

Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT), International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Ambattur Industrial Estates and Manufacturers Association (AIEMA) launches Pilot Project on “Skilling through National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) – Apprentices by ILO’s SCORE Methodology”

The Boards of Apprenticeship / Practical Training (BOATs/BOPT), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) launched a Pilot Project on “**Skilling through National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) – Apprentices by ILO’s SCORE Methodology**” in Automobile Sector in collaboration with Ambattur Industrial Estates and Manufacturers Association (AIEMA) on 16th June 2016 at Chennai Trade Centre during the inauguration of ACMEE Exhibition 2016.

Shri N. K. Murali, Co-ordinator AIEMA welcomed the gathering and briefed about need of the pilot project.

Stressing on the essentialism of ‘Skill Development’ for sustaining growth, Dr. Sher Verick, Deputy Director for Decent Work Team South Asia and Country office Indiasaid, ‘Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) - 8 calls for, among other targets, the achievement of full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including youth and people with disabilities, as well as equal pay by 2030. This will depend upon whether a Nation can expand the skills and capabilities of both its existing and future labour force. Apprenticeship training is an important medium for the youths to acquire skills relevant for the industries and transit from class-room to practical learning”.

ILO will bring in the international best practises in Apprenticeship training and develop the training curriculum for NATS pilot in consultation with AIEMA and BOATs. It will also provide technical support in the training of the Apprentices and post-training evaluation. National Apprenticeship Training Scheme is one of the flagship programmes of Government of India for Skilling Indian. It is a one year programme equipping technically qualified youth with practical knowledge and skills required in their field of work.



The Deputy Educational Adviser(T), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, New Delhi, Dr. D K Paliwal welcomed the idea of adding value to NATS apprentices by ILO’s SCORE methodology and expressed hope that the pilot project will demonstrate greater synergies between the apprentices and automobile industry for a win-win situation to both. He further added that the pilot learnings will form the basis for a technical operational framework to strengthen NATS implementation by BOATs in the states.

Shri. Gabriel H. Bordado, Senior skills and & Employability Specialist, ILO Decent work team South Asia, touched upon critical issues India is facing while skilling the

youth i.e. enormous youth population . Nearly over 60% of Indian population are youth between 16 to 30 years of age. He also mentioned that 93% of work force is in unorganised sector and apprenticeship training may play a vital role in addressing these issues.

It was followed by launching of pilot project by Shri.Michael Elkin , Chief Technical Advisor, SCORE – Global and handing over of SCORE methodology details to all Ministry of Human Resource Development Officials.

The pilot is for a 1-year period and will support the Government’s “Skill India” initiative and ILO’s to promote more and better quality jobs by enhancing enterprise productivity and employability of employees. Since 2012, ILO in partnership with AIEMA, has also been imparting productivity and quality improvement trainings to AIEMA members to enhance cluster-competitiveness under its global programme, Sustaining Competitive and Responsible Enterprises (SCORE).

The program ended with vote of thanks by Shri. L .Venugopal, Honorary General Secretary, AIEMA, Chennai