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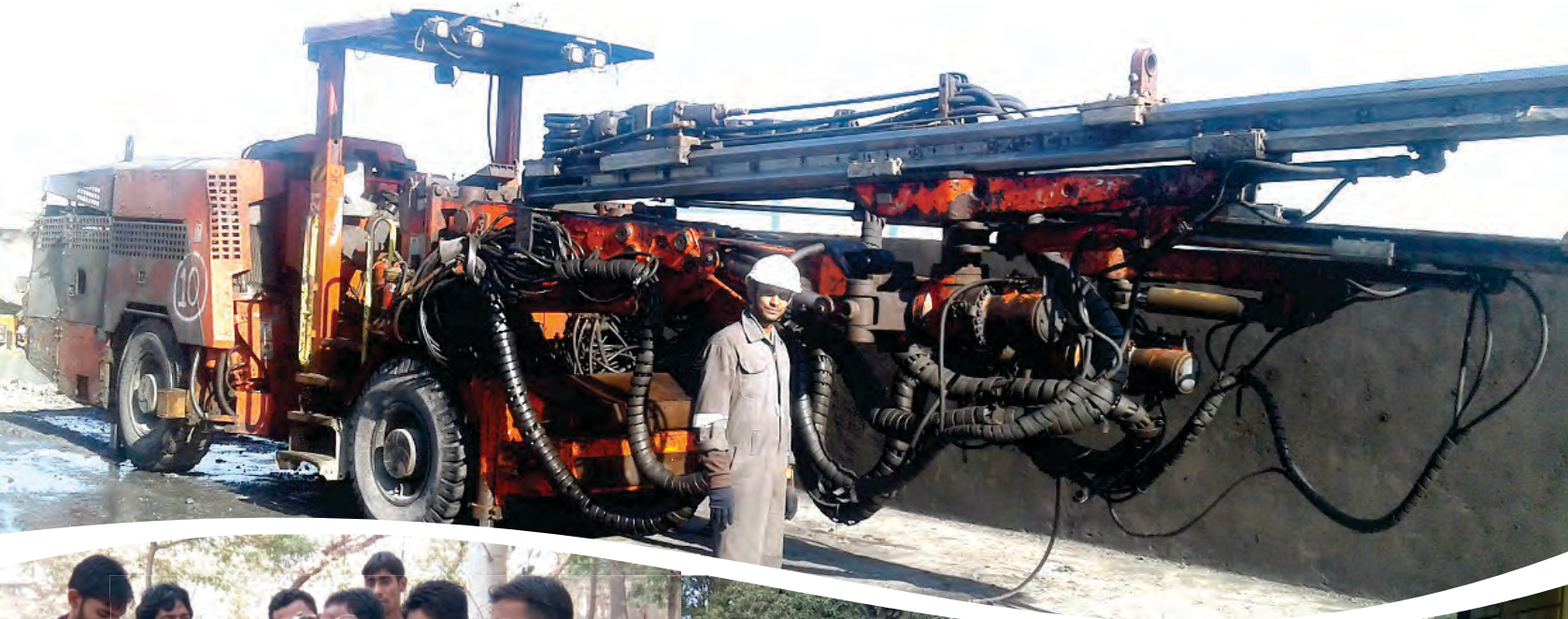
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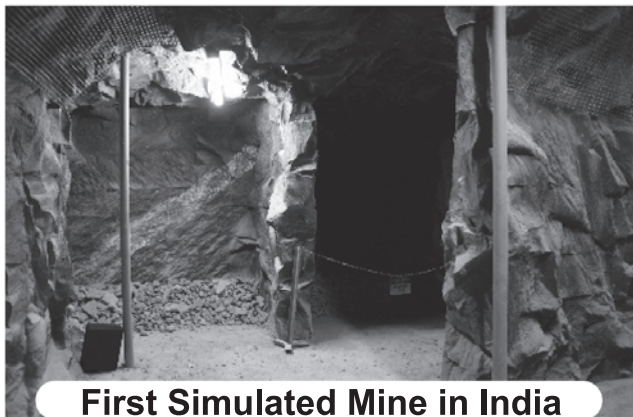
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## MINING & EXPLORATION

### **Boost for international miners as India's thermal coal imports jump**

Coal is among the top five commodities imported by India, one of the world's largest consumers of coal, and the rise in imports of the fuel after two consecutive years of decline adds to its trade deficit. That trade gap has been hurting the valuation of the rupee, the worst performing major Asian currency in 2018.

Thermal coal imports jumped 19% to 171.85-million tonnes in 2018, marking the fastest pace of growth since 2014, according to data from American Fuels & Natural Resources, a Dubai-based trader of US-origin coal. Energy consultancy Wood Mackenzie also said imports grew at their fastest pace since 2014, to 164-million tonnes in 2018. Imports of coking coal - which is mainly used in the manufacturing of steel - rose at the quickest rate since 2015, according to Wood Mackenzie and American Fuels.

India imported 52.26-million tonnes of coking coal in 2018, up 14% from 45.93-million tonnes in 2017, American Fuels' data showed. The latest government data for April-November coal imports largely matches with data from American Fuels. Thermal coal imports were 118.89 million tonnes in the period, according to government data, compared with American Fuels figure of 118.69-million tonnes. Coking coal imports in the same period were 34.36 million tonnes, according to government data for April-November. American Fuels estimated those imports were 34.40-million tonnes.

The value of all coal imports for the year ended December 31, 2018 was 28.7% higher at 1.72-trillion Indian rupees than it was a year earlier, according to government data from the coal and trade ministries reviewed by Reuters. Traders say coal imports grew largely due to restrictions on consumption of petroleum coke, a dirtier alternative to coal, in some parts of the country. "2018 was a booming year for coal imports in India, mostly on the back of demand from cement and small and medium-scale industries in India," said Puneet Gupta, founder of online coal and petcoke marketplace Coalshastra.

"Higher demand was also fuelled by restrictions on the use of petcoke," he said. Petcoke consumption dropped about 15% in 2018, according to government data.

### **Boost for International Miners**

While higher coal imports may be bad news for India's trade deficit, they are a boon for international miners such as Indonesia's Adaro Energy, Australia's Whitehaven Coal, US coal miner Peabody Energy and global commodity merchants such as Glencore.

Indonesia provided more than 61% of India's thermal coal imports, while South Africa accounted for 22% and the US more than 7%. Imports of US thermal coal, which burns better compared with Indonesian coal, almost doubled to 12.46-million tonnes in 2018, according to American Fuels.

Cheaper coal from countries such as Indonesia are likely to be preferred by buyers in India in 2019, over better burning coal from the United States, due to lower freight costs, according to Ali Yasrab, director of Iman Resources, a UAE-based trader of US origin coal.

"If coal prices reach 2018 peak levels, US coal will become popular in India again," Yasrab said.

The ports of Mundra, Krishnapatnam and Kandla handled about 37.5% of all of the thermal coal imports, according to American Fuels. The Adani Group, which handles about a third of India's imported coal, said last year it expects a "reasonable rise in imports" till fiscal year 2021 due to "rail transportation challenges" affecting India's domestic coal industry.

