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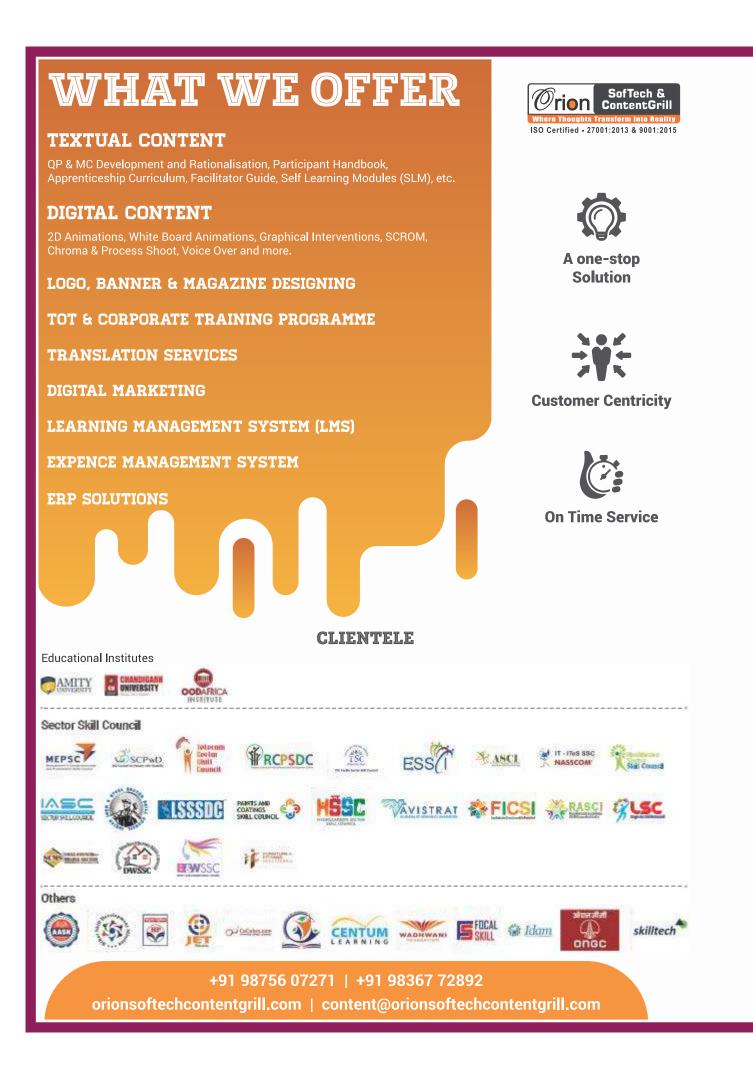
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The Governing Board and entire team of Skill Council for Mining Sector extends a warm welcome to our visionary leader into the skilling ecosystem

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### 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Governing Board of Skill Council for Mining Sector

The 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Governing Board of Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) was held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 at FIMI House, New Delhi which was chaired by Mr. Pankaj Kumar Satija, Executive Incharge, Ferro Alloys and Minerals Division, Tata Steel Ltd & Chairman-SCMS.

Further, Chairman-SCMS, introduced and welcomed new member on the Governing Board of SCMS; Dr. Sanjay Kumar Roy, Chief Scientist, CSIR-CIMFR, Dhanbad and also welcomed special guests in the meeting, Shri Shambhu Bandhekar-CM Mining/Safety (Barsingsar Lignite Mine-NLCIL), Shri Deepak Gupta, Director-Corporate Affairs, Fomento Resources Pvt. Ltd., Shri Lenin Dasmohapatra -Safety Head, IMFA.



**GB** meeting in progress

Webinar on "Unlock the future of mines with digitization"

Skill Council for Mining Sector conducted webinar on "Unlock the future of mines with digitization" on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Our keynote speaker Mr. Mohit Sahu, Co-Founder and Director of Minocular effectively deliberated on various topics like-Importance of digitization in Mining operations, Role of IOT & AI in digitization, how digitization increases the efficiency & production in mining operations, Traditional Mining V/s Modern Mining & Career opportunities and progressions in the field of digitization

There were 330+ registrants from various Industries, Colleges, and Universities out of which 145+ participants were present.



