

ONE YEAR OF SKILL INDIA

Marking the first anniversary of the Skill India initiative, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) under the dynamic leadership of Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge) today announced the launch of five major initiatives reinforcing his ministry's commitment to the youth of India. These initiatives are Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana-2, India International Skill Centres, IndiaSkills Online and a Labour Management Information System (LMIS), which were inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee today at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

President of India also inaugurated the first edition of IndiaSkills Competition on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day. More than 4820 candidates had registered to compete in 24 skills across 80 regional rounds to win their way to the IndiaSkills Competition 2016. This is a huge opportunity for youth to qualify for a global platform like WorldSkills International Competition which will be held in Abu Dhabi in 2017.

Union Minister of State Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy said, "Skill India Mission is like a start-up of Hon'ble Prime Minister for us, and during this last one year, every day has been empowering for me. My Ministry is a live example of an early stage venture that I and my 35 Co-founders (all the officers and employees of the Ministry) have cherished, have been excited about, experienced nervousness for but truly enjoyed it."

"We are thankful for the enormous support that we have received from the Hon'ble President of India, who helped us in reaching out to 1500 employees at Rashtrapati Bhawan and certify them under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) component of PMKVY, across 18 job roles and is today a part of our celebration", he further added.

Shri Rudy congratulated all on this day and urged everyone to contribute to Skill India efforts and motivate the youth to get skilled and make India a skilled and prosperous society which has respect for all.

Skill India is seeing great traction and is all geared to meet its philosophy of

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speed, scale and standards ensuring there is opportunity to get skilled for all. In the past 13 days, MSDE has got cabinet approval on 22,000 crore worth of outlay for programs like Apprenticeship Promotion Yojana and PMKVY 2, to be implemented over the next few years. There have been additional support through World Bank Projects as well.

The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), which was launched last year, has secured an approval from the cabinet for its 2.0 version with an outlay of ₹11,000 crore for the next four years to train a total of 1 crore youths over the next 4 years (April 2016 to March 2020).

The event also saw the announcement of 50 India International Skill Centers that are slated to be open by the end of this year. In the initial phase, 15 centres have been launched today by the Hon'ble President of India, across the following eight sectors: Domestic Workers, Healthcare, Retail, Security, Capital Goods, Automotive, Construction and Tourism & Hospitality.

These will be set up through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and will be implementing the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PKVY) to the youth seeking global mobility for jobs. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) shall provide support for Pre-Departure Orientation Training, which includes language and soft skills training modules. The first 15 will be the following States: Uttar Pradesh (6), Kerala (2) and one each in Jharkhand, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh/Telangana, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Punjab and Rajasthan.

Pranab Mukherjee also launched a single window platform to aggregate supply and demand trends in the Indian skill development ecosystem, referred to as the National Labour Market Information System (LMIS) - www.lmis.gov.in

LMIS is an integrated set of institutional arrangements, procedures, mechanisms and data systems designed to produce labour market information as per global standards and best practices. The



system brings together statistical (quantitative) and non-statistical (qualitative) information concerning labour market actors and their environment and generate key analysis and reports which can be used for various policy interventions by different government stakeholders, as well as by the industry at large.

Another initiative of the Ministry leveraging technology to reach millions of

skill seekers, the President announced the launch of India Skills Online (www.indiaskillsonline.com), an online platform for learning skills of choice. With the introduction of Online Skill-learning environment, the whole nation potentially becomes a classroom. The audio-video graphical illustrations format will help internalize the concepts for the skill-seekers, faster and longer. Online, the hard

skills are supported by soft skill learning opportunities that help candidates become more confident, presentable, professionals. Skill India resolves to bridge the digital divide by providing basic digital literacy opportunities to all skill-seekers. This enabling them to become more aware, and better suited for the work environment of the day.

The web skilling opportunities, come

coupled with the convenience of learning and practicing the skill-magets with the convenience of a mobile app. Thus ensuring the accessibility, availability and personalization options in skilling.

An MoU has been signed between MSDE and Indian Space Research Organisation on a national-wide space-based distance-learning program. This partnership is worth over 2300 ITIs and 31 Advance Training Institutes across the country in the first phase of implementation and will help scale up skill training institutes at a rapid rate.

MSDE also signed an MoU with National Institute of Open Schooling under the Ministry of Human Resource and Development. This partnership will create vertical and horizontal mobility pathways between the formal and vocational education streams, giving ITI graduates the opportunity to pursue formal education, if they choose to do so.

These celebrations on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day 2016 reiterate the commitment of Government of India and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to evolve ourselves into a skilled society where there is prosperity and dignity for all.

In order to select the best talent to represent India at IndiaSkills, MSDE and NSDC have completed more than 80 regional competitions in 24 skills/trades including hair stylist, welding, car painting, auto body repair, graphic designing, robotics to name a few.

Close to 4820 candidates registered to participate in the competition this year. Around 40 organisations like Mahindra, Tata, Maruti, Toyota, CIL, FICCI, NASSCOM, CREDIAL, NID, NIIFT, have come together to make IndiaSkills a success (including consortium partners).

The Sector Skill Councils are ensuring standards aligned to National Skill Qualification Framework are being followed in the competition to maintain the quality and standards of the competition which will be important to follow to compete at a world scale.