

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of December, 2020

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

- 1. Launch of phase 2 of the SANKALP Project:** A virtual function was held for completion of Phase I and launch of Phase II of the SANKALP project “Participation of Skill Certified Workers in the Panchayat’s developmental activities” in 2 blocks each in the district of Varanasi and Chandauli. Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) was the chief guest in the event. Shri Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary, Hon’ble Minister of Panchayati Raj, Uttar Pradesh and Shri Kapil Dev Agrawal, Hon’ble Minister Vocational Education and Skill Development Department, Uttar Pradesh were the special guests at the event. The Hon’ble Minister, MSDE interacted with the trainees in Varanasi and Chandauli and distributed certificates.
- 2. Inauguration of Power Sector Council Centre of Excellence:** Hon’ Minister of State, MSDE inaugurated on 18th December the Centre of Excellence being set up by Power Sector Skill Council at National Institute of Solar Energy with assistance of Government of France.
- 3. NSQC meeting under NCVET:** The 4th meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) of National Council of Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, MSDE, on 24th December, 2020 wherein 73 Qualifications were approved and 11 Qualifications were conditionally approved. With this, a total number of 4,095 qualifications have so far been aligned to the NSQF.
- 4. Meeting of the Selection Committee of NCVET:** A meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Selection Committee for shorting-listing of candidates for the posts of Chairperson and Executive Members of the National Council for Vocational Education & Training (NCVET) was held on 16th December, 2020. The Committee has shortlisted three persons for the position of Chairperson and six persons for the two posts of Executive Members.
- 5. Steering Committee Meeting of PMKVY:** The steering committee meeting of PMKVY was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary on 18th December in which important policy decisions on the programme were taken.
- 6. Notification of SIDAC, Odisha as Centre of Excellence:** The Gazette Notification declaring the State Institute for Development of Arts and Crafts (SIDAC), Odisha, as a Centre of Excellence in the field of Skilling Ecosystem in the country was published in the Gazette of India on 10.12.2020.
- 7. Workshop for recognition of awarding bodies at NCVET:** Four advocacy workshops were conducted to familiarise all stakeholders with the processes being followed at NCVET for recognition of bodies. 28 Central Ministries and 24 States/ UTs were invited on 10.12.2020, 17.12.2020 and 18.12.2020 respectively. Further, an “Interaction Workshop” with 72 Awarding Bodies comprising Sector Skill Councils, Central Ministries (including Institutes & Departments), State Governments and Skill Universities was also conducted on 29.12.2020 to get a detailed feedback on miscellaneous aspects including implantation of the Guidelines in the skill ecosystem.
- 8. Inauguration of the first batch of IIS, Mumbai:** Hon’ble Minister (SDE) inaugurated the first batch of Indian Institute of Skills (IIS), Mumbai on 25th December 2020 through virtual platform.

- 9. Training of Master Trainers:** As a step towards implementation of the decision to gradually shift to blended training in ITIs, 456 Master Trainers of ITIs have been trained in the month of December, 2020. So far, a total of 1391 Master Trainers of ITIs/NSTIs have been trained to replicate the online Blended Learning Training across the country.
- 10. Admission in CITS Courses:** The centralized counseling of Craftsmen Instructors Training Scheme (CITS) admission 2020-21 for the candidates who have passed the All India Common Entrance Test (AICET-CITS 2020) is under way and about 70 % of the admission of candidates has been successfully completed. Remaining admission shall be done through the Third round of counseling scheduled in the first week of January'2021.
- 11. Admission in CTS schemes in NSTI:** Centralized admission process (for the first time) for Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) for session 2020-21 in National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI) was started in the month of December.
- 12. MOU with Naval Ship Repair Yard (Kochi):** MoU was signed between Naval Ship Repair Yard (Kochi) and Director General Training (DGT), MSDE, for imparting training in 258 disciplines.
- 13. SFC of Model ITI scheme:** A SFC meeting for Model ITI scheme was held on 30.12.2020, in which the scheme was extended till 2024 and some of its parameters modified, without increasing the cost of the scheme.
- 14. Tripartite MOU between DGT, MICROSOFT and NASSCOM:** DGT signed a tripartite MOU with Microsoft and NASSCOM FOUNDATION for digital skilling. Under the programme Microsoft and NASSCOM would assist the DGT in design and development of a Blended learning curriculum for the COPA trade. Further, they will also run faculty development programs for capacity building of the Trainers/Faculties in the NSTIs and ITIs on the newly developed Digitized Blended content and also futuristic skills.
- 15. Development of pre-placement portal for ITIs:** A portal is being developed for the pre-placement of the ITI students which enables designated RMOs (Rozgar Mela Organizers) to organize eRozgar Melas. The registered establishments can participate in the Rozgar Melas and post their vacancies and can search the candidates with the required qualifications. The portal has been hosted and training is in progress (02 training session with NSTI has been conducted).
- 16. Training in AI:** A 5-day Virtual training in Core AI Skills was conducted through SSC - NASSCOM for ITI students of COPA, IoT and allied trades from 14-19 December, 2020. The NASSCOM – Microsoft AI Classroom series is designed to deliver AI, ML and Data Science expertise through the industrial experts.
- 17. Launch of IGniTE programme:** GIZ and Siemens along with DGT launched IGniTE programme for improvement of Skill eco system at select state level.
- 18. Meeting with Ambassador Denmark:** A virtual meeting was held with H.E. The Ambassador of Denmark, in which steps were discussed to further cooperation on skilling between the two countries.
- 19. Meeting by Cabinet Secretary:** A meeting was held by the Cabinet Secretary on 3rd December, in which he reviewed the Goals/Objectives announced in Budget Speech 2015 for 75th Year of Independence.
- 20. Meeting by Member Niti Aayog:** A virtual meeting was held on 4th December by Dr. V K Saraswat, Member, Niti Aayog on convergence of Central Skill Schemes and collation of Data of Central & State Skill Schemes.
- 21. Participation in CII Global Summit:** Delivered a virtual Inaugural Address on 9th December at the 9th CII Global Summit on Skill Development 2020 on the subject “The Future of Work – Creating Globally Competitive Skilled Workforce”