

Sowing **Skills** ...  
...Harvesting **Opportunities**



“ We need to bring momentum to Skill India campaign and I would encourage more and more youth to come forward and participate in these opportunities being extended to them”

**Shri. Dharmendra Pradhan,**  
**Hon'ble Minister,**  
**Ministry of Skill Development &**  
**Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**



“ We need alternatives to conventional education models. That is why we are focussing on different verticals like entrepreneurship and skill development”

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**Hon'ble Minister of State,**  
**Ministry of Skill Development &**  
**Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**

## Agriculture Skill Council of India

Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) was established in January 2013 as Section 8 Company under the Companies Act, Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Our goal is to build capacity in Agriculture and allied sectors by bridging the skill gaps and upskilling the existing and prospective workforce. We work closely with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to improve the livelihoods of farmers, farm and wage workers, self-employed and extension workers engaged in various organized and unorganized segments. This includes:

### Farming

- Farm Mechanization and Precision Farming
- Agri-Information Management
- Post-Harvest Supply Chain Management
- Forestry and Agro-Forestry
- Watershed Management
- Amenity Horticulture and Landscaping
- Production Horticulture
- Seeds Industry
- Soil Health Management
- Commodity Management
- Agri-Entrepreneurship and Rural Enterprises



### Animal husbandry, Dairy, Fisheries

- Dairy Farm Management
- Poultry Farm Management
- Fishery
- Animal Husbandry



### Other allied segments

- Beekeeping
- Sericulture
- Mushroom Grower
- Vermicompost producer



# Vision

Creating a sustainable industry-aligned ecosystem for robust skill and entrepreneurship development in Agriculture and Allied Sectors

## Objectives

- Facilitating demand-driven training as per industry requirements in agriculture and allied sectors by adopting global best practices
- Developing Qualification Packs (QPs) and National Occupational Standards (NOS) as per industry standards for various job roles in compliance with NSQF
- Cluster specific skill development plans to cater to unique geographic needs
- Training of trainers (ToT), Master Trainers and Training of Assessors (ToA) to equip them with latest knowledge and skills
- Affiliation, accreditation, assessment and certification of Vocational Institutes/ Programs in compliance with standard norms
- Advocacy and promotion of skill-based vocational education and training
- Development of skills inventory to facilitate individual choices and learning paths
- Establishing systematic Labour Market Information System (LMIS) to forecast demand for skilled workforce and current job roles



## What we do

### LMIS

- Assessment of sector-specific needs and demands by identifying the skill gaps
- Aggregate supply and demand for training as per the requirements of the labour market
- Analyse and share information for the benefit of all stakeholders in the ecosystem

### QP-NOS

- Detailed specification of desired performance in a job role by describing the knowledge and skills in the form of QPs and NOS
- Training curriculum, content development and assessments as per QP-NOS, in compliance with NSQF

### Affiliation and Accreditation

- Evaluation of training partner's proposal and award affiliation
- Develop training curriculum based on specific NOS
- Assist training partners to deliver quality training

### Assessment and Certification

- Develop Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for conducting assessment
- Develop Assessment criteria and question banks
- Certification of candidates after successful completion of training



## Our Impact

### Industry

- Industry-ready workforce trained as per job roles
- Option to engage youth as apprentices
- Recognition of prior informal learning
- Enhanced productivity and quality output
- Application of latest research findings and technology
- Attract and retain workforce through career paths



### Employees

- Improved employability through right qualifications
- Recognition of skills and competencies through RPL
- Improved career progression
- Retooling of competencies and transferability of skills
- Multi-skills development, leading to increased job security



### Farmers

- Improved income and greater productivity
- Access to latest technologies for efficiency and quality
- Reduced risk of natural calamities
- Development of Entrepreneurial abilities
- Access to information, credit and market linkages
- Continuous learning through digital devices



### Academia

- Awareness about vocational options from school level
- Institution-industry collaboration opportunities
- Industry-driven research and application of findings
- Enhanced employability options for students
- Earn-while-you-learn and apprenticeships



