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Shri V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs & Parliamentary Affairs inaugurated the first ever Upskilling & Training Centre for Indian Blue Collar Workers in UAE at Delhi Private School (DPS), Jebel Ali on Jan 20, 2021. On this occasion, Shri Vipul, Joint Secretary (Gulf), Shri Dinesh Kothari, Chairman of DPS Society in UAE, and Dr Aman Puri, Consul General of India to Dubai & Northern Emirates were present.

On this occasion, Hon'ble MOS inaugurated the classes for Basic Arabic language, English Language, and Computer skills in the premises of the DPS School. He interacted with the workers, and expressed his happiness to see the interest of the workers, especially female workers to enhance their skills and increase their employability in the host country.

In his welcome remarks, Shri Dinesh Kothari, Chairman of DPS Society in Dubai praised the initiative of the Indian Consulate to bring all stakeholders together and expressed confidence that this create a replicate model for the welfare of the blue collar worker, where academia

(schools and universities) will partner with Industry, and design the courses to enhance the skills of workers. He expressed his happiness that DPS became the first such institution, who has worked closely with the Consulate to convert an idea into the reality and was particularly honoured that Hon'ble Minister inaugurated it.

In his interaction with the fellow Indian workers in the auditorium of the DPS School, Hon'ble MOS extended his warm greetings to the workers and conveyed that Indian Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh Narendra Modi attaches great value to the contribution of the blue collar workers to the Indian economy, by way of remittances they send as their hard earned money. He told them that their hard work and role in the nation building has earned praises from the UAE leadership, who is equally committed for the welfare of the Indian workers as for all residents. Hon'ble MOS conveyed to the workers that he is aware of the problems faced by them in the tough times of Covid, and the Prime Minister himself has instructed all concerned states to do the needful and design programmes to help workers who are returning from abroad including preparing database of workers to re-employ them as per their skills near to their place under the programme Skilled Workers Arrival Database for Employment Support (SWADES). He also said that the Ministry of External Affairs is also working closely with National Skill Development Mission under the Skill India Programme launched by PM Modi so that all labourers go well trained and educated to the foreign land.

On this occasion, Consul General, Dr Aman Puri thanked the Minister of State for External Affairs & Parliamentary Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan for his personal interest in the concept of the upskilling and training of blue collar workers, and also to the management of the DPS School for their continued support in providing space, infrastructure and faculty for this ambitious programme. He urged all employers to come forward to be part of this mission to tackle the post

Covid challenges by upskilling of work force which is a win win situation for both workers and employers. He also assured that the Consulate will continue to play the role of catalyst and facilitator in this endeavour, and support of all stakeholders is crucial to make this programme a grand success, and a role model for others to follow.

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