

*“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)



“Skill India is one of the most inspiring missions. It remains a very active, well-funded, and solidly supported program of the Govt of India. Skilling should be a collaborative effort between Government & industry that requires skilled talent.

Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar
Hon'ble Minister of State,
Ministry of Skill Development &
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9th India CSR Summit 2022

India CSR Summit is the biggest CSR event in India that took place on 15th – 16th November 2022. It was the 9th edition of the summit co-hosted by CSRBox & NGOBox. The forum brought together the CSR Foundations, non-profits, consulting firms, government agencies & social enterprises to discuss the entire ecosystem of CSR in India and collaborate to scale-up the activities in the development sectors. During the summit, CEO ASCI, as a part of the discussion panel, talked about “Investing in Agri-Value Chains through CSR, Creating the Multiplier Effect” highlighting the importance of CSR collaborations in strengthening the market integration by solving the problems & challenges existing in the agri value chain.



India CSR Summit 2022: CEO ASCI as a part of panel discussion on “Investing in Agri-Value Chains through CSR, Creating the Multiplier Effect”

15th CII Agro Tech India 2022 Exhibition & Conference

Agriculture SSC participated in the 15th edition on Agriculture & Food Technology by CII Agro Tech India from 4th – 7th November 2022. The event was organized at Chandigarh with the theme of “Digital Transformation for Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security”. This 4 – day event included global exhibitions featuring 100+ exhibitors, 9 Conferences, 6 Kisan Goshthees, B2G & G2B meetings.



During one of the Agro Tech Conferences constituting FPO Industry Conclave, CEO ASCI addressed the stakeholders about the importance of training farmers on proper farming techniques & various collaborative models that can be undertaken to work together for the benefit of all.

STATE ENGAGEMENTS

- ▲ Odisha Farm Machinery Research & Development Centre (OFMRDC) in Odisha has initiated 1-month short-term training in the Combine Harvester Machine Operator job role at their campus. Under this Placement Linked Skill Development Training Programme, the candidates will be skilled in various aspects of operating, preparing & performing repair and maintenance of the combine harvester machine. The project is funded by OSDA.
- ▲ **HR Conclave in IIPM Bengaluru:** ASCI is invited to be on a Panel at the HR Conclave organized by the Indian Institute of Plantation Management (IIPM), Bengaluru on 25th November 2022. During the conclave, ASCI raised awareness among the stakeholders about the importance of skilling in the agriculture and allied sectors.



▲ **Promotion of Establishment of CoE in Horticulture, Bengaluru:** ASCI held discussions with various stakeholders including the Indian Institute of Horticulture, Department of Horticulture, GKVK, UAS Bengaluru, Hithkari Nursery and Horticulture Foundation, Bengaluru during 1st & 2nd Dec 2022 to create awareness about the skilling in horticulture & importance of establishing Centre of Excellence in Horticulture. During the meeting, skill gaps in horticulture were also highlighted & proposed to align skilling programs in the upcoming Centre of Excellence planned to be established in Horticulture.



ASCI in discussion with various stakeholders from Horticulture in Bengaluru

▲ **ASCI presented on 'Bridging Research and Extension Gaps in Sustainable Livestock Development' during the State Level Workshop in Bengaluru:** During the State Level Workshop held on 6th - 7th Dec 2022, ASCI made the Presentation regarding the Skill Ecosystem on "Bridging Research and Extension Gaps among Multi-stakeholders in Sustainable Livestock Development in Karnataka". The program saw the participation from various ICAR Institutes, Corporates and NGOs working in the State.



State Level Workshop on 'Bridging Research and Extension Gaps in Sustainable Livestock Development' in Bengaluru

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

Upskilling of NDMC Employees

ASCI, in collaboration with New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and NSDC conducted an Upskilling training programme at Skill India Center, Mandir Marg, New Delhi from 22nd Nov to 24th Nov 2022. The employees were imparted training on short modules like Propagation, preparation, establishing and maintenance of the Garden. Apart from this, the employees were also trained on the Designing, Setting and Maintenance of the Rooftop Garden with relevant safety and emergency procedures.

Upskilling Armed Forces Personnel in Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV)

Having acquired certain competencies during their service career, the armed Forces personnel need to re-orient their skills and attitude for a second career post-retirement. The programme involved preparing retiring service personnel & ex-servicemen so as to enable them to seek second careers through enhancement in their qualifications.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING



Glimpse of Upskilling Programme conducted for NDMC Employees

Under the "SANKALP" scheme, ASCI in collaboration with NSDC conducted the Training and assessments of Army Veterans in 03 job roles – Micro-Irrigation Technician, Dairy Farmer & Organic Grower. The programme was undertaken in 2 locations, namely, Punjab Regiment Center in Ramgarh & Raiwala Cantonment Board, Dehradun.

