

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of July 2020

Important events for the month are as under:

- 1. Launch of ASEEM Portal (Aatmanirbhar Skilled Employee-Employer Mapping)** – An AI (Artificial Intelligence) based ASEEM portal was launched as a platform for HR demand aggregation and matching this demand with the Skilled candidates for their better livelihood opportunities. The portal is expected to bridge the demand and supply gap in the skilled workforce market by improving the information flow, and will make available to any employer in the country skilled personnel at the click of the mouse.
- 2. Migrant worker Training** – MSDE has launched a skilling and apprenticeship program for the reverse migrants across the 116 identified districts in GKRA. Skill Mapping and shortlisting of the candidates for training/orientation is largely complete. Training to start post notification of MHA on the opening of the training Centres. A total of 3 Lakh Candidates are proposed to be trained under this program.
- 3. World Youth Skills Day Program (WYSD)** – MSDE celebrated the WYSD on 15th July through a digital conclave in which the Hon' Prime Minister gave his address through a video message, in which he congratulated the youth of the country on WYSD, and exhorted them to skill, reskill and upskill in order to remain relevant in the rapidly changing business environment and market conditions. The event was held in the presence of Dr.Mahendra Nath Pandey, Hon'ble Minister, SDE, Shri R. K. Singh, Hon'ble MoS, MSDE, Shri A. M. Nayak, Group Chairperson, L&T and other dignitaries participated. The programme was watched by the entire skill ecosystem in lakhs, and trended on Twitter at number one position for a long period of time on the day.
- 4. Review Meeting by Principal Advisor, PMO:** A review meeting was held on skilling on 3/7/20 by the Principal Advisor to PMO, and in which Advisor PMO, JS and other officers participated. The meeting reviewed the present status of skilling and future action plan for next five years.
- 5. Meeting of Hon' Minister MSDE with Sector Skill Councils (SSC):** Hon'ble Minister MSDE had a meeting with six SSCs on 6/7/20 to review their preparation for post COVID environment, and their preparation for the same.
- 6. Aspirational Districts:** Attended the Empowered Committee meeting of Aspirational Districts on 10/7/20 and presented the skilling initiatives and progress report to the District Collectors. Further, to promote skilling in the Aspirational Districts, KPIs for skilling activities were finalized in consultation with NITI Aayog. The plan is to improve the overall penetration of skilling activities in these districts.

- 7. Meeting by Cabinet Secretary on Global Indices:** Attended the Workshop arranged by NITI Aayog and chaired by the Cabinet Secretary on the 31 Global Indices.
- 8. Regulatory Structure:** The newly constituted National Council of Vocational Education & Training (NCVET) held its first meeting on 21st July 2020. The process of merger of existing regulatory institutions with NCVET got completed with the dissolution of NSDA on 31st July 2020. To avoid the present situation of unnumbered and insecure certificates being issued by awarding bodies, a certification system with a distinct and unique coding system was approved to ensure authenticity and verifiability of the certificate. NCVET has also drafted the guidelines for recognition of Awarding Bodies and Assessment Agencies and is in the process of consultation on these guidelines.
- 9. Activities for Promoting Apprenticeship:** A D.O letter from Secretary, MSDE was issued to Chief Secretaries of all States requesting them to support in promotion of Apprenticeship training in establishments of their respective states by making engagement of apprentices as mandatory requirement and essential parameter for receiving the benefits under State Industrial Promotion Policy. Similarly, a D.O. letter to MSME Ministry was issued to highlight the provisions of the Apprenticeship Act and benefits available under NAPS Schemes. MSME Ministry was requested to support in encouraging apprenticeship training across MSME establishments. Further, nine new trades/courses were approved by the Technical Approval Committee for courses under Optional Trades.
- 10. Expert Committee for JSS -** To suggest the way forward for JSS scheme, an Expert Committee was constituted under the Chairpersonship of Mrs. Vandana Kumari Jena,retd. IAS. The recommendations of the Committee were submitted in the month. They are being deliberated for incorporation in the next version of JSS Scheme.
- 11. Selection of New JSS –** The Selection Committee for new JSS has started the presentations from the applicants across 48 Districts through Video Conference. A total of 89 agencies have been invited for the presentations.
- 12. Operationalization of Treasury Single Account (TSA) –** As advised by Department of Economic Affairs regarding operationalization of TSA for autonomy bodies (AB)/ implementing agencies, NSDC has already initiated the process for implementation of TSA.
- 13. Video Conference with State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs) –** A Video Conference was organized with SSDMs in coordination with Ministry of Social Justice (MoSJ) for a joint briefing on MoSJ's DAKSHA Program. With PMKVY 2.0 Scheme in the closing year of its implementation, this opportunity was also used to impress upon the SSDMs on the way forward for implementation of next version of PMKVY.
- 14. Swachhata Pakhwada 2020 Program –** Swachhata Pakhwada was held in the second fortnight of July. One of the highlights was organization of a Webinar on “The Role of Hygiene in fighting Covid-19 epidemic and Review of preparation for re-opening of the Training Centres” on 31st July 2020.

