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**UNION HRD MINISTER SMT SMRITI IRANI LAUNCHES NATIONAL WEB PORTAL
FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING**

**NATIONAL WEB PORTAL TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN STUDENTS AND
INDUSTRY**

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Smt. Smriti Irani, Union Human Resource Development Minister launched the National Web Portal today at New Delhi for promotion of National Apprenticeship Scheme for Graduates, Diploma holders and 10+2 pass-outs vocational certificate holders. The Union Minister also released a Logo and a Slogan “*Sashakt Yuva, Samarth Bharat*” for the National Web Portal.

The Union Minister stated that Ministry of Human Resource Development implements the apprenticeship training scheme for one year through Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOATs)/Board of Practical Training (BOPT) located at Mumbai, Chennai, Kanpur and Kolkata. This portal enables door step delivery of service, streamlines processes and saves time for students. She also added that the portal through the mechanism of internal complaints committee would offer security for women at workplace and ensure grievance redressal for the apprentice. She added that the Portal will enable viable contract for students and industry partnership. The Union Minister asked the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to come together to expand the outreach and exposure especially for class XI and XII students.

The web portals of regional BOATs/BOPT have been integrated and data of all the regional BOATs/BOPT has been transferred to the National Web Portal. There has been a vacuum in obtaining reliable data at the central level about the needs of students who wish to join Apprenticeship Training. The National Web Portal will now ensure seamless connectivity with all stake holders including students, establishments and technical institutions across the country for transparent administration through e-Governance. It will also be a multilingual platform which currently engages with the user in Marathi, Bengali, Tamil and Hindi.

Shri V.S. Oberoi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education and Shri S.C. Khuntia, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy also attended the launch ceremony alongwith other dignitaries and senior officers from the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