### Students/unemployed youth

- Opportunity to provide skills that get them jobs
- Motivate and mobilize dropouts for training and placement
- Create interest in Agriculture and allied sectors as career destinations
- Encourage self-employment and development of entrepreneurial skills
- Provide long-term career opportunities through upskilling and reskilling

# Collaboration with the Government Departments and Institutions

## Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW)

ASCI is closely working with all three key departments of Ministry of Agriculture i.e.: Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries (DADF) and ICAR. Key collaborative areas are

- Identification of high employability areas / Job Roles and subsequent development of NOS & Training modules for the same.
- Optimal utilization of infrastructure of DAC&FW / DADF/ ICAR for 'Training of Trainer' programs wherever possible.
- Sub-sector specific skill gap studies collaboration between ASCI and Ministry.
- Support to Centre of Excellence through RKVY or other relevant schemes post receipt of proposals.
- Providing a list of recent retired officials who can be accessed as Trainers and Assessors by TPs and Assessment bodies.

### ✦ Collaboration with ICAR – KVKs:

MoA&FW through its Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) involved various institutions under the domain of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) and Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmer welfare (DAC & FW) for expanding the outreach of skilling.

In order to expand maximum outreach judiciously, 172 Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) under the aegis of ICAR were selected. Simultaneously, 12 DAC & FW & 9 DADF Institutes were also selected to gain necessary impetus to the skill building work. Each of these institutes were allotted to impart training to 40 trainees in two job roles. ASCI is partnering this initiative by:

- KVKs as Skilling Centers, Optimal utilization of Infrastructure by allowing Affiliated TPs
- Short term training programs of KVK aligned with Common Course Curriculum developed according to NSQF.
- Getting Farmers Group/ Progressive Farmers certified under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)
- Possibility of training KVK trainers on Adult learning / Pedagogy and Instructional Design through SSC.

### Ministry of Defence (MoD)

ASCI is engaged with few regimental centers of Indian Army for training of retiring army personnel in various job roles. It is also intended to prepare army veterans as trainers, assessors and entrepreneurs for a second career.

- For the Indian Army, ASCI has conducted 9 short training courses in different centers
- Few job roles of Remount & Veterinary Corps (RVC) have been mapped to job roles for Training of Trainer
- Indian Navy has approached ASCI for conducting training of their personnel on Climate & Risk Management.

### Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF)

Through Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), ASCI has been in discussion with MoEF for alignment for Forestry related training programs to NSQF. These relate primarily to Agro Forestry.

**International Collaborations** for development of transnational standards for Indian workforce to work abroad, unique assessment methodologies and establishment of Centers of Excellence.

- LANTRA, United Kingdom
- Agri Food Skills, Australia
- Taratahi College of Dairying, New Zealand
- German Agribusiness Alliance, Germany: Centers of Excellence (CoE) in Crop Production and Value Chain Integration, Farm Mechanization, Cattle Breeding and Milk Production, Procurement, Marketing of Poultry and Egg Production

## Partnerships

- Tie-up with National Instructional Media Institute (NIMI), through NSDC, for preparing content of all Qualification Packs (QPs)
- MoU with Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) for conducting short-term training for youth of Haryana
- MoU with Skill Employee, a placement agency that provides assistance to affiliated Training Partners of ASCI for pan-India placement of skilled candidates
- MoU with IGNOU to offer NSQF-based skilling programs and set up skill development centers along with support for capacity building



## Interventions at School, College and University Level



### School

ASCI has introduced NSQF-based programs for schools from class 9<sup>th</sup> (equivalent to NSQF Level 1) to class 12<sup>th</sup> (equivalent to NSQF Level 4) in collaboration with various state governments under Rashtriya Madhyamik Siksha Abhiyan (RMSA) of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. ASCI facilitates training as per Qualification Packs (Qps), conducts assessments and certification of students apart from supporting State Education Boards. Below is the state-wise view of schools offering Agriculture Skills courses.

