

Visit of Delegation from Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education, and Regional Institute of Education, Bhopal: 11th December 2024

A high-level delegation from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), Republic of Korea (RoK), led by Mr. Woo Chan Chang, Director (India), and comprising Ms. Jooyeon Kim and Ms. Maria, visited the PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE) and the Regional Institute of Education (RIE) in Bhopal on December 11, 2024.

The visit aimed to evaluate the existing infrastructure and facilities at these institutions in preparation for the establishment of equipment and the introduction of a Mechatronics course at the Demonstration Multipurpose School (DMS), Bhopal. During their visit to PSSCIVE, the KOICA delegation held a productive meeting with faculty members. Dr. Deepak Paliwal, Joint Director of PSSCIVE, provided a comprehensive overview of the institute's ongoing activities and assured the delegation of PSSCIVE's full support in implementing the Mechatronics course. The meeting highlighted the institute's commitment to fostering innovation and skill development in line with international standards.

The delegation proceeded to RIE, where they met with Dr. Jaideep Mandal, Principal of RIE, to discuss



the logistical and operational aspects of introducing the Mechatronics course. The collaborative dialogue emphasized the importance of aligning the course with the current educational framework and enhancing technical education at the school level.

Prof. Vinay Swarup Mehrotra, Head of the Centre for International Relationship (CIR) at PSSCIVE coordinated the visit.

This engagement between the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and KOICA signifies a significant step towards fostering international educational partnerships and enhancing vocational education in India. The introduction of the Mechatronics course is expected to equip students with industry-relevant skills, promoting career readiness and technological advancement.

