

Some of the key achievements/ initiatives by this Ministry during the month of December, 2021 are as under:

Massive Simplification have been carried out in Portal, Processes and Gyidelines related to Apprentices. Very positive feedback has come form the Industry. This should help us in substantially scaling up Apprentice numbers in the coming months.

1. Level Jumping Orders have been implemented in letter and spirit, and this has resulted in much faster decision making in the Ministry.
2. Under **Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP)** Scheme, following activities were undertaken during December 2021:

i) Under the project "Creating a Safe and Progressive Work Environment for Women" being implemented in partnership with Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skill Council (MEPSC), 45 trainers were trained in (03) three batches; and 1421 candidates were trained in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.

ii) Two RPL camps were conducted in two villages of Chandauli district, Uttar Pradesh wherein 240 candidates were trained and One RPL Camp was conducted in a village of Bikaner district, Rajasthan wherein 120 candidates were trained.

4. Skill Hub Initiative (SHI): To mainstream vocational education, enable sharing of infrastructure and developing well-defined pathways for students, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in consultation with Ministry of Education (MoE) has envisaged a scheme of creation of 5000 Skill Hubs across the education and skill ecosystem to actualize the intent of the NEP on the ground. The pilot phase of Skill Hub Initiative is proposed to be launched on 1st January, 2022 in 24 States across the country. The guidelines for SHI have been finalized and shared with concerned stakeholders.

5. VCs, Meetings and important decisions:

i) The 14th meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC), under National Council for Vocational Education and Training(NCVET) was held on 30th December, 2021. In this meeting, 200 (63 new and 137 revised) Qualifications were considered for approval for alignment with the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF), of which 197 Qualifications were approved by the Committee. With this, a total number of 4879 qualifications have been aligned to NSQF and approved by NSQC, till date.

ii) Two meetings of the Program Approval Board (PAB) of SANKALP was held during December, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE wherein various proposals received from NSDC, JSS, NIESBUD and States were evaluated and approved for implementation.

iii) Fifteen meetings of the Sub-Committee representing the NCVET Council were held wherein a total of 41 proposals (comprising of 37 Sector Skill Councils and 4 Government Bodies/Institutes like: CIPET, National Academy of RUDSETI, NIELIT and UPSDM) have

been considered and finally evaluated by the Sub-Committee for grant of recognition as an Awarding Body.

6. On completion of the first course of the inaugural batch at Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) Mumbai, the certificates were awarded to the 24 students in a small event organized at the temporary campus of IIS Mumbai, in virtual presence of Secretary, MSDE.

7. As part of celebration of 75 years of India's Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), Ministry published a booklet containing details of events for the 75 weeks period starting from 3rd March 2021 (Week 1) and leading up to 15th August 2022 (Week 75). Further, MSDE-AKAM booklet was circulated amongst all the Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India including the Organisations/Bodies under the Ministry, for information.

8. The Ministry has approved the constitution of a High-Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Chairperson, NCVET, to develop a unified Credit Accumulation and Transfer Framework for both vocational and general education.