State	No.of schools
Himachal Pradesh	163
Haryana	108
Punjab	95
Maharashtra	258
Chhattisgarh	31
Rajasthan	49
Goa	8
Mizoram	1
Gujarat & Maharashtra (Pvt. Aided school)	21
Telangana	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>746</b>

## College

ASCI works with 53 colleges offering skill-based training. This includes 21 colleges offering B.Voc programs and 32 Community Colleges. ASCI has completed assessment of 1480 students enrolled in different courses. All courses are being aligned with QP-NOS from level 4 to level 7.

## University

ASCI has signed MoUs with various universities in order to align their short term skill training programs with ASCI developed Qualification Packs, in line with National Skill Qualification Framework of Govt. of India for certification of the candidates.



## Agriculture / Horticulture Universities:

1. Punjab Agriculture University (PAU), Ludhiana
2. Tamil Nadu Agriculture University (TNAU), Coimbatore
3. Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar
4. University of Horticultural Sciences (UHS), Bagalkot
5. Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV), Raipur Chhattisgarh
6. University of Agricultural & Horticultural Sciences (UAHS), Shimoga, Karnataka
7. Central Agricultural University (CAU), Manipur
8. Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU), Hyderabad
9. Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCSHAU), Hisar
10. Banda University of Agriculture & Technology (BUAT), Banda
11. Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology (MPUAT), Udaipur
12. Navsari Agricultural University (NAU), Navsari, Gujarat
13. Bihar Agriculture University (BAU), Sabour, Bhagalpur
14. G B Pant University of Agriculture & Technology (GBPU&AT), Pantnagar
15. Birsa Agricultural University (BAU), Ranchi
16. Dr. YSR Horticultural University (Dr. YSRHU), Andhra Pradesh
17. Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry (YSPUHF), Solan
18. University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad
19. Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), Kerala
20. Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (JNKVV), Jabalpur
21. Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (RVSKVV), Gwalior
22. CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (CSK HPKV), Palampur
23. Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (BCKV), West Bengal
24. Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), Guntur
25. Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University (SKRAU), Bikaner
26. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture & Technology (SVPUAT), Meerut
27. Junagadh Agricultural University (JAU), Junagadh
28. Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University (SKNAU), Jobner

## Veterinary / Animal Sciences / Fisheries Universities

1. Guru Angad Dev Veterinary & Animal Sciences University (GADVASU), Ludhiana
2. Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS), Chennai
3. Tamil Nadu Fisheries University (TNFU), Nagapattinam
4. West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences (WBUAFS), Kolkata
5. U. P Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya Evam Go Anusandhan Sansthan (DUVASU), Mathura, Uttar Pradesh
6. Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University (MAFSU), Nagpur
7. Kerala Veterinary & Animal Sciences University (KVASU), Kerala
8. Sri Venkateswara Veterinary University (SVVU), Tirupati
9. Lala Lajpat Rai University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Hisar
10. Rajasthan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (RAJUVAS), Bikaner
11. Nanaji Deshmukh Veterinary Science University (NDVSVU), Jabalpur
12. The National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal
13. Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University (KVAFSU), Karnataka
14. Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai
15. Chhattisgarh Kamdhenu Vishwavidyalaya (CGKV), Anjora
16. Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU), Patna
17. Kerala University of Fisheries & Ocean Studies (KUFOS), Kochi

## CSIR

1. CSIR- National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO), Goa
2. CSIR- Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (CSIR-IHBT), Palampur
3. CSIR- Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR-IITR), Lucknow
4. CSIR- Central Scientific Instruments Organization (CSIR-CSIO), Chandigarh
5. CSIR- National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI), Lucknow
6. CSIR- Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine (CSIR-IIIM), Jammu
7. CSIR- National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science & Technology (CSIR-NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram

## Key focus areas

### Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

- RPL is the process by which skills and knowledge gained by individuals outside formal learning processes are acknowledged, assessed and certified.
- Formal recognition of skills enhances employability, provides better access to government schemes and credibility for micro-loans.
- Certification paves the way for upskilling and further education since candidates are qualified as per NSQF.

