



“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 &
Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

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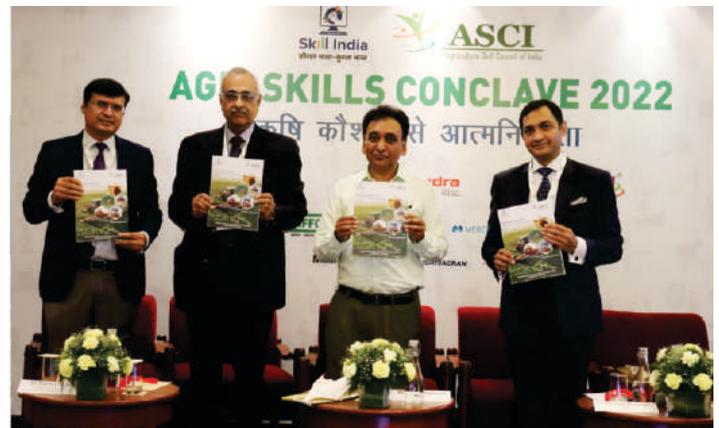


*“Sowing skills...
...Harvesting opportunities”*

AGRI SKILLS CONCLAVE 2022

ASCI organizes 'Agri Skills Conclave 2022'

Agriculture Skill Council of India organized Agri Skills Conclave 2022 on 26th August 2022 at India Habitat Center (IHC), New Delhi with the theme *Krishi Kaushal Se Atamanirbharta* which revolved around the Indian agriculture Skill ecosystem – Needs, Challenges & Future Developments. It witnessed the confluence of the industry, academia & government providing an opportunity to develop a set of recommendations to promote the new skilling, upskilling and training methodologies for the youth in the agriculture & allied sector. During the Conclave, ASCI took the opportunity to release the Farm Mechanization Sector Skill Gap Study, Career Guide - a Qualification Handbook for Agriculture Qualifications and Short-term Courses Directory developed by ASCI through the auspicious hands of the Secretary, MSDE.



Glimpse of the Agri Skills Conclave 2022

State Engagement

- ▲ **Upskilling of Zoo Animal Keepers:** The role of Zoo Animal Keepers are very sensitive and keeping this in mind, the Dept of Forest, Govt of Assam approved upskilling of 25 of their Zoo Animal Keepers in the Assam State Zoo. ASCI successfully completed training & assessment of 25 Zoo Animal Keepers under Assam State Zoo which is the Zoo cum Botanical garden in the North East .



Upskilling Programme for Zoo Animal Keepers in Assam State Zoo



CEO ASCI with Director, ATARI in Bengaluru

- ▲ CEO ASCI had an interaction with Director, Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI) & 48 Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) of Karnataka & Kerala on 28th-29th July, 2022. During the visit, he explained the importance of skilling programs amongst the youth in agriculture and the vital role being played by the KVKs in imparting the skill programs to the farming community.

- ▲ MoU signed between District Mineral Foundation Trust, Angul, Odisha and ASCI for providing Short Term Training (STT) in the Captive and Small Animal Management segment. Sixty candidates will be trained under this Skill Development Programme.
- ▲ ASCI, in collaboration with Ekalavya Gramina Vikasa Foundation, started skill development programme in Telangana. The skill training programme has been initiated for the local youth of Vikarabad & Medak districts of Telangana. The program is taking place for 210 candidates & they are being trained in the job role of Vegetable Grower, Organic Grower & Nursery Worker which have been identified as the in-demand job roles for the region.

MoU signed between Agriculture Skill Council of India & Directorate of Agriculture Engineer (DAGE), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

- ▲ Agriculture SSC & Directorate of Agriculture Engineering (DAGE), Govt. of Madhya Pradesh signed MoU on 6th September 2022. Basis the MoU, the Center of Excellence for Farm Mechanization Skills in India (CEFMSI) will be established that will work in close collaboration with the government, industry, research and academia & experts in the Farm Mechanization sector to empower various stakeholders in the agricultural & farm mechanization value chain by undertaking training, advocacy & advisory services and carrying out the research on the evolution of the Farm Mechanization Sector for modulating the skill requirements from time to time. The MoU has been signed between CEO ASCI & Director, DAGE in the presence of the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of Madhya Pradesh.



