

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of June 2020

Important events for the month are as under:

1. **Skilling Initiatives in alignment with Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan (GKRA):** In view of the severe disruptions caused due to the CoVID-19 situation across the country leading to many migrants going back to their home states, a comprehensive roadmap has been developed for skilling of migrants in 116 districts identified under the Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan (GKRA). Though not a part of GKRA, MSDE has embarked on the task of training these returned migrants on job roles, where chances of getting employment or self-employment are high locally. The fiscal space for providing this training has been provided by cancelling all the sanctioned short term courses where training had not yet started. As a part of this roadmap, MSDE would be implementing Short Term Training courses and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) under PMKVY for 3 Lakh beneficiaries in identified Districts.

Under the programme, MSDE has already held virtual review meeting with State's Principal Secretaries and District Collectors/administrations of 116 districts of 6 States on 16th and 17th June 2020. As a first step the District Collectors are doing the skill mapping and identifying the job roles which need to be taken up in the district.

2. **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for resuming training post COVID 19 lockdown under PMKVY 2016-20:** MSDE has issued SOPs to the implementing agencies regarding the modalities and procedures to be followed by Training Providers (TPs) and candidates for resuming training, once lockdown is lifted for such activities.
3. **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for resuming training post COVID 19 lockdown in ITIs/ NSTIs:** SOPs (Standard Operating Procedure) drafted for opening up ITIs, and Training Centres under PMKVY, which have been closed due to Covid-19 Lockdown. A calendar for reopening, completing the academic session 2019-20 and starting academic session 2020-21 has also been prepared. The same has been sent to Ministry of Home Affairs for permission to allow starting of training in these institutions.
4. **Guidelines for extension of Apprenticeship Training programme:** To Facilitate Establishments taking part in Apprenticeship Training under the Apprentices Act 1961, guidelines for extension of Apprenticeship Training programme to complete the training disrupted due to COVID -19 lock down were issued on 8th June.
5. **Signing of International MoU:** As part of virtual bilateral summit between Hon' Prime Ministers of India and Australia, a MoU was signed between the two countries for cooperation in Vocational Education and Training, specially with respect to policy development, programme delivery and information exchange.
6. **Interaction with Training Partners:** On 16th June Hon' Minister had webinar with selected training partners to assess the problems being faced by them in the field and to get their ideas on the way forward.

7. **Review by Hon' Minister, MSDE:** Hon' Minister had a review on the launch of SMIS portal, preparations of World Skill Day, GOM report on Skill Development, COVID preparation, NSDC review and the training of migrants in 116 districts.
8. **Constitution of NCVET:** Based on the approval of ACC, appointments were made (in additional charge capacity) for two Executive Members and three non-Executive Members of NCVET, enabling it to take decisions.
9. **Consultation on Awarding Body Guidelines:** The NCVET finalized the draft Awarding Body guidelines and had a detailed consultation over VC with other Ministries and States on 26/6/20.
10. **Partnership with IBM:** The IBM DGT partnership on Skills Reignite and Skills Build Innovation Camp was inaugurated by Secretary on 24th June.
11. **Partnership with Microsoft:** NSDC signed a non-financial MoU with Microsoft for jointly engaging with various development opportunities in skill development and to digitally skill 1 lakh youth. Under it, Microsoft will also integrate its Microsoft Learn platform with the NSDC eLearning platform eSkillIndia.
12. **Partnership with SimpliLearn:** Similar MoU was signed with SimpliLearn for it to become a part of eSkillIndia platform and provide 100 hours of free course content
13. **NSQC Meeting:** The 25th Meeting of National Skills Qualifications Committee was held on 25th June, in which 92 qualifications were considered and approved, and 1709 qualifications were considered for extension.
14. **EC Meeting of NIESBUD:** The Executive Committee meeting of NIESBUD was conducted on video conferencing on 30/6/20, and major decisions regarding restructuring and streamlining of NIESBUD were taken, including revision of organizational structure, preparation of Annual Action Plan, finalization of Recruitment Rules, and finalization of Manual of Administration and Finance.
15. **Expenditure in June 2020:** The Ministry incurred an expenditure of Rs. 149.78 crore in the Month of July, maintaining 5% expenditure in the month of June and 15% expenditure in the first quarter, as mandated by Department of Expenditure.
16. **Meeting with other Ministers:** Attended meeting of Hon' Minister of Woman & Child Development on restructuring of Swadhar Greh and Ujjawala Schemes.
17. **Evaluation of schemes:** Inception reports on evaluation of seven Central Sector Schemes were received which were reviewed through video conferencing with evaluation agencies.
18. **Participation in Industry Webinars:** Secretary, MSDE participated in a number of webinars in the period with the stakeholders. Some of the important ones were:

“Webinar (VC) at PHDCCI on 5th June on Renewed Role of Industry and the Government for Skilled Manpower”.
