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 May, 2023 for information.

2. The Hindi version of the same will follow.

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

1. Hon’ble Union Education & Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan was on a three-day visit to Singapore to strengthen existing ties and to explore the possibility for widening the scope of bilateral engagement in education and skill development. The visit concluded on 31st May, 2023. During the visit, Shri Pradhan met various key Ministers of Singaporean Government including Singaporean Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Mr. Lawrence Wong, Senior Minister Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Foreign Minister Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Trade and Industry Mr. Gan Kim Yong and Education Minister Mr. Chan Chun Sing. The Hon’ble Minister had fruitful conversations with the key Ministers of Singaporean Government on further strengthening the bilateral cooperation and deepening engagements in all areas of education and skill development, strengthening the existing cooperation between India and Singapore with focus on deepening engagements in skill development, fortifying India - Singapore Knowledge Partnership and taking the multifaceted bilateral cooperation in skill development and education to greater heights.

2. The Hon’ble Minister also visited various School, higher and skilling institutions including Nanyang Technological University, Spectra Secondary School, Skills Future, Institute of Technical Education Singapore. The Hon’ble Minister also explored ways in which Singapore can partner with India for seamlessly integrating skilling & vocational education starting from the school-level itself.

3. Secretary, MSDE addressed the valedictory ceremony of 100 Days Skill Festival at University of Delhi as the Chief Guest for the occasion on 09 May, 2023. Celebrating its centenary year to mark 100 years of education and empowerment, two institutions of Delhi University- Centre for Innovation in Infectious Diseases, Research, Education and Training (CIIDRET) and Delhi School of Skill Enhancement & Entrepreneurship Development (DSSEED) came together to celebrate the valedictory ceremony of ‘100 Days Skill Festival’. More than 400 participants from 90 different institutions and courses across the nation have been trained and upskilled. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, MSDE, said that skilling, reskilling, and upskilling initiatives are critical for the development of India’s youth and the overall growth of the country and further congratulated Delhi University, CIIDRET and DSSEED for taking a step towards building an ecosystem that promotes learning, collaboration, and networking.

4. Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM): States/UTs have been advised to organize PMNAM every 2nd Monday in 1/3 of 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 with the flexibility for choosing the district/location and the day of Mela based on local conditions/festivals, etc. Accordingly, for the month of May, PMNAM was organized on 08th May, 2023. With this, so far PMNAMs have been organized in 2,237 locations in the country since the month of June, 2022. Cumulatively, candidates’ footfalls have reached 3.26 lakh and
establishments participated in PMNAM stands at 18,310. PMNAM also acts as an advocacy platform for apprenticeship training. Post PMNAM every month, apprenticeship contracts were tracked for next 20 days and 3.97 lakh apprenticeship contracts were found generated, which may also include contract generated outside PMNAMs.

5. Projects and workshops:

i. Apprenticeship workshops: For furthering 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 176 such workshops have been organized (13 in the month of Jan’23, 49 in the month of Feb’23, 48 in the month of Mar’23, 37 in the month of April’23 and 29 in the month of May’23). The workshop also focuses to mobilize students from educational institutions other than ITIs.

ii. Capacity Building Workshop was conducted by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) with the Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) as the training partner in which 162 participants were trained at Lonavala.

iii. Two day workshop were organized under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (SD), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on 18th and 19th May 2023 to sensitize Central Ministries/Departments about convergence and Skill India Digital (SID). In the said workshop, 22 Central Ministries/Departments were invited.

iv. National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) under MSDE conducted two training programs in May with the support of the Railway Board, Government of India, for 46 ancillary category personnel of the Railway Protection Force in different trades such as barbering and tailoring.

6. Important Meetings and Conferences:

i. STRIVE review meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Secretary MSDE on 18th May 2023 and action plan was discussed for the extended period.

ii. The 29th National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) meeting was conducted on 3rd May 2023 wherein 69 Qualifications (62 new qualifications and 07 revised) were placed before the Committee. Out of total 69 qualifications, 62 qualifications were accorded clear approval and 03 were conditionally approved. In addition to this, a total of 89 existing NSQF aligned & approved future skills qualifications were accorded approval for implementation under PMKVY 4.0.

iii. A meeting was held under the Co-chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE and Secretary, Dept. of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education on 11.05.2023 to discuss the implementation of PMKVY 4.0 through Skill Hubs (all types of schools).

iv. A meeting to review implementation of the Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Skill Development (CGFSSD) and disbursal of Skill Loans was held on 22.05.2023 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE
v. VC meeting chaired by the Secretary, MSDE held on 12.05.2023 on briefing of Annual Action Plan, Capital Expenditure Plan of Directorate General of Training.

vi. Secretary, MSDE chaired meeting to review the progress of Skill India Digital (SID) and integration of various MSDE Portals at 16.05.23.

vii. A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (SD), MSDE with representatives of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and NSDC on 9th May, 2023 to discuss on the training of 10,000 street food vendors under RPL component of PMKVY 4.0.

7. Development of new portal (https://dgt.gov.in/itidetails) to capture the details of new ITIs after affiliation and for creation of their login details on existing NCVT MIS Portal, subsequently keeping the data at one place systematically for future references.

8. Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) under MSDE has been nominated as the Nodal Institute by the North Eastern Council, Ministry of DoNER, for the development of Entrepreneurship Development Centers and Incubation Centers in higher educational Institutions of the North Eastern Region. The Institute has further collaborated with the Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) for skill development in the region. IIE aims to skill over 10,000 individuals in the BTC region of Assam under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0 scheme of MSDE.

9. Labour Diwas was celebrated on 1st May 2023 over the country in which more than 18,500 beneficiaries participated in the activities organized by 221 Jan Shikshan Sansthans (JSSs) across the country.

10. In addition to the above initiatives, the on-going process for rationalization of work performance through a number of internal measures continued to ensure utmost promptness and efficiency in speedy disposal of all deliverables.

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