Mr. Mohit Sahu Deliberating a session

# MINING & EXPLORATION

# Coal production grows by 10.15%, coal dispatch by 10.35% in May, 2024 compared to corresponding period of last year

In May 2024, India's coal production reached 83.91 million tonnes (MT) (Provisional), exhibiting a growth rate of 10.15% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, which stood at 76.18 MT. During this period, Coal India Limited (CIL) achieved a coal production of 64.40 MT (Provisional), marking a growth of 7.46% compared to the same period last year, when it was 59.93 MT. Additionally, coal production by Captive and other entities in May 2024 stood at 13.78 MT (Provisional), reflecting a growth of 32.76% from the previous year, which was 10.38 MT.

Similarly, India's overall coal dispatches for May 2024 reached 90.84 MT (Provisional), up by 10.35% compared to the same period last year when it was recorded at 82.32 MT. During May 2024, CIL dispatched 69.08 MT (Provisional) of coal, with a growth of 8.50% compared to the corresponding period of the previous year when it was 63.67 MT. Additionally, coal dispatch by Captive and other entities in May was recorded at 16 MT (Provisional), reflecting a growth of 29.33% from the previous year, which was 12.37 MT. Total coal stock with coal companies stands at 96.48 MT. The coal stock lying with CIL is 83.01 MT, while Captive and other companies hold 8.28 MT.

(Press Information Bureau, New Delhi – 3 June, 2024)

#### Coal imports rise to a six-month high in May 2024

India's thermal coal imports continued to rise for the sixth consecutive month in May 2024 with cargoes hitting a six-month high as thermal power plants (TPPs) stocked up on the critical commodity anticipating a rise in power demand due to high summer temperatures. According to data from energy intelligence firm Kpler, the country's imports of thermal coal, largely consumed by the power sector, rose almost 6 per cent month-on-month (m-o-m) to 16.99 MT last month. However, the cargoes were down by almost 4 per cent on an annual basis. "Indian thermal coal imports climbed to a six-month high of 16.99 MT in May, although still down slightly y-o-y. This brought a run of eight consecutive months of annual growth to an end," Kpler's Lead Major Dry Bulks Analyst, Alexis Ellender told business line.

The country's power demand has been growing at almost 10 per cent on an annual basis, the uptick in consumption led by growing industrial and commercial base as well as increasing household consumption. Rising temperatures are also fueling the demand for more electricity. For instance, the country's peak power demand met during the day rose to a record 250 GW on May 30 as intense heat waves parched lands across north, northwestern and central India resulting in a higher requirement for cooling. On May 29, the demand had hit 246 GW.

Thermal power plants reported a plant load factor (PLF), or capacity utilisation of 77.84 per cent in May 2024 against 73.64 per cent in May 2023. Power generation was higher by 12 per cent to 43,332.91 gigawatt hour (GWh). "Hot, dry weather has been supporting thermal coal demand. However, near-record thermal coal stockpiles, strong domestic production growth, and the early arrival of monsoon rains are now expected to slow the pace of imports," Ellender said.

The 'above normal' monsoon rains forecast by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is expected to replenish reservoirs and lift hydro power output to the detriment of thermal generation. "There has also been a rise in gas-fired power generation, although it remains a very small part of India's overall power mix," he added. "We expect India's thermal coal imports to ease lower m-o-m in June, although they are likely to still

be higher y-o-y as domestic coal shipments slow due to the rains. Imports in the July-September quarter are expected to be down on April-June, but still higher y-o-y as India's underlying power demand increases," Ellender added. (The Hindu Business Line, New Delhi – 17 June, 2024)

# GENERAL

#### 80% of Indian steel producers have labelled 'Made-in-India' on products

Following the Ministry of Steel's initiative to brand products with 'Made in India', Indian steel producers (ISPs) have labelled 80 per cent of their products since November last year, said an official on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. "Ministry of Steel was the first to initiate and complete the branding exercise. The efforts would result in branding of 80 million tonnes of steel out of the production of 125 million tonnes in the first phase," the official added. Indian steel producers have finalised common labels across the product categories and allocated size and space for the 'Made in India' logo for each label.

"All the ISPs have started roll out of branding with selected categories of steel products in their product portfolio by fixing of new 'Made in India' label on their products from November 4, 2023 onwards," the source said, adding RINL, JSPL and TATA Steel Ltd have covered 100 per cent of their product range, while the rest will complete the branding by the end of June. Explaining the need of the branding, the source said, "the label will help to create a common brand value for all Made-in-India steel products nationally and internationally and to further encourage manufacturers to maximise their local manufacturing process, thereby giving a much-needed boost to the Indian economy.