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Analysts say they expect India to be a key market for global miners in 2019 as China's "war on pollution" will lead to lower demand from that country.

**India's 2018 thermal coal imports rose at the fastest pace in four years, according to two industry sources, despite moves by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government to cut imports in a bid to reduce its trade deficit.**

(MiningWeekly.com – 28 January, 2019)

## GENERAL

### **Haryana Industries Department proposes short-term skill training courses for youths**

In the first of its kind convergence between Haryana's industry and skill development programme, the state's Industries Department has proposed a three-option model to not only train youths to be self-sufficient but to create job opportunities.

The proposal comes at a time when rising unemployment is being raked up by the Opposition against the ruling BJP government led by Manohar Lal Khattar. The Industries Department, under its three models, has proposed that the available machinery and infrastructure be used to impart skills through short-term programmes run by government institutions such as ITIs, polytechnics, engineering colleges and universities.

Sources said the best plan would be that the industry came forward to run these courses and put government infrastructure, buildings and machinery to optimum use after regular hours. These could be opened up for the industry at a nominal cost of 10 percent and to training providers at 20 percent.

This has the benefit of the industry being able to impart the exact training required and, in turn, getting the exact skilled workforce it requires. For this, the department proposes that placements be ensured for 70 percent of those who take these courses.

Under the second option, the industry and the trainers can hire faculty from the government institutions or its own and use the building. In lieu, while the industry will be required to pay 5 percent to the institution, the training provider can avail himself of these facilities at 10 percent. The other option is that a government institute runs its own short-term courses after regular working hours with its own faculty or outsiders.

These courses would be open to those aged between 15 and 35 and can take their pick from various skills based on their educational qualifications and interests. Once this proposal gets the government's nod, applications are invited from industries and four or five-star rating National Skill Development Corporation or Haryana Skill Development empanelled training providers to conduct full-time or part-time skill trainings.

"This proposal is a win-win situation for both government institutions and the industry. While the institutions can earn a little extra from these courses, the industry can train people based on their needs and recruit them directly".

Additional Chief Secretary, Skill Development and Industrial Training Department, Devender Singh, confirmed that such a proposal had been put up to the government for approval. The main goal of this

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scheme is to refine the skills of youths of the state by training and certifying them and making them employable. This will encourage entrepreneurship and value addition to skill development.

**(Skill Reporter, New Delhi – 14 January, 2019)**

### **Himachal Pradesh provides skill development training to 1 lakh youth**

Himachal Pradesh government is focussing on skill development of youth, by providing necessary training, to enhance their employability. Presently, three schemes — Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Asian Development Bank funded Kaushal Vikas Yojana and Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Kaushalya Vikas Yojana — are being implemented in the state. Under these schemes, about one lakh youth from the state will be trained to get employment.

In a statement issued, the state government said that under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam has been entrusted with the task of training 22 service providers. Also, 22000 youths are being provided training. Nearly 2,340 trainees have completed their training and 341 trainees have been given employment.

With the help of Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam, a graduate (vocational) programme is being run by the higher education department, in which 824 students had registered during 2017-18 and 1,010 students have registered themselves for 2018-19 session.

A graduate add-on programme was started with the help of Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam, to provide training to students in selected colleges. This saw 750 students being trained.

A memorandum of understanding was signed for a five-year skill development project with Asian Development Bank on March 28, 2018. Under this project of Rs 650 crore, more than 53,000 youth will be benefitted, 50 ITIs will be upgraded, six urban livelihood centres and seven rural livelihood centres will be opened. Three training service providers are also listed to run short-term training programmes.

Through the skill development project of Asian Development Bank, model career centre in Hamirpur, Government Women Polytechnic College in Rehan, urban livelihood centre in Shamshi, urban livelihood centre in Sunder Nagar and urban livelihood centre in Nahan, have been started.

Construction work of rural livelihood centre in Sadyana in Mandi district and rural livelihood centre in Chopal and Pragatinagar in Shimla district have also started.

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana has also been implemented at a cost of Rs 77 crore. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, first instalment of Rs 21.56 crore has been received. This will provide employment skills to about 50,000 youth. Women empowerment schemes have also been started to make rural women self-reliant.

**(Skill Reporter, New Delhi – 15 January, 2019)**

### **Maharashtra State Skill Development Society organized CSR Meet-2019**

In line with the Skill India Mission and the mission of Government of Maharashtra to skill 4.5 crore youth by 2022, Maharashtra State Skill Development Society (MSSDS), the nodal agency for planning, coordination, execution & monitoring of all skill development initiatives in the State of Maharashtra, has been organizing various events, seminars and workshops for capacity building and tie-ups with various stakeholders working in the State.

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In line with this, CSR Meet-2019 was organized by MSSDS in Mumbai on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. The event was presided over by Shri Sambhaji Patil Nilangekar, Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of Maharashtra in presence of Shri Virendra Singh, IAS, Hon'ble Chief Executive Officer, MSSDS.

The event was a first of its kind initiative by MSSDS to bring together industry partners working across sectors on a common platform to share their views on skill development and discuss the possibility of potential collaboration in future. The CSR meet also aimed at strengthening the connection between MSSDS and the CSR programs of the industries by providing an opportunity to the industry partners to join hands with MSSDS.

Representatives from 61 key corporates from diverse sectors like Engineering, Construction, Healthcare, Telecom and many more attended the meet. Hon'ble Minister spoke about the journey of Skill India and the importance of industry participation in this initiative. He also encouraged large corporates to come forward and join hands with Government of Maharashtra to achieve the goal of Skill India Initiative. Shri. Virendra Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra State Skill Development Society addressed the companies and spoke about various skill development initiative taken up by MSSDS. He also shared the proposed engagement models which the industry partners can take up for partnering with Government of Maharashtra.

**(Skill Reporter, New Delhi – 16 January, 2019)**

## **FLASHES FROM OVERSEAS**

### **China's coal output hits highest in over 3 years as mines start up**

- Miners produced 320.38 mln T of coal in Dec -stats bureau
- Country has started up new mines
- But miners, traders expect output to fall in Jan
- That comes after major accident at mine this month

China's December coal output climbed 2.1 percent from the year before, government data showed, hitting the highest level in over three years as major miners ramped up production amid robust winter demand and after the country started up new mines. Miners produced 320.38 million tonnes of coal in December, according to data released on Monday by the National Bureau of Statistics. That is the largest volume since June, 2015.

China approved more than 45 billion yuan's (\$6.64 billion) worth of new coal mining projects last year, much more than 2017, official documents show. That came after the country closed old and more-polluting coal mines as part of its battle to clean up the environment.

"Coal mining capacity coming online will lead to another increase in output this year after boosting December output to a more than three-year high," said a Beijing-based coal analyst with a major broker. He declined to be identified as he was not authorised by his company to speak to media on the matter. However, some miners and traders expect supplies to fall sharply in January following a crackdown on coal mines after a major accident on Jan. 13 in the northwestern province of Shaanxi, potentially dragging on output through the year.

"It is now possible that Shaanxi will implement the strictest-ever regulations on illegal production, which would significantly reduce output in the province for the year," Zhai Yu, senior consultant at analysts Wood Mackenzie said in a note published in 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January.



