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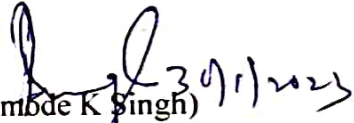
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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 December, 2022, in English and Hindi, for information.

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

1. On 26th December, 2022, Directorate General of Training (DGT), has signed MoUs with Armed Forces (Indian Army, Indian Navy & Indian Air Force) under its Flexi MoU Scheme for awarding National Trade Certificate to Agniveer joining Armed Forces under Agnipath Scheme.

2. In order to promote women entrepreneurship, the details of the various initiatives taken by MSDE are as under:

i. 'Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs and Start-ups by Women' (WEE) project is being supported by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in partnership with the MSDE to improve the framework conditions for women-led enterprises in India. The project aims to pilot incubation and acceleration programmes for women micro-entrepreneurs, enabling them to start new businesses and scale up existing enterprises in the States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and 8 North Eastern States of the country.

Under the title of 'Her&Now', the WEE project has also been running a film and media campaign to share the stories of successful women entrepreneurs and to foster a positive mindset change on gender roles and norms in society. Till December, over 900 women entrepreneurs have been supported under the project under both incubation and acceleration support programmes.

ii. Entrepreneurship Development in Six Holy Cities, a project of the MSDE, aims to catalyse local entrepreneurial activities through involvement of potential & existing entrepreneurs, unemployed youth, college dropouts, youth from backward community etc. The Project is being implemented in Puri, Bodh Gaya, Kollur, Varanasi, Haridwar and Pandharpur. The total number of beneficiaries trained under the project is 7,185 out of which 4,535 were women.

3. The e-office version of MSDE was upgraded to version 7.x on 02-12-2022. Also MSDE's website was submitted for STQC Certification on 07-12-2022 for GIGW compliance.

4. As a part of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision to boost career opportunities for India's youth under Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) held the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) on December 12th, 2022, across 197 locations in 25 states and union territories. Several local businesses have been invited to be a part of the mela to provide local youth with the opportunity to shape their careers through apprenticeship training. Apprenticeship melas are hosted in the country every month, wherein selected individuals receive a monthly stipend in accordance with government criteria for gaining new skills. Apprenticeship is considered the most sustainable model of skill

development, and it has been getting a big boost under Skill India Mission. The government is striving to train 1 million youth per annum through apprenticeship training and to fulfil this mission, PMNAM is being used as a platform to increase the participation of establishments and students. It is also providing awareness to the youth on various opportunities existing across the participating companies.

5. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) was the Nodal Ministry for Sub Theme: Skill Development under Pillar 2: Inclusive Human Development. The Sub Theme 6: Skill Development was divided into two tracks i.e. Access to Skilling: Expansion of Skilling Ecosystem and Quality in Skilling: Skilling for Competitive Advantage for Second National Conference of Chief Secretary held on 5-7 January, 2023.

6. For wider inclusion and wider State level consultation, the States/UTs were divided into 2 groups consisting 18 States/UTs in each group. Odisha was the lead State for Access to Skilling track and Karnataka was assigned as a lead State for track- Quality in Skilling. Virtual and Physical meeting was organized with all the States/UTs. Apart from attending virtual meeting on both the tracks, I attended the physical meeting held for track- Access to Skilling at Bhubaneswar and Quality in Skilling at Bengaluru. Two detailed concept notes on Access to Skilling and Quality in Skilling was prepared and shared with NITI Aayog highlighting the current scenario, challenges, solutions and action points. A presentation on the entire process along with action points for stakeholders including MSDE and the States/UT was prepared. The same was reviewed by the Cabinet Secretary and CEO NITI Aayog before finalization.

7. A 5 days offline (Residential based) Training-of-Trainers-programme-on-Entrepreneurship Development, Employability and Life Skills for 500 Instructors/Trainers of ITIs is organized by DGT, facilitated by National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD). Under this program, 213 Instructors of ITIs have been trained in the month of December, 2022

8. A project for Creating Entrepreneurial Climate in the Scheme of Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) is being implemented through National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD). The project aims to create, foster and promote the spirit of entrepreneurship in Jan Shikshan Sansthans through Capacity Building, Mentoring and Hand-holding of JSS Staff and Trainers.

9. 45 batches of ToT Programme on Employability, Entrepreneurship and Life Skills for the JSS Staff and Trainers from Delhi-NCR, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Punjab, Chandigarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Odisha were organized during November-December 2022. A total number of 1103 participants from the JSSs have participated in these programmes.

10. Under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), placement opportunities have been provided to Short Term Training (STT) certified candidates, while Recognition of Prior Learning

(RPL) is not linked with placements as it recognizes the existing skills of candidate. In order to enhance industry linkage, Ministry through National Skill Development Corporation has facilitated the setting up of 37 Sector Skill Councils as autonomous industry led bodies to develop National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) aligned job roles [qualification packs (QPs)] and course curriculum, conduct skill gap studies and assess and certify trainees.

11. A meeting was held under the joint chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications (MoC) and Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) at on 27.12.2022 to discuss the skill development initiatives for the telecom sector including 5G. Following points emerged from the meeting :

i) Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) under aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to develop the relevant and aspiring job roles in the telecom sector including 5G. Also, top-up short term courses are to be developed for ITI pass-outs candidates for improving their employability.

ii) A vibrant ecosystem of master trainers and trainers to be developed by the TSSC in collaboration with the bodies such as BSNL, BBNL, etc. under DoT, MoC by cross utilizing infrastructure and knowledge.

iii) Customized Qualification Packs (QPs) to be developed by TSSC for creating a pool of worker-entrepreneurs in collaboration with National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD).

iv) Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreements (MMPAs) with other countries are to be leveraged for sending trained and skilled manpower to those countries in telecom sector.

v) Scope of collaborations with the industries from the telecom sector in setting up of labs, Centre of Excellence (CoE), etc. will be explored

12. To propel economic growth by empowering the youth with the right skills and providing them the access to right opportunities, 12th meeting of the Indo-German joint working group was held on 07-12-2022 in New Delhi to encourage Vocational Education and Training (VET). The deliberations at the meeting were aimed at institutionalizing a standard mechanism for VET to meet the skill requirements in priority sectors as per the German standards. A skill mapping exercise will be undertaken to assess the skill gaps and based on the same, bridge courses and upskilling programmes will be designed for skill training of Indian workers. During the meeting, the two partner countries discussed on establishing a framework for employer connect and get an understanding on how skilled certified workers could participate in economic development Mutual accreditation of training providers in both countries through G2G, G2B and B2B tie-ups with relevant institutions which have international standards for training, assessment, and certifications will also be undertaken.

13. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) to upskill technical employees at the Department of Space (ISRO), and with this collaboration, the ISRO Technical Training Program was established. The programme intends to establish a formal framework for short-term courses to provide training to ISRO technical employees in order to increase their capacity and develop their skills according to the latest trends and requirements in the country's space industry. Over the next five years, more than 4000 ISRO technical staff members will receive training in the programme at several NSTIs located across India.
