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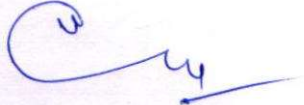
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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, 2024 for information.

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Some of the key achievements/ initiatives by this Ministry during the month of February, 2024 are as under:

1. The Hon'ble Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, on 13th February, 2024 virtually inaugurated the National Skill Training Institute for Women in Agartala and also inaugurated a girls' hostel in Vadodara, Gujarat, signifying a major stride towards empowering Nari Shakti and creating a conducive environment for female trainees pursuing skill development. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura, Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha and other dignitaries also joined the inauguration ceremony. Hon'ble Minister, stated that the inauguration of these important facilities on the auspicious occasion of Sarojini Naidu's birth anniversary which is also recognized as National Women's Day, stands as true symbols of women empowerment in two important centres of eastern and western India. They will work towards illuminating the path of the women in the region equipping them with skills and attitudes and help in the advancement of women-led development as envisioned by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, he added.

2. The Hon'ble Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, on 15th February, 2024 launched a slew of initiatives and industry partnerships for skilling and empowering India's Yuva Shakti by signing MoUs with 15 renowned organizations, industry giants, and leading academic institutions with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The partnerships were announced with Flipkart, Teamlease, Infosys, IIT Guwahati & LogicKnots, TimesPro, BCG, Google, UpGrad, Unstop, Microsoft, M3M Foundation, Reliance Foundation, Yes Foundation, UPS and Digiversity. Hon'ble Minister, Speaking on the occasion, stated that the partnerships forged today will lead the Skill India mission forward and lead to a more capable, productive and efficient workforce ready to embrace global opportunities. He also said that India will become unstoppable by embracing the mantra of skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling. As India marches towards becoming a developed nation, by leveraging technology, scale and sustainability, the Indian workforce will meet not only domestic demand but also global demand. Hon'ble Minister also stated about various digital initiatives in the skilling ecosystem which are ensuring Skills anywhere, Skills anytime and Skills for all. He also underlined the importance of social participation in strengthening the skills ecosystem and said that emerging technologies present a win-win proposition for all.

3. The Hon'ble Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, inaugurated the first Skill India Centre (SIC) of the country in Sambalpur, Odisha on 20th February, 2024. Other dignitaries were present at the event. Addressing the youth at the inauguration Hon'ble Minister stated that by spearheading the skill training programs in

new-age job roles, the skills-set of Amrit Peedhi will be upgraded in demand-driven industries and the aim will be to empower over 1200 students through this centre.

4. The Hon'ble Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, on 20th February, 2024 also inaugurated the Rashtriya Udyamita Vikas Pariyojana, in Sambalpur, Odisha. The initiative was also launched virtually across 9 cities including Bhopal, Kanpur, Indore, Varanasi, Bharatpur, Shillong, Silchar, Dibrugarh and Guwahati, emphasizing the nationwide scope of this initiative. Hon'ble, Minister addressing the at the inauguration stated that the Rashtriya Udyamita Vikas Pariyojana will aim to equip individuals with comprehensive entrepreneurship training, aligning with the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, of creating job providers rather than job seekers. Recognizing the imperative to adapt to the evolving job market, this initiative focuses on reskilling and upskilling employees to enhance their competitiveness and adaptability in an era of disruptive technology.

5. **Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojna (PMVDY):**

- i. Participation of TRISSAM Brand at the Aadi Mahotsav held at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi, from 10th to 18th February 2024. The Mahotsav is to showcase the rich heritage of tribal art, craft, cuisine and tribal folk products. Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu along with Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs & Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Shri Arjun Munda, visited the TRISSAM stall of IIE where they were given a brief of the initiative and the products.
- ii. Conducted MFP Value Addition Training Programme at IIE Incubation Centre from 12th to 16th February 2024, where 10 beneficiaries from 05 VDVKCs of Golaghat and Charaideo district participated and got trained.
- iii. TRISSAM participates at the Aadi Bazaar organized by TRIFED held at Lakhidhar Borah Khetra, Opposite Dighali Pukhuri, Guwahati from 21st to 28th February 2024. The aim behind this event is to promote marketing of products prepared by tribal artisans of Assam. Further, two of our Van Dhan Vikash Kendra Clusters- Naharani VDVKC and Dekapam VDVKC of Dhemaji district also participated in the exhibition, displayed and sold their products. This is helping the beneficiaries of the VDVKCs to get a good exposure on marketing.
- iv. A comprehensive Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Training Programme- SANKALP Programme has been initiated for tribal artisans and micro entrepreneurs across North eastern states under Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. The programme will cover 101 VDVKCs of Assam providing trainings on different trades. The training programmes have started from 26th February. Duration of each training programme is 30 days with a batch size of 25.

6. **National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS):**

i. **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 January, PMNAM was organized on 12.02.2024. With this PMNAM have been organized in 3,739 locations in the country since the month of June 2022. Cumulatively, candidate's footfall has reached 4.81 lakh and establishments participated in PMNAM stands at 27,275. PMNAM also acts as an advocacy platform for apprenticeship training. Post PMNAM every month, apprenticeship contracts were tracked for next 20 days and 7.64 lakh apprenticeship contracts were found generated, which may also include contract generated outside PMNAMs.

(ii) **Apprenticeship training status:** The apprentices engaged during the current financial year 2023-24 stand at 8,46,882 as of 29th February 2024. The total number of apprentices undergoing training as of 29th February 2024 stands at 7.7 lakh. The total number of establishments engaging/engaged apprentices till 29th February 2024 stands at 45,148.

