

Agri Skills

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*"Sowing skills...
...harvesting opportunities"*

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Message From CEO

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Agriculture and allied sectors have huge potential for generating employment and directly contributing to the GDP of India. The main challenge is to equip the farmers and workforce in this domain with appropriate skills and knowledge to enhance productivity through scientific methods. ASCI has implemented many programs in this direction, in collaboration with institutions of higher learning and research across India.



Our aim is to bridge the gap between the needs of the Industry and the skills of workforce in Farming, Poultry, Fisheries, Horticulture, Aquaculture through industry-relevant training and exposure to latest machinery and technologies. We have conducted several Training of Trainer (TOT) and Training of Master Trainer programs to empower the trainers who play a critical role in skilling the candidates.

To boost entrepreneurship in this domain we plan to embark on training micro-entrepreneurs who operate from rural areas and help them with mentoring and linkages with the markets and financial institutions. This would be a major step towards encouraging job creation in this sector and reduce migration of people by showing them a path towards sustainable livelihoods. I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year 2018!

Partnerships through Memorandum of Understanding

ASCI has been taking many proactive steps in aligning the goals of skill development with several academic initiatives in India. The objective is to bring various institutes of higher learning and advanced research into the skilling ecosystem to create new job roles and curriculum that are relevant to the industry.

ASCI has signed a MoU with two CSIR organizations. The MoU with CSIR-IIIM, Jammu was signed on 31st Nov 2017 for three job roles i.e. Medicinal Plant Grower, Oil Extractor and Soil Water Tester. Another MoU was signed with CSIR-CSIO, Chandigarh on 26th Nov 2017 for job roles of Soil and Water Testing Assistant and Soil and Water Testing Lab Analyst. Other MoUs for collaboration with CSIR include CSIR-NBRI, Lucknow and CSIR-IITR, Lucknow. Besides, ASCI has also signed an MoU with Agriculture University, Palampur.

Key initiatives in Domain Training

- Army Punjab Regiment Centre, Ramgarh training on two job roles: Organic Farmer and Micro irrigation started on 20th Dec 2017.
- Agriculture vocational training started in 23 schools of Jammu and Kashmir in Floriculturist job role.
- ASCI started its engagement with Directorate of Agriculture Engineering, Government of Madhya Pradesh for training in Farm Machinery job roles. Training and Assessment of first batch with 39 candidates has completed at Jabalpur Centre in Tractor Mechanic Job Role.



NSQF aligned Farm Mechanization training with Directorate of Agriculture Engineering, Government of MP

Model Curriculum

To meet the dynamic needs of the Industry, ASCI has been developing many Qualification Packs (QPs) and National Occupational Standards (NOS) along with Model Curriculum. To add to the existing list, ASCI has developed new Model Curriculum for the Job Roles listed below, taking the existing list to a total of 105.

S.NO	JOB ROLE	LEVEL
01	Milk Route Supervisor	5
02	Village Level Milk Collection Centre In charge	4
03	Milk Tester	4
04	Bulk Milk Cooler Operator	4
05	Chilling Plant Technician	4
06	Plant Tissue Culture Technician	4
07	Pearl Culture Technician	4
08	Aquarium Technician	4
09	Mariculture Operator	4
10	Florist	4

Job Fairs / Rozgar Melas

Following the trends in skill development and going by the directive from Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) for placement of skilled candidates, ASCI has been consolidating its efforts to enhance the number of placements through wage employment or self-employment.

There has been a significant rise in number of placed candidates in the running quarter as a result of continuous and focused coordination with training partners.

ASCI has participated in various Rozgar Melas organized by NSDC and State Skill Missions.



Training of Assessor



Assessor training is an important part of any skilling initiative and trained assessors enhance the value of training through quality and relevance. ASCI conducted Training of Assessors Program for 5 different assessment agencies in the southern region. The objective of the program was orientation and alignment of assessors with NSQF/NOS and skill ecosystem as a whole. The program also focused on development of pedagogical skills, sharing of best practices and assessment criteria engaged in assessing skills along with an orientation on domain and platform skills for comprehensive understanding of the skills ecosystem.

School Assessments

ASCI's 18 Qualification Packs have been accepted and introduced for school students from class 9th to 12th in collaboration with various State Governments under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). ASCI, in collaboration with State Education Boards, conducts assessments and certification of students in addition to extending other related support.

State-wise number of government schools where Agriculture skilling has been introduced under RMSA.

State	Number 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
TOTAL	746

Training of Trainer

ToT Program was conducted for Master Trainers for 30 job roles completed on 1st Nov, 2017 at Biswanath College of Agriculture, Assam Agricultural University, Biswanath Chariali, Assam. A total of 21 participants attended the training domain and platform skill development.



