Rajiv Pratap Rudy meets Yogi Adityanath to expedite skills development in Uttar Pradesh; Focus on developing traditional skills in Uttar Pradesh

- Each district in UP to have a Driver Training Institute (DTI)
- Focus on ITI gradings and inspections to ensure quality in trainings
- 33 out of 68 allocated Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK), established in UP

Lucknow, July 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2017: Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of State (I/C), Skill Development & Entrepreneurship today met Shri Yogi Adityanath, Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, in Lucknow to discuss various subjects related to effective implementation of Skill India Mission in Uttar Pradesh.

Recalling the manifesto of BJP during UP elections, the agenda of the government in the State has been very clear about bringing the industry connect in Uttar Pradesh addressing the issue of migration in the State. In line with the same agenda, a meeting was conducted between Shri Rudy and Shri Yogi to discuss how the Centre will collaborate with the State to ensure that skills re-energise the economy of the State and create opportunities for learning and employment in the Uttar Pradesh, itself.

Appreciating the work being done in the State under Skill India, Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of State (I/C), Skill Development & Entrepreneurship said, “Skill India is getting overwhelming response from Uttar Pradesh. We have recently opened 7 new Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK), introduced the GST Module training across 13 centres and the Yoga module across 18 centres in the State on the occasion of our 2\textsuperscript{nd} anniversary celebrations of Skill India on July 15\textsuperscript{th} and in sync with the latest industry requirements. We are certainly that with the close support of the State Government in UP, we will be able to ensure quality through regular grading, inspections and quality checks of the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and other centres. We will together ensure that there is no mushrooming of centres and ITIs and all trainings are aligned to standards defined under
NSQF. The Centre will extend all the support skill development training and promotion of entrepreneurship in the State.”

“We congratulate the Government of Uttar Pradesh on the pace that it has set for development in the State, under the guidance of Shri Yogi Adityanath. We are certain that together the Centre and the State will soon be able to bring Uttar Pradesh in line with overall vision of a New India that Shri Narendra Modi has for the country,” he further added.

**Shri Yogi Adityanath. Hon’ble Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh** during the meeting said “Uttar Pradesh is the hub for nation’s most widely known traditional skills. We have traditional clusters all across the State such as carpet weaving at Bhadohi, leather industry at Kanpur and Agra, brassware at Moradabad, silk weaving at Varanasi, chikankari at Lucknow, glasswork at Firozabad, lock making at Aligarh, sports goods at Meerut etc. We are determined to extend trainings in these renowned works of art and improve livelihood of the people of UP and also improve the economy of the State.”

“To meet the growing demand for drivers in the country, our government will work closely with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to set up Driver Training Institutes (DTI), one in each district of the State. We will also set up institutes for training of trainers to ensure quality across all training programs. In the next 5 years, our target will be to train 70 lakh youth in Uttar Pradesh,” he further added.

There are 411 active NSDC driven short term training centres in 63 districts of the State. Since the beginning, 3.70 lakh candidates have been trained under fee based model in the State by NSDC training partners and more than 1.7 lakh candidates have got job placements. Under the PMKVY (2016-2020), already more than 72,500 candidates have been trained so far under Short-term training and around 64,000 candidates have benefitted so far through the RPL intervention. In total 1.36 lakh candidates have been trained (STT+RPL) of which 92,000 have been certified so far and 3,600 candidates have been placed. The trainings are being provided in the sectors like Agriculture, Auto and Auto components, Banking and Financial Services and Beauty & Wellness.

Currently, there are 2,337 ITIs functioning in Uttar Pradesh with seating capacity of 3,99,538 trainees. New affiliation norms have been developed to improve the quality of ITIs being set up in the country and involve higher participation of States in the process. 16 ITIs are being upgraded with the support of World Bank in the State. The scheme objective also includes enhancement of skills of ITI instructors and trainers. Also, ITI Meerut and ITI Varanasi have been named to be upgraded as model ITI under Centrally Sponsored Scheme. 115 ITIs are also being upgraded under PPP model in the State.

Additionally there is an urgent need felt to establish high-end skill training centers which will enable trainees to acquire cutting edge training relevant to the current industrial requirements. These training centers would extend the skill pyramid beyond the ITIs. Initially
4 such centers would be established within the campuses of Advanced Training Institutes (ATIs) in the country. The first such institute is proposed to be established in Kanpur.