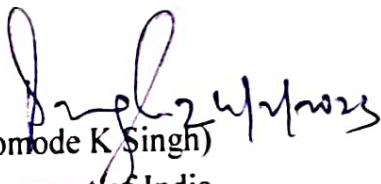*# 10, Shram Shakti Bhawan,*
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Dated. 24 February, 2023

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 January 2023, in English and Hindi, for information.

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Some of the key achievements/ initiatives by this Ministry during the month of January, 2023 are as under:

1.   Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) collaborated with the three wings of the Armed forces to recognize the skills acquired by Agniveers during their tenure in the armed forces. Accordingly, Directorate General of Training (DGT) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the three wings of Arned Forces to award National Trade Certificate (NTC) to Agniveers. Similarly, National Council of Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) awarded Dual Category recognition as the Awarding Body (AB) and Assessment Agency (AA) to 19 Institutions of three wings of Armed Forces (1 under Indian Navy, 1 under Indian Air Force and the 17 Directorates of the Indian Army). The MoUs and agreements were exchanged between DGT, NCVET and the three wings of the Armed forces on 03.01.2023 in a ceremony, virtually greeted by Hon'ble Minister of Defence Shri. Rajnath Singh, and Hon'ble Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan.

2.   On 18th January 2023, the Union Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Electronics & IT, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar felicitated 200 tribal women, who successfully completed their training under the Grameen Udyami Program in Jharkhand. Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda, and Shri Sameer Oran, Member of Rajya Sabha were also present on the occasion.

3.   Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan chaired the 3rd meeting of the Steering Committee of National Skill Development Mission on 4th January, 2023. Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar and senior officials of the Ministry attended the meeting. Shri Pradhan called for creating greater synergy among skill development schemes of all ministries as well as State Governments, spending on skill development by all stakeholders, further aligning skill development efforts with market realities and fast-tracking implementation to create impact-at-scale.

4.   As part of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision to boost career opportunities for India's youth under the Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organised the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) on 9th January, 2023, across 242 districts in 28 States and Union Territories of India. The government is striving to train one million youth per annum through apprenticeship training and to fulfill this mission, PMNAM is being used as a platform to increase the participation of establishments and students. Apprenticeship melas are organised in the country on the 2nd Monday of every month, wherein selected individuals receive a monthly stipend in accordance with government criteria for gaining new skills.

5. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) participated in the 2nd National Chief Secretaries Conference held on 5-7th January, 2023. MSDE was the nodal Ministry for Sub Theme 6: Skill Development under Pillar 2: Inclusive Human Development. The Sub Theme 6: Skill Development was divided into 2 tracks i.e. Access to Skilling: Expansion of Skilling Ecosystem and Quality in Skilling: Skilling for Competitive Advantage. The Sub-theme of Skill Development was presented by Secretary, MSDE. In the meeting, Secretary, MSDE elaborated on the challenges faced by the skilling ecosystem and also highlighted the possible solutions such as integration of skilling with general education, the convergence of policies, programs and institutions through Skill India Digital and 'Whole of Government Approach', creating robust quality skilling ecosystem aligned with the future of work.

6. Ongoing Projects:

(a). Jeevika project is being implemented in partnership with Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) and Hero MotoCorp for upgrading the training infrastructure of existing Skill Development Centers (SDCs) with BS-VI technology and develops a comprehensive short-term training program on Two-Wheeler preventive maintenance and repair. A total of 67 candidates have been enrolled for training during January 2023 in 04 batches at Ahmedabad, Chennai, Ghaziabad, and Ranchi.

(b) A Project to train 200 trainers in the Automotive cluster at Pune, Maharashtra for strengthening the capacity of trainers is being implemented in partnership with the Maharashtra State Skill Development Society (MSSDS), Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC), and Indo-German Programme for Vocational Education and Training (GIZ-IGVET). During the month certificate distribution for 91 participant trainers across 4 batches was organized.

(c) AVSAR Project is being implemented with a target to provide skill and entrepreneurship development training to 4500 candidates from Self Help Groups (SHGs), the Transgender community, women, and minority groups in 7 States. A total of 2842 women candidates are undergoing training in job roles such as Beauty Therapist, Hand Embroidery, Self Employed Tailoring, General Duty Assistant, Mushroom Cultivation and Organic Grower while 120 women have completed the training as on date.

(d) YUVA Phase II project is being implemented in partnership with Delhi Police which aims to strengthen community-oriented policing by reaching out to the marginalized section of society and making themselves more accessible to the citizen. As part of the project, NIESBUD conducted a Training of Trainers Programme on Employability, Entrepreneurship, and Life Skills for 19 officials of Delhi Police from 2nd to 6th January 2023.

(e) A project in partnership with the Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV) of the Indian Army is being implemented to recognize and certify the skills learned during the service by retiring soldiers as trainers and assessors. The project aims to cover 5,000 nearing retirement/

retired military personnel. As of 31st January 2023, training has commenced in 26 Army Training Centers in 28 job roles across 12 sectors. A total of 708 candidates have been trained as on date.

(f)   An Upskilling program in partnership with New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) is being implemented with the aim to certify/ upskill its contractual staff and other staff engaged in work. As on 31st January 2023, the enrolment of 24,164 candidates has been completed, out of which 19,482 candidates have been trained.

7.   Important Meetings:

(a)   25th NSQC meeting held on 05th January 2023 under the Chairmanship of Chairman, NCVET at Kaushal Bhawan, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. In the meeting, 03 qualifications were approved for implementation.

(b)   A physical meeting was held to discuss the onboarding of different portals of MSDE and its offices on Skill India Digital (SID) on 20th January 2023 under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, MSDE.

(c)   Meeting with Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Prime Minister: A meeting to review the progress of PMKVY 4.0 was held under the chairmanship of PS to Hon'ble PM on 27.01.2023. The meeting was attended by the Secretary, MSDE, and other officials of MSDE.

8.   New Changes / Enhancements done in NCVTMIS (ITI Management Information System) portal for better transparency.

API developed for data sharing with Skill India Portal of NSDC

Creation Non-CBT Sample Hall Ticket for ED/Practical examination in Feb 2023. Trainee Count Approx. 11 Lakhs

Availability of Trainee profile Grievance History on Nodal ITI, SPIU and NPIU level

User Verification of changes for NCVTMIS Users

9.   In addition to the above initiatives, the ongoing process for rationalization of work performance through a number of internal measures continued to ensure utmost promptness and efficiency in the speedy disposal of all deliverables.

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