18 participants were present in the ToT program for two job roles conducted at State Agricultural Management And Extension Training Institute, Kerala on 1st Nov, 2017. The program comprised domain and platform training.

ToT was successfully conducted for 2 Job role on 5th Nov, 2017, at Product Training Centre-Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) Limited, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu. 16 participants attended the training in domain and platform skills.



In Assam, ToT program was held at Biswanath College of Agriculture, Assam Agricultural University. Training was held for 7 Job roles from 1st to 10th Nov, 2017. Total Participation was 24 for each domain and platform skill training.

ToT for 3 job roles was held from from 2nd to 11th Nov, 2017 at West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, Kolkata. The program was attended by 45 participants for acquiring domain and platform skill training.



University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, Karnataka was the venue for the ToT program for Master Trainer for 11 job roles. The training was conducted on 15th Nov, 2017 for 30 participants in domain and platform skill training.



In Delhi, ToT sessions were held for a total of 36 candidates for domain and platform skill training. The training was conducted at National Agricultural Science Complex, 17th Nov, 2017.



In Kerala, ToT sessions were held on 30th Nov, 2017 at Indian Cardamom Research Institute, Spices Board, Myladumpara. Training was imparted in 5 job roles and 28 participants attended domain and platform skill training.



At the Indian Cardamom Research Institute, Saklespur, Karnataka, 19 participants attended the ToT program in domain and skill training. The training was conducted on 23rd Nov, 2017.



ToT for 5 Job roles was completed on 23rd Nov, 2017 at the State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute, Tadong, Gangtok. The program saw a total Participation of 18 for domain and platform skill training.



For Bamboo Mission, Tripura, ToT was organized for 2 Job roles from 2nd to 11th Dec, 2017. 15 participants attended the domain and platform skill training.



In Madhya Pradesh, ToT for Master Trainer was organized on 13th Dec, 2017 at Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Gwalior. The program was designed for 7 job roles and it had 24 participants for domain and platform skill training.

ToT was completed for 18 job roles on 22nd Dec, 2017 at Extension Education Institute, Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat. The training program was attended by a total of 35 participants.

In Haryana ToT for 3 job roles was held at Horticulture Training Centre, Karnal on 29th Dec, 2017. A total of 27 participants attended domain and platform skill training.

State Engagements



Bihar

ASCI successfully conducted a 10 days Training of Trainers for the record 256 Participants for 10 job roles at Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour from 22nd- 31st Dec, 2017. Participants from different ATMAs (Agricultural Technology Management Agency) and KVKs (Krishi Vigyan Kendras) participated in this ToT from most of the districts of Bihar. The ToT was concluded in the presence of Dr. P. S.Pandey, ADG, ICAR (Education) and Dr. A.K. Singh, VC, Bihar Agricultural University. Subsequently Bihar Skill Development Mission's sponsored fresh training program was started at the different centers of Bihar and the assessments of the current batches are in progress. This was one of the largest ToT programmes conducted by ASCI.



New Delhi

ASCI celebrated World Fisheries Day by participating in an event organized by Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries Department, Government of India, NASC Complex, New Delhi. Hon'ble Minister Mr. Radha Mohan Singh interacted with the team from ASCI with lot of enthusiasm.



Telangana

ASCI participated in an event organized by National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) at Hyderabad, Telangana to showcase various skills under the agriculture domain.



West Bengal

ASCI participated in the Skill Summit conducted by Department of Technical Education & Skill Development, Government of West Bengal at Karigari Bhawan, Kolkata on 6th Dec, 2017. The summit was chaired by Mr. Purnendu Basu, Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development, Government of West Bengal and Ms. Roshni Sen, Principal Secretary, Dept. of Technical Education & Skill Development, Government of West Bengal. A team from ASCI also visited Shree Ramkrishna Ashram Nimpith's campus & identified it as the center for ToT at West Bengal for the various job roles. Soon, ASCI is planning to conduct ToT as well as Training of Master Trainers at the esteemed campus.



Tripura

ASCI participated in Review Meeting on Skill Development in Tripura conducted by Directorate of Skill Development, Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Tripura. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Rajesh Agrawal, Jt. Secretary, MSDE. Another interesting development concerns the adoption of the Bamboo Grower job role by Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency at Dimapur under CB & TA scheme of Ministry of Development of North East Region (MDoNER).

Governing Council Meeting

The 19th Meeting of the Board of Governing Council (GC) was held on 22nd Dec, 2017. The GC members were apprised about the new initiatives and collaborations viz. collaboration with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) institutions, Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society (JSDM), Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation (RSLDC), National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) Program, Govt. of Jharkhand, Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM), training under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), TOT/ TOMT programs, collaboration with 4 new agriculture and veterinary universities, development of 11 new Model Curricula by ASCI and participation of ASCI under Chief Minister's Koushalya Karnataka Yojana (CMKKY).



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