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"If stricter checks are extended to other provinces, domestic supply could tighten from its currently relaxed situation, helping coal imports as a result," Zhai wrote.

Shaanxi accounts for about 20 percent of China's annual coal production.

(MiningWeekly.com – 21 January, 2019)

## GLEANINGS FROM

### MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

#### Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship felicitates Entrepreneurs and Individuals at National Entrepreneurship Awards 2018

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) concluded the third edition of the National Entrepreneurship Awards (NEA), by honouring 30 outstanding young entrepreneurs and three entrepreneurship ecosystem builders for their exceptional contribution in entrepreneurship development at a ceremony held in New Delhi. The awards were conferred in the presence of Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation; Shri Anant Kumar Hegde, Minister of State for Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Dr. KP Krishnan, Secretary, MSDE.

Among the winners and models of excellence included Ms. Roshan Kahtoon, 23, from Bihar, who is an inspiration to many. Despite her physical disability, she has beaten all odds and has set up a small bangle manufacturing unit. Ms. Shruthi Reddy Sethi, 33, of Kolkata, who started Anthyesti Funeral Services to provide end-to-end funeral management service, Ms. Tana Sumpaaged, 35, of the Nyishi tribe, Arunachal Pradesh, who is successfully running piggery farms and fisheries and also helping local people, women, housewives and unemployed youth with quality training and livelihood support. Among others felicitated were Mr. Mahipal Chary Kadivendi, 38, of Telangana, who has developed a self-propelled weeder-cum-cultivator that can be used for a number of agricultural processes such as hoeing, weeding, tilling, sowing and also for applying fertilizer or insecticides.

Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, said, "I would like to congratulate all award winners for their exemplary performance. The definition of entrepreneurship is constantly evolving and with change in fixed tenure jobs, the nature of working environment is changing with more people creating their job space versus joining a certain industry. There are ample opportunities for our youth to be gainfully engaged in launching start-up initiatives in the country. "

He further added, "The economic growth of a country depends on the economic growth of its people. The youth needs to be empowered today with skills which can empower them. The change in market environment is no more a challenge, but has become an opportunity for many. Government of India's initiatives like Mudra Yojana, Start Up India, the GeM portal, etc. are giving the best and most conducive environment to our young entrepreneurs."

Congratulating the winners, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, said, "Adopting an inclusive approach, this year new categories were introduced for grassroot entrepreneurs with special focus on women, persons with disabilities, SC/STs and entrepreneurs from difficult areas. Our endeavour has been to incubate entrepreneurial spirit to build self-sustainable livelihood. National Entrepreneurship Awards not only recognises small and medium entrepreneurs, but creates aspirations for all those who are willing to innovate, and are determined to create their own enterprise. India is emerging as the fastest growing economy in the world and we are committed to promote entrepreneurship to fuel growth"

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Talking about the award recipients this year, Minister of State, MSDE, Shri Anant kumar Hegde, said, “Our country’s strength is its human resource. The Government is committed to supporting everyone – across small, medium or large categories of entrepreneurs, and create market linkages for all. No entrepreneur is different from another as each has to invest the same amount of passion, grit and commitment in their venture. National Entrepreneurship Awards is a recognition of immense talent that our youth has. I would urge our youth to work hard, take risks and write their own destiny. This is just the beginning. There are immense opportunities in the country and sky is the limit.”

Milind Kamble, Founder & Chairman, The Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said, “The current incumbent government is making commendable efforts to create a strong support system for entrepreneurs across categories including those who are marginalized. I would give AAA rating to the Government for being Accessible, Accommodating and being Action oriented. We are happy to associate with the Ministry and commit our support in their endeavors to boost the MSME sector.”

The National Entrepreneurship Awards (NEA) was instituted by MSDE in 2016 to encourage a culture of entrepreneurship across the country. A total of 33 winners – 30 Young Entrepreneurs and 3 Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Builders were awarded. Each of the enterprise/individual winners received a trophy, certificate and a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, while each of the winning organizations/institutes received a trophy, certificate and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.

The Awards ceremony witnessed attendance from senior officials of the ministry, members of the Skill Sector Councils, corporate leaders; successful and budding entrepreneurs among others.

**(Skill Reporter, New Delhi – 4 January, 2019)**

### **Skill India Mission may see major change, Government considering comprehensive makeover for Kaushal Vikas Mission**

The government is considering revamping the Skill India Mission, which has not achieved the desired results despite a series of initiatives. Officials said the mission in its new avatar will be based on incentives rather than subsidies and it will focus largely on fiscal sops for attracting private players.

A senior government official told ET that there have been internal deliberations on how to make skilling more effective so that the quality of skill training matches international standards and the outreach of skilling is massively scaled up to cover millions of youths that enter the workforce every year.

“One of the options being considered includes giving fiscal incentives to private players whose skilling targets could be linked to their annual turnover,” said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. The plan also envisages incentivising the youth through stipends at the school level to join vocational courses once the skilling ecosystem is integrated with the secondary school curriculum.

NITI Aayog has also suggested that the government give incentives to private schools and lower interest rates on loans to create and expand skills-related training infrastructure at the secondary school level.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched the Skill India Mission in 2015 with a vision to make India the “skill capital” of the world.

The government’s stated aim was to impart skills training to 400 million people by 2022 through schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana and National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme. However, just 25 million youths have been imparted skill

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training so far under various government schemes. Union Budget 2018-19 allocated Rs 3,400 crore for Skilling India, up from Rs 2,356 crore in the previous fiscal.

“Lateral entry/exit, upward mobility and multiple classroom learning are the need of the hour,” said Neeti Sharma, senior vice president, Teamlease Services India. “If students wish to continue with education, they should be allowed to continue in college and earn relevant credits. Then, if needed, let them work for a few months or quarters and come back to continue studies.”

The demand for skilled labour is estimated to be over 128 million between 2017 and 2022 in 34 sectors across industries, according to the skill development and entrepreneurship ministry’s annual report for 2017-18. But less than 5% of India’s workforce is formally skilled, much less than that in South Korea (96%), Japan (80%), Germany (75%), United Kingdom (68%) and the United States (52%), according to the ministry’s report for 2015-16.

**(Skill Reporter, New Delhi – 29 January, 2019)**

## **NATIONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

### **The/Nudge announces partnership with NSDC, launched “Centre for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship” to support Skill India**

The/Nudge Foundation, a non-profit focused on poverty alleviation, in partnership with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) recently announced the launch of “Centre for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship” (CSDE), India’s first institution dedicated to accelerating the impact and scale of India’s skill development and entrepreneurship initiatives. India is adding 1 million people into the workforce every month and this institutional approach to work on deeper issues affecting skilling ecosystem is critical and timely. The Centre aims to become an eminent, global institution that addresses the pressing problems of youth unemployment and underemployment.

Congratulating on the launch, Shri Rajesh Agrawal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship said, “Organizations such as The/Nudge Foundation are rooted in strong, on-ground action and are providing an institutional backbone to the government to help accelerate the scale of the Government’s initiatives. The gaps in the skilling ecosystem can be filled through new thinking, new insights and new ideas that they bring. We need to innovate across all levels to make Skill India the backbone for the New India of our dreams.”

