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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE TRAINED UNDER '*HUNAR SE ROJGAR SCHEME*' OF MINISTRY OF TOURISM

NHFDC & ITDC signs an MOU today

Students with Disabilities will now be trained in the Hospitality Industry under '*Hunar Se Rojgar Scheme*'. This is a pro-poor scheme aimed to bridge the gap of skilled manpower in the hospitality sector. This is a new initiative of the ITDC through its Ashok Institute of Hospitality & Tourism Management (AIH &TM) .

CMD, National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHFDC), Shri Harsh Bhal and Vice Chairman & MD, India Tourism & Development Corporation (ITDC), Dr. Lalit K. Panwar signed today an MOU at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi for skill development of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Hospitality Sector. A PwD who has a minimum qualification of 8th Class and is between the age group of 18 – 28 years is eligible to get training and other benefits under the scheme.

The scheme consists of six/eight weeks full time training programmes in services like, Food & Beverage, House Keeping Utility and Back office jobs etc. No application fee or course fee is chargeable to the trainees.

All expenditure towards the training fee, lab charges, cost of training material, honorarium to trainers/faculty, Uniform, Tool Kit, Stipend, Certification fee and Press Advertisements is met by Ministry of Tourism. Free meals are also provided to the trainees. Course test is conducted at the end of the training and certificates are issued to successful trainees. On completion of the training, Ashok Institute of Hospitality & Tourism Management (AIH&TM) also assists the students in finding suitable placements.

An exclusive and first training programme of Students with Disabilities is likely to be launched on the occasion of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Birth Day on 14th of April this year. This training will be provided by training institutes of the Ashok Institute of Hospitality & Tourism Management at Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi.

Improving the skills of Students with Disabilities will not only provide a new dimension to this Hunar Se Rojgar Scheme as it will be a milestone in the direction of social inclusion of PwDs but also equip them with the right attitude

and hospitality finesse that improves the quality of service rendered to tourists so as to encourage them to re-visit our county.

Under the MOU signed today between NHFDC & ITDC, the Students with Disabilities will also be eligible for skill upgradation course (Second Stage) which will be of the duration of 2 months to 6 months. The entire cost of the training and stipend @ Rs. 1,000/- per trainee per month will be borne by NHFDC.

Under the Hunar Se Rojgar scheme, the Students with Disabilities will be eligible for training in other parts of India also like Hotel Ranchi Ashok, Ranchi; Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, Mysore; Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubaneswar; Hotel Lake view Ashok, Bhopal; Hotel Pataliputra Ashok, Patna; Hotel Donyi Polo Ashok, Itanagar; Hotel Pondicherry Ashok, Puducherry; Hotel Jammu Ashok, Jammu; Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati; Hotel Jaipur Ashok, Jaipur; Hotel Bharatpur Ashok, Bharatpur etc.

(NB: The interested Students with Disabilities are advised to enroll online for this training through NHFDC website: www.nhfdc.nic.in)