(iii) **DBT Status:** DBT was launched on 11-08-2023 under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)". The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (SDE). The number of apprentices participating through DBT is increasing steadily and there is an 73% increase since July 2023 (1,64,652) till February 2024 (2,84,891). During this period, GoI share of stipend amounting to Rs. 229.79 Crore has been disbursed to apprentices through DBT.

7. Meetings & Workshops:

- i. **CSC (Onboarding of Village Level Entrepreneurs):** To support Apprenticeship Engagement in CSCs, the details for 3040 VLEs has been received from CSC (across Uttarakhand, Tripura, Odisha, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh). CSC review meeting conducted on 08th February 2024 and 22nd February 2024 to elevate progress. Workshop conducted with State SPOCs of CSCs for addressing queries related to enrollment of apprentices, benefits of scheme, information on profile completion etc. on 27th February 2024.
- ii. **Orientation with State and TPAs:** A meeting to facilitate orientation between the Karnataka State team and TPAs was conducted on 28th February 2024. The major point of discussion was around the measures required to scale up apprentice engagement through engagement of TPAs with AAAs of the state.
- iii. **Meeting with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL):** A meeting was held under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary, MSDE with

representatives of HAL on 14.02.2024 to discuss role of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in skilling ecosystem.

- iv. **Meetings of Executive Committee for PMKVY 4.0:** 9th and 10th meeting of the Executive Committee for PMKVY 4.0, under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary, MSDE were held on 16th February, 2024 and 29th February, 2024 respectively for considering proposals under PMKVY 4.0.
- v. **National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD):** NIESBUD, an autonomous body under MSDE conducted 2 International Training programmes of Three Weeks On-Campus on Cluster development for Rural & Traditional Enterprises and Entrepreneurship and promotion of livelihood generation activities for 42 participants. NIESBUD has also conducted six Entrepreneurship Development Programme for approx. 500 PM-SWANidhi beneficiaries at different locations like Sambalpur (Odisha), Bharatpur (Rajasthan), Indore and Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) and Varanasi & Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh) during the month of February 2024.
- vi. **Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE):** IIE, an autonomous body under MSDE conducted MFP Value Addition Training Programme at IIE Incubation Centre from 12th to 16th February 2024, where 10 beneficiaries from 05 VDVKCs of Golaghat and Charaideo district participated and got trained.
- vii. Campus of NSTI (W) Agartala and Girls' Hostel of NSTI (W) Vadodara was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister, SDE and Education on 13th February, 2024. Campus of IIS-Kanpur and Hostel of NSTI Dehradun was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 20th February, 2024.

8. **Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS):** JSS, as part of the convergence, are implementing the flagship scheme of the Government, namely PM Vishwakarma (PMV). Training under PMV has been started at 51 JSSs all over India under various trades of the Scheme. Board of Management of 8 JSSs have been reconstituted. The change requests for members of Board of Management of 5 JSSs have been approved. The training details of JSS beneficiaries in the month of February, 2024 is as below:

| Enrolled | Trained | Assessed | Certified |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| 1753 | 138667 | 63205 | 27328 |
| Gender Wise Training details: | | | |
| Beneficiary Trained | | | |
| Male | Female | Transgender | Total |
| 19174 | 119457 | 36 | 138667 |

Category Wise Training details:

| Beneficiary Trained |
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| SC | ST | OBC | Minority | General | Total |
|-------|-------|-------|----------|---------|--------|
| 33359 | 19149 | 51594 | 13420 | 21145 | 138667 |

Financial Details: In the February month, the Grant-in Aid released to the 05 JSSs amounting to Rs. 65,07,353.

9. Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP):

(i) The World Bank had organized “India Summit on Education Knowledge Exchange” from 13th February 2024 to 20th February 2024. Ministers and senior Government officials from about 20 countries across Africa and Asia, executives from the private sector, representatives from civil society organizations and the World Bank participated in the said summit. As part of the event, a half day visit to Skills Center(s) in Delhi (ITI Pusa, ITI Nizamuddin, Skill India Centre- Okhla and GMR Dwarka) was undertaken on 16th February 2024 to understand the implementation of various short-term and long-term skill training programs. As part of the visit, the delegates interacted with trainees and trainers including the beneficiaries of project AMBER under SANKALP.

(ii) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in partnership with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is implementing a project under SANKALP namely “Enabling Micro-Entrepreneurs at Gram Panchayat Level (DLI-7) in six States - Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh. This project is aimed at improving service delivery by providing skilled workforce at the Gram Panchayat (GP) level. The project's objectives include equipping beneficiaries with necessary skills for employability, enhancing economic growth through a skilled workforce, fostering innovation, promoting social inclusion and gender equality and establishing a self-sustaining model through partnerships. As of February 2024, 4902 beneficiaries have enrolled in this program, 110 trained with training ongoing for 3469 individuals, covering 307 gram panchayats.

(iii) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing a unique project in collaboration with Delhi Police through the YUVA program, implemented by NSDC. This program offers skill training at local police stations. The YUVA 2.0 program aims to train 10,000 candidates, with women constituting 40% of the beneficiaries. As of February 2024, 9,674 candidates have been successfully certified.

(iv) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship along with NSDC is implementing the AMBER project as part of SANKALP. This project aims to strengthening the efficiency of job placements and the retention of employment resulted from short-term skilling initiatives, through public-private partnerships. The project intends to provide training for 30,000 candidates, including high-volume technology-centric job roles using new-age training methods. As of February 2024, 22,143

candidates have been trained, 14,193 assessed and 12,582 certified. This includes training of 1,983 candidates and certification of 665 candidates in the month of February 2024.

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.