- 15. Initiatives under SANKALP programme:** MoU was signed on 24th July 2020 between Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) for 'Skill Development Planning at Gram Panchayat'. It involves a pilot project in the districts of Varanasi and Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh and a country wide project for skill training, upskilling and reskilling through identified job roles in drinking water and sanitation related maintenance services in Gram Panchayats. Further, the Best Practice module of SANKALP web-portal has been developed, whose inauguration is being planned for August, 2020.
- 16. National Skill Development Fund (NSDF):** A decision has been taken in the Ministry to amend the Trust Deed of NSDF, subject to the approval of the Union Cabinet, so as to allow implementation of program in the Skills sector using resources from NSDF through other Government entities or through entities set up under Acts of Parliament. A draft Resolution for amendment of the Trust Deed has accordingly been circulated on 28.07.2020 amongst the Board of Trustees of NSDF for their approval.
- 17. Training Health Professionals in foreign countries:** India's initiative to meet global manpower demand in health sector was raised in a recent Joint meeting between EU countries and MEA for better awareness on the subject among different countries. India's current initiative by MSDE in mapping and aligning health sector professional for better Global mobility and migration among different EU nations was highlighted and appraised to member nations during the meeting.
- 18. FDI Cell:** A cell has been created in the Ministry to process the proposals received from the countries sharing border(s) with India and pertaining to MSDE, as per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prescribed by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- 19. National Skill Development Mission (NSDM):** 4th Meeting of the Executive Committee Meeting of the National Skill Development Mission (NSDM) was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, MSDE to discuss the following issues:-
- a. Review the progress under seven sub-missions under NSDM
 - b. Detailed discussion on key features of upcoming scheme PMKVY 3.0
 - c. Discussion on Online and blended learning model to address challenges of disruption in training and challenges in global mobility
 - d. Strengthening Training of Trainers/Assessors.
- 20. Flexi MoU:** In order to further rope in potential industries under the scheme of Flexi MoU, dedicated VCs have been conducted with following employers: Toyota Kirloskar Motors Bengaluru, Saharsa Electronics Noida, Lava international Ltd Noida and Maruti Paper Ltd U.P. The industries are expected to sign MoU with DGT under the Flexi MoU scheme in coming weeks.
- 21. Admission to CITS:** CITS online Admission registration of Candidates for the Admission Year 2020-21 was successfully launched, with a record number of 49205 candidates registered for the All India Common Entrance Test (AICET)

against the 32107 number of applications registered for the previous year 2019-20.

22. Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE): 6 ITI have signed tripartite agreement to participate in the programme. Till date a total of 271 ITIs have signed Performance based grant agreement. MoU was signed between UT Governments of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Govt. of India to implement the STRIVE project. Till date a total of 33 MOUs have been signed with various states/ UTs.

23. Online Virtual classes: Online virtual classes for ITI trainees are being conducted using dedicated Virtual classroom software by ITI expert trainers, Skilled experienced NSTI Officers and Industry experts. During July 2020, total 288 classes were conducted and 1.39 lakh students participated. So far 2858 online virtual Classes conducted and 15,72,522. For the convenience of the trainees, all recorded lectures have been made online through YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/c/NimiVirtualclassroom>. There are around 8341 active subscribers with around 32000 people who have watched the videos.

24. Online Exam Preparation through NIMI Mocktest App: An android mobile App NIMI Mock Test was floated for pilot testing during the month of July 2020 for the benefit of students to assess themselves. So far 2,64,512 trainers/ trainees have registered. Students have the capability of generating their own question papers and attending the mock exams. At the end of the exam, a result analysis appears in the app. As of now, 3,97,296 such question papers have been generated and attempted by students.

25. Webinars: Attended the following webinars and gave keynote addresses:

- a. CII seminar on 16/7/20 on the topic “ Atmanirbhar Bharat – Skilling Opportunities in RE sector”
- b. International Solar Alliance (ISA) programme on 21/7/20 on the start of online training of bankers.
- c. Launch of White Paper on ROI on Apprenticeship by Team Lease Skills University