### RPL targets allocated to ASCI

National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)	12,500 candidates
Spices Board	18,000 candidates
Tea Board	15,000 candidates
Kerala Agro Industries	42,000 candidates
Government of Maharashtra	2.82 lakh candidates

### Training of Trainers and Master Trainers

ASCI organizes Training of Trainers (ToT) and Training of Master Trainers (ToMT) Programs on a regular basis for various job roles across different geographical regions.

#### Training of Trainers (ToT)

- ToT Programs are aimed at improving training delivery skills of those who wish to become trainers in the sector of their preference in alignment with NSQF





## How ToT program helps trainers

- Understand and identify parts of a NOS in domain QP and trainee handbook
- Follow quality systems, ethics and safety practices for effective training
- Determine professional development needs and prepare a development plan
- Design, plan and deliver competency-based training sessions
- Demonstrate effective training delivery tailored for learner needs
- Identify, support and coach learners with special needs

## Training of Master Trainers (ToMT)

- ToMT provides opportunities to Master Trainers (who are domain experts with rich industrial/sectoral experience) for the development of training delivery skills as per NSQF



## How ToMT program helps Master Trainers

- Develop and enhance training, facilitation and learning practices
- Facilitate learning sessions; reflect and improve practice through evaluation
- Facilitate use of appropriate training methods, learning techniques and use of ICT

ToT completed	434
DAC	70
KVK	364
Number of programs	49
Number of trainers participated	1627
Number of trainers certified	2030

## Qualification Packs (QPs) and National Occupational Standards (NOS)

For optimizing productivity of workforce and yield from the farms, it is important to design and deliver training as per job-role specific standards. Qualification Packs (QPs) and National Occupational Standards (NOS) are industry standards derived in close interaction with experts in respective domains.

- ASCI envisions to upgrade skills of cultivators, agricultural labors and direct and indirect labor engaged in organized and unorganized Agriculture and Allied Industry through standardized training on the NOS' developed in line with the industry needs.
- Keeping in view the current and emerging needs of the nation/industry, ASCI has developed 156 Qualification Packs in different segments giving emphasis to new generational Job Roles.

# QPs Developed in Agriculture & Allied sector by ASCI for the Job Role of

## Farm Mechanization & Precision Farming

- 1 Micro Irrigation Technician
- 2 Greenhouse Fitter
- 3 Tractor Operator
- 4 Greenhouse Operator
- 5 Harvesting Machine Operator
- 6 Solar Pump Technician
- 7 Pesticide & Fertilizer Applicator
- 8 Agriculture Machinery Operator
- 9 Irrigation Service Technician
- 10 Operator-Reaper Thresher and Crop Residue Machinery
- 11 Service and Maintenance Technician-Farm Machinery
- 12 Agriculture Machinery Demonstrator
- 13 Farm Workshop Foreman/Supervisor
- 14 Farm Workshop/Service Manager
- 15 Agriculture Machinery Repair and Maintenance Service Provider
- 16 Custom Hiring Service Provider
- 17 Tractor Mechanic

## Agriculture Crop Production

- 18 Paddy Farmer
- 19 Wheat Cultivator
- 20 Maize Cultivator
- 21 Pulses Cultivator
- 22 Soyabean Cultivator
- 23 Cotton Cultivator
- 24 Sugarcane Cultivator
- 25 Jute & Mesta Cultivator
- 26 Organic Grower
- 27 Group Farming Practitioner

## Production Horticulture

- 28 Banana Farmer
- 29 Citrus Fruit Grower
- 30 Mango Grower
- 31 Chillies Cultivator
- 32 Coriander Cultivator
- 33 Bulb Crop Cultivator
- 34 Solanaceous Crop Cultivator
- 35 Tuber Crop Cultivator
- 36 Coconut Grower
- 37 Friends Of Coconut Tree
- 38 Neera Technician
- 39 Coffee Plantation Worker
- 40 Tea Plantation Worker
- 41 Floriculturist-Open Cultivation
- 42 Floriculturist-Protected Cultivation

