

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of October 2021

Important events for the month are as under:

1. **Customized Crash Course Programme for COVID Warrior under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0:** Under this special healthcare programme, around 1.59 Lakh candidates have been enrolled.
2. **Apprenticeship Training Scheme:** National Apprenticeship Mela 2021 was conducted across the country in 662 Centres and 6,062 establishments participated. During the month, 3,212 new establishments registered on portal and 59,519 contracts created.
3. **Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP):**
 - a. National roll-out of the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship Phase-II was held on 25th October 2021 with 641 Fellows to be posted in 641 districts across 35 States/UTs of the country.
 - b. Under State Incentive Grant (SIG), Rs. 2 crores have been approved for Ladakh. An amount of Rs. 50 Lakhs have been released to the UT and the balance funds will be released on submission of UC.
 - c. Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skill Council (MEPSC) and SANKALP organized a three-day online training session for Facilitators as part of the project "Creating a safe and progressive work environment for women" from 5th to 7th October 2021. The initiative entails raising awareness on gender sensitization and prevention of sexual harassment (POSH) at the workplace among female and male trainees and professionals, including mobilizers, counsellors, trainers and management staff.
4. **Directorate General of Training (DGT):**
 - a. An MoU was signed with National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small business Development (NIESBUD) for sustained development of entrepreneurial skills and education aimed at enhancement of self-employment opportunities for trainees of ITIs on pan India basis.
 - b. Bharatskills Portal (<https://bharatskills.gov.in>): ~34 Lakhs users have accessed the portal till October 2021. A 5% increase in number of users noticed.
 - c. A stakeholder meeting for Implementation of PMKVY in ITIs was conducted to discuss the financial processes to be followed in implementation of PMKVY3.0.
5. **India Skills Regional Competition 2021 :** 465 contestants participated in the competition held for West Zone and East Zone & Northeast.
6. **Centre of Excellence (CoE):** CoE status was granted by Standing Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary to two institutes namely (i) the Entrepreneurial Leadership Centre (ELC), under Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship (XIME), Bengaluru and (ii) the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmadabad
7. **National Council of Vocational Education and Training (NCVET):** Sub-Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Chairman, NCVET held four meetings

wherein 19 entities/organizations have presented their proposal before the Sub-Committee, prior to being recognized as an Awarding Body.

8. **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav:** Special campaign and celebration conducted in all 33 National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) under Directorate General of Training (DGT).
