

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship readies all NSTIs to be used as quarantine centres in preparedness of COVID-19

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New Delhi, March 29, 2020: As a part of the Government's preparedness to fight the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has decided to make available all National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) and their hostels across the country for conversion into quarantine/ isolation facilities. The decision was taken by the Ministry to align its efforts with the Centre in preparedness for the pandemic that has caused tens of thousands of deaths globally. India has so far managed to control the spread of the infection and a nationwide lockdown was implemented last week to encourage social distancing among people.

MSDE has also provided the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare a list of around one lakh personnel who have been trained in healthcare skills through various programmes under the Skill India Mission. Trained in various job roles, these candidates will boost the efforts to contain the spread and treatment and care of infected people in the new quarantine/ isolation/ hospital facilities being set up.

In addition, a list of 2000 health care trainers and more than 500 health care assessors have also been shared with MoHFW.

Further, the personnel of the Ministry has also decided to contribute at least minimum one day salary to the PM CARES fund to aid the Government's efforts to fight the corona virus pandemic.

Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship said the addition of NSTIs will help district and state administrations in treating those infected by the virus by providing an alternative for hospitals and health centres. "In view of the global emergency caused by the unprecedented spread of the Novel Coronavirus, the Skill Development Ministry will provide every possible support to the Central Government in fighting this pandemic. We have requested all Regional Directors of NSTIs to fully cooperate with State Government authorities to help them meet the requirement of facilities as and when it arises. In addition, the State Governments can also use the premises of ITIs for the same ."

Run by the Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) are premier institutes that provides training in specialised skills across its spread of training centers and hostels in the country. The nearly one lakh candidates who will aid in emergency and isolation work in the battle against COVID-19 have been trained in various job roles including:

PMKVY Health Trained: **92,040**
Radiology: **373**
X-Ray Technician: **299**
Frontline Health Worker: **530**

Emergency Medical Technician (Basic): **989**
Home Health Aid: **1644**
General Duty Assistant: **10,172**
Phlebotomy Technician: **334**

The pandemic that originated in Wuhan in the Hubei province of the People's Republic of China in January has so far claimed 26 lives in the country while infecting nearly 1045 people. Globally, it has caused about 27,000 deaths while infecting lakhs of people.

About Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

MSDE was formed on November 9, 2014 by the Government of India to focus on enhancing employability of skills. Since its inception, MSDE has undertaken significant initiatives and reforms in terms of formalizing the policy, framework and standards; launching of new programs and schemes; creating new infrastructure and upgrading the existing institutions; partnering with States; engaging with industries and building societal acceptance and aspirations for skills. The Ministry aims to bridge the gap between demand and supply of skilled manpower to build new skills and innovation not only for existing jobs but also for jobs that are to be created. Till date, more than three crore people have been trained under Skill India. Under its flagship programme, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-2020, the Ministry has trained more than 73 lakh candidates so far.

About National Skill Training Institute:

National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) are one of the premier institutes run by the by the Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India. It was initially set up by the Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGE&T), Ministry of Employment and Labour, Govt. of India in the year 1963 with the main objective of imparting training to the instructor of ITIs in the country. The mission and vision of the centers is to impart Quality training & upgrading skills of the industrial workforce in emerging areas. Another important objective of NSTI is continually making efforts to bridge the gap between industry & academics and to enhance the employability skills of craftsman to enhance the credibility of certification for Craft Instructor Training and to facilitate placement through its placement cell.

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