MoU signing between CEO ASCI & Director, DAGE, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh in the presence of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister of Madhya Pradesh

RPL training & Certification Programme under Adarsh Gram - SANKALP Programme

- ▲ Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) is a World bank funded programme of the MSDE launched on 19th January 2018. SANKALP aims to provide skill training qualitatively and quantitatively through strengthening institutions, bring in better market connectivity and inclusion of marginalised sections of the society. ASCI successfully completed RPL trainings under SANKALP Programme for 1800 candidates, total 1731 candidates have been assessed and 1671 candidates have been certified in 15 Adarsh Grams under 2 selected job roles, Dairy Farmer Entrepreneur and Aquaculture worker in states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar respectively.
- ▲ During this quarter, ASCI organized RPL training for 120 Candidates in Kanakpura village and Convocation ceremony for the 446 Certified Candidates in Sapahua (106), Sundiyahi (116), Mardarpur jairam (114), and Kanakpura (110) Villages of Bihar as part of Adarsh Gram SANKALP programme.



Glimpse of training & Certification Programme under Adarsh GRAM – SANKALP Programme

Upskilling of Gardeners with NDMC, New Delhi

- ▲ ASCI, in coordination with the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), has conducted an Upskilling training programme at Skill India, Mandir Marg, New Delhi. The employees are imparted training on Gardener Job role constituting short modules like Propagation, preparation, establishing & maintenance of the Rooftop Garden with relevant safety and emergency procedures.
- ▲ The convocation ceremony of the employees trained in the Gardener Job role of NDMC Horticulture Employees is organized by ASCI at the School of Gardening, Purana Qila Road Nursery. The 32 candidates are awarded with certificates by Chief Guests - Dr. S. Chellaiah, Director, Horticulture, NDMC & Dr. V. K. Verma, Dy. Director, Horticulture, NDMC. The success of the employees who have been provided certificates during the convocation program justified the skill that has been inscribed by the training being given by ASCI.



Convocation Ceremony at School of Gardening, NDMC, Delhi

DGCA-Certified Drone Instructor Training Program

- ▲ In view of Future skills, ASCI is putting its efforts to train candidates on Agriculture Drone usage and nominated candidates from reputed organizations such as Horticulture Training Institute and Ultimate Energy Resource Ltd. for Instructor Course at India's 1st Drone Training Centre, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA), Manesar. Total 3 candidates successfully completed DGCA-Certified Drone Pilot Training Program.



ToT of nominated candidates from Ultimate Energy Resource Ltd for Drone Training on 14th Aug 2022 in IGRUA, Manesar



Simulation of Drone Operation on 12th Aug 2022 in IGRUA, Manesar

'Kisan Drone Operator' E-Learning Video launched at the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh: Skill Convocation Ceremony

- ▲ The 'Kisan Drone Operator E-Learning Video', developed by Agriculture SSC, is launched during the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh: Skill Convocation Ceremony on 17th September 2022 by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. On the same day, the workshop on this e-Learning video was also organized by ASCI through the virtual platform.



Launch of Kisan Drone Operator E-Learning Video at the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh: Skill Convocation Ceremony on 17th Sept., 2022



Workshop on Kisan Drone Operator E-Learning Video on 17th Sept., 2022

UGC & School Program

University Grants Commission

Under University Grants Commission, many colleges are running Agriculture & Allied courses. Out of which, ASCI assessed over 800 candidates of 23 UGC approved colleges. The courses covered are from various segments such as Livestock Production and Management, Farm mechanization, Sustainable Agriculture, Green House Management, Fisheries & Aquaculture, Soil Sciences, Organic Farming, Sericulture, Tea Plantation, etc.

Samagra Shiksha

Under Samagra Shiksha, various states are running Agriculture courses from 9th to 12th class. Since Jul'2022, approx. 650 candidates have been assessed in State of Tripura. The courses covered were Solanaceous Crop Cultivator and Animal Health Worker.



