

Symbiosis and CSC Academy join hands to bring educational and skill courses to rural areas

Pune, July 18: Symbiosis Open Education Society (SOES) has partnered with CSC Academy to provide an array of educational and vocational skill courses to learners in rural and remote areas of the country.

A MoU on this was signed between Dr. Swati Mujumdar, Principal Director, SOES and Dr. Dinesh Tyagi, CEO, CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, Ministry of Electronics & IT, today in Pune. As per the agreement, SOES shall leverage the network of Common Services Centers for reaching out to potential learners for enrolling in short and long term distance learning programmes.

CSC's shall act as SOES admission facilitation centres and assist potential candidates to seek admission with SOES. CSCs meeting the infrastructure and manpower requirements will also be selected to function as SOES examination centres.

SOES and CSC Academy will also offer short term skilling courses in blended learning format, coupled with hands-on industry training for rural youth.

Elaborating on the partnership, Dr. Swati Mujumdar said, "The mission of SOES is to reach the unreached and provide access to quality education. Similarly, CSCs have been established to provide basic services to the last mile. There is a synergy between the two organisations towards reaching the remote areas. I hope this collaboration will help take quality education and skill development programmes to the remotest parts of our country."

CEO, CSC SPV, Dr. Dinesh Tyagi said, "This strategic partnership will enable youth and adult learners from rural and semi-urban areas to acquire education and marketable skills. There are more than 3.5 lakh CSCs that will be leveraged to extend the reach of educational and vocational programmes offered by Symbiosis."

About SOES

Symbiosis Open Education Society (SOES) is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, to promote vocational, skill based education and open and distance learning. SOES comprises of Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning (SCDL) and Symbiosis Skills & Open University.

Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning (SCDL) is one of the leading autonomous distance learning institutes in India offering Post Graduate Diploma, Diploma and Certificate programmes across industry sectors including Business Management, International Business, Information Technology, Data Science & Statistics, Banking and Finance, Supply Chain Management, Education Management, Project Management, Business and Corporate Law and Entrepreneurship Development.

Symbiosis Skills & Open University (SSOU) is Maharashtra's first Skills University enacted through State legislation that offers Certificates, Diplomas and Degree programmes in high growth sectors such as Automobile, Construction, Mechatronics, Data Science, Architecture, Retail, Ports & Terminal Management, Beauty & Wellness, etc. The objective of the University is to create 'industry ready' youth who can be gainfully employed upon completion of their courses.

About Common Services Centers

Common Services Centers (CSCs) are an integral part of the Digital India programme. They are the access points for delivery of various digital services to rural and semi-urban areas of the country. CSCs offer assisted access of e-services to citizens with a focus on enhancing governance, delivering essential government and public utility services, social welfare schemes, financial services, education and skill development courses, health and agriculture services and digital literacy, apart from a host of B2C services.

CSC e-Governance Services India Limited is a Special Purpose Vehicle created by the Ministry of Electronics & IT to oversee the implementation of CSC scheme.

CSC Academy is a registered society, set up by CSC SPV in 2017, that provides access to professional courses for learners of diverse backgrounds and educational needs. CSC Academy is committed to delivering of specialised courses and training programmes and promotion of entrepreneurship among the rural masses in India.

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