**Strengthening Vocational Education and Training in Mechatronics in India: Signing Ceremony of Record of Discussion (RoD) between NCERT and KOICA on 7th March 2025 at CIET, New Delhi**

In a significant step towards enhancing vocational education and training (VET) in Mechatronics in India, a Record of Discussion (RoD) was signed between the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The signing ceremony took place at Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), NCERT, New Delhi, marking a new phase of collaboration between India and the Republic of Korea (RoK) in skill development and education.

Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, NCERT, and Mr. Jong Min Park, Director General, KOICA, formally signed the RoD, reinforcing the commitment of both organizations to strengthen vocational training programmes in Mechatronics. The event was attended by a distinguished 10-member delegation from the Republic of Korea. The ceremony witnessed the participation of Joint Directors of NCERT, CIET, and PSSCIVE, Bhopal, along with officials from the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSE&L), Ministry of Education (MoE), representatives from *Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan* (KVS) and *Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti* (NVS), Deans of faculties of NCERT, and faculty members from NCERT and Regional Institutes of Education across five regions in India.

This partnership aims to bolster vocational education by leveraging KOICA's expertise in mechatronics, a crucial field in modern technology-driven industries. The collaboration is expected to enhance curriculum development, teacher training, and practical learning opportunities for students in India.

The agreement reflects the shared vision of both nations in fostering skill-based education to meet the demands of the evolving job market. Through this initiative, India and Korea reaffirm their commitment to equipping the youth with advanced technical skills, thereby contributing to the global workforce.