

Info Capsule

VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE FIRST REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (RVTI) IN HYDERABAD¹

Vice President Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, on September 16, 2017 in Hyderabad laid the foundation stone for Regional Vocational Training Institute which is the first of its kind for the State of Telangana boosting skill development opportunities among women ready to contribute to the country's workforce. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan was also present during the foundation laying ceremony along with Shri Mohammad Mahmood Ali, Deputy Chief Minister, Govt. of Telangana, Shri Naini Narsimha Reddy, Minister of Home, Labour & Employment, Telangana and Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Former Minister of State for Labour & Employment and Member of Parliament.

Laying the foundation stone Shri Venkaiah Naidu, said, "Setting up of RVTI in Hyderabad is one defining step towards women empowerment. It the duty of all government bodies including gram panchayat, to do everything possible to empower women in the society. I would like to congratulate and extend my best wishes to Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for such a great job. Through skill development we will not only empower our own country and its industries but also contribute to economies across the world. There is a huge demand for skilled workforce world over and it is the right that we reap our demographic dividend and bridge this demand supply gap. Shri Naidu also said that the country is facing an acute shortage of trainer and teachers and under skill development initiatives, it is a delight to see that the country now had more avenues for training of trainers.

Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said, "Women training and their empowerment has been one of the priority areas of Government of India. Participation of women in the workforce in our country will certainly lead to the growth of our nation's economy. To ensure this, we have target of setting up one RVTI in each state. MSDE is presently running 17 such Institutes across India."

He further added that "Skill training exclusively for women is being provided through the network of 11 Central Government Institutions and 1408 State Women ITIs and Women Wings in General ITIs. Besides this, 30% of the seats in general ITIs in most of the States are also reserved for Women. It is heartening to see the contribution made by all States, Departments and other entities to skill development in the country. People from Hyderabad support the manpower requirement all over the world. The launch of RVTI Hyderabad is our endeavour to empower the students in this city with more new age skills, so that they could earn a better livelihood along with their due respect,". Shri Pradhan also mentioned that it is under Shri Bandaru Duttatreya's esteemed guidance that we have been able to set this facility in such record time. He thanked the Minister for the huge contribution that he made in setting up of RVTI Hyderabad.

Minister of Home, Labour & Employment, Telangana Shri Naini Narsimha Reddy, said, "Telangana has huge potential in its workforce and skill development will give them the right direction in their careers." Addressing the gathering, Former Minister of State for Labour & Employment and Member of Parliament Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, said, "We are grateful to our Hon. Prime Minister for

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emphasizing the importance of skill development and allocating required resources for setting of this RVTI in Hyderabad.”

The competent authority has approved the expenditure of Rs. 19,95,90,000/- for construction of building for RVTI-Hyderabad. RVTI campus will be spread over approximately four acres of land with the campus of ATI-Vidyanagar, Hyderabad. Once established in its new permanent building, around 1000 trainees would be trained here every year. This RVTI is expected to cater to the vocational training needs of 480 women annually in regular courses under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) and Craft Instructor’s Training Scheme (CITS) and around same number of candidates would be trained under various short term courses in skill areas having a high market demand. The courses identified to be run in this Institute are Fashion Design & Technology, Architectural Assistantship, Cosmetology, Front Office Assistant, Secretarial Practice (English), Food and Beverages Service Assistant.

From the venue of the event, Vice President e-inaugurated and launched training at 5 PMKKs and dedicated these centres to the people of India. Five PMKKs which are e-inaugurated today from Hyderabad are located at Etah (Uttar Pradesh), Phulpur (Uttar Pradesh), Singrauli (Madhya Pradesh), Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh) and Dhar (Madhya Pradesh). During the event, Vice President also handed over Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) certificates and placement certificates to candidates who got placed in different companies. Recognition of Prior Learning recognizes an individual’s skills through certification and enhancing their career opportunities.

Under the overall leadership of Prime Minister shri Narendra Modi, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), has pioneered to establish Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) in every district of India.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF MONTREAL PROTOCOL AND 23RD WORLD OZONE DAY CELEBRATED²

Pan-India Awareness Campaign Reaches Out To Nearly 28 Lakh Students in the Country

Highlighting the strength of the active collaboration between the government, industries and all stakeholders in the implementation of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) phase-out programme in the country, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan highlighted the importance of individual awareness and the strength of collective action. The Minister also laid special emphasis on the role played by children in ensuring the success of such campaigns.

Addressing a gathering at the celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the Montreal Protocol and 23rd World Ozone Day on September 16, 2017, with the theme - "Caring for all life under the Sun", the Minister made a special mention of the pan-India awareness campaign launched by the Environment Ministry on the occasion. This campaign was among the most widespread engagements of the Ministry for awareness generation, carried out with the active partnership of States through schools and academic/research institutions spread across the country. The awareness campaign saw a participation of about 28 lakh students in more than 13, 000 schools and reached out to 214 districts across 16 states of the country. The Minister also spoke of the strong policy leadership given by India during the negotiations for the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that it is recognized that India played a crucial role in the adoption of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol.

