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SKILL INDIA DIGITAL APP

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Skill India digital app in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if so, the benefits likely to be accrued to the job seekers by this digital app;
- (c) whether any initiative is being taken by the Government to spread awareness about this new app among the people seeking jobs in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of other initiatives being taken by the Government for the benefit of the skilled workforce in the country?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR)

(a) Yes sir, 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.

The Government has launched Skill India Digital app in September 2023. SID is at the intersection of two of the most important components of the Government - Skill India Digital. It is a mobile – first digital platform designed to synergize India's skill development, education, employment and entrepreneurship landscape. It is a citizen- centric app that empowers every citizen to select and learn skill courses aligned to their knowledge and interests. 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 to the diverse needs of a citizen through a Learning Management System for digital skilling, Portable Verified Credentials and Multi- lingualism to ensure inclusivity, etc.

(b) SID app provides a digital job exchange for employers to select skilled candidates and skilled candidates to pick up a job suited to their career objectives. Apprenticeship opportunities on this app also help learners to take apprenticeship route to transition into work from education.

Further, the recommendation engine of SID app also helps job seekers, by asking a few simple questions, to select skill courses aligned with their career goals.

(c) & (d) For spreading the awareness about SID among all the stakeholders including people seeking jobs in the country, the Government has taken multiple initiatives such as press briefings, social media campaigns and regular webinars, setting up information kiosks at various youth events.

(e) MSDE is running various Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDP) through Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD). Such EDPs create a conducive environment for skilled workforce to develop a culture of innovation and business acumen.

Under PMKVY, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is particularly beneficial for skilled workforce who have acquired skills through informal means but lack formal certification. RPL Training recognizes and validates existing skills, improving the employability of the skilled workforce.

Further, MSDE has taken initiatives to enhance international mobility for skilled workers. These steps involves aligning ecosystem with global standards, signing up G2G MoUs with Australia, Germany, Japan, UAE, Denmark, France, United Kingdom (UK), etc., participating in international skill competitions such as WorldSkills and establishing Skill India International Centers.

In addition to the above, the Government is supporting skilled workforce through other initiatives such as Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), PM Vishwakarma, National Career Service Portal, PM- SVANidhi Scheme, Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, The Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY), PM GatiShakti etc. Also, various flagship programmes of the government, such as Make in India, Start-up India, Stand-up India, Digital India, Housing for All, etc., have huge prospects of employment generation, including for the skilled workforce.