Atul Satija, Founder & CEO, The/Nudge said, “Our Gurukul model has been scaled up to aid 3500 students to graduate annually, with 100% placements into top employers, which has helped us understand the deeper challenges and opportunities that skill development presents. With CSDE, we are expanding our mandate to support the skilling ecosystem at large, given the magnitude of the problem India is facing today, and dedicate this Centre to the youth of the nation.”

CSDE will focus on research, innovations, technology, consulting, and programs to support the skill development ecosystem and stakeholders including government, academia, industry and service providers. CSDE will also partner with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to jointly work on research, pilots and new innovative models in skilling.

Speaking about the collaboration, Manish Kumar, MD & CEO, NSDC said, “NSDC facilitate initiatives that create a multiplier effect on the skill ecosystem. The/Nudge Foundation has demonstrated success in running the Gurukul program which focuses on all-round development of an individual. The launch of Center for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will support NSDC’s efforts in empowering youth with skills and enable innovation through action research.”

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In 2015, The/Nudge Foundation started the Gurukul program, a 90-day fully residential training program for underprivileged youth, aimed at job and life-readiness. The Gurukuls are located in Bangalore and Delhi, running at an annual student rate of 3500+, serving students from across more than 10 states specializing in livelihoods such as BPO, Retail, Plumbing, Electrician, Beauty and achieving 100% placements.

(Skill Reporter, New Delhi – 8 January, 2019)

## SKILLS IN PARLIAMENT

### Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1101 answered on 19.12.2018

#### Funds allocated under skill development schemes to Andhra Pradesh

**1101. Shri Y. S. Chowdary:**

**Will the Minister Skill Development and Entrepreneurship be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of funds granted/allocated under various skill development schemes to the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of funds released under various skill development schemes to the State during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of funds yet to be released to the State?

#### Answer

**Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  
(Shri Anantkumar Hegde)**

- (a) to (c) Under Skill India Mission, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing a flagship scheme known as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-20 with an objective to provide skilling to one crore people under Short Term Training (STT), Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Special Project (SP) across the country including State of Andhra Pradesh for four years i.e. 2016-2020.

PMKVY 2016-20 has two components known as Centrally Sponsored Centrally Managed (CSCM) being implemented by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Centrally Sponsored State Managed (CSSM) being implemented by State Skill Development Missions of the States/ UTs popularly known as State- Engagement Component of PMKVY (2016-20).

CSCM component of PMKVY 2016-20 is being implemented pan India by NSDC, thus, no State/UTs-wise fund is sanctioned under this component. However, under CSSM component of PMKVY 2016-20, 25% of the funds and corresponding physical targets of PMKVY 2016-20 have been allocated to the States/UTs for the implementation of scheme through State Skill Development Missions. Under this component, after evaluation of proposal received from Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC), Government of Andhra Pradesh, Ministry has given in-principle approval of a total target of 64,608 candidates and corresponding financial allocation of Rs. 94.74 Cr. for FY 2016-20. Further, an amount of Rs. 11.84 Cr. has been released during FY 2016-17 to Government of Andhra Pradesh for the implementation of CSSM.

(Rajya Sabha, New Delhi – 19 December, 2018)

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## Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2385 answered on 02.01.2019

### Skill awareness study of World Economic Forum

2385. Shri Jose K. Mani:

**Will the Minister Skill Development and Entrepreneurship be pleased to state:**

- a) whether Government is aware that according to a World Economic Forum study 70 percent of Indian youth are not aware of Government's "Skill India" programme;
- b) whether Government has data on the enrolling participation of women in the Skill India programme and if so, the details thereof; and
- c) whether Government has data on the total percentage of placements from Skill India programme, if so, the details thereof?

### Answer

**Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  
(Shri Anantkumar Hegde)**

- (a) As per report 'Young India and Work: A Survey of Youth Aspirations' released by World Economic Forum in October, 2018, 66 percent of male respondents and 79 percent of female respondents reported being unaware of government-run skills development programmes in their area.
- (b) The Government is implementing various schemes/programmes under the Skill India Programme. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), launched in 2015, with an objective to provide employable skills to the youth of the nation including women. Under PMKVY 1.0 (2015-16), a total of 8,63,221 women (7,83,818 short term training(STT) and 79,403 recognition of prior learning (RPL)) were enrolled. Owing to the success PMKVY 1.0, the scheme was re-launched in October, 2016 and is called PMKVY 2.0 (2016-2020). Under PMKVY 2.0, total 15,80,968 (12,21,583 STT, 41,305 special project, 3,18,080 RPL) women candidates were enrolled as on 30.11.2018. Further, the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) under the administrative control of States/UTs government are providing skill training under the long term ecosystem. Total 2,79,310 female trainees passed out from ITIs across the country from 2014-15 to 2017-18. Also, women training division under Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is providing vocational/skill training exclusively to women through a network of 18 National Skill Training Institutes {NSTIs (W)} for women (erstwhile National / Regional Vocational Training Institutes (NVTI/RVTIs)) in the various states across the country. Total 19944 women were trained and on roll during from 2014-15 to 2018-19.
- (c) Under PMKVY 1.0, it was not mandatory to report placement. The placement data is reported within 90 days of certification of trained candidates on Skill Development Management System (SDMS). The number of people certified under STT of PMKVY (2016-20) 90 days prior i.e. 31.08.18 is 18.42 lakh of which 10.09 lakh candidates have been placed.

**(Rajya Sabha, New Delhi – 2 January, 2019)**

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## Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4275 answered on 07.01.2019

### Part Time Course Under Skill Development

**4275. Shrimati Rekha Verma:**

**Will the Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship be pleased to state:**

- a) whether the Ministry proposes to introduce any part time course by organising skill development centres with the help of local Administration in various Districts of the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the Government is likely to consider organizing such camps; and
- d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  
(Shri Anantkumar Hegde)**

**(a) to (d)** Under Skill India Mission, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is implementing a flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-20 which enables large number of prospective youth including school dropout for taking up Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) through accredited and affiliated training centers (TCs) throughout the country. Under RPL, candidates with prior learning experience are assessed and certified through imparting short duration training upto 80 hrs in any four types known as RPL Camps, RPL Centre, RPL at Employer Premises and Best in Class Employer. The courses under RPL are aligned with standardised National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF). RPL Camps is the location where workers of the particular sector are consolidated such as industrial and traditional cluster. RPL Centre is designated for geographically scattered workers who need to be mobilised. Under the PMKVY 2016-20 scheme, as on 30.11.2018, 33.93 lakh (appx.) candidates have been trained including 9.08 lakh candidates certified under RPL.

