

## **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**

### **Summary for the month of February 2021**

#### **Important events for the month are as under:**

1. A presentation on role of states in skill development was made in a meeting of State Chief Secretaries on 6<sup>th</sup> February, it being the preparatory meet for the Meeting of Governing Council of Niti Aayog held on 20<sup>th</sup> February.
2. Meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour and Employment was held on 18<sup>th</sup> February in which the Demand for Grants for the Ministry was presented.
3. Presented the Skilling plan to the Aspirational Districts in a workshop conducted by Niti Aayog on 9<sup>th</sup> February.
4. A press meet was held by Secretary on 11<sup>th</sup> February to brief the media about the Budget Announcements related to Skill Development.
5. National roll-out of Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme, under the World Bank Funded programme SANKALP, was done in partnership with nine IIMs namely Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Kozhikode, Visakhapatnam, Udaipur, Nagpur, Ranchi and Jammu.
6. A SFC Meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February regarding continuation of the Scheme on Skill Development in 47 Districts affected by Left Wing Extremism.
7. A National Conference of all Skill Regulators, comprising of State Councils for Vocational Training and National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) was held by NCVET on 2<sup>nd</sup> February in which the regulatory road map of the country, along with respective roles of Regulators, was discussed.
8. Virtual Meeting with India International Skilling Centre (IISC) Network Members and Manpower Deployment Agencies was held on 23.02.2021 with the objective to interact with these agencies supplying work force from India to international markets and gain insights on the various requirements and challenges with regards to issues such as VISA regulations, International Skill Certifications, Language Training, etc.
9. The National Steering Committee meeting of the World Bank Funded Programme STRIVE was conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
10. An MoU was signed with Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) for capacity building of members of State and District Skill Committee officials of Kerala, Lakshadweep, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry under SANKALP.
11. An MoU was signed with IIT Delhi and IIT Kharagpur as evaluation partners for the District Skill Development Plan Awards.

12. Training on Gender Sensitisation and Prevention of Sexual Harassment at workplace, under SANKALP, in partnership with Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council (MEPSC), was inaugurated.
13. Cluster based Training of Trainers (ToT), in partnership with GIZ Indo German Programme for Vocational Education and Training, Maharashtra Skill Development Society and Automotive Skills Development Council, was inaugurated.
14. 1<sup>st</sup> India-Japan JWG meeting pertaining to “Specified Skilled Workers (SSW)” was held on 8<sup>th</sup> February. Tentative plan for operationalizing the pilot batch program under SSW was sent to MEA.
15. The Apex Committee in the Directorate General of Training (DGT) for regulating its functioning as an Awarding Body under the new regulations of NCVET was constituted.
16. The meetings of 40<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee and 35<sup>th</sup> Governing Council of Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati were held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE on 16<sup>th</sup> February.
17. A meeting to review the progress of implementation of Skill Development programmes in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, was taken on 10<sup>th</sup> February.
18. A consultative meeting chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February to discuss the setting up of India's first National Skill University in Varanasi. The meeting was attended by officers from MSDE, NCVET, M/o Education and UGC.
19. The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, wherein ten Qualifications were placed for approval. The Committee approved nine Qualifications, while one Qualification was conditionally approved. With this, a total number of 4137 qualifications have been aligned to NSQF. Further, the Committee also ratified the deactivation of qualifications related to healthcare sector based on MoHFW comments.
20. A series of advocacy and clarification workshops were conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> February by NCVET for clarifying the new skill regulatory regime, including standardized certification, wherein various awarding bodies and states participated.
21. As part of MSDEs contribution to the Toy Story, a Concept Note on Scheme on Skilling for Toy Industries was finalised and sent for comments.
22. As an effort for achieving Atmanirbharta in Defence Production, Concept Note for a new programme on skilling for defence industry (named NIPUN) was finalised and sent to Defence Public Sector Undertakings for comments.
23. An Online Blended learning Training of Master Trainers of NSTIs/ITIs (Govt. & Pvt.) was organized by Central Staff Training and Research Institute (CSTARI) in six most

demande trades (Fitter, Electrician, Mechanic Diesel, COPA, Cosmetology and Welder). So far, 6,656 trainers of ITIs have been trained by Master Trainers.

24. Computer Based test (CBT) introduced for the first time this year for outgoing trainees of ITIs, continued in the month of February 2021. More than 5 lakh ITI trainees across the country have taken the CBT in the month of February 2021.

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