The Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launches public registry for all skilling information

New Delhi, 18 December 2019: Towards ensuring greater accessibility of information to those who need it the most, the Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has launched a public registry with all relevant skilling information. These newly created digitally-accessible registries, created by DGT, will act as a single source of information of all skilling resources being provided by the government and allied private enterprise. This includes information on training centres, courses, teachers, and students in the ecosystem. The aim is to provide accurate information to potential students, trainers and employers on the courses being offered by Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and the like.

Through these new electronic registries, third party organizations can easily access the skilling information through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs). The new applications enable easier dissemination of detailed information on the training centres, courses along with the contact details of the concerned authorities. The information will be made available in different languages for easy access and a link has been created for registry on Bharat skills, a central repository for skills providing curriculum, course information and other relevant material like question banks and mock tests.

On the launch of the initiative, **Rajesh Aggarwal, Additional Secretary DGT and Chair of DGT IT Sub-committee,** said "We have created these registries with machine readable data and open APIs to allow other organisations to also play a part in disseminating this information. Moreover, these organisations will be able to return feedback on the data, allowing us to crowdsource verification of data."

Additionally, DGT has introduced digitally signed PDF certificates for all ITI students. Electronic Skill Credential Standard (ESCS) with JSON-LD digitally signed certificates will prevent tampering and fraud. Most importantly, these certificates are digitally authenticated and verified by the reviewer. DGT is issuing the credentials as per an open standard that will also encourage other employers and education institutions. The aim is for aggregators such as LinkedIn and Naukri to be able to verify the information and to connect individuals with suitable job profiles.

ABOUT DGT

The Directorate General of Training (DGT) in Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is the apex organisation for development and coordination at National level for the programmes relating to vocational training including Women's Vocational Training. Industrial Training Institutes are under the administrative and financial control of State Governments or Union Territory Administrations. DGT also operates Vocational Training Schemes in some of the specialized areas through field institutes under its direct control. Development of these programmes at national level, particularly in the area concerning common policies, common standards and procedures, training of instructors and trade testing are the responsibility of the DGT. But, day-to-day administration of Industrial Training Institutes rests with the State Governments/ Union Territories Administrations.