



Govt launches Phase-II of Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship

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NEW DELHI: Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday launched the second phase of Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship, a two-year programme to create opportunity for youth and enhance skilling at the grassroots level.

The fellowship seeks to combine classroom sessions by academic partner IIMs with on-field exposure at the district level to create credible plans and identify barriers in raising employment, economic output, and promote livelihoods in rural areas. Speaking at the launch, Pradhan called upon fellows to act as catalysts of social change at the grassroots by driving skill development efforts. He also urged district collectors and academic partner IIMs (Indian Institutes of Management) to facilitate the fellows and script a success story of change through this fellowship.

The Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we are moving towards an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. "Tremendous transformations taking place across sectors will create demand for new skills and more skilled professionals and thus calls for skill mapping at district level and directing skill development efforts accordingly," Pradhan asserted.

The minister exhorted the fellows to work with global thinking and local approach including integrating the local language in skill development efforts. Speaking about the National Education Policy 2020, Pradhan outlined the vision to create strong convergence between education and skills and recent initiatives in this direction including the Academic Bank of Credit. He called upon the IIMs to make the fellows aware about the National Education Policy.

To strengthen the skill training delivery mechanism in the country, Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP), a World Bank assisted programme, was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in January 2018. SANKALP engages with District Skill Committees (DSCs) to effectively reduce the mismatch between the supply and demand of skilled manpower in the country, thereby creating decent opportunities for the youth to work and earn.

The Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme under SANKALP was designed to provide a cadre of professionals at the district level. During the fieldwork (District Immersion), the fellows shall work within the district with DSC officials on skilling challenges facing the district. Along with the DSC officials, they shall put together District Skill Development Plans and implementation road maps.

MGNF is an opportunity for young women and men in the age group of 21-30 years who already possess some level of academic or professional expertise for providing catalytic support to the district administration to improve the skill development programme delivery.



Union Education Minister Inaugurates Phase 2 Of Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship

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The Union Minister for Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the phase 2 of Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF). The MGNF is a two-year long fellowship created as an opportunity for young, dynamic individuals to contribute to enhancing skill development at the grassroots.

The two-year fellowship seeks to combine classroom sessions by academic partner - Indian Institutes Of Management (IIMs) with an intensive field immersion at the district level to create credible plans and identify barriers in raising employment, economic output, and promote livelihoods in rural areas, an official statement issued in this regard said.

While speaking on the launch, the Union Education Minister, called upon fellows to act as catalysts of social change at the grassroots by driving skill development efforts. He also called upon district collectors and academic partner IIMs to facilitate the fellows and script a success story of change through this fellowship.

In line with the requirements of 21st century and local realities, Mr Pradhan called upon the fellows to work with global thinking and local approach including integrating local language in the skill development efforts.

To operationalise the mission and strengthen the skill training delivery mechanism in the country, the statement added, Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP), a World Bank loan assisted program, was launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in January 2018.

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The MGNF program under SANKALP was designed to provide a cadre of professionals at district level who not only know about governance and public policy in general but vocational education too.

MGNF is a unique blend of academic and work-based training handled at the IIM campus and the districts, respectively. The academic module familiarizes the fellows with concepts from Management, Development Economics, Public Policy and the District Skills Ecosystem. During the fieldwork (District Immersion), the fellows shall work within the district with DSC officials on skilling challenges facing the district.

As part of the MGNF Phase-I (Pilot) launched with IIM Bangalore as Academic Partner, as many as 69 fellows are now currently deployed in 69 districts across six states.

MGNF Phase 2 (National Roll Out) launched today with 661 MGNFs will be deployed across all districts of the country. Eight more IIMs have been onboarded taking the total to nine IIMs (IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM-Jammu, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Lucknow, IIM Nagpur, IIM Ranchi, IIM-Udaipur and IIM Visakhapatnam), the official statement added.

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Puducherry (02), and West Bengal (23).

While speaking at the event, Dharmendra Pradhan highlighted the importance of investing in skill development and encouraged fellows to work in the districts allotted to them at grassroots level. "Indian youth is full of talent and skill and they should use this to uplift the skill gap that occurs in the country, he said.

In his address, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, encouraged the fellows to keep the skill ecosystem at the back of their mind while working in the district. He also appreciated the role of IIMs in making the program successful and thanked the district skill machinery for their continuous support.

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Union education minister launches Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship-II

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The two-year fellowship integrates classroom teachings by academic partner IIMs with an intensive field immersion at the district level. The fellows are shouldered with responsibility to create credible plans and identify barriers in creating employment, economic output, and promoting livelihoods in rural areas.

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"It is heartening to see dedicated young fellows embark on their journey to bolstering India's skill ecosystem. I congratulate all students who started their fellowship last year and wish the best of luck to all who are entering this noble mission today," added Pradhan.

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