

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

### **Summary for the month of August 2020**

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

1. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Ministry of Shipping (MoS) on 20th August, 2020, for establishing a framework for collaboration to harness the innate capabilities for skill development in Ports & Maritime sector and enhance skilling capacities to deal with the rapidly changing competition and provide for port led prosperity.
2. Meeting was convened by Cabinet Secretary on strategies for opening of the economy (UNLOCK 4) in light of COVID. It was proposed that skill training institutions now need to be opened because of special nature of such institutions, which are different from educational institutions.
3. Meeting was taken on 20<sup>th</sup> August by Cabinet Secretary on review of status of implementation of Budget Announcements
4. The KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) and display for PRAYAS dashboard for PM revamped. The new dashboard is more outcome based with standardized fields for monitoring the progress of PMKVY.
5. A presentation was made on 7<sup>th</sup> August by the Ministry and six sector skill councils before the Group of Ministers in Employment and Skilling.
6. EFC note for PMKVY 3.0 (2020-21) has been prepared and has been circulated for comments.
7. The National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) was subsumed in NCVET on 01.08.2020. This fulfils the mandate of the NCVET notification of 05.12.2018 which provided for the merger of the existing National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) and NSDA with NCVET.
8. The 1st meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) under NCVET was held on 11th August, 2020 wherein 04 Qualifications were approved and 12 were conditionally approved. Till date, a total number of 3914 qualifications have been aligned to NSQF.
9. Meeting held with Unnati team from NITI Aayog to discuss the synergies for integration of ASEEM portal (the directory of skilled manpower and also a demand and supply matchmaking portal of MSDE) with the under development Unnati portal (a platform for providing livelihood access to 20 crore blue and grey collared workers) of NITI Aayog. It was proposed by MSDE that Unnati platform become a master aggregator portal of similar portals being operated by Central Ministries and State Governments.

10. A meeting of Standing Committee on Labour was held on 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 2020, wherein the committee was briefed on the various measures undertaken by MSDE for inter-state migrant, unorganized and informal sector workers.
11. The Standing Committee on External affairs took a briefing with MSDE on 11/08/2020 on the subject, "COVID 19 Pandemic - Global Response, India's Contribution and the way forward".
12. A strategy note has been prepared and is under circulation for weeding out fly-by-night training providers. The proposal is to strengthen the existing mechanism and introduce additional provisions under PMKVY 3.0 for selection and retention of credible/reputed training providers.
13. Nomination and selection process completed for the annual Kaushalachrya awards. Kaushalachrya awards has been constituted to recognize outstanding contributions of trainers under skilling ecosystem. The awards shall be conferred on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2020.
14. The pre-training activities has been completed for training of migrant workers in the districts identified under GKRA. Training will start after September 21 as per Unlock 4.0 provisions..
15. New Monitoring tasks for Sector Skill Councils defined which includes onboarding of Industries on ASEEM and Apprenticeship portals, development of blended/online training curriculum and content, development of Sectoral Centers of Excellences and Creation of directory of enterprises for the sector.
16. Extensive consultation held with shareholders of NSDC to finalize the shareholders agreement and revised draft prepared.
17. A concept note for the formalization of apprenticeship in informal sector has been prepared and under circulation. Two very light models have been proposed for this formalization with minimal disruption to the trainees and employers.
18. The 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Monitoring Committee for Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme under the chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to review the progress of the MGNF programme and provide approval on various issues.
19. A number of steps were taken regarding Health sector job role mapping of 15 countries for mobility and migration of labour. A virtual conference was held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 with DFID, Skills for health and UK skills for discussing about the qualification requirements UK and India regarding the health sector job roles. In the 11<sup>th</sup> JWG held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 with Germany, the issue of health sector mapping was discussed and it was suggested that an expert group (with MSDE, MEA and German Embassy) as sub working group under the current MoU would be created to decide the further course of action. For other countries Letters/ emails were sent to Ministry of External Affairs/ Embassy at all countries in this regard, requesting for video conferencing with the regulatory authorities of these countries.

20. A meeting was held between Secretary, MSDE and UNICEF held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 regarding signing of Statement of Intent on Generation Limited ( YuWaah).
21. Under STRIVE (Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement), 10 ITIs have signed tripartite agreement to participate in the programme. Till date a total of 281 ITIs have signed Performance based grant agreement.
22. A concept note on Integrating school education with Vocational Education was prepared and shared with states for feedback.
23. Revised Note and Presentation on SC/ST employability scheme prepared for Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
24. To improve the placement of ITI graduates, officers have been identified in NSTIs and RDSDEs to be trained as Placement Officers, and with the support of Quest Alliance's Placement team, a virtual Workshop for these Placement Officers was conducted from 18th to 21st August 2020. The focus of the workshop was to define the role of a placement officer, building a well- functioning Institute- level Placement Cell and scheduling a Placement Calendar for the students at their institutes.
25. Online Blended learning courses are being developed for 6 popular trades (Fitter, Electrician, Welder, COPA, Cosmetology and Diesel Mechanic) to aid in the skill training of our ITI students. An open-source LMS platform has been configured to suit our needs and is hosted in <http://www.nimilearningonline.in/moodle/>. So far three weeks of contents for said trades are ready and further development is under progress.
26. Common Template for NSTIs Websites was developed with the in-house experts of IT in DGT, for all the 33 NSTI websites and the same are ready for launch.
27. A digital skill platform has been developed for reskilling/upskilling of ITI instructors and trainees which integrates trainees, teachers, institutes, government and the corporates for complete life cycle of the training process and a pilot run has made successfully.
28. In the Ministry, eHRMS Service Module and Leave Module were activated and made operational.
29. Secretary, MSDE participated, amongst others, in following virtual seminars:
  1. Key Note Address to CEOs of US Companies in India at AMCHAM India's AGM – The Future of Reskilling post Covid-19
  2. Lecture (Virtual) at Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI) University on Skilling Challenges and the way forward

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