

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of April 2021

Important events for the month are as under:

1. **1. Regional Workshop on Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0:** The first Regional Workshop on Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0 (PMKVY 3.0) was held at Gangtok, Sikkim. This first-of-its kind regional workshop was conducted at Gangtok, Sikkim on 8th April, 2021. The workshop was held with active participation of key personnel of State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs) and District Skill Committees (DSCs) across all eight States, namely, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura. A comprehensive discussion on the whole skilling ecosystem took place during the day-long workshop. Suggestions were also sought from the States on the strategy for the next phase of the scheme i.e. PMKVY 4.0.

2. **Extension of last date for commencement of training under PMKVY 3.0:** MSDE had received communication from several States requesting for extension of the last date of commencement of training under PMKVY 3.0 due to re-imposition of COVID-19 lockdown and prevalence of Model Code of Conduct in certain states. Considering the requests received from various States, and in view of the existing pandemic situation across the country, the last date for commencement of training under the State Component (CSSM) of PMKVY 3.0 has been extended from 31.03.2021 to 30.04.2021.

3. **Concept Note on “Amendment of Apprentices Act, 1961”** has been finalised and the same has been uploaded on website of MSDE and MyGov.in portal for inviting comments from public and stakeholders. Last date for receiving comments is 10th May, 2021.

4. **Aspirational Districts:** For encouraging Aspirational districts in taking up skill development related projects, Aspirational districts of the country has been requested vide letter dated 09.04.2021 to submit proposals, with a maximum budget of Rs 2 crore per district to MSDE, which would be funded through SANKALP’s National Component.

5. **International Migration:** A meeting was held with TISS- SVE to discuss the issues related to International mobility and migration of workers. A presentation was also made by MSDE on 'BHARAT VISHWAKA KAUSHALYA GURU'. Also, the second JWG meeting to operationalize the Specified Skilled Workers Agreement signed with Japan was held on 19th April, 2021.

6. **Indian Institute of Skills:** Sixth meeting of Inter-Ministerial Empowered Committee on setting up of Indian Institute of Skills was held on 1st April 2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE. In this meeting, the RfP of IIS Kanpur, and Operational Agreement and DPR of IIS, Ahmedabad @ Gandhinagar was finalized

7. **Creation of Research Division:** A Research Division has been created in the Ministry, vide office order dated April 5, 2021 to, *inter-alia*, facilitate real time data/information for policy

framing and interventions; preparation of database and statistical analysis of relevant data for planning, policy formulation and administrative decision making; integration of national data base on skill related statistics; and to study skill gaps and incremental requirement across sectors in the country to align skill initiatives.

8. Study on Skill Demand: A Study was undertaken beginning August, last year, on assessment and anticipation of current and future skill requirement in the manufacturing sector. Seven segments of the manufacturing sector were considered, and based on analysis from primary enterprise level survey of about 100 firms, personal interview with various industry associations and secondary data, a draft Report on the Study has been prepared. The same is at present under consultative process with relevant Central Ministries/ Departments and Sector Skill Councils, and will be finalized in due course after the consultations are completed.

9. ITI Examinations: Computer Based Test (CBT) was conducted for about 15 lakh eligible trainees who applied for the same under the Craftsmen Training Scheme being implemented in ITIs.

10. Skill Exhibition at Kumbh Mela: The Ministry set up an exhibition stall at Kumbh Mela where various skilling opportunities and business opportunities for skilling were highlighted.

11. Filling up of NCVET positions: Pursuant to the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, communicated vide DoPT's order no. 7/9/2019-EO (SM-II) Part-II dated 23.03.2021, Dr. Nirmaljeet Singh Kalsi has assumed the charge of Chairperson, National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), and Dr. Neena Pahuja and Dr. Vinita Aggarwal assumed the charge of Executive Member, NCVET, with effect from April 16, 2021, initially for a period of 3 years from the date of joining or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

12. Manual for Inclusive Training: With the collaboration of DGT, MSDE and the foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Govt. of United Kingdom and support of KPMG, the Guidance Manual/ checklist for Inclusive Practice for making vocational training accessible for people with disabilities has been commissioned. The manual comprises an introduction to inclusion, disability and disability etiquette. This manual will guide training organisations in their preparation to become fully inclusive and equitable training environments for trainees with disabilities.

13. Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsava: A detailed calendar for Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsava has been prepared and based on the same activities are being planned. As a first step branding on all websites of the Ministry has been done.

14. Online learning in ITIs: Blended Content for COPA job role has been developed by NF-NASCOMM and has been uploaded on NIMI portal linked with Bharatskills. Second Program on Advanced Excel by Microsoft- NASSCOM for batch of 64 officers was successfully conducted from 8th April to 17 April 2021. QUEST-CISCO-Accenture MOU has been extended

for another 4 years till 13th June 2024 for scalability and sustainability of their support in Skill Ecosystem.
