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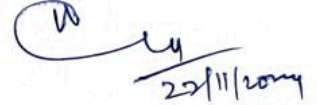
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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 October, 2024, for information.

Encl: As above



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A brief report for Month of October, 2024 of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is as under:

Policy and other matters pending due to prolonged inter-ministerial consultations

Skill India International Centre (SIIC)

We have issued a draft CoS note to MEA to operationalize SIICs. Comments of MEA have been received and these are being examined in this Ministry.

Proposals/references pending for long in the Cabinet Secretariat or the Prime/Minister's Office

Skill India Programme (SIP)

A draft Note for approval of the Cabinet for Central Sector Scheme 'Skill India Programme' based on EFC recommendation, is awaited, pending which no allocations have been made by the Department of Expenditure.

Particulars of any case in which there has been a departure from the rules of business

None as per our understanding.

Other Matter/Significant Developments

Agreements/Partnerships

- A renewed MoU on Cooperation in the fields of Skill Development and Vocational Education and Training was exchanged between the MSDE and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) on 25.10.2024 in the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and the German Chancellor. A Joint Working Group is being constituted.
- 2nd meeting of the Australia-India Education and Skills Council (AIESC):
The Hon'ble Minister of Education participated in the 2nd meeting of the Australia-India Education and Skills Council (AIESC) held on 24.10.2024 in Australia. A Joint Communique is being drafted by both sides in this regard.
- An MoU to set up five "Centres of Excellence in Virtual Reality (VR) and Mixed Reality (MR)" at National Skill Training Institute (NSTIs) by META through Skillveritas inked on 14.10.2024. These centers will equip learners and instructors with the latest VR and MR technology to learn and enhance existing skills in a safe, immersive, and engaging environment.

Other significant developments

- The 3rd Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh (Skill Convocation Ceremony) 2024 of ITI graduates was conducted on 26.10.2024. Over 5 lakh students/teachers in ITIs across the country participated online in the event during which 48 toppers of session were also facilitated.

- The Budget 2024-25 has announced a National ITI upgradation scheme. Draft Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) note on it was prepared and uploaded on EFC Portal for Inter-Ministerial Consultation on 19.10.2024.
- The Indian Institute of Skills (IIS), Mumbai was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 09.10.2024. The IIS, Mumbai set up in collaboration with Tata Trust will train students in six specialized trades during the first phase.
- The Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), SDE inaugurated the NSTI Extension centre in Andhra Pradesh at Vishakhapatnam (an extension of NSTI Hyderabad) on 15.10.2024.
- The North Eastern Skill & Entrepreneurship Conclave 2024 was organized by MSDE on 01.10.2024 at IIM, Shillong. Chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), SDE, and it brought together stakeholders from government, industry, academia and civil society to strategize on building a strong ecosystem for skills and entrepreneurship across the NER.
- The Staff Selection Commission has started the scrutiny of 2,400 applicants for appointment to the 140 posts of Vocational Instructors in NSTIs. This will reduce long pending vacancies of trainers in NSTIs.
- A programme on AI called 'Artificial Intelligence Programming Assistant' has been piloted in 19 NSTIs from 2024-25 session, with support from Microsoft and Edunet Foundation. 470 trainees have been enrolled under this program for session 2024-25. This would be further scaled up.