UPSDM – TRAINING & ASSESSMENT

During Oct-Dec 2022, 2,106 candidates trained across various job roles in various districts of UP. Out of that, 1,707 candidates got assessed and 1,510 candidates certified.

MoU BETWEEN ASCI & MSSDS

To support and facilitate the skill competencies in agriculture for the Maharashtra State, an MoU is signed between the Maharashtra State Skill Development Society (MSSDS) and Agriculture Skill Council of India on 01st October 2022.

This MoU aims at imparting skill-based training to around 6600 rural youth in agri-based vocational areas in agriculture & allied areas to promote employment in rural areas and create skilled manpower to perform farm and non-farm operations in Maharashtra.

UGC & SCHOOL PROGRAM

University Grants Commission

Under University Grants Commission, many colleges are running Agriculture & Allied courses. Out of which, ASCI assessed around 200 candidates of 5 UGC approved colleges. The courses covered are from various segments such as Beekeeping, Dairy Technology, Organic Farming, Green House Management, Tea Plantation, etc.

Samagra Shiksha

Under Samagra Shiksha, various states are running Agriculture courses from 9th to 12th class. Since Oct'2022, approx. 2,000 candidates have been assessed in State of Assam. The courses covered were Solanaceous Crop Cultivator, Animal Health Worker and Floriculturist-Open Cultivation.



Glimpse of Micro Irrigation Technician Batch at Punjab Regiment, Ramgarh

UGC & SCHOOL PROGRAM



UGC Program - Kerala



School Program - Assam

STANDARDS & QUALITY ASSURANCE (QP/NOS)

During the period Oct'22-Dec'22, 1 Qualification got approved in NSQC as mentioned below:

S. No.	NSQC No	Stake holder Consultation date	NSQC Date	No. of QF presented	No. of QF Approved	Name of Qualification
1.	24	10 th October 2022	17 th November 2022	1	1	Krishi Sahayak

35 Qualifications in Agri & allied sector, as mentioned below have been aligned with the National Credit Framework

S.No.	Qualification Name	QP Code
1	Pulses Cultivator	AGR/Q0104
2	Oilseed Crop Grower	AGR/Q0201
3	Cotton Cultivator	AGR/Q0202
4	Coffee Plantation Worker	AGR/Q0501
5	Coconut Grower cum Primary Processor	AGR/Q0503
6	Floriculturist	AGR/Q0701
7	Florist	AGR/Q0703
8	Gardener	AGR/Q0801
9	Interior Landscaper	AGR/Q0806
10	Nursery Worker	AGR/Q0807
11	Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Grower	AGR/Q0901
12	Micro-Irrigation Technician	AGR/Q1002
13	Greenhouse Operator	AGR/Q1003
14	Irrigation Service Technician	AGR/Q1104
15	Farm Workshop Foreman / Supervisor	AGR/Q1109
16	Organic Grower	AGR/Q1201
17	Dairy Farmer/Entrepreneur	AGR/Q4101
18	Small Poultry Farmer	AGR/Q4306
19	Artificial Insemination Technician	AGR/Q4803
20	Livestock Service Provider	AGR/Q4804
21	Aquaculture Worker	AGR/Q4904
22	Fish Seed Grower	AGR/Q4908
23	Ornamental Fish Farmer	AGR/Q4910
24	Inland Capture Fisherman cum Primary Processor	AGR/Q5003
25	Fish Retailer	AGR/Q5104
26	Fisheries Extension Associate	AGR/Q5107
27	Sericulturist	AGR/Q5201
28	Beekeeper	AGR/Q5301
29	Bamboo Grower	AGR/Q6101
30	Non-Timber Forest Produce Harvester	AGR/Q6102
31	Forest Nursery Raiser	AGR/Q6103
32	Solar Pump Technician	AGR/Q6701
33	Agriculture Warehouse Worker	AGR/Q7502
34	Agriculture Extension Service Provider	AGR/Q7601
35	Mushroom Grower(Entrepreneur)	AGR/Q7803

WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION 2022

The WorldSkills Competition, a flagship event of the WorldSkills International, organised every two years, is the biggest vocational education and skills excellence event in the world that truly reflects global industry.

This WorldSkills Competition was 46th WorldSkills Competition. In view of the pandemic in China, WorldSkills Competition was conducted in a decentralized manner in 15 countries across Europe, Asia & the USA. Over 1,000 competitors from 58 countries in 62 skills, expected to participated in the WorldSkills competition 2022.

WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION 2022



Floristry candidate represented skill in WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition at Helsinki, Finland. The Floristry skill saw participation from 14 countries viz. France, Switzerland, China, etc. The candidates prepared 8 Floral designs in the competition.

ROZGAR MELA

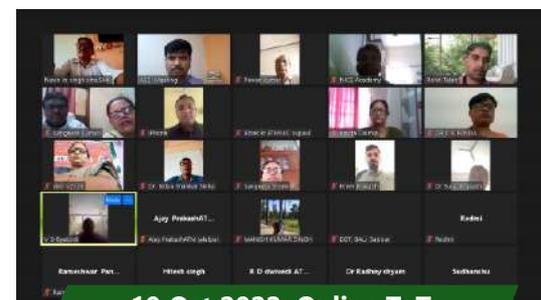
ASCI participated in Rozgar Mela organized at Kamakhya Nagar Stadium in Dhenkanal, Odisha on 6th November, 2022. The Rozgar Mela was a one-day event accompanied by other related activities including Career Counselling, Skill Exhibitions & Apprenticeship.

The event witnessed the participation from various PMKK, Apprenticeship undertaking organizations & several certified candidates under PMKVY and various skill development schemes.

Around 5 employers participated on behalf of the Agriculture SSC & around 30 candidates were placed in the job role of Packhouse Worker during the career fair at Dhenkanal, Odisha.

Training of Trainers (ToT) / Training of Master Trainers (ToMT) Program

- ▲ Online- ToT (1st Nov 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) for 37 existing trainers for 8 job roles.
- ▲ Online- ToT (4th Nov, 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) for 1 existing trainer for 1 job role.
- ▲ Online- ToT (14th Nov 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) for 2 existing trainers for 2 job roles.
- ▲ Online- ToT (24th Nov 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) for 29 existing trainers for 9 job roles.
- ▲ Online- ToT (1st Dec 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) for 3 existing trainers for 3 job roles.
- ▲ Online- ToT (2nd Dec, 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) for 89 existing trainers for 24 job roles.
- ▲ Online- ToT (9th Dec, 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) for 1 existing trainer for 1 job role.
- ▲ Online- ToT (15th - 24th Dec 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) for 56 new trainers for 6 job roles.



**19 Oct 2022: Online ToT
Orientation Programme for
Existing Trainers**

APPRENTICESHIPS & INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENTS

ASCI is continuously increasing its portfolio to appoint more apprentices under the NAPS and has done a substantial work in promoting apprenticeship and NAPS with various establishments. In the same endeavor, ASCI has appointed 250 apprentice under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) during this quarter. The candidates have started "On the Job Training" with various agricultural establishments. The major job roles were from Agri Input sector like Agriculture Field officer and Agriculture Extension Service Provider.

It is also observed that establishments from Post-harvest sector are actively participating in apprenticeship program under the job role of Pack House Worker. This job role has recently picked up the numbers in appointing apprentices with various establishments.

ASCI has the objective of providing a skilled & certified workforce across the globe & has the vision to transform India into a preferred partner country to meet this objective. In the international placements, ASCI has placed 2 candidates in Germany as Meat Processing Associate & 6 candidates in Dubai i.e. 4 candidates as Gardener & 2 candidates as Landscape Technician.

CEDSI: NEXT DAIRY REVOLUTION

The Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India (CEDSI) is an autonomous institution established under the aegis of the Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) and the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) with the objective of overall Skill Development and Capacity Building in Dairy and Allied sector. CEDSI aims to ensure Sustainability and Profitability in the Dairy sector through Skilling and Capacity Building, Policy Advocacy & Knowledge Management and Research.

The promotion of sustainable FPO is a comprehensive process with legal formalities, developing a sound organizational structure and effective capacity building and governance systems etc., and above all a sound market linkage system for the end produce of FPOs. To achieve this, there is a need for a proper understanding of the basic concept of producer organizations. For this, CEDSI has prepared own training modules for FPO Training, covering each and every aspect for the FPO Members.

RECENT COLLABORATION WITH IGSSS FOR FPO CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM

A three-day Training cum Workshop Program has been organised for the Board of Directors and Members of the Farmers Producer Organisation (FPO) in Khalsa University, Punjab. The Training Program was conducted in collaboration with IGSSS (Indo-Global Social Service Society). The training was organized to orient farmers on key aspects of Dairy activities. Total of 15 Board Members of an FPO are trained. The program was organised in the 2nd week of October.



FPO Capacity Building Program in Khalsa University, Punjab on 10th Oct 2022

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