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Agriculture SSC wins Best Sector Skill Council Award at ASSOCHAM Skills Summit 2017

Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) was awarded the Best Sector Skill Council Award for 2nd consecutive year at the 3rd ASSOCHAM Skills Summit on 9th Aug 2017 held in New Delhi. The award was instituted by the ASSOCHAM to acknowledge the Indian Sector Skill Councils who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the skills agenda in India - one of the most important challenges the country is facing today.

The award was conferred at the opening ceremony of the Summit by Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Former Hon'ble Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Dr. Satender Arya, CEO received the award on behalf of ASCI.

“Sowing **Skills...**

... Harvesting Opportunitites”



Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare Schemes

> Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yajana (RKVY)

During the FY 2016-17 the ongoing skilling program of MSDE got a boost with Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare's taking up skilling programs for various job roles under RKVY. They involved various Institutions under the domain of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) and Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) to upscale the skilling requirements.

In order to rollout, 100 Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) and 8 DAC&FW institutes under the aegis of ICAR & DAC respectively were selected. Each of these institutes was advised to skill 40 trainees in two separate job roles basis the local needs.

A total of 4165 candidates got trained across 106 institutes covered 29 states/ Uts.

> Mission of Integrated Horticulture (MIDH):

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of MIDH which integrates the ongoing schemes of National Horticulture Mission, Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States, National Bamboo Mission, National Horticulture Board, Coconut Development Board and Central Institute for Horticulture, Nagaland also joined the skill ecosystem. As of today, over 250 candidates have been trained and certified across the country under Amenity and Production Horticulture in the last quarter.

AICTE Institutes

ASCI is taking care of assessment and certification of the candidates who have enrolled in the agriculture domain job roles under PMKVY- Technical Institution programme. In this quarter, 21 Candidates from Government Polytechnic College - Darbhanga, have undergone the assessment process for Solar Pump Technician job role.

University & College Program

Under UGC – Community College and B.Voc Programme, ASCI is looking after the Curriculum alignment, assessments and issuing the certificates for the candidates who get passed in the examination. In this quarter, total 126 Candidates have undergone the assessment process in different courses.

ASCI collaborates with 7 New Agriculture, Veterinary & Fisheries Universities / Institutes

Agriculture & Horticulture Universities / Institutes

- > CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (CSK HPKV), Palampur
- > Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (BCKV), West Bengal
- > Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), Guntur
- > Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University (SKRAU), Bikaner

Veterinary & Animal Sciences Universities / Institutes

- > Bihar Animal Sciences University (BASU), Patna

CSIR Institutes

- > CSIR- Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (CSIR-IHBT), Palampur
- > CSIR- Central Scientific Instruments Organization (CSIR-CSIO), Chandigarh



Development of QP/NOS & Model Curriculum

- ASCI has developed a new QP of Heritage Gardener, taking the total to 157 QPs.
- ASCI developed 4 new Model Curricula, taking the total to 95 Model Curricula.
- > Gardener cum Nursery Raiser
- > Assistant Gardener
- > Cotton Cultivator
- > Barefoot Technician

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

- > **Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Coimbatore:** TOT for Gardener Job Role completed on 10th Aug'17. A total of 11 participants attended the training.
- > **Thiruvanthpuram, Kerala:** ToT for Master Trainer for 14 Job Roles completed on 9th Aug'17. A total of 9 participants attended the training.
- > **Thiruvanthpuram, Kerala:** ToT for 14 Job roles completed on 20th Aug'17. A total of 87 participants attended the training.
- > **West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, Kolkata:** ToT for Master Trainer for 18 Job Roles at WBUA&FS completed on 4th Aug 2017. A total of 48 participants attended the training.



