

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

Summary for the month of January, 2021

Important events for the month of January, 2021 are as follows:

1. Launch of PMKVY 3.0: In a bid to empower India's youth with employable skills, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 3.0, on 15th of January, in nearly 600 districts. Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Hon'ble Union Minister, MSDE launched the third edition of PMKVY in a live-cum-virtual ceremony along with Shri RK Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State, MSDE. PMKVY 3.0 will be implemented in a more decentralized manner, with greater responsibilities and support from States/UTs and Districts. The new programme is demand driven and decentralized in its approach. District Skill Committees (DSCs), under the guidance of State Skill Development Missions (SSDM), shall play a key role in addressing the skill gap and assessing demand at the district level. The new scheme will be more trainee- and learner-centric.

2. Presentation on Skilling at PMO: A presentation was made on 1st January before Principal Secretary, PMO, on the vision of skilling sector for next five years. A similar presentation was made before Principal Advisor, PMO on 8th of January.

3. Meeting with states: A virtual meeting was held on 11th January by Hon'ble Minister with all states reviewing various matters including the preparation of states for the launch of PMKVY 3.0 on 15th January.

4. Selection Committee of NCVET: A meeting of the Selection Committee, headed by Cabinet Secretary, for shorting-listing of candidates for the posts of Chairperson and Executive Members/Non Executive Members of the National Council for Vocational Education & Training (NCVET) was held on 20 January, 2021.

5. MoC between India and Japan: A Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between the Government of Japan and the Government of India on a basic framework for the partnership for proper operation of the system pertaining to "Specified Skilled Workers" has been signed on 18th of January. The Union Cabinet had approved a proposal of India having a MOC with Japan to partner with that country in the specified skill worker sector on January 6, 2021.

6. Mid-term review of STRIVE: World Bank Mid Term Review Mission (18-22 Jan) for Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) programme, a World Bank aided skilling programme, was successfully concluded with the project getting higher rating of Moderately Satisfactory.

7. Agreement with GIZ: Under Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood (SANKALP), a World Bank aided skilling programme, a multi-party Training Partnership Agreement was signed between Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Automotive Skills Development Council, Maharashtra State Skill Development Society & GIZ India on 19th January 2021 under the Cluster-based Training of Trainers pilot project for the Automotive cluster at Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

8. Expansion of Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship Program: A pilot programme Mahatma Gandhi Fellowship Program (MGNF) was started in partnership with IIM Bangalore in 2020 for capacity building of DSCs by providing them MGNF Fellows through IIMB. With the

successful launch of in the first pilot, the MGNF Phase II Programme is being implemented to cover all remaining districts in the country. For retaining the standard of academic excellence and reputation in MGNF, nine (9) IIMs namely IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Lucknow, IIM Kozhikode, IIM Visakhapatnam, IIM-Udaipur, IIM Nagpur, IIM Ranchi, IIM-Jammu and IIM Bangalore have been selected as Academic Partners. The selection of Fellows would be done by IIM Bangalore through a common admission process.

9. Group of Ministers: Secretary, MSDE, being the Sub-Group convener, made the presentation on behalf of SGOS-4 (Social) on the action taken/plan of action pertaining to the GoM Report on Employment Generation and Skill Development at a meeting organized by the Cabinet Secretariat on January 13, 2021.

10. National Skill Development Fund: A meeting of the Board of Trustees of National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) was held on 21st January, in which the functioning of the fund was reviewed and innovative models were suggested for funds raising.

11. National Skills Qualification Committee: The 5th meeting of the National Skills Qualification Committee (NSQC) of NCVET was held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, MSDE, on 29 January, 2021 wherein 17 Qualifications were approved and 79 Qualifications were conditionally approved. With this, a total number of 4128 qualifications have so far been aligned to the NSQF.

12. NCVET advocacy: An interactive workshop was organized by NCVET with the existing Skill Universities (Govt.-2 & Pvt.-5) to take an update on the type of courses being conducted and discuss the way forward on the skill training related issues faced by them.

13. Awarding Body: West Bengal State Council of Technical & Vocational Education and Skill Development (WBSCT&VE&SD) was recognized as Awarding Body for short term NSQF aligned Qualification and conduct assessment and certification of 595 Qualifications for which approval has been obtained from NCVET.

14. Committee on Papers Laid on the Table: Oral Evidence was given on 28th January, 2021 before the Committee on Papers Laid on the Table in connection with the delay in laying of Annual Reports and Audited Accounts Reports of NIESBUD, Noida.

15. NIESBUD: The meeting of the Executive Committee of NIESBUD was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE on 29.01.2021 for consideration on issues related to the Institute including approval of Annual Reports of the Institute for 2019-20.

16. Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in North Eastern States (ESDI): The Standing Finance Committee meeting for extension and rationalisation of scheme conducted on 12.01.2021 for Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in North Eastern States (ESDI) Scheme and the scheme was approved.

17. Kaushal Bhawan: A meeting of the Delegation Investment Board (DIB) regarding Kaushal Bhawan was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary on 19th January, in which the proposal was approved retrospectively.

18. Toy Industries: Concept Note on Scheme on Skilling for Toy Industries prepared and submitted for approval of Hon'ble Minister, MSDE.

19. **NIPUN:** Concept note for NIPUN (scheme for skilling workers for defence industries) was finalised and sent to Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Defence for comments.

20. **DAKSHATA:** Concept note for DAKSHATA (a comprehensive programme for rejuvenation of ITIs)0 prepared and sent to Ministry of Finance for comments.

21. **LWE Scheme:** Draft SFC note for extension & rationalisation of LWE Scheme on skilling in Left Wing affected districts was circulated to various ministries for seeking comments.

22. **Craftsmen Instruction Training Scheme:** Counselling of Craftsmen Instruction Training Scheme (CITS) admission 2020-21 for the candidates who have passed the All India Common Entrance Test (AICET-CITS 2020) has been completed. The final spot admission for the unfilled seats was taken up in the last week of January'2021.

23. **MoU with CISCO:** CISCO under its MoU with DGT has set up Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) laboratories at seven Locations – NSTI Kanpur, NSTI Mumbai, NSTI Chennai, NSTI Kolkata, NSTI Bengaluru, NSTI(w) Noida and DGT Hqrs.

24. **New Age Courses:** Question Bank and Course content of eight New age courses - Additive Manufacturing technician (3D Printing), Aeronautical Structure and Equipment Fitter, Solar Technician (Electrical), Geo Informatics Assistant, Smart Phone Technician and App Tester, Soil testing and crop technician, IoT Technician Smart City and Remotely Piloted aircraft/ Drone Pilot has been updated in Bharatskills.

25. **ITI exams:** Computer Based Test (CBT) for trainees of 67 trades out of a total of 137 trades at ITIs was completed successfully in four phases.
