

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of September, 2020

Important events for the month of September, 2020 are as follows:

- 1. Approval for PMKVY 3.0 (2020-21) Scheme**–Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 3.0 (2020-21) was approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in the meeting held on 17th September 2020 under the chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure). The new (PMKVY 3.0) (2020-21) is targeting to train 8 Lakh candidates at an outlay of INR 948.90 Crore during 2020-21. Guidelines and requisite SOPs are currently under preparation. The Scheme shall be launched in Oct 2020.
- 2. Restarting of the Training Centres** – With MHA allowing restart of Skill Training from September 21st, 2020, the requisite guidelines and frameworks have been put in place to ensure that social distancing and hygiene norms as outlined by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is followed at the training centres. Detailed Standard Operating Procedure/guidelines in this regard have been prepared and published for all training verticals – ITI, PMKVY and Apprenticeship. The trainings have started partially both in long term and short term in the last week of September, though some states have planned to start the same in October only.
- 3. Conduct of Apprenticeship Examinations:** 110 Apprenticeship Training Scheme (ATS) All India Trade Test (AITT) (1st round) was conducted successfully from 18.09.2020 to 22.09.2020. Turnout was approximately. 80%. Out of total registrations of 1,17,283, approx. 94,000 apprentices appeared for the exam.
- 4. CITS Entrance Examinations:** The All India Common Entrance Test (AICET) for Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) admission for the session 2020-21 has been successfully held on 16th and 17th September, 2020 at 83 centers across the country. In this examination a total of 32329 candidates attended /present against the scheduled 49205 candidates.
- 5. CTS Entrance:** Centralized admission process (for the first time) for Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) Session 2020-21 in National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI) is underway with registration having been kept open till 30th Sep'2020
- 6. Migrant worker Training** – MSDE has launched a skilling/certification program for reverse migrants across the 116 identified districts under GKRA. Skill Mapping and short listing of the candidates for training/orientation is complete. The process for Training Provider selection has also been completed and post the approval from MHA for resumption of the training program, the final selection process is underway to start the training.
- 7. NCVET Functioning:** In pursuance of the mandate of National Council of Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) to regulate the functioning of entities engaged in Vocational Education and Training, the “Guidelines for Recognition of Awarding Bodies” and the “Guidelines for Recognition and Regulation of Assessment Agencies” have been formulated after consultations with multiple stakeholders. They have been placed in public domain for further comments/suggestions, prior to finalization

8. **NSQC Meeting:** The 2nd meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC), under NCVET, was held under the chairpersonship of Secretary, MSDE & Chairperson, NCVET on 22nd September, 2020, wherein 24 Qualifications were approved and 15 were conditionally approved. With this, a total number of 3950 qualifications have been aligned to NSQF so far.
9. **Kaushalacharya Awards 2020** - On 10th September 2020, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship organised the second edition of “Kaushalacharya Awards 2020”, an event to recognise some extraordinary teachers and skill trainers and honour their invaluable contribution to the skill ecosystem. A total of 92 teachers/trainers were awarded in five Award Categories.
10. **Sector Skill Councils:** Detailed consultative meeting with the CEOs of Sector Skill Councils (SSC) were held over three days to discuss the constraints in the short term training system and find the way forward.
11. **MES Courses** –Resolution process has been initiated with MoRD, MoHUA and other stakeholders for the issues caused due to migration of Modular Employable Skill (MES) Courses to SSCs.
12. **On-boarding of PMKVY Scheme on UMANG Platform** - PMKVY Scheme has been successfully on-boarded on the UMANG Platform. Various services of the PMKVY scheme are live on the UMANG Platform as follows:
 - a. Candidate Registration
 - b. Find a Training centre
 - c. Track StatusFurther, APIs for integration of Apprenticeship portal with UMANG application have been developed and handed over to UMANG team for further necessary action.
13. **Synergy with PMSSY:** DO Letter was sent to Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying for extending the necessary support to the skilling component under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna (PMSSY)
14. **Apprenticeship Promotion:** Letter was issued to all the State Apprenticeship Advisers along with list of industries having manpower 30 and above, requesting them to take /initiate action to outreach these industries for bringing them under the ambit of Apprenticeship Training.
15. **Revamping JSS:** Revamping and redesigning of the Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) curriculum has been initiated. During the 1st phase, details of 45 vocational course curriculums were shared with Director General of Training (DGT) for redesigning and alignment under the NSQF framework.
16. **Entrepreneurship scheme PM-UMEED** - The Concept Note on the newly proposed Entrepreneurship scheme PM Udyami Mitra for Excellence in Entrepreneurship Development (PM-UMEED) has been circulated to the stakeholder Ministries/Departments for their views/comments, as per the advice of Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance.
17. **IMEC Meeting on IIS:** 5th meeting of Inter Ministerial Empowered Committee (IMEC) on setting up of Indian Institute of Skills (IISs) was held on 29.9.2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE. During this meeting Operational Agreement and DPR of IIS Mumbai and the RfP of IIS Kanpur were approved.

