

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of May 2021

Important events for the month are as under:

1. **Special Programme 'Customised Crash Course Programme for COVID Warriors'** - COVID-19 has put our Healthcare system under unprecedented stress. Skilled healthcare workers are the need of the hour to reduce the burden of existing healthcare human resources, and to provide timely healthcare services across the country. For the same, MSDE is undertaking a special programme for skilling of COVID-19 Warriors comprising following components, namely: (a) Customized skilling/ upskilling of health care workers through a Special Crash Programme, of around one lakh youth in six job roles relating to front line workers. A presentation regarding this was given to the informal GOM on 17th of May, 2021, which agreed to the proposal. (b) Training of 2400 Heavy Vehicle drivers for driving Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) tankers through NSDC and Logistics Sector Skill Council, and (c) Training of around 15000 ITI graduates for formation of Quick Maintenance Team (QMT) in districts for operation and maintenance of Oxygen plants, Mini Oxygen Concentrators and Medical Ventilators.

2. **Amendment of Apprentices Act, 1961:** MSDE invited public comments on the Concept Note on proposed amendments in the Apprentices Act, 1961 by uploading it on MSDE's website and MyGov portal. The suggestions so received have been examined and taken into consideration during the preparation of the Draft Bill for amendment in the Act.

3. **Expansion of Jan Shiksha Sansthan (JSS) Scheme:** Ministry is expanding the JSS programme to additional 83 districts of the country from the present 248 districts where the scheme is in operation. The selection of partner NGOs in 83 new districts, after a three-stage process of evaluation, i.e. Technical evaluation, presentations and field inspections, has been completed and the Ministry has finalized names of suitable NGOs for allocation of JSS in 76 districts of the country, there being no suitable applicants for remaining seven districts.

4. **Indian Institute of Skills:** RFP for selection of Operating Partner for setting up, operation, maintenance and management of Indian Institute of Skills in Kanpur (IISKanpur) on a not for profit public private partnership mode has been published on CPPP portal on 27.05.2021.

5. **National Skilling Institute, Varanasi:** Steering committee has been constituted for setting up of a Singapore Polytechnic-styled national institution for skilling in Varanasi, UP. It had virtual consultative meetings with the top management of different Skill Universities operating in the private and state government sectors, and with Tata IIS to understand how these universities/institutions were established, their working, relevance in the skilling eco-system, challenges being faced by them, etc.

6. **National Skills Qualification Committee:** The 8th meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) under NCVET was held under the joint Chairpersonship of

Secretary, MSDE and the Chairperson, NCVET on 27th May, 2021 wherein 96 Qualifications were placed for approval. The Committee approved 59 Qualifications and 24 Qualifications were conditionally approved, while 13 Qualifications were returned to the Submitting Bodies. With this, a total number of 4296 qualifications have been aligned to NSQF. Further, towards the requirement of 'Customised Crash Course Programme for COVID Warriors', the Committee also granted National Occupational Standard (NOS) based approval to six COVID specific crash courses developed by Healthcare Sector Skill Council (HSSC) for a period of one year to fulfill the need of trained manpower required to handle the pandemic situation.

7. **Disaster management Plan:** Disaster Management Plan of the Ministry was presented before NDMA on 21-05-2021. It was accepted by NDMA with minor suggestions.

8. **Kaushalacharya Awards:** Nominations were invited for the Kaushalacharya Awards in various categories to honour teachers of the vocational sector on 5th of September.

9. **Indian Skill Development Service (ISDS):** A detailed training Document for training ISDS probationers has been prepared.

10. **Model ITIs:** Seven additional ITIs have been selected for upgradation as model ITIs, in addition to the existing 29 Model ITIs.

11. **Partnership with Sansad TV:** A detailed meeting was held with Sansad TV regarding partnership with the organization to highlight the achievements and opportunities in the skilling sector, as a continuous series to be telecast over a period.