- > **Krishi Vistar Sadan, Pusa, New Delhi:** ToT for 13 Job roles completed on 23rd Aug'17. A total of 25 participants attended the training.
- > **Bihar Animal Sciences University, Patna:** ToT for Master Trainer for 10 Job Roles at BASU, Patna completed on 22nd Sep'17. A total of 12 participants attended the training.
- > **Horticulture Training Institute, Karnal:** TOT for Gardener Job Role completed on 26th Sep'17 for existing trainers. A total of 13 participants attended the training.
- > **Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur:** ToT for Master Trainer for 39 agriculture and allied Job role at JNKVV, Jabalpur completed on 12th Oct'17. A total of 30 participants attended the training.



Training of Assessors (ToA) Program

ASCI conducted ToA Programs for 70 Assessors of 8 different Assessment Agencies. The objective of the Program is orientation and alignment of Assessors with NSQF/NOS and skill ecosystem as a whole, development of pedagogical skills, sharing of best practices and assessment criteria's engaged in skill assessment and through orientation on Domain and platform skills involved in Skill ecosystem.

- > ToA, Lucknow: ToA conducted for the new Assessors of Northern Region from 16th-21st Feb'17. The program was attended by 31 Assessors.
- > ToA, Ahmedabad: 6 days ToA Program was conducted from 22nd-27th Aug'17. The program was attended by 39 Assessors.

Private School Assessments

ASCI successfully concluded private school assessment in Maharashtra and Gujarat in the month of Aug'17 and 939 candidates got assessed under L-1/Class 9.

State	No. of Schools	Assessed Candidates
Gujarat	10	506
Maharashtra	11	433

Rozgar Mela...

ASCI has been proactively participating in various Rozgar Melas organized by NSDC and various State Skill Missions. We engage the youth at Rozgar Melas and help them find an appropriate job in Agri Industry by inviting industry and job seekers on common platform. ASCI has participated in Rozgar Melas held at Hamirpur and Chhapra where 18 & 349 candidates got shortlisted in job interviews held at Rozgar Melas. As SSC, we are also planning to organize Rozgar Melas exclusively for certified candidates at various locations in coming time.



State Engagements

Jharkhand: ASCI signed MoU with Jharkhand Skill Development Mission at Sector Skill Council Summit organized by JSDMS. ASCI is now associated with Target allocation for Training under Employment through Skill Training & Placement (EST&P), State Mission Management Unit (SMMU), National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM), Jharkhand.

As a part of this association, we successfully assessed prisoners of Birsa Central Jail, Ranchi for Gardener Job Role.

West Bengal: For the first time in the state, ASCI organized ToMT at West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Science, Kolkata.

Assam: ASCI attended Sector Skill Council Summit at Guwahati organized by Assam Skill Development Mission (ASDM). ASCI and ASDM joined hands for the Agri skilling at Assam and signed MoU.

Rajasthan: ASCI started its engagement with Rajasthan Skill & Livelihoods development Corporation (RSLDC) under their ELSTP scheme for training in Farm Machinery job roles. First batch got assessed in Tractor Operator job role at Kota, Rajasthan.

2nd Poultry Skill Advisory Meeting

ASCI organized the 2nd Poultry Skill Advisory Meeting at Hyderabad on 4th Aug'17 which saw participation from the ICAR, CPDOs, Poultry College, Training Institutes, Poultry Farms & Industries.

Discussions revolved around mobilization of resources for skill development/ Identification of potential Training Partners/ Joint effort to be undertaken by various stakeholders/ RPL for the existing workforce in Poultry Sector.

18th Governing Council (GC) Meeting

18th Meeting of the Board of Governing Council of ASCI was held on 5th Sep, 2017. Members were apprised about the new initiatives & collaborations, Addition of new Institutes and KVKs by DAC and ICAR, ToT of 211 Trainer covering 18 Job roles, Collaboration with 6 new agriculture & veterinary universities of ICAR & CSIR Institutions taking the number of such collaboration to 45 Universities/Institutions, Development of 3 new Model curricula, 3 days Joint Workshop of ASCI & Spices Board for development of QPs in Spices Segment, Special RPL at NDMC and 2nd Poultry Skill Advisory Meeting at Hyderabad.

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