In the long run, it will be a key identifier for Indian steel sector markets across the world, further cementing India's position in global markets. The Made in India Label along with the overall country branding through the Brand India Mission will complement each other and help in achieving the final goal of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' making for India and the world." According to sources, the concept was initially suggested by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which was later conceptualised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and implemented by the Steel Ministry.

The source said that the 'Made in India' branding, along with a QR code, provides for labeling of domestic steel products with details of the product. "The vision is to boost credibility of 'Made in India' and promotion of domestically-produced steel and to enable the Indian consumers to make an informed choice. 'Made in India' Label is intended for both domestic market and also for exports," the source said.

(The Indian Express, New Delhi – 18 June, 2024)

#### Andhra Government Launches First-of-Its-Kind Skill Census 2024

Andhra Pradesh: The Government of Andhra Pradesh is set to conduct the 'Skill Census 2024', a groundbreaking comprehensive assessment and data collection initiative aimed at understanding the skills and competencies of individuals and identifying the skillsets demanded by various industries. The A.P. State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) has been designated as the nodal agency for this pioneering effort.

Fulfilling the promise made by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Secretary Neerabh Kumar Prasad issued G.O. Ms. No. 13 on June 13, directing the Skills Development and Training (Skill) Department to spearhead this initiative.

The Skill Census 2024 will encompass a detailed survey of the existing workforce and demographic trends, focusing on five major objectives: Assessing Skill Profiles, Assessing Skill Needs, Assessing Skill Disparities (gaps), Informing Policy Decisions, and Empowering Individuals.

- Assessing Skill Profiles: Identifying the diverse skillsets present within the population across various sectors and domains.
- Assessing Skill Needs: Determining the specific skill requirements of different sectors such as manufacturing, construction, and services.
- Assessing Skill Disparities: Pinpointing the gaps between the skills in demand and those available, thereby highlighting areas for intervention and investment.
- Informing Policy Decisions: Providing data-driven insights for designing effective skill training, education, and employment policies.
- Empowering Individuals: Enabling individuals to access relevant skillsets, make informed career choices, and enhance their employability through relevant training programs.

The Skill Census will be conducted through comprehensive surveys, capturing information on education, work experience, training, and skill proficiency levels (including technical, soft, and digital skills). The exercise will also involve stakeholder consultations and advanced data analytics techniques, incorporating rigorous validation mechanisms to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the collected data.

This initiative will offer accurate data to the government, employers, and other stakeholders, facilitating informed decisions about workforce development and resource allocation. It will also guide educational institutions in aligning their curricula with industry needs, ensuring that graduates are better equipped to meet market demands. (Skill Reporter, New Delhi – 15 June, 2024)

#### Time to reskill the skilling plan

Countries with advanced skilling ecosystems integrate national priorities and industry initiatives through a collaborative framework. Governments handle investment, regulations and standards, while the framework creates demand for skills with financial and non-financial incentives, involving employers in the skilling and employability effort. Over the last decade, 'Skill India' has enhanced access to quality education and skilling, including establishment of new ITI capacities, big increase in apprenticeship engagement, creation of new-age and future skill courses, launch of DPI of skilling in the form of Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), and rolling out short-term training programmes under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).

NEP 2020 envisions integrating skilling into all education forms, inspiring reforms like National Credit Framework (NCrF) and National Curriculum Framework (NCF). NCrF integrates credits from school, vocational, higher education and work experience, while NCF incorporates curricular skilling into secondary education and beyond. It's the right time to marry supply-side interventions in skilling and education with the market-led incentive framework to bring India Inc as a committed partner of the effort. Other countries provide a model for building industry stakes in their skilling ecosystems that include:

**Regulatory tools**: Involving industries as co-investors by using tax levies, exemptions and GoI incentives, such as matching funds or rebates. Singapore's mandatory Skills Development Levy (SDL) of 0.25% of wages is used for programmes through a Skills Development Fund. South Korea's levy-rebate system makes firms that prepay levies between 0.25% and 0.8% of wages eligible for tax rebates, with additional reimbursements for SMEs.

