

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of June 2021

Important events for the month are as under:

1. Special skilling Program in Health Sector to meet manpower demand for COVID-19: To meet the paucity of skilled health workers across the country quickly, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) designed and launched a special programme 'Customised Crash Course Program for COVID Warrior' with scale, speed and as per standardised skilling ecosystem under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0 (PMKVY 3.0). This program aims to train more than one lakh COVID Warrior in six custom made job roles with an estimated outlay of Rs. 273 Crores (approx.) across the country.

The Program was launched on 18th June 2021 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister with the commencement of training in 111 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKKs) and other affiliated Training Centres (TCs) of 26 States and 100 Districts.

2. Other Initiatives to meet manpower demand due to COVID:

In addition, three new training programmes were launched to meet the manpower requirements arising due to Covid management:

- i. A special training for 27 days of HMV license-holder drivers in transportation of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO).
- ii. Upskilling training of around 18000 ITI passouts to operate and maintain PSA oxygen plants being set up in the country.
- iii. Upskilling training of around 8000 ITI passouts to maintain respiratory machines such as ventilators and oxygen concentrators.

3. Amendment in Apprenticeship Act: Draft Cabinet Note (DNC) on "Enhancing the apprenticeship opportunities for youth- Amendment of Apprentices Act, 1961" along with Apprentices Act (Amendment) Bill, 2021 has been finalised after incorporating the public and stakeholders' comments received on MyGov platform. DNC has been circulated for inter- ministerial consultation, after due approval from Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

4. National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS): Concept Note of NAPS 2 was finalised for extension of NAPS scheme for another 5 years. Some new features have been included in the second version of NAPS to ensure expansion of apprenticeship in remote areas and amongst weaker sections..

5. Central Apprenticeship Council: Central Apprenticeship Council (CAC) is the apex statutory body under the Apprentices Act, 1961. The functions of the CAC include to assist and advice the Central Government for the implementation of Apprentice Act, 1961 in the

country. The 37th Meeting of CAC held on 28th June,2021 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, SD&E. Proposed amendments in "Apprentices Act, 1961" was discussed in the meeting.

6. NCVET-MSDE Coordination: The first Coordination meeting between the Ministry and the Skill Regulator NCVET (National Council for Vocational Education and Training) under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, SDE was held on 02.06.2021 and, in the meeting, status of progress in the formulation of various guidelines/ framework (credit framework, monitoring & evaluation, grievance redressal, skill university, NSQF review, etc.); status of proposals for according Awarding Body/ Assessment Agency status; Tech Portal; NCVET Council meeting, etc., were deliberated upon.

7. Skill Anticipation and Assessment Study: The Ministry has released Skill Anticipation and Assessment Study Report in Manufacturing Sector. The Study covers seven segments of the manufacturing sector, namely 'Apparel, Textiles, Leather & Footwear'; 'Automotive'; 'Rubber & Plastic Products'; 'Electrical & Optical Equipment'; 'Basic Metals'; 'Food Industry'; and 'Chemicals including Pharmaceuticals'. The objective of the Study is to identify manufacturing segments which are competitive and demonstrate potential for growth and employment; and the granular details of the skill-sets which are/shall be required in these segments.

8. Trade Categorization: The Sub-Committee on Trade Categorization has submitted second report, which focused on reforming the common norms costing principles, including creation of separate category for high technology courses.

9. Centre of Excellence: With the approval of Hon'ble Minister, SDE, the Ministry has revised the guidelines for award of Centre of Excellence in Skilling ecosystem, with an objective of ensuring quality and ease of operation.

10. National Skills Qualification Committee: The 9th meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) under NCVET was held under the joint Chairpersonship of Dr Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi, the Chairperson, NCVET and Shri Praveen Kumar, Secretary, MSDE on 24th June, 2021 wherein 46 Qualifications were presented before the Committee, for approval. The Committee approved 16 Qualifications, 3 Qualifications were conditionally approved and 27 Qualifications were returned to the Submitting Bodies. With this, a total number of 4354 qualifications have been aligned to NSQF, till date.

11. National Council for Vocational Education and Training: After the assumption of charges by Chairperson, NCVET and Executive Members, NCVET, the 3rd Council meeting of National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) under the Chairmanship of Chairperson, NCVET was held on 15th June, 2021. Amongst other decisions, some of the major decisions taken were that of collaboration with digilocker for acting as repository of all certificates issued and of development of Qualifications in Indian languages, in addition to Hindi.

12. National Skill Development Mission: The second meeting of the Steering Committee of NSDM under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister, SDE was held on 29th June, 2021 at 12.00 PM through VC, where the progress achieved was reviewed and decision was taken to frame a new Policy.

13. Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship: Due to the lockdown restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic, a decision to revise the Timelines for implementation of MGNF Phase II Programme was taken and conveyed to IIM Bangalore. The date for conducting the written exam has been moved to 3rd week of July, 2021 and the programme is scheduled to take off between 18-19th October, 2021.

14. New scheme for modernizing Instructor Trainer institutions: A concept note was prepared for a holistic scheme DRISHTA (Developing & Reinvigorating Instructor Skills & Honing Training Adaptiveness) with the objective of modernizing and rejuvenating Trainers Training through National Skill Training Institute (NSTI).

15. Meeting by Cabinet Secretary with Chief Secretaries: Attended the meeting held by the Cabinet Secretary with State Chief Secretaries on 24th June, and briefed the meeting about the Covid related interventions by the Ministry and the expectations from the States to make these interventions successful.

16. Meeting by VC, Niti Aayog on skilling strategy in light of Pandemic: A meeting was held on 16th June by the Vice Chairman Niti Aayog to get feedback on adopting specific skilling strategies for skilling during pandemic.

17. Scheme regarding ten most backward districts: Based on a meeting held by CEO Niti Aayog on 18th June, the Ministry decided the parameters to determine the backwardness in skilling and based on the same arrived at a list of ten most backward districts. Action plan for these districts is under preparation.

18. Standing Committee on External Affairs: Gave evidence on 29th June in the sitting of the Standing Committee of External Affairs relating to skilling initiatives for international migration.
