

Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy meet Maharashtra CM Shri Devendra Fadnavis on further up-scaling skill initiatives in Maharashtra

Maharashtra Ranks No. 1 in skill development in the 2015-16, in the list of top 10 States providing maximum skill trainings



September 11, 2016: In the quest to further scale up skill initiatives in Maharashtra, Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship had a detailed meeting with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra State, Shri Devendra Fadnavis.

The meeting at length discussed on the contribution that the State can make to the newly announced National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme by ensuring that the corporates in the State engage with more apprentices and given them an opportunity to work hands on in the industry which can help increase their employability.

It was also decided in the meeting that five to seven acres of land is to be identified in each of the 40 districts of Maharashtra for setting up Driver Training Institutes – an



initiative by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship with support from Ministry of Road and Highway. These will be State of the art of facilities which will ensure training to potential drivers on industry standards and align them to all relevant rules and regulations.

Shri Rudy said, "Maharashtra has been number one in delivering on the skills mandate in the year 2015-16. It has skilled close to 2 lakh people in the short term skill courses and we are happy to see such great response form the youth in the State. There is immense potential here and I am sure our collaborative efforts from the State and the Centre will creative several opportunities for the youth here."

Shri Fadnavis also stated that the State will identify spare infrastructure to be converted into skill development centres to offer effective delivery of trainings under Pradhan MantriKaushal Vikas Yojana. The Hon'ble Chief Minister also proposed to explore possibility of using the closed school of corporations for setting up such centres.

It was also decided in the meeting that the Advance Training Institute (ATI) in Mumbai will soon be developed into a Centre of Excellence for a particular prominent sector so that it becomes a hub for a complete skill solution for that industry and serves focused courses and guidance to the youth in that sector.

Hon'ble CM Maharashtra informed Shri Rudy that the State Government is working to see that no student fails in the tenth class exam by creating a certificate as passed and fit for skills for those who either score low or are not able to clear their examination. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy also apprised Chief Minister Maharashtra with regard to the State component of PMKVY,MSDE is working on couple of proposal to skill students who have not been able to clear their class 10th examination as well.

The meeting also saw discussion on the partnership between the Centre and the State to upgrade the quality of ITIs in the State. Shri Fadnavis informed the Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship that the State Government is setting up virtual classes and getting the content developed in 3D. Shri Rudy share that recently an MoU has been signed between MSDE and Indian Space Research Organisation on a national-wide space-based distance-learning program. This partnership is will cover 2300 ITIs and 31 Advance Training Institutes across the country in the first phase of implementation and will help scale up skill training initiatives at a rapid rate.

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