## Meeting with Top Job Portals of the Country for strengthening the "Employment and Skilling Ecosystem"

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The Ministry of Labour and Employment is implementing the National Career Service (NCS) Project as a Mission Mode Project for transformation of the National Employment Service to provide a variety of employment related services like job matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, apprenticeship, internships etc. The services under NCS are available online which was dedicated to the Nation by Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2015. All the services available in the portal are free of cost for all stake holders including jobseekers, employers, training providers and placement organizations. The NCS portals can be accessed directly or from Career Centres (Employment Exchanges), Common Service Centres, Post Office Network, mobile devices, cyber cafes etc.

Shri Sunil Barthwal, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment held a meeting today i.e. 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 with representatives of the top private Job Portals of the country for discussion towards strengthening the "Employment and Skilling Ecosystem" in India.

The Secretary, Labour & Employment briefed about the vision of the Ministry to strengthen the ecosystem to enhance job and skilling opportunities for its users and also informed the participants that the Udyam, e-Shram, NCS and ASEEM portals will be interlinked as per the Budget announcement made by the Honorable Minister of Finance.

The representatives from top private Job Portals like Naukri, Monster, LinkedIn, Indeed, TimesJobs, Quess Corp Limited, HT Shine, Freshersworld (A TeamLease Company), QuikrJobs, Portea, Freshers Live, HireMee, FirstJob enthusiastically participated in the meeting and appreciated the transformational vision of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Further, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment informed that the top industry associations namely the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) are also onboard on the theme of strengthening the "Employment and Skilling Ecosystem", in the country.

The Secretary, Labour & Employment outlined the vision of the Ministry to enhance the reach of National Career Service Portal (NCS) for all Employment and Skilling initiatives across all the industries and emphasised on the upcoming linkages with e-Shram, Udyam and ASEEM portal. The participants were also informed of the initiative of the Ministry to leverage Universal Account Number (UAN) issued by eShram and EPFO to facilitate easy registration on NCS.

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