**(Lok Sabha, New Delhi – 7 January, 2019)**

## Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4292 answered on 07.01.2019

### Skill Development Along with Education

**4292. Shri Bheemrao B. Patil:**

**Will the Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship be pleased to state:**

- a) whether the Government is formulating any plans to impart training for skill development along with education in all the colleges of the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- b) whether the Government proposes to launch any such programme and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  
(Shri Anantkumar Hegde)**

**(a) & (b)** Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is supporting University Grant Commission for three schemes namely Community College, Bachelor of Vocational course (BVOC) & Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) Kaushal Kendras

which are being introduced in different colleges and universities. Currently there are 429 colleges/universities under these schemes. NSDC also has collaboration with Public and Private Universities to skill the students of the colleges who are undergoing UG and/or PG program only. Approximately, 1 lakh students are covered under 165 BVOC colleges, 223 Community Colleges and 64 DDU Kaushal Kendra Colleges. Further, NSDC has collaborated with Ministry of Human Resource Development for restructuring of BVOC by rolling out embedded apprenticeship under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). BVOC has multiple exits at Certificate, Diploma, Advance Diploma and Degree level. Through this, the employability of the general graduates is enhanced considerably as the student can have professional experience on the shop-floor, along with their graduation.

**(Lok Sabha, New Delhi – 7 January, 2019)**

## SCMS IN ACTION

### Re-affiliation of Assessment Agencies

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on re-affiliation process of assessment agencies was released by NSDC on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. The process includes submission of filled application forms by Assessment Agencies followed by a detailed desktop evaluation on the standard matrix and a field visit on the Agency premises to verify the credentials provided. SCMS has been working this and processing the applications received by it. As a part of this activity, SCMS carried out audits at two Assessment Agencies during the current month. Post successful validation of the credentials, the agency will be re-affiliated with SCMS.

Field Visit for Trendsetters Skill Assessors Pvt. Ltd., an assessment agency with SCMS was completed on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 and the agency was successfully on boarded again with SCMS as affiliated Assessment Agency.



India skills Pvt. Ltd. was the other assessment agency which was covered through field visit for validation of documents and processes on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. The final report is under preparation at SCMS.



**Glimpses of field visit at Assessment Agency**

**Workshop on New Portal for Rozgar Mela at NSDC**

Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) participated in a workshop organised by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at NSDC, on the new application portal for Rozgar Mela. This will enable Centralized Rozgar Mela calendar creation, Employer registration, Job vacancy creation, Allocate TC, SSC and employers, Candidate self-registrations for rozgar mela, Update “post rozgar mela” details, Update hiring details and Upload/Download offer letters



**Glimpses of workshop at NSDC**

**Workshop on New Portal for TOT at NSDC**

Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) participated in a workshop organised by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at NSDC, on the new application portal for Training of Trainers (TOT). The session was organised to clarify and explain the use of new portal in terms of SSC Batch Creation, SSC Batch Assignment to Training Centre, Master Trainer and Assessment Agency, SSC Applicants and Batch Approval, SSC Reschedule and Cancellation Request Approval, Training Request, SSC Marksheet Approval, SSC Certificate Generation and Certificate Approval Process.





**Glimpses of workshop at NSDC**

### **22nd Governing Board Meeting of Skill Council for Mining Sector**

The 22nd Meeting of the Governing Board of Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) was held at FIMI House on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. The meeting was chaired by Shri N K Nanda, Chairman, SCMS and Director Technical, NMDC Limited.

Mr. Alok Chanda, Economic Advisor - Ministry of Mines, Mr. Arvind Singhal, Managing Director Wolkem India Limited, Mr. Dominic Dungdung, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Coal and other members participated in the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the members to the 22nd GB meeting of SCMS. In his opening remarks, he stated that last quarter has seen an increased interface with the mining states like Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, etc. The industry is also showing increased interest in long term sustained training programs. He specified the importance of placement and appreciated the efforts of SCMS on actively organizing and participating in the Job Fairs across India.



**Governing Board Meeting**

## HZMA (Hindustan Zinc Mining Academy) JDO Assessment

Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS), Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) and Indian Institute of Skill Development (IISD) signed a tri-partite agreement to implement 18 months training program for creating a pool of day one job ready skilled workforce for mining industries in the job role of Jumbo Drill Operator (JDO). HZL is financially supporting this residential training program as a part of their CSR initiative.

To further strengthen the program and achieve the outcome as best in class Jumbo Drill Operators, the course was revised from 18 months to 24 months with more hands on practice on equipment. The 6<sup>th</sup> and pre-final assessment of 30 candidates of JDO-IV was conducted from 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 to 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019 at Centres of HZMA project. Post this they will appear for final passing out assessment to be done in the month of March 2019.

SCMS also carried out 4<sup>th</sup> assessment of JDO-V batch during the same period. A total 89 candidates were assessed at these training centers. The assessment included practical demonstration on Jumbo Drill covering both operational and maintenance aspect.



SCMS-HZMA Trainees during Assessment

## MOU Signing between Skill Council for Mining Sector and Hindustan Copper Limited

SCMS and HCL have carried out training programs in the trade of Assistant Mine Surveyor. Post Successful, completion this program, SCMS and HCL are now planning to train candidates in the Trade of Winding Engine Drivers at Khetri Copper Complex. Towards this, A MOU was signed on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 between Skill Council for Mining Sector and HCL, Khetri Copper Complex. The MOU was signed by Mr. Ravindra Singh, COO, SCMS and Mr. Smarajit Dey, GM, KCC Unit in presence of Mr. S K Mishra, AGM, Hrd and K P Bisoi, AGM, HR.

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The proposed duration of training program is 14 months comprising of theory and on-the-job training (12 months) at Khetri Copper Complex. The candidates successfully completing the training program will be able to appear for the statutory DGMS Winding Engine Driver examination.



**Exchange of MoU between Skill Council for Mining Sector & Hindustan Copper Ltd.**

### **New Training Program initiated in Mining Sector**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) and Metso India Pvt. Ltd on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 by Mr. Kamal Pahuja, Sr. Vice President, Metso India and Mr. Ravindra Singh, COO, SCMS. An inauguration ceremony was organised at The Westin Gurgaon, MG Road, Gurugram for announcing the introduction of the program “Unnat- kushalta ki aur”. The principle objective of enhancing technical skills of Indian youth to build employability and ensure easy availability of skilled workforce in ore processing industry.

The program was graced by Col A. K Chandel, Head, SSC Governances, NSDC as chief guest and Mr. R K Sharma, Secretary General, FIMI (Federation of Indian Mineral Industries) as guest of honor.

After Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) and Metso Indian Pvt. Ltd on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 for enhancing technical skills of Indian youth, the pilot program in the trade of ore processing operator has been initiated.

Online applications were invited for the entrance test and a total no. of 816 candidates applied, out of which 507 eligible candidates were called for the selection process on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 at Siddhi Vinayak College, Alwar (Raj.). 181 candidates appeared for written test and 120 were shortlisted for interview, post which 64 candidates were selected for the medical examination.

The training program will start from 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. The 6 months training consist of 2 months of classroom training at Indian Institute of Skill Development, Gurugram followed by 4 months on-the-job training at crushing site near Firozpur Zirka and Kotputli.



**Candidates during Entrance Test (Written and Interview)**

### **2nd meeting of Common Norms - Sub Committee**

The 4th meeting of common norms Committee was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, MSDE on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, where it was discussed that whether basic courses of level 1 & 2 should be kept out of the purview of common norms. For detailed deliberations on the issue, it was decided to constitute a sub-committee under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Labour Resources Department cum CEO Bihar Skill Development Mission, Government of Bihar. The sub-committee was to also deliberate upon the issues related to RPL and bridge courses in case of common norms.

