

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of August 2021

Important events for the month are as under:

1. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour had undertaken an on-the-spot Study Visit to Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK), Srinagar, operated under PMKVY and interacted with the candidates, trainers and employers on 23rd August, 2021. Further, the Committee also reviewed the status of PMKVY and SANKALP schemes with the officials of MSDE, J&K SSDM and NSDC in the Srinagar.
2. A meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on 17th August, 2021 to discuss the amendments in "Apprentices Act, 1961" proposed by MSDE and the Draft Cabinet Note of Department of Higher Education (DHE), Ministry of Education (MoE) on extension of "National Apprenticeship Training Scheme" (NATS).
3. MSDE has initiated special training programme 'Customised Crash Course Programme for COVID Warrior' under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0 to meet the upsurge in demand of skilled healthcare professionals and associated professionals from logistics sector, reduce the burden of existing healthcare professionals and provide timely healthcare services in every corner of the country. As on 03.09.2021, a total of 21,478 candidates enrolled in the program out of which 11,370 completed the classroom training successfully.
4. A meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was held on 09.08.2021 to review the functioning of National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati.
5. As per Rule 242 (2) (iv) (a) of GFR, 2017, the Annual Reports (ARs) of National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida for the period 2018-19 and 2019-20 were laid on the Table of both the Houses of the Parliament.
6. The 11th meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) under NCVET was held on 31st August, 2021, wherein 84 Qualifications were presented before the Committee, for approval. The Committee approved 52 Qualifications, 31 Qualifications were conditionally approved and 01 Qualification was disapproved. With this, a total number of 4475 Qualifications have been aligned to NSQF, till date.
7. Key achievements under SANKALP (Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) during the month are as under:
 - a. A review meeting for 'Participation of skill certified workers in Panchayat's developmental activities through RPL' under SANKALP implemented across 4 blocks of Varanasi & Chandauli was held on 4th August 2021 under the Chairpersonship of Additional Secretary, MSDE.

- b. Result of the written entrance exam conducted for Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) Phase-II project was declared by IIM Bangalore on August 4, 2021. Shortlisted candidates were invited for the second stage of the admission process.
- c. Roll-out of a 5-day long capacity-building program for Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry State-level officials took place on August 9, 2021.
- d. The following RPL camps were held as part of Ministry's initiative for Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav under SANKALP:
 - i. The first RPL camp held in Adhuan village, Bhadrak district, Odisha, from August 2 to August 4, 2021, for the job role "Two Wheeler Service Technician," and the second batch of RPL was held in the same village from August 12 to August 14, 2021, by Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC)
 - ii. The second camp was held in Venkatapur village, Mancherial district, Telangana, from 17th to August 19, 2021, for the job role of "Two Wheeler Service Technician" by ASDC.
 - iii. The third camp is scheduled in Ranasahi village, Baleshwar district, Odisha, from 24th to August 26, 2021, for the job role of "Two Wheeler Service Technician" by ASDC.
- e. A meeting for National-level expansion of the project 'Participation of skill certified workers in Panchayat's developmental activities through RPL' was held on August 12, 2021, under the Chairmanship of Secretary Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) and Additional Secretary, MSDE. The objective of the meeting was to present the plan for expansion of the RPL pilot and discuss the requirements and expectations from MoPR.
- f. Video Conferences were held with the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan on August 24, 2021, and the States of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, and Uttar Pradesh on August 31, 2021, to review the progress of various activities implemented by the States under SANKALP.
- g. The inaugural launch of ToT batches under the Cluster-Based ToT Initiative of MSDE, being undertaken by Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC), GIZ GmbH, Maharashtra State Skill Development Society (MSSDS), and Marathwada Auto Cluster (MAC) at Aurangabad, was held on August 26, 2021. Batches for two trades 1) CNC trainers and 2) Advance Welding Technologies were launched.
- h. Proposal received from of the State Government of Maharashtra for re-appropriation of funds released under SANKALP has been approved and conveyed.
- i. A meeting was held with the Skill Council for Persons with Disability (ScPWD) and Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UK, on August 26, 2021, to explore collaborative approaches to pilot a (Training of Trainers) ToT academy for Persons with Disabilities (PWD).
- j. Interim Unaudited Financial Reports (IUFRs) totalling to Rs. 1,27,26,379/- for the period from 01.04.2021 to 30.06.2021 has been forwarded to Controller of Aid, Accounts and Audit (CAAA) for claiming reimbursement from the World Bank under the TA Component of SANKALP Program.
- k. Verification report tendered by the IVA, against achievement of targets under DLI 1 Year 3 (2019-20) of SANKALP project, has been forwarded to the World Bank along with the request to unlock funds amounting to US\$ 48,25,055/- assigned to the DLI.
- l. A Project Steering Committee (PSC) under the Chairpersonship of Additional Secretary, MSDE has been constituted to monitor the overall progress of the project on "Skill Training on Gender Sensitization and Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) at Workplace".