**Levy for apprenticeship**: Britain has a levy for apprenticeships with preferential benefits for SMEs. Large companies with a wage bill of more than £3 mn a year pay a 0.5% annual levy of the total excess wage bill.

**Flagship programmes**: Britain has curated a list of 400-plus reskilling courses across sectors expected to face maximum disruption. 'Get help to retrain' platform offers free courses with access to these qualifications. Another instance is Australia, which has instituted a fringe benefits tax (FBT) exemption towards reskilling investments of 'at-risk' employees.

**Learning accounts**: Creating digital individual 'learning accounts' to guide and track individual progress and customised subsidies. South Korea manages and accumulates diverse learning experiences for educational credits or vocational qualifications, incorporating both academic and vocational systems.

**Customised data-led value-added services**: Singapore develops job transformation maps through surveys, labour trends, predictive analytics and expert input to tailor workforce recommendations to market needs.

**Joining forces:** Orchestrating collaboration between large organisations and MSMEs via mentorship programmes. The Queen Bee initiative by SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) has tagged 20-plus large organisations with 700 SMEs, with several examples of tangible benefits accrued in the ecosystem.

**Skilling schools**: Meister (secondary) schools in South Korea specialise in vocational training that meets local industry demands and facilitates students' transition from school to work.

While all the above practices may not be replicable in India, some out- of-the-box solutions are needed to ensure a direct stake of India Inc in the skill development effort. Can India's own set of social contributions - CSR and labour cess - be brought closer to skilling? If GoI's key focus should be on quality assurance, can the responsibility of skilling be shifted from government to industry through a demand-led model in which skill vouchers are given to firms for undertaking upskilling/reskilling of their workforce at eligible training centres?

On the investment side, India could consider introducing an element of skilling in schemes like PLI and inbound foreign investment. Such skill investments shall have guaranteed market alignment, compared to government programmes, where some time lag to understand and implement changing trends is inevitable. All these, and many more innovative solutions, may emerge if India takes a holistic view of skilling and employability, and takes measures to build a stake in skilling for all stakeholders. This is as important as supply-side investments for building a dynamic and sensitive skill ecosystem.

The writer is secretary, skill development and entrepreneurship ministry, GoI.

(The Economic Times, New Delhi – 16 June, 2024)

# **GLEANINGS FROM**

### MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

# Shri Jayant Chaudhary becomes Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Shri Jayant Chaudhary assumed charge as Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi. The Secretary, MSDE, Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, and other senior officials of the Ministry welcomed him on his arrival.

He expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the trust placed in him and said that he would play his part in the Ministry, which is vital for the nation as it charts its course as a leader of the global economy.

Shri Chaudhary said that India with its vast and youthful population needs to be empowered with skilling, reskilling, and upskilling opportunities to fulfil their aspirations. This aligns perfectly with the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi of a Viksit Bharat, a developed India, where every citizen has the opportunity to thrive and contribute to our nation's prosperity, he added. He also emphasized that there is a constant need for new and industry-aligned skills in all walks of life, and the Ministry's perpetual efforts will make a tangible impact on the skilling and employment landscape.

The Ministry is committed to implementing strategic initiatives that bridge the skills gap including flagship schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS); with a continued focus on enhancing employability and fostering entrepreneurship. By embracing digital technologies, enhancing infrastructure, and promoting inclusive education, MSDE aims to empower individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving job market. It focuses on swiftly enforcing high-impact initiatives that demonstrate our dedication to immediate and tangible progress.

Shri Jayant Chaudhary is an advocate for implementing programs and launches that integrate the deprived into the mainstream of development to ensure continued growth and development across sectors and the country at large.

**Education**: The Minister did his undergraduate studies at Shri Venkateswara College, Delhi University, and an M.Sc. in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2002.

Experience: He was a member of the Standing Committee on Commerce, the Consultative Committee on Finance, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), and the Committee on Government Assurances. He has served previously on the Standing Committees on Agriculture and Finance as well as the Committee on Ethics. He brings with him a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to the welfare of the people. (Skill Reporter, New Delhi – 11 June, 2024)

#### Skill ministry to train 150K women under PMKVY in first 100 days

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is looking to train around 150,000 women under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), with a third of them acquiring new-age skills, in the first 100 days of the new government.

