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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 July, 2023, in English and Hindi, for information.

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

1. Hon'ble Union Minister for Education & Skill development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan addressed Chintan Shivir organized by Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in New Delhi on 17th July, 2023 to foster the growth of entrepreneurship in India, aimed at bringing together various stakeholders, including central ministries, State governments, organizations, institutions, financial institutions, and entrepreneurs, to collaborate and create a unified approach towards promoting entrepreneurship. Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State, MSDE, and Ministry of Electronics and IT; Secretary, MSDE and senior officials of the Ministry attended the Shivir. Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri Pradhan shared his thoughts on capitalising on skill development to spur entrepreneurship and how to reap the benefits of the new digital and creator economy as well as how skill development, technology, digitisation, institutional lending, capacity development and branding can further give boost to entrepreneurship at the grassroots and create millions of nano entrepreneurs from the bottom-of-the-pyramid population.
2. Hon'ble Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan addressed a Social Enterprise Conclave organized by Institute of Rural Management, Anand in partnership with LIC Housing Finance Limited in New Delhi on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023. On this occasion, Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Pradhan launched the second edition of the Social Trailblazer Program by Incubator for Social Enterprises and Entrepreneurs Development, IRMA. The program aims to further boost the social entrepreneurship ecosystem at the grassroots and nurture early stage entrepreneurs.
3. Hon'ble Union Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched AI for India 2.0, a free online training programme on Artificial Intelligence, on World Youth Skills' Day on 15th July, 2023. A joint initiative of Skill India and GUVI, this NCVET and IIT Madras accredited online programme will equip youth with frontier skills. Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri Pradhan said that technology should not be a prisoner of language and called for technology courses in more Indian languages. He added that this is a good beginning towards dismantling language barrier in technology education and future-proofing our Yuva Shakti, particularly those in rural areas.
4. Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Electronics and IT, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar flagged off the first batch of Namda Art products for export to the United Kingdom (UK) on 14th July 2023. The Namda craft of Kashmir has been successfully revived under a Skill India's Pilot Project as part of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). Under this initiative, nearly 2,200 candidates have been trained in the art of Namda craft, representing a significant milestone in preserving this traditional craft and empowering the local weavers and artisans. The project has successfully trained individuals across six districts of Kashmir, namely Srinagar, Baramulla, Ganderbal,

Bandipora, Budgam, and Anantnag, with the support of local industry partners such as Mir Handicrafts and Srinagar Carpet Training and Market Centre.

5. Projects & workshops:

i. AVSAR Project is being implemented with a target to provide skill and entrepreneurship development training to 4500 candidates from SHGs, Transgender community, women and minority groups in 12 States. As on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, a total of 81 centers have been operationalized in the rural areas of 12 States wherein 4500 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.

ii. A project to develop a pool of PwD professionals as trainers for the short term training ecosystem is being implemented in partnership with Skill Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPwD). The project involves training 150 PwD professionals as Trainers and 25 professionals as Master Trainers. Based on the learnings from the project, a trainer academy will be exclusively developed for training of PwD trainers. A total 26 trainers have been enrolled and trained during the month of July 2023 at CRC Lucknow and 14 trainers have been certified whereas assessment of remaining candidates are under process.

iii. A project in aspirational district Singrauli (MP) with the aim to train 600 candidates on Heavy Earth Moving Machine (HEMM) and other mining related demand based job roles is being implemented as a special project under SANKALP. The project includes Skill Training, Assessment, Certification and Apprenticeship in various job roles (6 nos.) of the Mining Sector.

iv. A project in partnership with Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV) of 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 on 31.07.2023, training has commenced in 26 Army Training Centers in 28 job roles across 12 sectors. A total of 4183 candidates have been trained and certified.

6. Mr. Ajay Banga, the World Bank President visited a skill centre in Delhi under the aegis of Skill India Mission on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023. As part of this visit, MSDE showcased achievements under Skill India Mission including the two World Bank loan assisted projects i.e Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) and Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP). Further, Mr. Banga interacted with beneficiaries/candidates present at the centre and via video conference from different States.

7. Development of new portals:

i. Monthly webform (<https://dgt.gov.in/G-20>) created to collect the data of activities conducted by ITIs in the month of July 2023 for G-20 Summit.

ii. Development of a new portal (<https://dgt.gov.in/nep2023> ) to capture the details of new ITIs attending the celebration of 3rd Anniversary of NEP 2020.

iii. Updation of new landing page (<https://bharatskills.gov.in/content/dgt-aws-mou>) on Bharatskills portal for DGT MoU with AWS, as per the suggestions from AWS Team.

8. Participation in the 3rd Anniversary celebration of NEP 2020 and the 2nd Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam (ABSS) held at ITPO, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on 29th & 30th July, organized by the Ministry of Education. 100 books covering 23 trades in 12 regional Languages were launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister during the event.

9. 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.

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