The 2nd meeting of Common Norms-Sub Committee was held at National Skill Development Corporation office on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019. The meeting was chaired by Dipak Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Labour Resources Department cum CEO Bihar Skill Development Mission, Government of Bihar. Representative from all SSC, NSDC, JSDM, NIFTEM, UPSDM, NSDA. Mr. Ravindra Singh, COO, SCMS participated in the meeting.

The recommendations of the Sub Committee will be released soon.

### **Participation of Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) at Global Skill Summit 2019, Ranchi, Jharkhand**

Government of Jharkhand has hosted “Global Skill Summit 2019” on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 for Strengthening Skilling, Employability and Industrial Development in Jharkhand.

In its endeavor to promote employability and entrepreneurship among its youth and to provide a focused platform to the concerned stakeholders from industry, government and key international trade representatives, the Government of Jharkhand (GoJ) organized this initiative. To ensure greater convergence of stakeholders, GoJ’s Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society (JSDMS) organized its flagship programme, “Global Skill Summit 2019” on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at Birsa Munda Athletic Stadium, Khelgaon, Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Hon’ble Governor of Jharkhand Smt. Draupadi Murmu, was the chief guest in this one-day Global Skill Summit, 2019 which was also attended by Honorable Chief Minister of Jharkhand Shri Raghubar Das. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon’ble Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Skill Development and

Entrepreneurship and other senior officials of Jharkhand Government, industry leaders, international representatives from 17 countries were also present at the occasion attended by a large number of skilled youth who got job offers.



Mr. Ravindra Singh, COO, SCMS attended the event.

The mega event also witnessed a parallel Skill Exhibition at the venue by various Sector Skill Council (SSC) and various training partners.

Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) actively participated in the event and setup its stall in Skill Exhibition.

SCMS exhibition stall drew large nos. of visitors who were curious about the displayed equipment and cleared their queries. Visitors enquired about career opportunities in mining sector and various trades available with SCMS for training. Training Partners and Assessment Agencies also visited Stall and showed their interest to become partners with SCMS.

SCMS exhibited splendid display of two instrument categories: 1. Mine Survey Instruments and 2. Mine Mechanical Services Instruments. SCMS showcased mine survey equipments ranging from “**Ancient mine-survey equipments**” to latest “**Laser survey**” equipments demonstrating the history of evolution of **Mining Survey equipment in India**.

Tata Steel supported SCMS in setting of the Exhibition stall. Tata Steel officials Mr. Abhay Chaudhary, Sr. Manager (Training) and Mr. Priya Brata Mishra, Sr. Manager (Survey) along with other team members from Noamundi Mines, Jharkhand participated in Skill Exhibition and interacted with visitors at stall.

Honorable Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shri. Raghubar Das visited the SCMS’s Stall and appreciated the exhibition set-up.

Exhibition was highly appreciated by all participant. SCMS’s stall got media coverage in Times of India.



### Glimpses of Global Skill Summit 2019, Ranchi, Jharkhand

### Placement Drive/ Rozgar Mela at Mumbai, Maharashtra

Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) participated in Skill Exhibition cum Rozgar Mela on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 in Mumbai, Maharashtra, organized by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

Rozgar Mela was organized at Oxford School, Near Shivaji Talao, Bhandup West, Mumbai, Maharashtra. Along with the Rozgar Mela, a counselling camp was also held at the venue to create awareness on resume writing, interview skill, job opportunities, career path, etc.

More than 40 companies from various sectors like Retail, BFSI, Hospitality, Beauty and Wellness, Construction, Plumbing etc. participated in the Rozgar Mela to hire candidates.

TeamLease Services Ltd. represented SCMS in Rozgar Mela. Total 35 candidates appeared for the job interviews and out of which 10 candidates were shortlisted for job roles like relationship executive and Field Executive for E-wallet industry.



**Glimpses of Mumbai, Maharashtra Rozgar Mela**

### **Placement Drive/ Rozgar Mela at Bhilwara, Rajasthan**

Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) organized Rozgar Mela on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 in Bhilwara, Rajasthan. Rozgar Mela was organized at Kushwah Colony of Gulabpura, Bhilwara to facilitate easier access by candidates, so that maximum youths from the region can avail this opportunity and can get a job. Along with the Rozgar Mela, counselling camp was also held at the venue to create awareness on resume writing, interview process, job opportunities, career growth path, etc.

CSR team of Hindustan Zinc Limited actively supported SCMS in the event. Event was facilitated by SCMS's training Partner Indian Institute of Skill Development (IISD).

Ten Companies from various sectors like Mining, BPO, Retail, BFSI, Agriculture, Manufacturing, etc. participated in the Rozgarmela and shortlisted candidates for its organization.

Companies like AAC Mining Executors, TeamLease Services Ltd, Calibehr Business support services, Easy Day (Future Group), Teleperformance, TDS placement and services Pvt Ltd., Yadav Measurements Pvt. Ltd, Jai Shree Bioplantech Pvt. Ltd., etc. participated in Rozgar Mela. More than 500 candidates registered during the Rozgar Mela out of which 161 candidates shortlisted for job roles like Jumbo Drill Operator, Customer Care Executive, Relationship Executive, Sales Executive, Agriculture Advisor, Field Executive, Machine Operator, etc.



**Glimpses of Bhilwara, Rajasthan Rozgar Mela**



**Glimpses of Bhilwara, Rajasthan Rozgar Mela**

## **MOTIVATING CHANGE**

### **Train of Trainer (TOT) / Training of Assessor (TOA)**

Trainers is the corner stone for any successful training program. Thus, it is important to understand that a trainer should have two separate sets of skills and knowledge. First, they need to know the topic which they are teaching (subject matter expertise) and second, they need to know how to transfer that information to the student (instructional expertise). Training is more than just simple sharing of knowledge. A trainer needs to know how to organize that knowledge, properly present it in a variety of formats thus adapting to students who have different learning styles and preferences, and talk about the topic in a way that the students can understand and learn from. Trainer must also be able to design ways to authentically assess whether or not students have learned what he/she is trying to teach them and should be able to address different types of difficulties that students with special needs may have so that they can best assist them in learning the topics they are pursuing.

Train the Trainer (TOT) programs help trainers assimilate these things, and more. The benefits may show up in unexpected ways, not only for the organization but for the trainer as well. The principle benefits of training the trainer can among many things be:

- Build self-confidence of the trainer by allowing them to take on a new or expanded role
- Help trainers feel comfortable managing tough topics
- Ensure the effective trainer communication related to key messages in the course material
- Present the training in context of the current eco-system and improve the relevancy of the topic
- Ensure trainer understands and utilizes interactive/experiential delivery techniques effectively

To ensure quality assurance throughout all the programs conducted by the trainers, the TOT programs have been designed for ten days, out of which six days are dedicated to platform trainings, two days are for domain orientation and one day each for domain and platform assessments.

