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MESSAGE

It's a matter of huge satisfaction for me personally that Sikkim Legislative Assembly took a historic step of enacting the Board of Open Schooling and Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim Act, 2020. This Board is being set up in public private partnership mode between Regional Education Development Council, Delhi and Government of Sikkim. The Board is designed to provide the much needed requirement of those students who have not been able to complete their school education due to some reason and enable them to acquire a formal school Certificate along with skill training to fulfill their aspiration. I am very happy to note that this innovative step of Government of Sikkim is completely in sync with the National Education Policy, 2020 which lays great emphasis on quality vocational education. The new policy envisages strengthening of Vocational education in a big way by way of professional training of its teachers, setting up of quality labs in schools, promotion of State specific arts and crafts and empowering students with quality vocational education for their bright and meaningful future. The public private partnership model shall ensure that the Board is able to establish linkages with industry and other relevant organizations in a flexible manner for imparting quality and affordable vocational school education to all such students who for some reasons could not complete it through regular schooling. I sincerely hope that the Board will be able to fulfill the aspirations of our young students and enable them to bridge the gap for their school education along with the skill education. Indeed, the Board should successfully transform our students from job seekers to job providers.

I am pleased to note that BOSSE is bringing out its prospectus containing all such details for the benefit of our aspiring students. I am confident that this document shall be immensely useful in guiding and mentoring our young students. I also take this opportunity of complimenting the Regional Education Development Council, New Delhi for having taken this initiative and partnering with Government of Sikkim for this unique initiative.

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