

Public and Private partnership in skilling and employment

New Delhi, August 10 2021: Public Private Partnership play an important role in the skilling and employment.

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing its flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) which had been set up as a Public Private Partnership initiative. The Ministry, through the NSDC, has taken up multiple initiatives to connect with industries for partnership under the Skill India Mission. There are 2188 Training Partners participating in the skill initiatives of the NSDC and all of them are private enterprises. 36 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) have been set up as Industry led bodies which help in training need analysis, curriculum development, rolling out of training and assessment and certification.

In addition, Directorate General of Training, MSDE

has also signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Association of Software Services Companies (NASSCOM), IBM India Pvt. Ltd and SAP India Private Limited for conducting courses under CSR initiative of these private companies.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 emphasizes integration between vocational and academic streams in all schools and higher education institutions in a phased manner. As per the said policy, vocational education will start in school from the 6th grade and will include internship. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in collaboration with Ministry of Education has already initiated a pilot project on Hub and Spoke model. In Hub and Spoke model, Industrial Training Institutes (ITI)/ Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK) will be leveraged as hub of vocational education and training (VET); schools will access the skill training from this hub as individual spokes. With this

synergy, the school students would be exposed to the wide range of possibilities available in the world of work in their respective fields and learn on latest technologies available in the ITIs. The project aims to ensure that every young adult in 6 to 19 years of age cohort completes either 12 year of schooling with at least one certification of level 2 to 4 National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) certificate or 10 years of schooling & certification with 2 years of ITI programme. Currently, the Program is envisaged in 4 States viz; (i) Chhattisgarh (ii) Madhya Pradesh (iii) Odisha and (iv) West Bengal. These State Governments have identified 2 districts and a hub ITI in each district in their respective States. Mapping of spoke schools is being done by the State Governments concerned.

Further, under the aegis of the MSDE, NSDC and its SSCs are facilitating the Ministry of Education for the implementation of the Samagra Shiksha scheme in 12,332 schools across 31 States and Union Territories (UTs), offering 125 job role-aligned courses across 21 Sectors, as in 2020-21. Under this initiative, more than 13 Lakh+ students are reportedly (by Ministry of Education) enrolled in 2020-21 academic year.

In addition, Ministry through NSDC is supporting University Grant Commission for three schemes namely Community College, Bachelor of Vocational course (BVOC) & Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Kaushal Kendras (DDUKK) which are being introduced in different colleges and universities. Sector Skill Councils are supporting the colleges/ universities to align their curriculum as per the NSQF approved Qualification pack and conduct the Skill Component assessment and certification.

The information was given by the Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and Speaker, Lok Sabha Om Birla chair event to sensitise Parliamentarians on India's efforts to eliminate TB

New Delhi, August 10 2021: Vice President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha Shri Venkaiah Naidu along with Speaker of Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla chaired an event today to sensitise Parliamentarians on the country's efforts to eliminate TB. Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare apprised the audience on the situation of Tuberculosis in the country and explained the need to rapidly eliminate the disease by 2025, as has been envisioned by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2018.

Thanking the parliamentarians for being present at this sensitization exercise, the Vice President stated that "coordination at the central, state, district and local levels would help in making this a people's movement and would expedite our efforts in eliminating TB by 2025." Significant progress has been achieved since independence on this front and several others due to increasing penetration of healthcare systems across the country. For e.g. 63 million lives have been saved since 2000 through TB diagnosis and treatments, he added. He urged the members to set a goal in their constituencies for

proper planning and execution of govt programs and help in eliminating TB. A pledge was taken by Parliamentarians for a TB Mukht Bharat.

Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla, calling for a collective action against TB, emphasized the crucial role played by the Parliament in disseminating the message in a country full of diversity. He said that it is responsibility of the people's representatives to ensure that their constituencies have constant identification and monitoring of the TB patients, look after the needs of patients during and post treatment. For smooth governance and health administration, parliamentarians would be provided with all necessary data related to TB and any assistance needed from the government, he added.

In his address, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya noted, "Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji played a huge role in moulding thinking of the country towards making health a 'comprehensive' subject by linking it with development." Giving examples of programmes targeting malnutrition and those aimed at promoting cleanliness run by line ministries, he said that all these programmes ultimately improve the social determinants of health



thereby improving the living standards of India's population. He exemplified the model in the country's efforts to eliminate TB which requires nutritional support and wide social awareness. He highlighted the increased budgetary provisions that aim to provide holistic health to India's citizens.

The Union Health Minister underscored that a staggering 65% of TB cases are in the age group 15-45 which is the most economically productive population segment. This coupled with the fact that 58% of TB cases are in rural areas translates to entire families being excluded from upward mobility due to Tuberculosis. He thus asked all the MPs to proactively engage in sensitizing citizens about Tuberculosis and its treatment in the events they organise and attend.