- 43 Flower Handler- Packaging & Palletizing
- 44 Vineyard Grower
- 45 Vineyard Worker
- 46 Medicinal Plants Grower
- 47 Essential Oil Extractor
- 48 Plant Tissue Culture Technician
- 49 Spice Crops Cultivator

## Amenity Horticulture & Landscaping

- 50 Gardener
- 51 Assistant Gardener
- 52 Roof-Top Gardener
- 53 Florist
- 54 Hydroponics Technician
- 55 Nursery Worker
- 56 Assistant Groundskeeper
- 57 Interior Landscaper
- 58 Apprentice-Interior Landscaper
- 59 Gardener cum Nursery Raiser
- 60 Heritage Gardener

## Agri-Information Management

- 61 Agriculture Extension Service Provider
- 62 Agriculture Extension Executive
- 63 Community Service Provider
- 64 Agriculture Field Officer

## Animal Husbandry

- 65 Animal Health Worker
- 66 Artificial Insemination Technician
- 67 Veterinary Clinical Assistant
- 68 Veterinary Field Assistant
- 69 Piggery Farmer
- 70 Goat Farmer
- 71 Stud Farm Worker

## Dairy Farm Management

- 72 Dairy Farmer/ Entrepreneur
- 73 Dairy Worker
- 74 Dairy Farm Supervisor
- 75 Village level Milk Collection Centre Incharge
- 76 Milk Route Supervisor
- 77 Milk Tester
- 78 Bulk Milk Cooler Operator
- 79 Chilling Plant Technician

## Poultry Farm Management

- 80 Hatchery Incharge\_Poultry
- 81 Broiler Farm Supervisor
- 82 Broiler Farm Worker
- 83 Poultry Farm Manager
- 84 Poultry Shed Designer
- 85 Poultry Feed, Food Safety And Labeling Supervisor
- 86 Small Poultry Farmer
- 87 Layer Farm Worker
- 88 Hatchery Operator
- 89 Chick Sexing & Grading Technician

## Fisheries

- 90 Hatchery (Fishery) Production Worker
- 91 Marine Capture Fisherman cum Primary Processor
- 92 Shrimp Farmer
- 93 Aquaculture Technician
- 94 Aquaculture Worker
- 95 Aquatic Animal Health Lab Assistant
- 96 Crab Fattening Farmer
- 97 Feed Technician
- 98 Fish Retailer
- 99 Fishing Boat Deckhand
- 100 Fishing Boat Driver
- 101 Fishing Boat Maintenance Worker
- 102 Fishing Equipment Technician (Electronics)
- 103 Fishing Gear Technician
- 104 Fishing Boat Mechanic
- 105 Freshwater Aquaculture Farmer
- 106 Inland Capture Fisherman Cum Primary Processor
- 107 Mariculture Operator
- 108 Ornamental Fish Technician
- 109 Brackish Water Aquaculture Farmer
- 110 Aquarium Technician
- 111 Fish Seed Grower
- 112 Fisheries Extension Associate
- 113 Hatchery Manager
- 114 Pearl Culture Technician
- 115 Aquaculture Fabricator

## Post-Harvest Supply Chain Management

- 116 Supply Chain Field Assistant
- 117 Warehouse Worker
- 118 Packhouse Worker
- 119 Ripening Chamber Operator
- 120 Cold Storage Supervisor
- 121 Cold Storage Manager
- 122 Cold Store Keeper
- 123 CA Store Operator
- 124 Agri Warehouse Supervisor

## Commodity Management

- 125 Agri Research Analyst
- 126 Agri Commodity Quality Assayer
- 127 Risk Analyst Manager-Agri Commodity
- 128 Agri Commodity Procurement Manager
- 129 Electronic Trading Supervisor-Agri Commodity
- 130 Commodity Account Manager
- 131 Produce Mapping Surveyor
- 132 Agri-commodity Fumigation Operator