Along with skilling, MSDE will concentrate on promoting apprenticeship in the country, with around half a million new apprentices being engaged. The ministry will also be focussing on launching demand-based financing solutions for promoting adoption of skill courses.

"The new government will be working with renewed interest and increased focus on skilling programmes. There is also going to be renewed focus on entrepreneurship and increased industry partnership in the setting up of new labs at Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) that are already in place," said a source.

Besides, the government will also be focusing on operationalizing two new Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) — IIS Mumbai and IIS Ahmedabad and expanding Skill India International Centres and Jan Shikshan Sansthan in the first 100 days.

Earlier on Thursday, new Union Skill Minister Jayant Chaudhary engaged with senior officials and stakeholders to assess the progress and impact of the schemes and initiatives of MSDE. The minister appreciated the ministry's efforts in creating building blocks for the skill ecosystem as he called for increased collaboration with industry partners to enhance the scope and effectiveness of apprenticeship and vocational training programmes.

"It is necessary to have a unified effort to ensure successful implementation and expansion of skill development initiatives across the nation. We must focus on close collaboration and convergence with other ministries and states to bring scale and speed to the skill ecosystem," Chaudhary added.

(Business Standard, New Delhi – 13 June, 2024)

#### Skill India Extends Apprenticeship Opportunities to Over 5.5 Lakh Youth

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has reinforced its commitment to enhancing quality apprenticeship training across various sectors, as evidenced by the significant growth in the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). Over the past three years, enrolments have tripled, reaching 9,31,368 youth in FY 2023-24.

Maharashtra has demonstrated outstanding participation, with 2,63,156 youth joining the scheme, showcasing its capability in nurturing new talent, enhancing job readiness, and preparing young professionals for the workforce. Other states with notable participation include Tamil Nadu (1,01,495), Gujarat (83,730), Karnataka (78,444), and Uttar Pradesh (71,444).

Currently, more than 5.5 lakh apprenticeship vacancies are available on the portal, providing significant opportunities for youth, especially in rural and semi-urban areas, to transition smoothly from education to employment. Candidates can choose from 1,000 approved courses available across 36 sectors, enhancing the skills of fresh talent, and boosting their engagement with establishments, offering insights into various career opportunities across participating companies.

MSDE has implemented several reforms to improve the apprenticeship system in India. These include active stakeholder engagement, the introduction of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) under NAPS, and mandating companies with 30 or more employees to hire apprentices. The apprenticeship portal allows candidates to explore job opportunities across sectors, filtering data based on academic qualifications and skills that align with their career aspirations. Notably, the percentage of women apprentices has increased from 7% to 21% over the last five years.

Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, MSDE, stated, "To date, over 32 lakh youth have engaged in various apprenticeship programs across 36 sectors nationwide. We are collaborating with more than 110 industry clusters, covering one-third of India's districts. The direct benefit transfer of stipends has significantly boosted NAPS, with over INR 350 crores disbursed to apprentices since its launch last year. The next phase

of the scheme will see an increased percentage of apprentices receiving hands-on training across various establishments."

Efforts to promote the benefits of apprenticeship and vocational training aim to meet industry demands while providing on-the-job training and opportunities for aspiring professionals. This trend presents a promising prospect for employers to hire apprentices, helping them discover suitable job roles and maximizing their potential through comprehensive skill development.

Apprenticeship training is a critical component in creating skilled manpower in India, supporting the vision of Viksit Bharat. Amendments to the Apprentices Act in 2014, the Rules in 2019, and the launch of NAPS have facilitated greater engagement of apprentices by establishments. The scheme provides apprentices with access to structured training programs, mentorship opportunities, and hands-on learning experiences designed to meet industry demands. (National Skills Network, New Delhi – 14 June, 2024)

# NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

# Atul Kumar Tiwari becomes new chairperson of national council for vocational education and training

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is pleased to announce that Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, MSDE, has assumed the additional charge of Chairperson of the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) effective from the forenoon of 13th June 2024.

Shri Tiwari brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record in skill development and vocational training to this additional role. His extensive expertise and commitment to empowering youth through skill development initiatives are expected to further enhance the effectiveness and reach of NCVET's programs. National Council for Vocational Education and Training Chairperson

In his current role as Secretary, MSDE, Shri Tiwari has been instrumental in driving various national initiatives aimed at boosting skill development across the country. His leadership in MSDE will now extend to NCVET, where he will continue to work towards creating a robust and dynamic vocational education and training ecosystem.