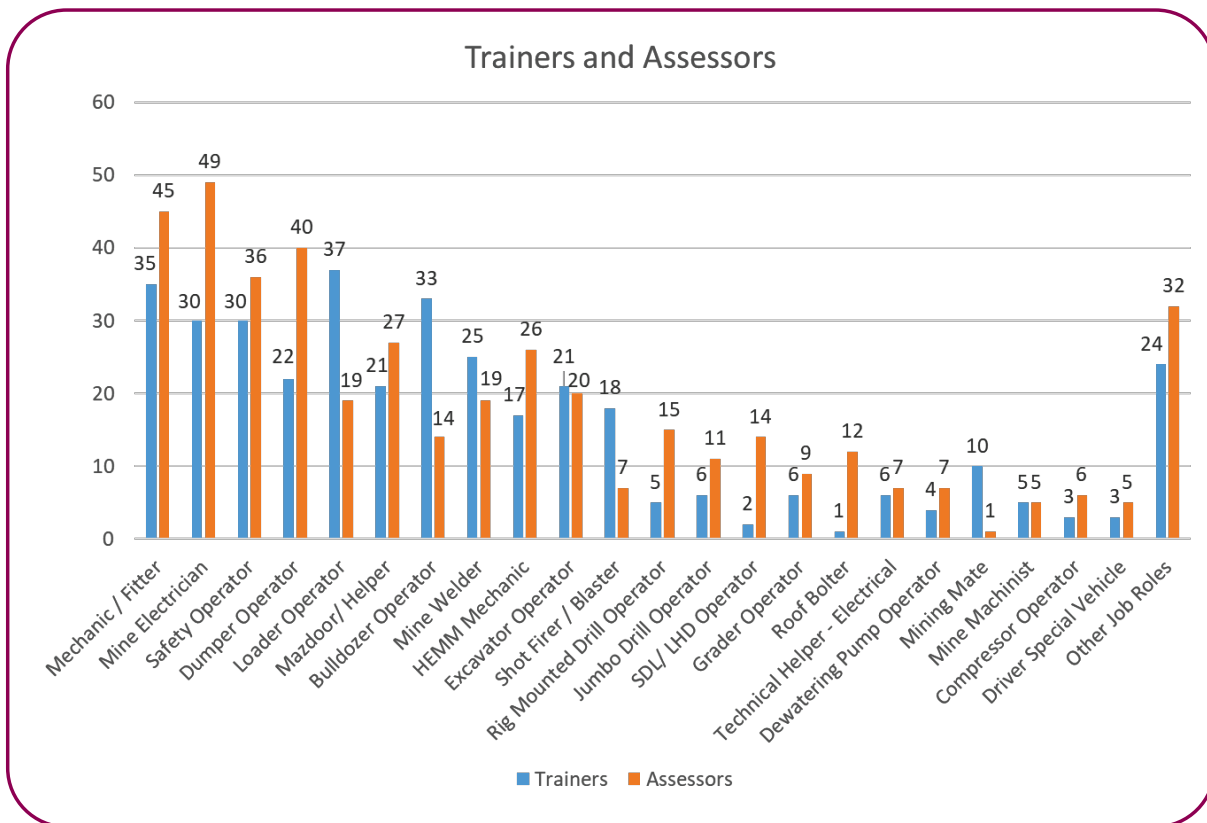
Under its mandate to create a pool of competent and certified Trainers and Assessors across all mining states in various mining job roles, SCMS, regularly keeps updating the information on upcoming TOT and TOA programs the Eligibility criteria, Results of TOT and TOA batches previously conducted, TOT guidelines, etc. on its website under the TOT/TOA section of Trainings.



## 1. Training of Trainers (TOT) and Training of Assessors (TOA) programs organised by SCMS during the year 2018-19

To meet the growing requirements of competent trainers and assessors, SCMS took a special focus on TOT & TOA programs during the year 2018-19. This financial year SCMS planned to add 80 certified trainers and 60 certified assessors to the existing pool. SCMS, through organizing quarterly TOT and TOA programs during the year 2018-19, added 36 certified trainers and 56 certified assessors as yet. As against the total target of creating a pool of 625 certified trainers and 300 certified assessors by the end of 2018-19, SCMS has reached to a figure of 429 certified Trainers and 341 certified assessors respectively.

SCMS not only focused on creating required numbers of certified trainers and assessors but also kept an eye on throughout coverage of mining area geographies and in-demand job roles. SCMS has been able to create these experts across the width and length of the country in all mining states. A total of 25 job roles out of 47 approved were covered during this year. Apart from most commonly used job roles SCMS also has been able to add certified experts in the typical job roles like Jumbo Drill Operator, Ore Processing Operator, Winding Engine Operator, Banksman, Ore Processing Operator etc. SCMS carried out these TOTs and TOAs in most of the mining states like Madhya Pradesh (Indore, Gwalior), Maharashtra (Nagpur), Rajasthan (Udaipur), Kerala (Kollam), Jharkhand (Ramgarh, Dhanbad) and Bihar (Sasaram) to achieve higher turn-up ratio.





**TOA at SCMS, Delhi**



**Group discussion during TOT**



**Team Building during TOA**

## **2. Training of Master Trainers (TOMT) & Master Assessors (TOMA)**

As SCMS has a key mandate to create a pool of Trainers and Assessors for successfully and effectively executing the skill development programs, SCMS regularly organizes Training of Trainers (TOT) and Training of Assessors (TOA) programs to meet these requirements. However, to carry out these TOT and TOA programs, SCMS needs to create Master Trainers and Master Assessors through Master Trainer and Master Assessor Programs.

In line with the above requirement of creating Master Trainers and Master Assessors, SCMS organized a four-day training and orientation program starting from 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 to 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 for existing experienced and qualified Trainers, Assessors and Industry experts at R K Sharma Auditorium, FIMI House, New Delhi. A group of such twenty shortlisted industry experts, existing Trainers and Assessors were invited to attend the program based on their experience, skillset and expertise on various job roles. On the last day all the participants were made to sit through a vigorous assessment process to get themselves qualified as Master Trainer or Master Assessor. Mr. Pankaj Satija, Chief Regulatory Affairs from Tata Steel Ltd., Mr. G S Bhatti, GM-Mining from Coal India, Mr. Jagdish Joshi, Chief Manager-Mining from Hindustan Copper Ltd. and Mr. A. K. Bhandari, Chairman NOS Committee from SCMS were the member of assessment panel along with Mr. Ravindra Singh, COO SCMS.



The average experience of participants was around 35 years and many of them were retired from mining companies like CIL, HZL, MOIL and etc.



These certified experts will become the part of Core Group of Master Resources for SCMS and shall be used for various other important activities like preparation of Question Banks, Curriculum, Content, Qualification Packs, participation in skill workshops and seminars as SCMS experts, execute training and assessments on various job roles as per industry demand along with the core objective of carrying out TOT and TOA programs.