## Forestry / Agroforestry

- 133 Non Timber Forest Produce Collector
- 134 Forest Nursery Raiser
- 135 Lac Cultivator
- 136 Timber Grower
- 137 Bamboo Grower

## Watershed Management

- 138 Community Mobilizer
- 139 Village Water Technician
- 140 Watershed Assistant
- 141 Watershed Consultant
- 142 Watershed Manager
- 143 Watershed Supervisor
- 144 Watershed Engineer

## Seed Industry Segment

- 145 Quality Seed Grower
- 146 Seed Processing Worker
- 147 Seed Analysis In Charge
- 148 Seed Processing Plant Technician
- 149 Seed Plant Production Supervisor

## Soil Health Management

- 150 Soil Sampler/ Collector
- 151 Soil & Water Testing Lab Assistant
- 152 Soil & Water Testing Lab Analyst

## Other Allied

- 153 Beekeeper
- 154 Sericulturist
- 155 Vermicompost Producer
- 156 Mushroom Grower
- 157 Barefoot Technician
- 158 Agri-Input Dealer
- 159 Institution Development Manager
- 160 Climate Change & Risk Mitigation Manager

## Rozgar Mela

ASCI participated in Aajeevika Evam Kaushal Vikash Divas cum Job Mela held at Heveli Ground, Khordha, Odisha on 5<sup>th</sup> May'18. Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister, MSDE inaugurated the event and graced ASCI stall along with Mr. Rajesh Agarwal, JS, MSDE.

ASCI showcased skill models for Green House, Apiculture, Mushroom growing & Agri Farm Machinery.



ASCI took part in job fairs held in Karnataka and Bihar and put up stalls for showcasing Agri Skills as an enabler for self employment/ entrepreneurship particularly among the student community :

- In Karnataka, PDA College, Gulbarga, Rao Bahadur Y Mahabaleswarappa Engineering College (RYMEC), Bellary and SDM College, Honnavara, Uttara Kannada
- In Bihar, Rozagar Mela organized by MSDE, Govt. of India at Miller School Campus, Patna

## Other Events

### ASCI Participated in the following events:

- Momentum Jharkhand organized by the Government of Jharkhand on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda at Ranchi on 12th January 2018
- The inauguration of Project MOOO under CSR for Dairy Farmers by UDAY Skills in Sangrur and Patiala district on 9th February 2018, along with the Australian High Commissioner.
- The 46th Dairy Industry Conference organized at Kochi and displayed the initiatives of ASCI in Dairy sector to promote skilling and entrepreneurship
- Aquaex 2018 organized by Society for Indian Fisheries and Aquaculture (SIFA), held in Hyderabad. Being a sponsor in the expo, ASCI was able to show the potential of this sector for employment and job creation



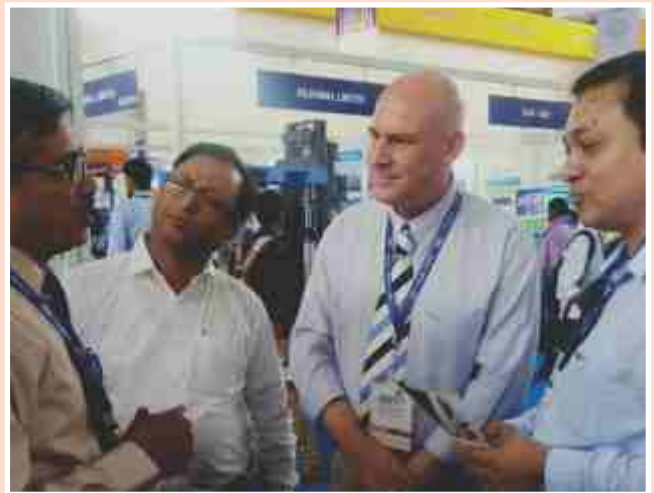
Indian Dairy Conference, Kochi



Momentum Jharkhand, Ranchi



Project MOOO, Patiala



AquaEx 2018, Hyderabad

## Awards

Agriculture SSC has been recognized for the Best Training Facilitator in Organic Farming in Organic India Excellence Awards organized by ASSOCHAM in March 2018. The award was presented by Mr. Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare. Dr. Satender Arya CEO ASCI received the award.



