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Odisha launches career portal for students

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The Department of School and Mass Education, Government of Odisha in collaboration with UNICEF has launched the career portal for Secondary and Higher Secondary students to help them with expert advice with their future careers. The Portal can be accessed through the website <u>www.odishacareerportal.com</u> with the student login ID and password.

The portal will provide easy access to information on different careers and will give students an opportunity to interact with reachers. Students will also be able to access career guidance services through a mobile friendly app created specifically for the portal.

The Odisha Career guidance portal is available in Odia. It is a unique platform that aggregates information on careers, colleges, vocational institutes, entrance exams and scholarships. The portal includes information on more than 550 career paths and students will be able to access more than 2,62,000 colleges and vocational institutes with the information on 17,000 plus undergraduate, postgraduate colleges and vocational institutes in the State and country. Detailed information regarding 1150 entrance exams including application procedure. Information is also available on more than 1120 scholarships, competitions and fellowships for higher education in India and abroad.

Hon'ble Minister, School and Mass Education Mr. Samir Ranjan Dash highlighted that this career portal had come at a very pertinent time as it is the need of the hour to ensure all children acquire knowledge on wide ranging career options and make informed choices during the unprecedented education emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The most impressive aspect about this career portal is that its content is localized and contextualised students would be able to login to the dashboard through a unique ID created to access information, post queries and apply.

Principal Secretary, School & Mass Education Department Mr. Satyabrat Sahoo said. "We hope that the career portal reaches all Secondary and Higher Secondary students with its services and information. The portal will enable adolescents to choose a career path in alignment with their aspirations and aptitudes and help to connect them with work opportunities. This also provides opportunities to interact with great personalities, mentors from reputed professional and vocational institutes, enabling students to further understand potential learning and career opportunities.

While welcoming the guests, SPD, Mr. Bhupindar Singh Poonia highlighted, massive impact on lives of students from Secondary and Higher Secondary across Odisha in the coming years at addressing development needs and career concerns of adolescent students to undergo huge physical and emotional transformation to face global challenges.

Chief of Field Office, UNICEF, Dr. Monika Nielsen said that the, Odisha career portal is a significant medium for equipping adolescent students of Secondary and Higher Secondary in the State to navigate a smooth transition from school to work through Higher Education, UNICEF is committed to support quality learning interventions state wide.