

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

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

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

- 1. Webinar on Budget Announcements:** A webinar was organised on the theme “Harnessing Education, Research and Skill Development for an Atmanirbhar Bharat” on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 for effective implementation of Budget Announcements 2021. Issues pertaining to Budget Para no. 124 and 125 pertaining to MSDE were discussed in detail in a parallel session. As a follow up, Ministry organized a separate day long session on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 for a detailed stakeholder consultation. More than 150 government and private representatives participated and shared their valuable suggestions on the proposed Budget Announcements.
- 2. International Women’s Day Celebrations:** International Women’s Day was celebrated in NDMC Convention Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 in which Women micro entrepreneurs were honoured in a physical cum virtual programme.
- 3. Review by Advisor PMO:** A review on skilling strategy for coming years was held by Advisor, Prime Minister Office, Sh. Amarjit Sinha.
- 4. Review of Apprenticeship by Niti Aayog:** Vice Chairman, Niti Aayog, held a meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> of March on ways to improve apprenticeship in the country.
- 5. SGOS Meeting:** A meeting of the SGoS - Group 4 (Social) was convened on 19.03.2021 by Secretary (Higher Education) to inter-alia discuss the various activities/ events being planned by the Ministries/ Departments under SGoS-4 towards Azaadi ka Amrut Mahotsav. The list of activities/ events being planned by MSDE has already been shared with DHE and Ministry of Culture.
- 6. NSQC Meeting:** The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) under NCVET was held under the Chairpersonship of Chairperson, NCVET & Secretary, MSDE on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 wherein 19 Qualifications were placed for approval. The Committee approved 07 Qualifications, while 12 Qualifications were conditionally approved. With this, a total number of 4,146 qualifications have been aligned to NSQF. Further, the Committee also granted extension to 1,857 SSC Qualifications (in both short-term training and recognition of prior learning) for a period of six months (i.e. from 25.03.2021 to 24.09.2021) under Scheme- PMKVY.
- 7. International Outreach to foreign Regulators:** As a drive towards interaction with international regulators on skilling, meeting with skill regulators was held with New Zealand on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and with Australia on 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- 8. Meeting with High Commissioner Singapore:** A meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> March with High Commissioner of Singapore to explore skilling partnership between Singapore and India.

9. **Meeting with High Commissioner Australia:** A meeting was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March with High Commissioner of Australia as a follow up on skilling partnership between Australia and India.

10. **Governing Council meeting of NIMI:** Governing Council meeting of National Instructional Media Institute (NIMI), an autonomous society under the Ministry was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March

11. **Centralized admission in NSTIs:** Centralized admission process for Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) Session 2020-21 in National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI) was completed. This has been done for the first time in the country.

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