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DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM

1228   SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

        Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:
(a)   whether the Government is taking steps towards expansion of the digital ecosystem for enabling demand-based formal skilling, linking with employers including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and facilitating access to entrepreneurship schemes; and

(b)   if so, the details thereof and the progress made along with the funds sanctioned/ utilized till date?

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 Shikshan 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.

        To enable demand-based skilling, linking with employers including Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and facilitating access to entrepreneurship schemes, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has launched Skill India Digital (SID) platform, a comprehensive digital platform aimed at synergising and transforming the skills, education, employment, and entrepreneurship landscape of India.

        The platform is designed to encompass all training programs implemented by various Ministries / Departments of the Central Government and State Governments. By integrating government training programs, the platform endeavors to create a unified and centralized hub for skill development initiatives.

(b) Skill India Digital aims to serve as one of the most important DPIs for the youth. It is at the intersection of two of the most important components of the Government- Skill India & Digital India. SID has been launched as digital expansion of skilling opportunities and integrated platform that have digital job exchange between stakeholders. Its primary objective is to provide a comprehensive and accessible platform for skill enhancement, offering industry-relevant skill courses, job opportunities, and entrepreneurship support. The SID platform and its mobile

application were launched on 13th September 2023. To date, an amount of Rs. 167.62 crore has been approved for development of SID and Rs. 69.52 crore has been disbursed. Skill India Digital currently consists of the following features:

1. **Aadhar-Based eKYC**- This robust verification process is the foundation of SID platform, ensuring that only genuine participants benefit from its offerings.
2. **Mobile-First- The** platform's mobile-first approach adapted to the modern era's reliance on smartphones ensures uninterrupted learning experiences through hand-held devices, transforming traditional learning methods and allowing users to engage with the platform's resources anytime and anywhere.
3. **Discovery**- The platform enables users to find courses, schemes, apprenticeship and job opportunities based on preferences and aspirations.
4. **Recommendation Engine**- Leveraging the power of machine learning algorithms, the recommendation engine of the platform provides relevant suggestions for enhancing their prospects of securing suitable employment
5. **Chatbot-** Skill India Digital's interactive Chatbot is available to address multiple user inquiries. Users can seek guidance on a range of topics such as registration, skill enhancement, apprenticeships, employment, entrepreneurship, skill loans, counseling, and mentorship.
6. **Skill India Digital Map-** Skill India Map harnesses the power of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to identify, locate, and engage with skill centres, employment opportunities, and apprenticeships.
7. **Learning Management System**- It facilitates the management, tracking, and delivery of course content, streamlines the learning process and enhances the overall learning experience.
8. **Portable Verified Credentials-** Digitally Verified Credentials upon the successful completion of their training modules act as a mark of credibility, embodying four fundamental proofs: education, training, work experience, and reputation. The use of SID puts users' credentials within reach of potential employers, with the prerequisite of the owner's consent. Employers can rely on these validated credentials.
9. **Multi-lingual-** To ensure inclusivity and reach a wider audience, SID can be accessed in multiple Indian languages. This approach breaks barriers, making valuable courses and learning resources accessible to a diverse population across India
10. **Virtual Instructor-Led Training (VILT)-** Converging technology with pedagogy, VILT provides features of Interactive Live Modules, structured scheduling and planning of training sessions
11. Relevant Tool sets and features for Training Partners, Training Centers, Awarding Bodies, Assessment Agencies, etc.

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