

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of November, 2020

Important events for the month of November, 2020 are as follows:

1. **Reopening of JSS:** All the JSS Centres were re-opened post Covid-19 w.e.f. 2.11.2020 while maintaining strict adherence to the SoP of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. **Examinations in NSTI/ITI:** The All India Trade Test (AITT) for the Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) trainees of the Session 2019-20 has been successfully conducted for the Second batch of trainees from 06/11/2020 till 13/11/2020. Further, AITT for Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) is being held from 23.11.2020 onwards. About 14.5 Lakhs Hall Tickets were generated and all states except Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Delhi & Gujarat participated in the examinations
3. **Evaluation Study of JSS Scheme:** Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi has submitted its Draft Report on Evaluation Study of JSS Scheme and in their Draft Report, IIPA has recommended continuation of JSS Scheme beyond 31.3.2021.
4. **IIS Mumbai:** The Operations Agreement for establishing IIS at Mumbai was signed on 11th November, 2020 amongst MSDE, DGT and TATA IIS.
5. **Training for Defence:** Concept note prepared for Scheme for Training of Craftsmen for Establishments in Defence Production & Strategic Manufacturing in association with DGT.
6. **PM-UMEED Scheme:** The Inter-Ministerial consultation on Concept Note related to the the proposed new scheme on entrepreneurship i.e. PM-UMEED has been taken up with stakeholder Ministries.
7. **Common portal for all Awards Scheme of MSDE:** On-boarding of all the Awards Schemes of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on common web portal, is under process.
8. **Parliamentary Committee:** Presented before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour & Employment on 12th November on the Apprenticeship Act and Scheme.
9. **Meeting with Niti Aayog:** A meeting was held on 24th November by Vice Chairperson Niti Aayog, where the Apprenticeship sector was presented and discussed.
10. **Skilling in 3rd REINVEST:** Presented during the 3rd REINVEST on 27th November, the Renewal Energy International expo and conference of MNRE, opportunities for Skilling in Renewables, during the session "From ITI to IIT".
11. **Meeting with States:** A meeting was held on 6th, in two batches, with Principal Secretaries of States in charge of skilling, to discuss the preparatory steps for launch of PMKVY 3.0.
12. **Common Norms Committee meeting:** The 8th Common Norms Committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (MSDE) on 13th November, 2020 through video conferencing and the following decisions were taken in the meeting:
 - a. The CNC agreed in 5 per cent revision in the base cost for the FY 2020-21.
 - b. Revision in mobilization cost.

- c. CNC agreed in principle for creation of a 4th category in addition to the three trade categories under Schedule II of Common Norms. The fourth category will comprise all trades/ job roles that are highly capital intensive catering to new age technology.
 - d. The Committee agreed with the provision of extending women trainees in Special Areas travelling a distance of more than 40 kms to reach the nearest training centre eligible for availing boarding and lodging arrangements.
 - e. The present costing norms will be applicable for digital skilling until new norms are notified.
13. **NCVET Selection Committee Meeting:** On 20th November, 2020, 2nd meeting of the Selection Committee under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary was held for selection to the posts of Chairperson, Executive Members and Non-Executive Members in National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET).
 14. **Recognition of Centre of Excellence in the skilling ecosystem:** The meeting of Standing Committee for recognition of Centre of Excellence in the skilling ecosystem was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (MSDE) on 24.11.2020 through video conferencing. In the meeting, the Committee agreed with the proposal of State Institute for Development of Arts and Crafts (SIDAC), Odisha for recognition as Centre of Excellence in the field of Skilling Ecosystem in the country.
 15. **NSQC Meeting:** The 3rd meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) under NCVET was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, MSDE & Chairperson, NCVET on 20th November, 2020 wherein 72 Qualifications were approved and 21 qualifications were conditionally approved. With this, a total number of 4022 qualifications have been aligned to NSQF so far.
 16. **Workshop for recognition of awarding bodies at NCVET:** Two workshop were conducted on 11.11.2020 and 12.11.2020 to ensure that all stakeholders (including State Departments) are in alignment with the new guidelines and the processes that shall be followed at NCVET for recognition of awarding bodies.
 17. **SANKALP:** The SANKALP portal was nominated for the Digital India Awards, instituted under the aegis of National Portal of India.
 18. **Online Training:** There was a 51% increase in number of online users taking up training through the Bharatskills portal, taking the number to 16,55,141. Further, a total of 441 Master Trainers of ITIs/NSTIs(2nd Phase) have been trained through Online Blended learning Training of Trainers of ITIs (Govt. & Pvt.) in 6 most demanded trades (Fitter, Electrician, Mechanic Diesel, COPA, Cosmetology and Welder) in the month of November, 2020.
 19. **Industry Partnership:**
 - (a) MoU with CISCO for access to NetAcad self-learning courses on Bharatskills (bharatskills.gov.in) and Online certification for students has been extended for another 2 years.
 - (b) A meeting was held on 11th November with the industry of Tourism and Hospitality sector to identify the skilling issues related to the sector.
 20. **State Partnership:** MoU was signed between UT Government of Ladakh and Govt. of India to implement the STRIVE project.
