

## Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Shri Anantkumar Hegde assume office at Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; To bring scale and speed to India's Skill Mission



**New Delhi, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Shri Anantkumar Hegde, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship today took charge of their respective portfolios at the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Addressing the media persons on the occasion, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** said, "I am extremely humbled that the Hon'ble Prime Minister has given me this responsibility to steer India's Skill Mission and we will ensure that we deliver on his expectations. He has a vision that we create a new environment of creating dignified job opportunity for the youth. This is a policy driven ministry and in the last three years we have been able to lay down the foundation for skill development in the country. We will now work towards bringing scale and speed to this program by bringing in convergence and coordination with our States, Departments, Private Institutions and other existing skill programs."

"It is a great responsibility more than a challenge and we will work for filling the need gaps and work towards ensuring the youth of a brighter future. We will explore all possible grid system, information systems, technology advent that the

country is witnessing, conventional jobs and new age skills to enable a more efficient outcome of our programs and schemes in skills.”

Committing himself to the Hon’ble Prime Minister’s vision, **Shri Anantkumar Hegde, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** said, “I consider the opportunity of being appointed as the Minister of State as greater responsibility towards serving the nation. I am certain that with the guidance of the Shri Pradhanji, we will work as per the defined agenda and draw a proper roadmap for the work to be taken up which will bring about efficiency in the skill ecosystem.

Shri Pradhan also added that job growth is an aspiration for any government. “This ministry has been doing good job and we will be giving it a major push to fulfil the objectives. Every month, there are more than 10 lakh youth joining the job market. Our primary objective will be to create grid across sectors, States and the aspiration of the youth and ensure all the requirements are well addressed,” he further added.

Following the joining of respective offices, both the Ministers took an elaborate review meeting with the officials at the Ministry.

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