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Some of the key achievements/ initiatives by this Ministry during the month of September, 2022 are as under:

1. On the auspicious day of Vishwakarma Jayanti celebrated all over the country on September 17,2022, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship(MSDE) organized the first ever convocation ceremony - Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh at AICTE Auditorium, New Delhi. During this solemn and auspicious occasion, Shri Narendra Modi,- the Hon'ble Prime Minister, addressed around 40 lakh students from Industrial Training Institute at the first ever Kaushal Dikshant Samaroh via video message urging the students to learn new skills and share their knowledge and also to regularly upgrade their skills through re-skilling/up-skilling for increasing their employability potential. The occasion was graced by the Hon'ble Union Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship-Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship-Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar and Senior Officers from the Ministry and eminent personalities from other fields. Selected toppers from the skill ecosystem, in New Delhi were felicitated and honored with convocation certificates during the occasion.

This ceremony was organized not only for boosting the morale of students in the entire skilling ecosystem but also for inspiring them to work towards the vision of building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. .

2. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) launched a revamped curriculum on employability skills in association with Quest Alliance, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and various other curriculum bodies within the MSDE ecosystem. This initiative is being supported by the Future Right Skills Network, a collaborative effort by Quest Alliance, Accenture, Cisco and J.P. Morgan. The curriculum was launched as part of the “Shikshak Parv” celebrations at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre on 06-09-2022.

3. The Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar visited Zunheboto, a small district town in Nagaland on September 26,2022, thereby, becoming the first Union Minister to do so in a span of four decades. During his visit, the Hon'ble Minister reviewed the progress of central Government schemes being implemented in the District and also had several rounds of meeting with all the Stakeholder including the beneficiaries of the Government schemes. The Zunheboto district administration officials were asked to develop a District Skill development Plan that maps local aspirations and creates opportunities for jobs and entrepreneurship.

4. Video Conferences (VCs), Meetings and important decisions:

i. The Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan participated in the India Ideas Summit organised by the U.S-India Business Council and the US Chamber of Commerce, International Affairs, South Asia held on September 08,2022. The theme of the event was “Maximising the Next 75 years of U.S. –

India Prosperity.” CEOs and top management of American companies were present at the occasion. Speaking about skilling, the Hon’ble Union Minister said that India is taking great efforts in skilling, re-skilling and up skilling its youth and is positioned favourably mainly due to its demographic advantage, a growing digital economy, aspirational population, a knowledge-based society and policy reforms and various skilling initiatives.

ii. The Apprenticeship awareness workshop for the students of Sonbhadra district conducted for the first time at RR Polytechnic, Sonbhadra on 07.09.2022. A total of 290 students participated in the apprenticeship awareness workshop. Due to the space constraints, the session was conducted in 2 batches. The students were made aware about the apprenticeship scheme, benefits of the scheme to the students, stipend and the registration process on the apprenticeship portal. The students participated were from Government ITI, Private ITIs, PMKK centers, Polytechnic college of Sonbhadra.

iii. A brainstorming session on ‘Reimagination of Training Institutes’ under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was held on 13-09-2022. The Hon’ble Union Education and Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of State(MoS), SDE, and senior Officers from MSDE, DGT, NSTI, NIESBUD, Capacity Building Commission participated in session. The Hon’ble Minister stressed that building the capacities of trainers is critical to develop a vibrant workforce for the 21st century. The training institutes must re-imagine and re-invent themselves with a comprehensive and futuristic strategy to strengthen the skills ecosystem.

iv. The NIESBUD under the aegis of this Ministry organised a National Level Consultation Workshop for Content Development on Entrepreneurship. Around 20 Eminent experts from the academia, industry, financial institutions, RBI, NGO and Entrepreneurs participated in the workshop and provided valuable inputs for Development of the National Level Content on Entrepreneurship

v. Hon’ble Minister of Education and Skill Development Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) app on September 20,2022 which provides a one-stop solution for the skilling, learning, assessment, and employment needs of the leather industry and to connect craftsmen with opportunities in digital space.

vi. In line with the Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's ambitious programme 'Mission Karmayogi,' the 3rd batch of Capacity Building residential training programme on Leadership and Management was conducted at Indian School of Business (ISB) Hyderabad campus from 19-23 Sept 2022 with participants from this Ministry and its Attached/Regional and Field Offices/ Autonomous Bodies. The MSDE Management Development Programme is aimed at upskilling the MSDE officers facilitating capacity building training of a mixed batch of officials including officers from MSDE, Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) Principals, Sector Skill Councils, CEOs, State Skill Mission Directors, and Jan Sikshan Sansthans (JSS) & National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

vii. A brainstorming session was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE on 30.09.2022 for ideation on restructuring and leveraging SANKALP mandate to strengthen MSDE ecosystem.

viii. The Indian Skill Development Service (ISDS) Officers of 2018 batch and 2020 batch calls on the Hon’ble President of India on 30-9-2022 at Rashtrapati Bhavan and sought her blessings and inspiration to serve the country with dignity, dedication and motivation.

5. Agreements & MoUs:

i. The National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), individually signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian School of Business (ISB), a top-ranked global business school on the 1st of September 2022, to offer world class management education through entrepreneurial programmes targeted towards youth, job seekers and budding entrepreneurs.

ii. As part of the Government's Skill India initiative, the Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI) signed a memorandum of understanding with Samsung India for a skilling initiative that aims to empower the youth with industry relevant skills in emerging technology domains to enhance their employability in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

6. A strong 58-member Indian contingent was given a grand 'Vijayi Bhava' send-off ceremony organized in New Delhi as they geared up to compete at WorldSkills Competition 2022- the biggest skills competition in the world. The competitors will be showcasing their skills in 52 trades across 15 countries in Europe, Korea, Japan, and the USA.

7. A new feature called the Bharatskills Forum has been added to the Bharatskills learning platform developed by the Directorate General of Training (DGT) in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) that allows sharing of books, notes, videos, question bank, etc., and other relevant skill-related content for learners. This facility shall act as a digital warehouse for the skilling community by allowing sharing of contents in various forms like handwritten trainers' or trainees' notes, PDFs, scanned copies, or recorded videos in any language.

8. As part of the partnership between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and UN Women, a series of capacity-building programmes of MSDE officials on "Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013" was launched on 26 August, 2022. During the month, three training sessions were conducted by the UN Women team for MSDE officials on 2nd, 9th and 16th September 2022.

9. In addition to the above initiatives, amidst the on-going process for rationalization of work performance through a number of internal measures including complete digitization of office records and ensuring utmost cleanliness at work place, all the Covid-19 related norms, viz, using masks, social distancing, using hand sanitizers etc were ensured during all physical meetings and official functions.