Dr. Arya, CEO ASCI received the award

## FAQs

### FAQs for Training Partners

**Q 1. We are a private / government training institute and want to take part in Government sponsored Skill Training Program. How can we become a training partner?**

A. To become a Training Partner under PMKVY, you are required to apply through Request for Proposal (RFP) route on <http://pmkvyofficial.org/>. For more information, visit :

[http://pmkvyofficial.org/App\\_Documents/News/Request\\_for\\_Proposal\\_PMKVY\\_\(2018-19\)\\_31st\\_July.pdf](http://pmkvyofficial.org/App_Documents/News/Request_for_Proposal_PMKVY_(2018-19)_31st_July.pdf).

To become a training partner under Non PMKVY schemes, you are required to apply on NSDC SMART portal : <https://smart.nsdcindia.org/>. Please refer to the updated Guidelines for Accreditation, Affiliation and Continuous Monitoring of Training Centres for further details:

<http://smart.nsdcindia.org/img/Centre%20Accreditation%20&%20Affiliation%20Guidelines%20Version%201.0.pdf>.

**Q 2. We are an agriculture-based government organization, is there a special process to become a Training Partner (TP)?**

A. Yes. A special dispensation is available to accord Provisional Affiliation till 31st Mar 2019, however to become Regular Training Partner, all institutes / organizations including those accorded provisional affiliation will be required to register on NSDC SMART portal. Accreditation and Affiliation of the Government institutes will be done basis institute's application on SMART (CAAF submission) and endorsement letter from Gazetted Officer from the holding department. For more information, please visit: [www.smart.nsdcindia.org](http://www.smart.nsdcindia.org).

**Q 3. We are a reputed training institute and we want to participate in the central government programs in a big way by setting up training centres in various states. How do we get government funding to set up the centres?**

A. Government funding is available under certain conditions for those organisations that are NSDC Training Partners. For further information, visit: <http://www.nsdcindia.org/>

**Q 4. We are a reputed organization and wish to participate in the PMKVY scheme for conducting RPL. What is the procedure for RPL?**

A. To participate in PMKVY - RPL program, you must submit a proposal through ASCI on NSDC-prescribed format. The format is available at:

[http://pmkvyofficial.org/App\\_Documents/News/PMKVY%20Guidelines%20\(2016-2020\).pdf](http://pmkvyofficial.org/App_Documents/News/PMKVY%20Guidelines%20(2016-2020).pdf)

For further queries, please contact Col. P S Gupta (Retd.) at (0124-4670029/ 4814673/ 4814659).

**Q 5. We are an agriculture university / institute / college and want to be associated with ASCI. What is the way forward?**

A. There are various ways to get associated with ASCI like ToT Centre, Training Partner, Centre of Excellence (COE), etc. For more information, please contact at: [info@asci-india.com](mailto:info@asci-india.com).

### FAQs for Trainee / Participant

**Q 6. What is PMKVY?**

A. PMKVY stands for Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana. This is an initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) under which youth of the country are provided skill training and certificate through various skill councils.

**Q 7. I am resident of a rural / urban area with primary education and desire to undertake skill training and acquire a skill certificate. How can I register for a skill qualification?**

A. You need to enrol yourself through affiliated Training Partners / Training Centres. Alternatively, you can also write to us mentioning your name, current education qualification, full residential postal address, your contact number / e-mail id. to our address: Agriculture Skill Council of India, 6th Floor, GNG Building, Plot No. 10, Sector 44, Gurugram-122004, Haryana or mail to [info@asci-india.com](mailto:info@asci-india.com)

You can also download your nearest Training centre details from this link / URL:

<http://pmkvyofficial.org/Training-Centre.aspx>

**Q 8. I am an unemployed youth who has been working on temporary jobs and contracts. I already have skills in a particular Agricultural Trade. I want to acquire a certificate to recognize my available skills to enable me to get a regular job. How can the ASCI assist me?**

A. You can obtain a skill certificate under the "Recognition of Prior Learning" (RPL) scheme of PMKVY. To obtain more information about the scheme write to us at: [info@asci-india.com](mailto:info@asci-india.com).

