



### NSDC signs LoU with UNDP and DA

**N**ational Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) Apprenticeship division (Ministry of Skill Development And Entrepreneurship), Disha project of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Society for Development Alternatives (DA) entered into a Letter of Understanding on 31st August 2018 for promoting apprenticeship and livelihoods for girls & women in five states of Delhi - Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Telangana, by forming a coalition with training providers, establishments, employers, NGOs, PMKVY centres, schools and colleges. The project objectives from this initiative are: (i) To provide necessary information through Bridging Information Gap sessions to 75,000 girls & women in order to align them to the benefits of apprenticeship and livelihoods benefits (ii) To enable apprenticeship or livelihood opportunities for 50,000 girls and women in 5 project states along the mandates of Disha programme of UNDP on market driven job sectors such as Retail, BFSI, Logistics & Transport, Automobiles, Hospitality, IT & ITES Sectors etc. (iii) To establish systems & processes along with UNDP Disha project team & NSDC's Apprenticeship Division by DA with DA as a mother NGO to roll out this model in 5 states through project partners and (iv) Create corporate partnerships with 400+ employers (establishments) as apprenticeship providers and employment providers

In this context, a workshop 'Programme design workshop for Promoting Apprenticeship & Livelihoods for Girls & Women in the states of Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Telangana' was organised with all stakeholders. The event started with the registration, followed by welcome address note by Mr. Manish Kumar, CEO, National Skill Development Corporation. Mr. Clement Chauvet (Chief, Skills and BD, UNDP India), Mr. Jayant Krishna, COO, NSDC and Dr. Arun Kumar (President, DA), gave the key note address. Then, the 'Letter of Understanding' was signed between NSDC, UNDP & DA. The

programme and coalition overview of the workshop was shared by Mr. Harsh Singh (Sr. Advisor, UNDP India) and Mr. Surajit Roy (Sr. Head, Apprenticeship Division, NSDC). The design sessions were conducted, which was followed by vote of thanks by Jayant Krishna (COO, NSDC) and further followed by Lunch.

After the successful workshop at Delhi, it was observed that several opportunity areas and coalition partnerships were emerging between the demand side of establishments and the supply side of training providers. In order to further continue this useful mapping of opportunities, a workshop under this programme was successfully conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 in Bengaluru.

On behalf of Apprenticeship division of NSDC, Disha team of UNDP and DA, along with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), which being a UNDP Disha project partner, is helping in the coalition strengthening, Various stakeholders were invited to an interactive half a day programme designing workshop. The objective of the workshop was to identify opportunities, challenges and support required related to promoting apprenticeship & Livelihoods for girls & women in select service sectors of Retail, Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI), Logistics & Transport, Automobile, Healthcare, Hospitality, IT & Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) etc.