NCVET, under the new chairmanship of Shri Tiwari, is poised to strengthen its mission of regulating and improving the standards of vocational education and training in India. This appointment marks a significant step towards achieving the goals set forth by the National Skill Development Mission and ensuring the alignment of vocational training with industry requirements.

(Skill Reporter, New Delhi – 14 June, 2024)

### **SCMS IN ACTION**

Australia-India Industry Skills Partnership Summit

Mr. Sanjay Sharma, CEO-SCMS attended the "Australia-India Industry Skills Partnership Summit' hosted by Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Australian Department of Employment and Workplace Relations on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 at Leela Palace, New Delhi. The prime objectives of the Summit were to build two-way market literacy and partnership momentum, develop business ties / partnerships between Australian and Indian institutions, universities and corporates providers and, support bilateral skills partnership momentum & facilitate collaboration between Australia and India in the realm of skill development.

Meeting with Kerala Academy of Skills Excellence

Mr. Navneet Kumar, COO-SCMS, attended a virtual conference which was organized by Kerala Academy of Skills Excellence, Kerala on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. With the objective of skilling the young workforce of Kerala and elevating their skills to global standards for employment in India and abroad, the Government of Kerala has set up Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE), a non-profit company as the nodal agency for facilitating and coordinating various skill development initiatives of the state.

FIMI's Managing Committee Meeting

Managing Committee Meeting of Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024 at FIMI House, New Delhi. Mr. Sanjay Sharma, CEO-SCMS, attended and shared updates/ highlights of Skill Council for Mining Sector.

**Meeting with Ministry of Mines** 

Mr. Sanjay Sharma, CEO-SCMS along with Mr. Navneet Kumar, COO-SCMS & Mr. B.K. Bhatia Additional Secretary General-FIMI attended a meeting with Shri V.L. Kantha Rao, Secretary, MoM, GoI, Shri Shakil Alam, Economic Adviser, MoM and Shri Sukhdeep Singh, Joint Director, MoM, on a comprehensive plan for a Skill Report covering mining, exploration and smelting operations, on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. In principle, the Secretary showed interest to move forward with the idea and assured SCMS of extending all possible support to SCMS. The next meeting in this direction is expected to take place with a larger stakeholder's group including Ministry of Coal, DGMS and few DMFTs.

#### **CII Annual Business Summit 2024**

Mr. Sanjay Sharma, CEO-SCMS, attended the CII Annual Business Summit 2024 on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at the Hotel Taj Palace, Delhi, India. The event was inaugurated by Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India and other key speakers were Shri BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog and Dr. S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India. It was a grand show with presence of many national & global leaders. Further interactive B2B meetings were held with Mr. Senthil Kumar Natesan, Chief Operating Officer & Partner GLOBAL LAB AND, CONSULTANCY SERVICES LLP, Er. Subbramanian M, Founder BALANETRA TECHNOLOGIES , Mr. Rajesh Rathi, Managing Director GASTECH SYSTEMS PVT LTD , Prof. Kapil Rampal Managing Director IVORY EDUCATION PVT LTD Miss. Mannat Malhotra Vice President Rishiraj Media Associate.

**Consultative Session with SSC Chairman** 

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organized a Consultative Session with SSC Chairman and CEOs on the sidelines of India Skills Competition 2024 on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at Parijat Hall, Yashobhoomi Dwarka exhibition centre. The session was chaired by Mr. Atul Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Employment and Co-chaired by Mrs. Sonal Mishra, Joint Secretary-I, Ministry of Skill Development and Employment and Mr. Ved Mani Tiwari, Chief Executive Officer, NSDC & Managing Director, NSDC International (CEO). The session was attended by Chairmen/ Board Members of 21 various SSCs. The following points were discussed during the session.

- 1. Role Enhancement of SSCs in Skilled Manpower Management
- 2. Role of SSCs in developing effective Industry aligned QPs
- 3. Implementation of CoEs
- 4. Diversification of SSC Revenues
- 5. Trainer & Assessor Ecosystem
- 6. Engagement with Unorganized & Gig Economy Sectors
- 7. Maintaining Relevance at the State Level
- 8. Building and Utilizing Labour Market Information Systems
- 9. Enhancing Adoption and Use of SIDH

On behalf of Skill Council for Mining Sector, Mr. Arunava Roychowdhury, Advisor- Corporate Communication, IREL (India) Ltd. along with Mr. Sudarshan Bellamkondi from SCMS attended the session and shared the views about the Opportunities and Challenges of the mining industries in skilling domain.