Dr. Bharati Pawar spoke on the difficulties in the journey towards TB elimination with the onset of COVID-19: "Globally, 2020 witnessed a sweeping COVID-19 pandemic

devastate lives, economies, health systems and health programmes across the world with record-breaking speed. In just a few months, the pandemic has reversed years of progress made in the fight against Tuberculosis. The onset of the pandemic in March 2020 triggered lockdowns, restrictions in movement, repurposing of available health system resources, infrastructure, diagnostics, treatment centers and manpower to fight Covid-19, disrupted ongoing TB elimination efforts and services all over the country." She informed her colleagues in Parliament on the steps being taken by the Ministry to rapidly make up for this interruption in the elimination of TB. She also suggested the effective sharing of collective responsibility with States in tackling the social determinants of TB for better and rapid health outcomes.

Union Health Secretary Shri Rajesh Bhushan, Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Ms. Arti Ahuja, Additional Secretary (Health) were also present.

50 crore vaccine doses a huge confidence booster for Tourism: G.Kishan Reddy

New Delhi, August 10 2021: The Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Shri G Kishan Reddy has said that the Covid 19 vaccination crossing the landmark of 50 crore doses would serve as a huge confidence booster for Tourism. The Union Minister has said that vaccination plays an important role towards the revival of tourism. "The universal vaccination programme will not only help the tourism industry to bounce back but increase the confidence of foreign tourists and hence support domestic tourism recovery", he added. Mr Reddy urged all the citizens and the tourism stakeholders to cooperate and come forward for vaccination so that they can be protected from the virus. However, he also stressed that we all must follow the protocols recommended by the

Ministry of Health including social distancing norms, the wearing face masks and appropriate distancing.

The Union Minister also attributed the fast pace of vaccination to several proactive steps taken under the leadership of the Prime Minister. He added "Today, the results which we are witnessing are primarily due to the relentless efforts of our government under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister. We made the government work as an incubator for vaccine development and hence could vaccinate more people daily than any other country in the world".

The Union Minister also has commended the work done by the front-line workers and other medical staff. "I would like to salute all Front-Line Health workers that include Doctors, Nurses, Municipal workers, ASHA workers, and Government Servants.



They have been the 'Suraksha Kavacch' against COVID-19 even before the vaccination program rolled out", the minister added.

The Minister has said that the speed at which the vaccine drive has been rolled out since the new phase of universalization of

Initiatives taken by the Government to promote girls and women across the country

New Delhi, August 10 2021: As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), the overall enrolment of female students in higher education has been consistently increasing over the years. Table below gives female, male and total enrolment in higher education between 2015-16 and 2019-20. The enrolment of females has increased by about 18% from 1.60 crore in 2015-16 to 1.89 crore in 2019-20.

The steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote education among girls and women are as follows:

Issuing of new UGC regulation for Open and Distance Learning that allows entry of reputed institutions to

offer education on the distance mode.

Use of ICT technology-SWAYAM portal to take the best teaching resources to all, including the most disadvantaged.

Opening of more centrally funded institutions.

Encouraging opening of institutions by State Governments through the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) which aims to achieve equity, access and excellence in higher education. The scheme supports components such as upgrading autonomous colleges to universities, clustering colleges to establish a university, setting

up of new professional colleges in un-served and underserved areas as well as providing infrastructure grants to universities and colleges to scale up capacity.

More scholarship programmes to supplement the cost of education.

Additionally, as per the recommendations of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, the following steps are being initiated by the Government to ensure equitable access to the highest quality of education for all learners, especially women, regardless of social or economic background:

A Gender Inclusion Fund will be constituted by

Government of India to provide quality and equitable education to all girls. The fund will focus on ensuring 100% enrolment of girls in schooling and a record participation rate in higher education.

Free hostel facilities will be made available for all women.

New multi-disciplinary HEIs (including those specially for women) will be opened in or near every district.

Special scholarships for women/transgender/ divyang will be introduced.

The information was given by the Union Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.



Chennai, August 10 2021: On 5th August 2021, Rtn Usharani Kannan, chairman Peace Building and Conflict Prevention of District 3232 was the chief guest for inaugurating the Breast Feeding Awareness month at Kasturba Gandhi Hospital for women and children in Triplicane. On behalf of ROTARY CLUB OF CHENNAI INFOCITY 100 kits containing nutritious supplements were distributed, for breast feeding new mothers. Thanks to the Director of the hospital, Dr Uma Maheshwaran, head and deputy head of the Paediatric department of the hospital. Rtn Usha spoke on the importance of mother's breast feeding their babies as it alone can keep them healthy and Giving good health to children is more important than giving them wealth.

Chennai, August 10 2021: Rotary Club Of Chennai Infocity had their Installation PHF. Rtn R.Ramalingam was Installed as the 12th President, R. Vijayan as Secretary & G.Archna As the Treasurer for 2021-2022. Dist Governor J. Sridhar and Asst Dist Governor Sai Krishna & Many other Past District Governors & Dist Secretary & Various Club Presidents Attended the Installation and Wished the new Team. President Thanked the all Senior Members of the Club P. Sridhar, Raghunathan, Nandini, Usha, Gayatri & Venkatesan who helped him & the Club to Grow to Next Level. DG also praised P.Sridhar's activities in the Rotary for more than 2 Decades.