Press Release from Skill Development Department

The Sikkim INSPIRES (Integrated Service Provision and Innovation for Reviving Economies) Program, an initiative of the Government of Sikkim supported by the World Bank, aims to enhance employability, promote entrepreneurship, and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for the youth and women of the State. Under the Program, the Skill Development Department is facilitating industry-aligned training through empanelled Training Partners across six priority sectors: Beauty and Wellness, Tourism and Hospitality, IT-ITeS, Green Jobs, Child and Elderly Care, and Creative Design. In keeping with evolving industry demands and emerging employment opportunities, the Department is also expanding its training portfolio to include new-age job roles and future-ready skills. The Program adopts an end-to-end approach to skill development, extending beyond training to include placement assurance and post-placement tracking, thereby supporting trainees through the transition from skill acquisition to meaningful employment and facilitating their sustained integration into the workforce.

As part of the ongoing implementation of the Program, training activities have commenced across various districts of the State through empanelled Training Partners. Medhavi Foundation has commenced training in the job roles of Geriatric Caregiver – Institutional & Home Care and Solar PV Installer-Electric at 9th Mile, Namli, Ranipool, Gangtok. Radiant Institute of Professional Skill Development is conducting training in Digital Mitra at Nagi Namthang, Namchi, while Vone India Service Limited has commenced training in Solar PV Installer (Surya Mitra) at the same location. Kuber World Pvt. Ltd. is delivering training in Graphic Designer at Government Livelihood School, Melli Dara, Namchi. Positron Institute of Computer Education is conducting training in Geriatric Care Assistant (Institutional/Home) at Government Livelihood School, Mangalbaria, Soreng, and in Guest Service Associate (Barista) at Government Livelihood School, Dentam, Gyalshing. Ascensive Educare Pvt. Ltd. has commenced training in Hairdresser and Stylist at Lower Tanak, Namchi, while Regal Institute of Management Studies is conducting training in Guest Service Associate – Food and Beverage at Jurassic Park, Samdong, Gangtok. Training at other centres across the State is expected to commence shortly through other empanelled Training Partners under the Sikkim INSPIRES Program.

An inspection visit was conducted by a team led by the Under Secretary, Skill Development Department, to various operational training centres where skill training under the Sikkim INSPIRES Program had commenced or was scheduled to commence shortly. The visit aimed to assess the preparedness and readiness of the training centres for effective implementation of the training programmes. During the visit, the infrastructure and facilities available at the centres were assessed, including their overall suitability and readiness for conducting the training programmes. The inspection also involved reviewing training arrangements and interacting with the concerned stakeholders to ascertain their preparedness for delivering quality, industry-relevant skill training.

During the visit, the Under Secretary, Skill Development Department, interacted with the trainees and apprised them of the objectives, benefits, and opportunities available under the Sikkim INSPIRES Program. He encouraged the trainees to participate in the training programmes with sincerity and dedication, acquire industry-relevant competencies, and successfully complete their courses to enhance their employability and livelihood prospects. He also highlighted the Program's commitment to facilitating placement opportunities and tracking trainees after placement, emphasising that the objective is not merely to impart skills but to help trainees secure meaningful employment and support their continued transition into the workforce.

The trainees were also encouraged to disseminate information regarding the Program within their respective peer groups and communities and motivate eligible youth and women to avail themselves of the skill development opportunities being created under Sikkim INSPIRES. Interested candidates may approach the Skill Development Department at Shram Bhawan, Lingding, Sokaythang, or Niyukti Kendra, Deorali, for information on ongoing and upcoming skill development programmes.