**Glimpses of the session** 

#### Webinar on "Revolutionizing Skill Development: India's Sector Skills Councils"

On 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 Mr. Sanjay Sharma-CEO, Mr. Navneet Kumar-COO, and all other team members of SCMS attended the webinar on "Revolutionizing Skill Development: India's Sector Skills Councils" organized by ILO, Geneva. The key speakers were Mr. Atul K Tiwari (IAS), Secretary, MSDE, Shri Vedmani Tiwari, CEO, NSDC, Mr. Samuel Amegayibor (CEO, REDA, GHANA), Dr. Khalid AlShahrani, GM SSC, MHRSD, Kingdom of Saudi Arabi and Ms. Shobhana Sosale, Sr. Education Specialist, World Bank.

#### Workshop on Coal Matrix for Indian Metals Industry focusing on Coal Gasification and Coal (Coking & Thermal) availability for Indian Metals

Mr. Sanjay Sharma, CEO-SCMS along with Mr. Apoorv, Manager-Content Development and Mr. Sudarshan, Head Placement & Industry Interaction attended a workshop on Coal Matrix for Indian Metals Industry focusing on Coal Gasification and Coal (Coking & Thermal) availability for Indian Metals industry organized by FICCI on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at FICCI Federation House, New Delhi. Mr. M Nagaraju, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Government of India was the keynote speaker. Later on, Mr. Pankaj Kumar Satija, Co-Chair, FICCI Mining Committee and Executive-in-Charge, Ferro Alloys & Minerals Division, Tata Steel Ltd. & Chairman-SCMS moderated a session on "Importance of Coal Gasification and Coal (Coking & Thermal) availability for Indian Metals Industry". The panel included Mr. Sanjay Singh, Director – Strategy and External Relations, JSPL and Former Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India, Mr. Rajnath Ram, Adviser, NITI Aayog, Government of India, Mr. U K Verma, Executive Director, Engineers India Ltd., Mr. M. Lakshminarasimhan, Additional General Manager - Coal to Chemicals & Marketing, Tiruchirapalli Unit, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. Mr. Shubham Goel, Vice President, SBI Capital Markets, Mr. Gaurav Verma, DGM & Branch Head, M N Dastur & Co. (P) Ltd. The session was concluded by Mr. Prabir Neogi, Mentor, FICCI Power Committee and Advisor, GMR Energy.



**Dignitaries on the Dias** 

Deliberations were made on the current & future requirements of coal for metals industry (focusing on coking coal for steel industry & thermal coal for aluminium industry). The event also focused on how coal gasification can be harnessed to revolutionize energy production and foster sustainable development. Coal is an important raw material for the metals industry, including steel & aluminium. Despite availability of huge resources of coal in the country, coal is being imported to bridge the gap between domestic demand and supply. Also, coal gasification offers a promising avenue for transforming energy production processes.

**CCL-Short Term Training project** 

An MOU was signed between SCMS & Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL) Ranchi under the CSR initiative on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 for a short-term training project for 60 project-affected persons (PAPs) in the district of Chatra. As of now, 30 candidates from Batch-1 are successfully trained & certified on the role of Loader Operator (Mining) and now undergoing the placement process. In addition, the training of Batch-2, comprising 33 candidates, is progressing well.



Glimpses of Assessment of Batch-1 of Loader Operator (Mining)

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**Glimpses of Training of Batch-2 of Loader Operator (Mining)** 

NUA Odisha-Short Term Training project

MOU was signed with the Odisha Skill Development Authority (OSDA) under the NUA Odisha scheme, a flagship initiative of the Odisha Government on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2023. This MoU aims to facilitate a short-term training project targeting 120 candidates, focusing on the job roles of HEMM Mechanic and Mine Welder. The training program kicked off with the first batch of 60 candidates for the HEMM Mechanic on 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Subsequently, the second batch, consisting of another 60 candidates for the Mine Welder, began their training on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2024.



Glimpses of Classroom Training of HEMM Mechanic & Mine Welder

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