A series of publications launched by the Minister on the occasion include – a handbook on HCFC Phase-out and Energy Efficiency in Buildings; the first edition of ‘newsTRAC; and a newsletter for service technicians in Refrigeration and Air-conditioning (RAC) sector. These two publications were launched as part of the enabling component of India’s HCFC Phase out Management Plan, for which

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United Nations Environment is the cooperating agency and Energy Efficiency Services Ltd. and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) are the national implementing partners. Two videos on India's achievements in implementation of Montreal Protocol and HCFCs phase-out and Energy Efficiency in buildings were also launched.

MONTREAL PROTOCOL: A BRIEF BACKGROUND

The year 2017 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. The Montreal Protocol is one of the most successful global environmental treaties, the implementation of which has not only led to the phase-out of around 98% of ozone depleting chemicals, but also averted more than 135 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions. Nearly 2 million cases of skin cancer per year have been averted globally. The Montreal Protocol is the only environmental treaty which enjoys universal ratification of 197 UN member countries.

During the Kigali negotiations, India piloted the concept of two base lines and a differentiated phased down time schedule to factor in the needs of developing countries. This was the first time in the Montreal Protocol that the concept of two baseline has been adopted both for developed and developing countries. On India's initiative, energy efficiency was included for the first time in the Montreal Protocol as an agreed finance solution while phasing down HFCs.

India has consciously chosen a path for most environment-friendly and energy efficient technologies, while phasing out Ozone Depleting substances, unlike many of the developed countries. India is among the few countries globally and a pioneer, in some cases, in the use of non-ODS low Global Warming Potential (GWP) technologies.

FIRST EVER NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "MISSION MODE TO ADDRESS UNDER-NUTRITION" TO BE HELD IN NEW DELHI³

Three States to be awarded for reducing prevalence of stunting in population

The Ministry of Women and Child Development will hold the first ever National Conference in New Delhi tomorrow on *Mission Mode to address Under-Nutrition* in the country. In his curtain raiser briefing in New Delhi on September 19, 2017, the Secretary WCD, Shri Rakesh Srivastava said that this conference is being organized by the Ministry of Women & Child Development in collaboration with Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, keeping in mind the goal of "**Malnutrition Free India-2022**".

Giving details about the conference, the Secretary WCD said that the Government has decided to lay focused attention on this issue and for this said purpose, Ministry of Women and Child Development has identified 113 districts across the States/UTs based on the composite index of NITI Ayog and prevalence of stunting from NFHS-4 data. At least one district has been selected from each State/UTs so that the action taken in the selected district can be emulated in the other districts also, he explained.

Shri Srivastava said that the National Conference, first of its kind, aims at bringing convergence at District/Block levels of the three key Departments (Health & Family Welfare, ICDS/Social Welfare and Drinking Water and Sanitation) wherein a roadmap would be drawn to evolve an appropriate strategy in tackling the problem of stunting, under-nutrition and wasting comprehensively and conclusively.

The conference would be sensitizing the District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners/District Magistrates as well as the District-level officers of Health & Family Welfare, Nutrition (ICDS/SW), Drinking Water & Sanitation Departments in the 113 High Burden Districts along with the Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, in-charge of these three Departments of all States/UTs on a multitude of

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topics relating to stunting, under-nutrition and wasting and the key strategic interventions which are urgently required.

The District Magistrates/District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners in these 113 high burden districts, through a dashboard, will regularly monitor and review the schemes covering the aspects of nutrition across the line departments within their jurisdiction at least once in a three month period. Such a review and monitoring at district level would be done in an exclusively and dedicated manner (between 1st to 10th of January, April, July and October every year) to address implementation of schemes having a direct bearing on nutrition and Health.

Shri Rakesh Srivastava said that three States will be awarded at the conference tomorrow. These three states will be awarded for showing good progress in the area of reduction in stunting as measured between NFHS-3 and NFHS-4. These States are Chattisgarh, Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat.

Joint Secretary WCD, Dr. Rajesh Kumar said that several important steps have already been taken by the WCD Ministry recently for a multipronged strategy to manage malnutrition. This includes training ICDS functionaries, developing a curriculum for ECCE, food fortification guidelines among others. He further stated that the WCD Ministry has developed a world class software 'ICDS-CAS' for real time monitoring of nutrition related parameters in 8 States. This system is one of its kind in the world and 60,000 Anganwadis have already been given tablets to report growth parameters on a daily basis with the help of this system, Dr. Rajesh Kumar explained.

The problem of malnutrition is inter-generational and is dependent on multiple factors which inter-alia, include proper Infant & Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, Immunization, Institutional Delivery, Early Childhood Development, Food Fortification, Deworming, access to safe drinking water & proper sanitation (WASH), Dietary diversification, full ANC check-up, early initiation of breast feeding, ICT enabled real time monitoring and implementation of Anganwadi Services, Improving infrastructure of Anganwadi Centres along with training of Anganwadi workers and other related factors. These factors can also be Area specific or dependent on particular geographical conditions. Further, it requires a convergent approach among all the three departments i.e. Health & Family Welfare, ICDS/Social Welfare and Drinking Water and Sanitation to tackle the issue of malnutrition comprehensively and conclusively.

Some of the important sessions at tomorrow's conference include efficacy of food fortification, sustainable solution through breast feeding, dietary diversification, improving maternal & child health through Mission Indradhanush, improving program delivery effectiveness, accelerating Real Time Monitoring among others.

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