuring efficiency and transparency in Office functioning.