**(Mr. Deepak Mishra, Training & Assessment Quality and Research, SCMS)**

## **SPECIAL FEATURE**

**Minister for Skill Development launches new guidelines to strengthen Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), also launched Blended Training System to benefit trainees and trainers**

In a bid to boost skill training and entrepreneurship in the remotest corners of the country, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon. Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Petroleum and Natural Gas (MSDE) announced comprehensive reforms for Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), to further strengthen the skills ecosystem benefiting those in the underprivileged sections of society. The announcements were made today

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during the National Conference for Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSSs) which was held at the AICTE Auditorium in New Delhi; and saw a gathering of more than 700+ people from JSS across India.

Formerly under the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Jan Shikshan Sansthan has been transferred to the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in 2018. Today's conference saw the release of new guidelines, aligning the JSSs to the National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF). This marks an important step towards the convergence of all skilling activities under the aegis of one ministry, bringing in transparency and accountability to the entire skilling ecosystem.

Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) has been instrumental in skill training and introducing avenues of entrepreneurship among the socio-economically backward and educationally disadvantaged groups such as neo-literates, semi-literates, SCs, STs, women and girls, slum dwellers, migrant workers. By bringing them under the aegis of the national skill framework, the agenda of today's event was to align all skilling activities to a common cause of skill development at the district and gram level.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said "The emergence of the rural industry as an important growth engine for the economy makes it an imperative for us to stress on skilling our youth in remote districts of the country. JSSs can play an important role in bridging information asymmetry between skill training and market opportunities thereby giving an impetus to the creation of a workforce equipped in technology-driven skills, including in areas like health & wellness, tourism, e-commerce, retail and trade. JSS guidelines have been reformed keeping in mind the diverse stakeholders engaged in running these institutions, and will bring in greater flexibility, transparency and uniformity."

Giving an overview on the direction being given to JSS, Ms. Juthika Patankar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship said, "A skilled society is an essential precondition for achieving social and economic advancement for any country. The re-energised JSS form a unique position for themselves and I am certain that their convergence under Skill India will help bring in a mindset shift amongst our rural youth, to make vocational education and technical training as a preferred career choice. Skilling will not only make them independent but will also help in arresting migration from rural areas to already choked metros."

"Today, out of the 247 active JSS, we already have 43 JSSs established across 42 Aspirational Districts identified by NITI Aayog and we will soon be introducing a few more in the LWE regions to promote skill development of the youth in the region and help them connect back into mainstream economy. I am positive of the change that the JSS will bring to the ecosystem," she further added.

### **Release of New Guidelines**

The launch of these strategic guidelines is an attempt by the MSDE to re-energize and reinvigorate the Jan Shikshan Sansthans. By aligning JSSs to the National Skill Framework, the Government aims to provide standardised training across sectors. Key highlights of the guidelines are:

- Alignment of JSS course and curriculum to National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) to standardize training
- Decentralization of powers for JSSs- giving more accountability and independence to district administration
- To identify and promote traditional skills in the district through skilling / upskilling;
- Evidence based assessment system
- Easy Online certification

- Linking JSS to PFMS (Public Finance Management system) maintaining transparency and accountability of the ecosystem
- Creating livelihood linkages
- Training of Trainers to develop the capacity through NSTIs (National Skills Training Institutes)

### **JSS portal launch:**

The Ministry also announced the launch of a new website ([www.jss.gov.in](http://www.jss.gov.in)); which will furnish information on action plans, database of beneficiaries and stakeholders, details of finance and expenditure and other ongoing developments along with a public log-in access.

### **Blended Training System:**

Today's conference also saw the pilot launch of Amrita University's Blended Training System at Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSSs) with e-content entailing selected skill courses. This is a comprehensive ICT -based platform that provides numerous benefits for trainees and trainers.

### **An Overview of Jan Shikshan Sansthan**

Currently, there are 247 JSSs working across the country towards making skilling and entrepreneurship benefits accessible to the underprivileged and are imparting vocational skill training programmes to beneficiaries at their doorstep.

In the past five years, over eight lakh people have benefitted from the JSS scheme. More than 86,000 men have been registered. More importantly, and what is a very encouraging sign, there has been an unprecedented surge in the registration of women, with over 7 lakh registrations.

JSSs have helped open over 1 lakh bank accounts under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) and mobilized around 7.5 lakh beneficiaries who were enrolled in Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY). With a substantial rise in establishment of more than 1 lakh entrepreneurs, JSS has successfully generated employment across various sectors. Earlier known as Shramik Vidyapeeth and later renamed Jan Shikshan Sansthan in April 2000, the scheme has been successfully working for the past 50 years.

**(Skill Reporter, New Delhi – 24 January, 2019)**



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- Skill Council for Mining Sector (SCMS) for PAN India assessments
- Healthcare Sector Skill Council (HSSC) for PAN India assessments
- Power Sector Skill Council (PSSC) for PAN India assessments
- Retailers Association's Skill Council of India (RASCI) for PAN India assessments
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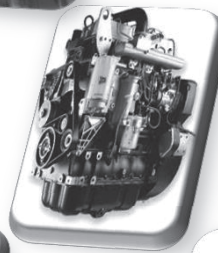


**Nettur Technical Training Foundation (NTTF)**

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Courses Offered under SCMS:

- ▲ Tipper/Dumper Operator
- ▲ Excavator Operator
- ▲ Loader Operator
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- ▲ Grader Operator
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- ▲ HEMM Mechanic
- ▲ Mine Welder
- ▲ Mazdoor / Helper



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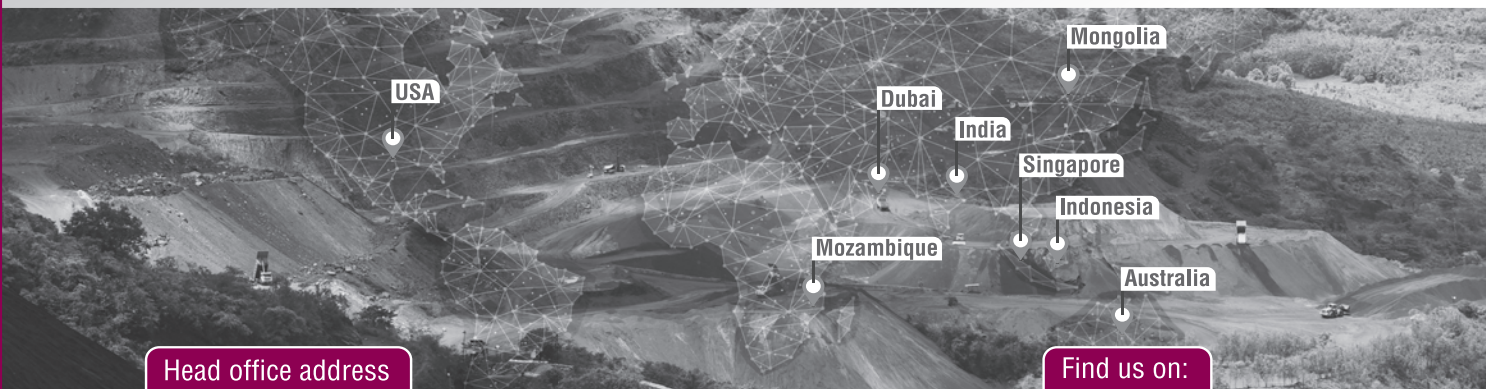
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