

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of October, 2020

Important events for the month of October, 2020 are as follows:

1. **Restarting of Training:** The ITIs, the training centres under PMKVY and Apprenticeship training establishments have started functioning in the month of October, except in four states, after permission was given for the same under Unlock 4.0. The centres are following the precautions laid down under the SOP issued by MoHFW, along with the detailed guidelines issued by this Ministry.
2. **Reopening of JSS:** A decision has been taken to re-open all the training centers of JSS from 2nd November 2020. The requisite guidelines and frameworks have been put in place to ensure that social distancing and hygiene norms as outlined by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are followed at the training centres.
3. **Consultation Initiated for minimizing the Regulatory Compliances:** Ministry has started the process to ease the Regulatory Compliance for its stakeholders and general public. This is aimed to ease the modalities involved in complying with relevant laws, policies, and regulations for the schemes/projects and to increase the operational transparency coupled with reduction in unnecessary duplication of effort of various stakeholders. In pursuance of the same, Ministry is conducting an online survey to understand the pinch points of the stakeholders and listen to their suggestions on remedies for proper resolution of issues.
4. **Convergence of MSDE and MoRD for Self-Help Groups:** A concept paper was prepared and shared with MoRD on modalities to create strong linkage of JSSs with the self-help groups in their respective areas. It is proposed that network of Jan Sikshan Sansthan under MSDE shall provide capacity building through skill training support to SHGs.
5. **Migration of Health Workers to foreign countries:** A number of steps have been taken for enabling migration of health workers to foreign countries, Health sector job role mapping of Indian job roles with those in fifteen countries has been done. A sub Working Group is being set up for migration of health care workers to Germany comprising representatives from MSDE, MEA, Embassy of India in Germany, NSDC, DGT, NCVECT, Health Sector Skill Council and representative of the German Government and German Embassy. Reminder Letters/emails sent to Ministry of External Affairs and Embassy of all countries requesting for video conferencing with the regulatory authorities of these countries.
6. **Aspirational Districts:** The undersigned held a virtual meeting with the District Collectors of Aspirational Districts of non-Hindi states on 13th October to review the progress made in the Aspirational Skilling Plan.
7. **Activities undertaken under SANKALP:** District Skill Development Plans (DSDPs) have been received from 448 Districts across 28 States under DSDP Awards 2020-21. This was significantly higher than the 223 DSDPs received for 2019-20. The Programme Approval Board of Sankalp met on 29th October, in which a number of schemes such as expansion of MGNF to all Districts in the country, commissioning of tracer studies, integration of skilling at Gram Panchayat level, etc were approved.

8. **Rajbhasha Award 2020:**The awards for events organized during Rajbhasha Pakhwada was conducted online on 28.10.2020. Hon'ble MOS has distributed 30 awards in total six categories.
9. **Training of Trainers:**494 Master trainers of ITIs /NSTIs were trained from various States/UTs for 2 days through a blended learning training programme organized by CSTARI through webinar.
10. **Introduction of new courses:** 7th Meeting of Recommendation Committee on 'Norms & Courses' was held on 29.10.2020 through VC, wherein, introduction of 29 new courses (13 Short Term courses, 16 Long Term courses) in ITIs / NSTIs / Establishments were put up for approval for academic session 2020-21 and onwards.
11. **All India Trade Test (AITT):**AITT for the Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) trainees of the Session 2019-20, for the First batch of trainees was successfully conducted from 09/10/2020 till 18/10/2020.
12. **Partnership of ITIs with Industry:** Tripartite MoU between DGT- Microsoft Corporation India Private Limited and NASSCOM Foundation is under finalization, under which NASSCOM Foundation will support DGT and Microsoft with expertise in the design and development of a Blended learning curriculum for the COPA trade and deliver the ToTs envisaged under the project.Action has been initiated for extension of MoU with CISCO for access to NetAcad self-learning courses on Bharatskills (bharatskills.gov.in) and Online certification for students for another 2 years
13. **Campaigns and Pledges:**Jan Andolan Campaign was launched for fight against COVID-19. Emails were sent to 21 lakh candidates for awareness on taking precautions.Pledge was taken by MSDE officials and Institutions under the Ministry for Vigilance Week and National Unity Day.
14. **Meeting on National Education Policy:** A meeting was held on 1st October with Ministries of Higher Education, School Education, AICTE, UGC, CBSE, etc to lay down the road map for seamless integration of formal education with vocational education. This was followed up with a meeting with Secretary, Department of School Education and her team on 20th October.
15. **SGOS Meeting:** A review meeting was taken by Cabinet Secretary with the Secretaries of the SGOS Group 4 (Social Sector), on 7th October in which Secretary MSDE also participated and presented the progress made under the SGOS Plan of Action.
16. **NCVET Meeting:** The 2nd meeting of the National Council for Vocational Education and Training was held on 20th October, in which the new Awarding Body and Assessment Agency Guidelines were approved. The same were publicly released on 27th October in a function chaired by Hon' Minister MSDE.
