

## **GOA HAS POTENTIAL TO CREATE APPRENTICESHIP: SHRI RANE**

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Though Goa is small it has the potential to do a lot of good work in the area of Apprenticeship Training stated the Minister for Skill Development, Shri Vishwajit Rane while speaking as Chief Guest at the Seminar on 'Reforms in Apprenticeship Act, 1961' and National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) at a function organised by the State Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE) in Panaji, today.

Speaking further, the Minister said that the authorities require the support of the industry for apprenticeship training. He said that the State Government is already taking in apprentices in its corporations; The Minister said that the industry must be a partner in Apprenticeship Training. We want to work with the industry in a cohesive manner Shri Rane said adding that conclaves should be regularly held where authorities, organizations and industrials heads come together. We want to make Goa an international scaling hub for skill development he asserted.

The Letter Of Intent (LOI) was exchanged between Shri Rane and Head Industry Partnership, CSR and State Engagement and Citizen's Engagement South, NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation), Shri Gaurav Kapoor.

Shri Gaurav Kapoor said that the LOI is aimed at building an integrated skill development institute in Goa. He informed that they would be looking at foreign collaboration at the institute and also explore possibilities for international placements. Shri Kapoor said that they will be also working very closely with the Directorate of Women and Child Development to impart skill training to women so that they can deliver efficient results.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Shri K.C Gupta, IAS, spoke on the NAPS. He said that apprenticeship training is a win-win situation for both the apprentice and the establishment. He informed about ways of how Government is helping in providing apprenticeship training.

Senior Advisor, MSDE, Ms. Sunita Sanghi said that they are working to create process of standardization of qualification for employment. She said by certifying skills of apprentice increases the apprentice's chances of career mobility and enhancement of

wages. Apprenticeship Training is about unlocking human potential of those entering into the work market.

Ms Sanghi appealed to the industry to join hands with Government to take apprentices. She said that apprenticeship training has a spiral effect as it increases productivity of enterprise, increases the Gross Domestic Product of the country and increases the living standards of a person.

Chairperson, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Goa State Council, Shri Lalit Saraswat said that apprenticeship training is an efficient way of developing manpower in industry and that such apprentices can easily adapt to industrial world by getting a chance to put the skills learnt into practice.

A presentation on Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), the flagship scheme of the MSDE, was held along with a presentation on the activities of Apprenticeship Cell in Goa. The seminar is part of the 'Apprenticeship Pakwada', the fortnight which began earlier which is being held with the aim of creating awareness on Apprenticeship Training.

Earlier, Director, State Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Dipak Desai welcomed the gathering. Assistant Director (Training) DSDE, Goa, Shri Rajesh Lolayekar proposed the vote of thanks. Captain Kaustav Nath, State Engagement Officer, NSDC, Goa, Assistant Apprenticeship Advisor, DSDE, Shri Dattaprasad Palni, among others was present on the occasion.

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