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# Skill India to transform lives of juveniles in UP

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**LUCKNOW** : The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), the UP home department and the state department of women and child development signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Saturday to collaborate for creating and implementing various skill

development programme for up to 11,000 children in conflict with law, street children and children in need of care and protection in Uttar Pradesh.

The MoU was signed in the presence of justice Madan B Lokur, judge of the Supreme Court and chairperson of the Supreme Court Committee on Juvenile Justice; justice Deepak Gupta, of the Supreme Court, justice Dilip Bho-sale, chief justice of the Allahabad high court, justice Vikram Nath; Kamal Saksena, IPS, secretary, department of women and child development, UP government, among others.

Speaking on the occasion, Jayant Krishna, executive director and chief oper-



■ Jayant Krishna, COO, NSDC exchanges MoU with DGP OP Singh. HT

ating officer, NSDC, said “This collaboration with the UP government for establishing various skilling programmes in 10 districts is a pivotal move towards transforming the lives of children who have been unfortunate victims of adverse circumstances. This programme aims not only to equip them with skills training, but it will also open doors of opportunities, which will go a long way in transforming their lives both socially and economically.” State director general of police OP Singh said, “Addressing the need for reformative and corrective action, this skill development programme endeavours that every such child gets an opportunity to secure a dignified

and sustainable livelihood. From street children to youth in conflict of law, the initiative will train, certify and facilitate employment prospects to the skilled youth for a better tomorrow.”

Renuka Kumar, principal secretary, department of women and child development, government of Uttar Pradesh, quoted, “The partnership is intended to develop effective and sustainable programme for reducing juvenile crime and increasing youth potential. The department seeks to nurture a society of opportunities and inclusion by initiating skill training for the youth in the domain of their interest which will also help them to create a career for themselves.”