m. Proposal for the Re-validation of the funds sanctioned to 10 States under SANKALP for its utilization during FY 2021-22 has been approved and conveyed to the States.

8. Key achievements of National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) during the month are as under:

- a. A tripartite MoU has been signed amongst NSDF, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited to impart skill development training to 800 youths with a total project cost of ₹ 1,67,01,124/-.
- b. An amount of Rs. 10 Lakh has been disbursed to NSDC towards NER Component of 2nd instalment under tripartite MoU dated 20.08.2019 signed amongst NSDF, NSDC and Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) for the implementation of Counselling, Retraining and Redeployment (CRR) Scheme

9. **Initiatives by Directorate General of Training (DGT):**

- a. Status under STRIVE (Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement):
 - i. Sanction order of Madurai jewellery consortium private limited Industry Cluster of Rs 40.00 lakhs as first instalment after signing tripartite agreement and Rs 47.86 lakhs to SAMC Delhi have been prepared and funds will be released by next week to the states.
 - ii. Funds of Rs 54.78 lakhs has been released to Tamil Nadu state for SAMC Tamil Nadu in FY 2021-22
- b. Rs. 442.80 Lakh released to State of Nagaland under ESDI scheme.
- c. Review meeting cum capacity building workshops (VC) were organized for 20 State Apprenticeship Monitoring Cells (SAMC)
- d. Technical session organized with NSDC on curriculum mapping and preparation wherein Industry Clusters and Sector Skill Councils participated.
- e. Three Interactive seminars (VC) with more than 150 ITI from 25 states were conducted to discuss various issues and improvements needed for ITI eco system.
- f. A stakeholder committee meeting for Implementation of PMKVY in ITIs was conducted on 17th August to discuss the financial processes to be followed by NIMI in implementation of PMKVY3.0.
- g. A revised financial sheet and note on DAKSHTA was prepared and shared on 12th August 2021 for review by stakeholders.
- h. A two-day workshop (VC) with the Secretaries of the States was held on 26th and 27th August 2021 for better understanding and addressing challenges of current Vocational Education and Training (VET) ecosystem for ITI in India.
- i. 584 MoUs have been signed under Dual System of Training in the month of August, 2021. Since inception, 1645 MoUs have been signed under Dual System of Training.
- j. A virtual meeting was convened on 27th August, 2021 with State/UTs Secretaries for Institute-Industry Linkages for better employment.
- k. Branding of NSTIs to evolve as Centre of Specialisation is finalised and relevant order issued.
- l. Pedagogy Training for 45 NSTI Master Trainers under Indo German Vocational Education and Training programme nominations have been finalised and the programme is scheduled from 13/09/2021 for the first batch.

- m. Amrit Mahotsav and Fit India activities have been conducted in all NSTIs.
- n. Digital promotion of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav – placing of banner and logos on all websites of DGT, NSTIs, RDSDEs, and NCVTMIS etc.
- o. Training of 14 Master Trainers under NetAcad Program CCNAv7- Module 2 commenced from newly established CISCO NetAcademy at 6 locations. Moreover about 576 trainees enrolled under various new age courses available under CISCO Net Academy in the month of August.
- p. Mobile Phone Library support from Quest Alliance under CSR available at 4 NSTI(w) has been extended to NSTI(W) Shimla, thus totaling it to total of 05 NSTI(W) to support the economically weaker girl students.
- q. Initiated integration of NIC Sandes application with NCVTMIS for sending the messages to all stakeholders.
- r. ITI geo-location data shared with NSDC for geo tagging of ITI .
- s. Bharatskills Portal (<https://bharatskills.gov.in>): Number of users: Till July 2021: 2,833,841 (~28 lakhs), In August 2021: 2,07,921 (2.0 lakhs) [Increase: about 7% in a August 2021]