18. **Inauguration of NSTI Websites:** Inauguration of websites for all the 33 National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) (with common templates) was done by Hon'ble Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on 10th Sept' 20 during Kaushalcharya Awards 2020 function
19. **Launch of SANKALP Portal:** SANKALP (Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) Web-portal was launched on 18th September 2020. The Go-Live includes (i) State Best Practices module; (ii) Program Management Tool; (iii) State Proposal Management System; (iv) State Incentive Grants; (v) Monitoring & Evaluation Tool; and (vi) DSDP Awards.
20. **Launch of Online DSDP Toolkit:** The online version of the District Skill Development Planning (DSDP) Toolkit was made live on the SANKALP Web-portal on 24th September 2020. The DSDP Toolkit will assist the District officials in planning, implementation and monitoring of the skill development initiatives in their Districts.
21. **Aspirational District:** A video conference under the chairpersonship of Secretary, MSDE with District Collectors of 73 Aspirational Districts and their Skill Development Missions was held on 3rd September 2020 to review the status of constitution of District Skill Committee (DSC) in these districts and the role played by DSCs in planning and implementation of different skill development initiatives.
22. **International Mobility of Health workers:** Efforts to make progress in health sector job role mapping of various countries (15) for mobility and migration of labour were taken vigorously. Reminder Letters/ emails were sent to Ministry of External Affairs and Embassy of all countries in this regard, requesting for video conferencing with the regulatory authorities of various countries. Requests have also been made for video conferencing and Web based meeting with employers / employer association of health sector with high demand in different category/ trades of health professionals in various destination country.
23. **Health Sector Cooperation with Switzerland:** A concept note has been prepared for the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), under the Swiss Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER), to discuss the possibilities for collaboration in the field of Health Sector. This was sent to embassy of India in Switzerland.
24. **Skill Partnership with Australia:** The Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship held a virtual meeting with Mr. Barry O'Farrell, Australian High Commissioner to India on 30.09.2020 on the MoU on Cooperation in Vocational Education and Training between the two countries, which was signed on 03.06.2020. This was a follow up of India-Australia Leaders' Virtual Summit held on 4th June, 2020 between Hon'ble Prime Ministers of India and Australia.
25. **Rajbhasha Pakhwada:** Rajbhasha Pakhwara was organized from 14th September 2020 to 28th September, 2020
26. **Launch of Newsletter:** DGT has launched monthly newsletter SKILL TALKS to encapsulate various skilling activities and initiatives undertaken by DGT and its ecosystem - NSTIs, RDSDEs, State/UT Directorates and ITIs, with an in-house editorial team, Creative support and guidance is from NIMI, Chennai. Skill Talks would create awareness about skill ecosystem in all States/ UTs including various activities and industry connects, etc
