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SKILL INDIA DIGITAL (SID)

1231   SHRI RAMBHAI HARJIBHAI MOKARIYA: SHRI RAKESH SINHA:
       SHRI BRIJ LAL: SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Skill India Digital (SID) initiative and its objectives launched by the Ministry;
(b) whether the initiative will promote the Digital Public Infrastructure (DIP) adoption in the country and how it will support the industry 4.0; and
(c) the details of the benefits which a citizen could have using the SID?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a)   Under the Govt. of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up- skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/colleges/ institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), to all the sections of the society across the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready & industry ready skills.

Skill India Digital is at the intersection of two of the most important components of the Government – Skill India and Digital India. It is a mobile – first digital platform designed to synergize India's skill development, education, employment and entrepreneurship landscape. Its primary objectives is to provide a comprehensive and accessible for skill enhancement, offering industry- relevant skill courses, apprenticeship and job opportunities, and entrepreneurship support. SID is a digital expansion of skilling opportunities and integrated platform that have digital job exchange between stakeholders. The SID platform and its mobile application were launched on 13th September 2023.

(b)   Yes, Sir. Skill India Digital is one of the most important Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for India's skill development, education, employment and entrepreneurship landscape. The platform aligns with the vision articulated in the G20 outcome document for building DPIs.

Skill India Digital plays a crucial role in preparing the Indian workforce for Industry 4.0 by offering futuristic courses on Big Data, Machine Learning and Analytics, etc. provided by its digital learning partners. Industry 4.0 course such as Python with Advanced AI. Artificial Intelligence Foundation, Generative AI, Build Classical Machine Learning Models with Supervised Learning, Data Analytics Essentials, Analytics Data in a Relational Data Warehouse, Cyber security Essentials, Introduction to Data Science, Kisan Drone Operator, EV Service Technician, Bio- waste Management, along with other certification courses, are being offered on the platform.

(c)   NEP 2020 envisages education and skilling integration and lifelong learning. Skill India Digital is a citizen-centric platform that empowers every citizen to select and learn skill courses aligned to their knowledge and interests. It helps to select skill courses aligned with the education an career goals. Skill India Digital hosts both online and classroom-based skill courses.

SID is integrated with UIDAI, e-Shram, NCS and Digilocker empowering learners to earn, bank and redeem the credits they have earned through skill courses and / or through work experience. SID caters diverse needs of a citizen through Learning Management System for digital skilling, Portable Verified Credentials and Multi-lingual to ensure inclusivity, etc.

Skill India Digital also enables the convergence of skilling program for all ministries of central government and departments of the state government, empowering every citizen to select among multiple skilling programs they prefer to pursue.

In this post covid world there is tremendous awareness of digital skills. Skill India Digital will enable Entrepreneurship and future ready workforce.

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