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I am happy to know that the **International Organization for Educational Development – IOED** which is established in India as a Diplomatic Mission for the Educational and Economic Cooperation has launched its project Skill India Campaign in our country and South Asian countries through its collaborative centres.

I understand that the need to provide this youthful manpower with skills and ability to tackle the global recognition for producing quality skilled manpower and constant updating of training programmes and syllabi to ensure that the youth are exposed to the latest technology and industry environment when we face global challenges in human resources. The **IOED** linking with industries and global organizations to promote both apprenticeship and entrepreneurs is an important step to predict the possibilities of future and prepare for them today itself.

The launch of the mission assumes significance as “India currently faces a severe shortage of well trained, skilled workers. It is estimated that only 2.3% of the workforce in India has undergone formal skill training as compared to 68% in the UK, 75% in Germany, 52% in USA, 80% in Japan and 96% in South Korea. Large sections of the educated workforce have little or no job skills, making them largely unemployable. Therefore, India must focus on scaling up skill training efforts to meet the demands of employers and drive economic growth”

I wish the Executive Team of **IOED** all success.

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