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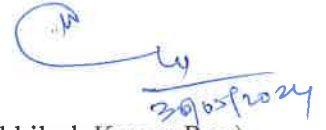
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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 April, 2024, for information.

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30/05/2024

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Key achievements/ initiatives by this Ministry during the month of April, 2024

1. Launch of Small Business Development Units (SBDUs): MSDE, in collaboration with IIM Jammu, has launched “Small Business Development Units (SBDUs)” to transform 22 existing skill hubs in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh into Small Business Development Units (SBDUs). These units aim to offer support and guidance mechanisms to local small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs in the vicinity. The transition to SBDUs is geared towards empowering beneficiaries of Skill Development Programs to evolve into "Job Creators" rather than remaining "Job Seekers". They will achieve this by providing comprehensive business incubation services to manage and scale small enterprises effectively. Under this initiative, a total of 127 entrepreneurs have undergone training in Small Business Development Training and Capacity Building programs. This includes training of 25 entrepreneurs during the month of April 2024.

2. Implementation of the project "Comprehensive Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Training Program: The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in partnership with the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), is implementing the project "Comprehensive Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Training Program for Tribal Artisans & Micro Entrepreneurs Across North Eastern States." This initiative is designed to augment the entrepreneurial acumen of beneficiaries under the PM Van Dhan Yojana (PMVDY) and SFURTI schemes by offering a comprehensive 30-day training program in entrepreneurship and skill development. The training curriculum will emphasize key areas such as product development, financial management, and marketing strategies. As of April 2024, a total of 4,175 candidates have been enrolled across 167 batches, with their training currently underway.

3. Enabling Micro-Entrepreneurs at Gram Panchayat Level (DLI-7): The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) have joined hands for the "Enabling Micro-Entrepreneurs at Gram Panchayat Level (DLI-7)" project under the SANKALP initiative. This project is currently underway in six states: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Uttar Pradesh. Its primary objective is to elevate service delivery by equipping the workforce at the Gram Panchayat (GP) level with essential skills. As of April 2024, 4,335 candidates have completed their training, 1,145 have undergone assessment, 858 candidates have been certified, and 729 candidates are currently undergoing training across 90 Gram Panchayats. Cumulatively, the project has trained 6,670 candidates, spanning 499 GPs.

4. Implementation of the AMBER project: MSDE, in collaboration with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), is currently implementing the AMBER project under the SANKALP initiative. The primary objective of this project is to enhance the effectiveness of job placements and job retention resulting from short-term skill training programs, achieved through strategic public-private partnerships. The project aims to provide training to 30,000 candidates, focusing particularly on high-volume technology-oriented job roles utilizing contemporary training methodologies. As of April 2024, a total of 26,346 candidates have undergone training, with 19,545 candidates assessed and 17,638 certified. During April 2024 alone, 3,081 candidates were assessed, and 2,609 were certified.

5. Activities undertaken by the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS): JSSs, as part of the convergence, are implementing the flagship scheme of the Government, namely PM Vishwakarma (PMV). Training under PMV has been started at 69 JSSs all over India under various trades of the Scheme. Boards of Management of 18 JSSs have been reconstituted. A meeting was held on 19th April 2024 with the officers of NSDC regarding the discussion on registration procedures, financial functionalities to be developed and other modules to be migrated to SIDH from the existing JSS portal.

6. National Initiative for Skill Integrated Higher Education (NISHE): A consultative meeting was held on 24th April 2024 at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi on the 'National Initiative for Skill Integrated Higher Education (NISHE)' initiated by CRISP. The purpose of the NISHE is to integrate general education with market-demand courses, institutionalization of higher education institutions with industry, and to integrate apprenticeship as part of the degree course curriculum. The course curriculum is to be designed jointly in collaboration with industry and universities. Pilot initiatives have been undertaken in 20-degree colleges in the state of Karnataka. This consultative meeting was attended by officials from MSDE, the state government of Karnataka, degree colleges from the state of Karnataka, Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and CRISP.

7. Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB): Under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS-2), a meeting was held under the Chairmanship of JS (AT), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on 09th April, 2024 at Kaushal Bhawan with NPCI, PFMS and NSDC to ascertain the progress and ensure preparedness on the portal regarding implementation of Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB) under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS-2).

8. Meetings, Trainings & Workshops:

- a. **Apprenticeship Training Status:** The apprentices engaged during the current financial year 2024-25 stand at 36,751 as of 30th April 2024. The total number of apprentices undergoing training as of 30th April 2024 stands at 7.4 lakh. The total number of establishments engaging/ engaged apprentices till 31st April 2024 stands at 45,692.
- b. **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 April 2024 (2,85,134). During this period, GoI share of stipend amounting to Rs 315.59 Crore has been disbursed to apprentices through DBT.
- c. **CSC (Onboarding of Village Level Entrepreneurs):** To support Apprenticeship Engagement in CSCs, the details of around 33,250 VLEs from CSC have been uploaded on the apprenticeship portal. These VLEs are from 29 states across India. In the month of April, meetings were held under the chairmanship of JS(AT) on 5th & 12th April 2024. Total 5 regular technical sessions have been conducted with the CSC Team from Northern, Southern, Northeast, Western, and Eastern regions on scheme guidelines, benefits of scheme and portal demo etc.

d. **Global Skill Forum:** The Global Skill Forum was held on 23rd & 24th April, 2024 in ILO Headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland. Joint Secretary, MSDE participated as a panelist in the session on the 'Quality Apprenticeship Recommendation 208th'.

9. Operational Efficiency: 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.
