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As you all know, Board of Practical Training, Eastern Region, is an autonomous body under the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India and has played a crucial role in facilitating Apprenticeship Training to the freshly passed-out graduate engineers, diploma holders and 10+2 vocational students in different industries and establishments. This has played an enormous role in enhancing the skill component of the students in practical terms.

Though this scheme is based on stipendiary share of Govt. of India, the prime motive behind is to develop the skill of the fresh passed-out technical students who did not undergo any industrial exposure for a reasonable duration. The passed-out students should come forward and avail the facilities of this scheme to make themselves more employable in the job market. The one year training as provided under this scheme is equivalent to one year working experience, enabling them to have a better entry into different jobs especially the Govt. ones. The revision in the stipend rate is also under the active consideration of Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India and is expected to bring encouragement amongst the students in a massive way.

Being a country of enormous young population, Govt. of India has come up with a 'Skill Development Mission' to take the advantage of demographic dividend to unleash a population of talented skilled manpower. The role of BOPT(ER), Kolkata, in this backdrop has increased a lot and we have diversified our activities in this emerging context. The National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) web portal has come into full force and the entire activities of enrollment of Students, Institutions and Industries have been made online exclusively. Also, the selection and engagement of enrolled students for Apprenticeship Training and reimbursement of stipend by the establishments has also become an exclusive online activity from 01/04/2017. This NATS portal will work as an effective virtual platform in facilitating the implementation of Apprentices Act in the Eastern Region. In this year too, we have developed an 'Action Plan and Programme Calendar, April 2017 – March 2018' to disseminate our plan and activities throughout the year 2017-18. The activities that will be performed in the coming days have been given in detail in this Programme Calendar so that the interested individuals and establishments may also involve themselves in the endeavor.

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