

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

### **Summary for the month of January, 2022**

The Hon'ble Prime Minister chaired a meeting on 21.01.2022 through virtual mode to review the implementation of key programmes of the Government being implemented in the Aspirational Districts. Interventions of MSDE with the future plan of action including fixing additional targets, approval of special projects, saturation of skilling infrastructure etc. was shared in the meeting.

Some of the key achievements/ initiatives by this Ministry during the month of January,2022 are as under:

#### **1. Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) and Contracts:**

**(a) Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between MSDE and IGNOU:** The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU) on 18.01.2022 initially for a period of 10 years, to link vocational educational and training with higher education and further strengthen the vocational and technical training framework. The National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI), Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK) and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSSs) will be associated with IGNOU as Registration Centres, Examination Centres and Work Centres for hands on training and the trainees will benefit from the programme, aimed at creating upward mobility of these students to be able to attain higher education for better livelihood opportunities.

**(b) Contract on Tracer Study:** A contract was signed between MSDE and M/s Hindustan Thompson Associates Pvt. Ltd. represented by its Specialist Unit Kantar Public on [18th January, 2022](#) for conducting a Tracer Study on employment outcomes of women candidates trained through short-term skill training program.

**2. Constitution of Capacity Building Unit (CBU) in MSDE:** In pursuance of the advisory issued by the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) under the Department of Personnel & Training, a standing Capacity Building Unit (CBU) for the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has been constituted on 17.01.2022. The CBU, MSDE shall be responsible for coordination with CBC and implementation of various capacity building programmes / interventions for all personnel / employees under the MSDE on a continuing basis based upon Training Need Assessment (TNA).

**3. The National Competition of India Skills 2021** was organised by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC under the guidance of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in January,2022 in New Delhi. The closed door event, was held adhering to all the Covid-19 protocols, with more than 500 participants from 26 states/ Union Territories, witnessed participation in 54 skills such as concrete construction work, beauty

therapy, car painting, health and social care etc. Odisha topped the chart with 51 winners followed by Maharashtra and Kerala respectively.

#### **4. Progress under other schemes and initiatives during January,2022.**

(i). **Implementation of SANKALP Scheme:** Under the centrally sponsored SANKALP Scheme (with loan assistance from MSDE) being implemented by MSDE, various Central Ministries/ Departments have been requested to forward their requirements of apprentice for engagement in the ministries. A total amount of Rs.5.78 crores was released to various implementing agencies under SANKALP during the month.

(ii). A Pilot project on skill training of Sewerage Workers of Punjab on mechanized cleaning has been initiated in partnership Punjab Skill Development Mission (PSDM); Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board; and Municipal Corporation of Patiala, Govt. of Punjab. The Municipal Corporation of Kapurthala has been added as one of the Implementation partners in the pilot project on skill training of sewerage workers.

#### **5. Meetings, Workshops, Skill training etc conducted during the month**

(i) **Meeting of the High-Level Committee for develop a unified Credit Accumulation and Transfer Framework :** The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee constituted under the chairmanship of Chairmanship of Chairperson, National Council for Vocational and Education and Training(NCVET) was held on 07th January, 2022, to develop a unified Credit Accumulation and Transfer Framework for both vocational and general education and achieve consensus on many parameters for further progress towards a unified credit framework.

(ii) **Sub-Committee representing the NCVET Council meetings:** Seventeen (17) meetings of the Sub-Committee representing the NCVET Council were held during the month of January,2022 wherein proposals of various entities/organizations were considered for recognition as Assessment Agencies. With this, a total of 41 meetings of Sub-Committee have been held till date and the Committee has evaluated and considered 41 proposals of Awarding Bodies and 17 proposals of Assessment Agencies for grant of recognition.

(iii). **National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) meeting:** The 15th meeting of the NSQC, was held under the Chairmanship of Chairperson, NCVET on 27th January, 2022. In this meeting 254 (43 new and 211 revised) Qualifications were considered for approval for alignment with the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF), of which 240 Qualifications were approved by the Committee. With this, a total number of 5119 qualifications have been aligned to NSQF and approved by NSQC, till date.

(iv). **Meeting on Awards for Excellence :** The meetings of the Selection Panel for the Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning (DSDP) was held on 19th, 21st and [24th January, 2022](#) under the Chairmanship of the Secretary, MSDE for the evaluation of the shortlisted DSDPs submitted by the Districts.

(v) The meeting of Group-4 (Social) of Sectoral Group of Secretaries (SGoSs) was held on 03.01.2022 under the Convenership of Secretary, Higher Education to review the progress of Vision India@2047. NITI Aayog circulated details of 24 Skill Experts.

(vi) A Brainstorming session on Common Norms was held on 25.01.2022 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE. Apart from MSDE eco-system Officers/ Officials, a Team of BOSCH India also participated in this discussion.

**6. Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration:** As a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, 06 RPL camps (15 batches) was conducted by Agriculture Skill Council of India at Chandauli district (Uttar Pradesh and Patna and Muzaffarpur district (Bihar). 02 RPL camps (04 batches) was conducted by Furniture and Fittings Skill Council at Bikaner district, Rajasthan.

**7.** Directorate General of Training(DGT), an Attached Organization under MSDE also conducted the following meetings through VC to speed the implementation of the initiatives under its different schemes;

VC meeting held on 14.01.2022 regarding OM tracker on 14.01.2022 with participation from the Ministry, IBM and NSDC.

Conducted a series of meetings on 21/01/2022, 22.01.2022, 27.01.2022 respectively on Capacity building program on changes in implementation of Apprenticeship with the Regional Offices.

**8.** In addition to the above initiatives, the exercise of issuing Level Jumping Orders for different verticals in MSDE initiated during December,2021 for facilitating prompt and smooth disposal of work continued during this month also to ensure optimum efficiency and transparency in Government functioning.