Please log on to PMKVY Website:

[http://pmkvyofficial.org/App\\_Documents/News/PMKVY%20Guidelines%20\(2016-2020\).pdf](http://pmkvyofficial.org/App_Documents/News/PMKVY%20Guidelines%20(2016-2020).pdf)

**Q 9. How long does it take to acquire a skill; what is the duration of skill-based program?**

A. Any skill can be acquired by enrolling in a training program. The duration of the courses depends on the type of skill and it may take a minimum of 200 hours.

**Q 10. How much will it cost me to acquire a basic skills under PMKVY?**

A. Under PMKVY, individuals do not have to pay any Training and Assessment Fee.

**Q 11. What are the benefits of skill-based training and certification?**

A. The main objective of skill training and certification programs is to make an individual equipped with industry-relevant skills to make them employable and self-sustainable. Training centres will also assist them in placements. Under Mudra Scheme skill loans are available on the basis of Skill Certificate to promote self-employment.

## **FAQs for Trainers**

**Q. 12. Why does a Skill Trainer need to undergo ToT program?**

A. Skill trainer needs to go undergo the ToT program for: (i) his competency enhancement (ii) to be certified on desired skills as a part of the ToT program (iii) under PMKVY and other schemes, it is mandatory to be certified by the SSCs under the ToT (iv) developing training delivery skills in the sector of their preference and align them with the NSQF

**Q 13. I am a qualified agriculture professional / retired agriculture professional / official / faculty and desire to become a trainer. How can I become a certified trainer?**

A. It is mandatory for a trainer to be certified. For Trainer certification, you are required to register at Takshashila Portal: <https://www.nsdindia.org/New/node/add/registration-form-for-trainer> and thereafter attend and complete the Training of Trainer (ToT) module. This module is organized for specific trades (Job Roles). On successfully completion of the ToT assessment, you will become a certified trainer. For further details please contact Mr. Raj Kumar at raj@asci-india.com (0124-4670029/ 4814673/ 4814659).

**Q 14. What is the duration of “Training of Trainer” module?**

A. 10 days. This consists of three days of domain subject training, followed by seven days of training on platform skills and pedagogy, both are classroom based. Individual will also be required to appear and clear two assessments one each for domain specialty and platform skills. Only on successful completion of assessments, a certificate will be issued to the candidate.

**Q 15. Is it mandatory to have “Training of Trainer” certificate to participate in a government scheme?**

A. Yes. A trainer needs to attend the mandatory Domain Skills and Platform Skills Training.

## **FAQs for Assessors**

**Q 16. I am a qualified agriculture professional / retired agriculture professional / official / faculty and want to become a certified assessor. How can I become one?**

A. It is mandatory for a assessor to be certified. For Assessor certification, you are required to register at Takshashila Portal: <https://totandtoa.nsdindia.org/> thereafter complete the Training of Assessor (ToA) module. This module is organized for specific trades (Job Roles). You will become a certified Assessor only on successful completion. For further details please contact Ms. Shrinkhala at shrinkhala@asci-india.com (0124-4670029/ 4814673/ 4814659).

**Q 17. As an assessor will I be on the permanent roll of the council?**

A. No. Assessors are only associated with assessing bodies. SSC does not engage assessors as full-time staff.

**Q 18. I am an agriculture professional and I want to provide my services to develop skill-based training content. Who do I have to contact?**

A. Kindly forward your CV to Mr. Raj Kumar: raj@asci-india.com (0124-4670029/ 4814673/ 4814659).

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