School Program - Tripura



UGC Program - Maharashtra

WorldSkills India – International Training

Post IndiaSkills National competition, ASCI started WorldSkills level training for 3 Finalists (Gold, Silver & Bronze) from March 2022 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Post 3 Selection Tests, one candidate has been selected who will represent Floristry skill in WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition at Helsinki, Finland.

10 days international training being organized at Mumbai wherein the candidate got training from Singapore based International Trainer Mr Anson Low.



Floristry skill international training in Maharashtra

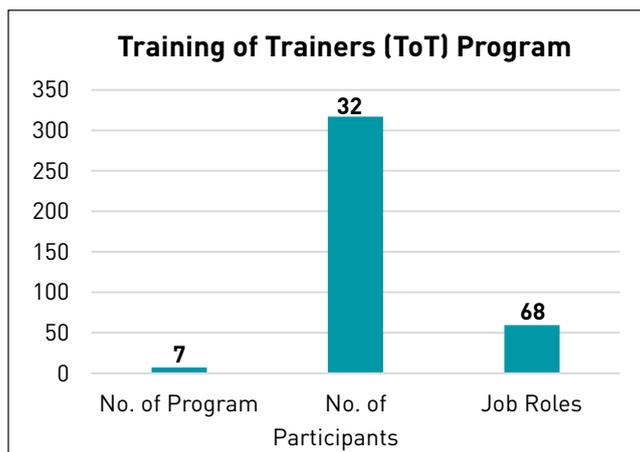
Standards & Quality Assurance (QP/NOS)

During the period 01/07/2022 – 30/09/2022, 1 Qualification has got approved in NSQC as mentioned:

S. No.	NSQC No	Stake holder Consultation date	NSQC Date	No. of QF presented	No. of QF Approved	Name of Qualification
1.	22	22 nd August 2022	25 th August 2022	1	1	Technician - Coir Grow Media

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

- Online- ToT (20th Jul, 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) in online mode for 13 existing trainers for 7 job roles.
- Online- ToT (28th Jul, 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) in online mode for 231 existing trainers for 38 job roles.
- Physical- ToT (1st Aug, 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) in physical mode for 42 New Trainer and 7 existing trainers for 1 job role.
- Online- ToT (5th Aug, 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) in online mode for 7 existing trainers for 1 job role.
- Online- ToT (26th Aug, 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) in online mode for 10 existing trainers for 8 job roles.
- Online- ToT (16th Sept, 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) in online mode for 4 existing trainers for 4 job roles.
- Online- ToT (28th Sept 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) in online mode for 3 existing trainers for 3 job roles.
- Online- ToT (29th Sept 2022): ToT (Domain & Platform skill) in online mode for 3 existing trainers for 3 job roles.



Glimpse of the ToT Programme



Assessment-Design & Development Capacity

ASCI has completed the following developments to facilitate the standardized assessments.

S. No.	Development	No. of Job roles	Details
1	Assessment Blueprints	5	Assistant Gardener, Coffee Plantation Worker, Interior Landscaper, Nursery Worker, Vermicompost Producer
2	Assessor Guide (Hindi)	16	
3	Question bank Pools(V2)	7	Service & Maintenance Tech, Quality Seed Grower, Pesticide & Fertiliser Applicator, Greenhouse Operator, Gardener, Artificial Insemination Technician, Agriculture Extension Service Provider

Apprenticeship

ASCI is continuously increasing its portfolio to appoint more apprentices under the Agriculture sector. In the same endeavor, ASCI has recently included the Coir Segment to cater to more apprentices in the agri-allied sector. As a part of the Apprenticeship Program, ASCI has appointed 50 apprentices on Agriculture Extension Service Provider and 20 apprentices on Packhouse Worker.

Apprenticeship Awareness Workshops

ASCI organized Apprenticeship Awareness Workshops for the industry on various platforms & in various locations to increase awareness among the industry/employers & candidates about the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and various aspects of Apprenticeship in Agriculture & Allied Sectors such as Horticulture, Dairy, Fisheries, Poultry, etc. These workshops highlighted the need, importance & benefits of apprenticeships and the industrial organizations are apprised of the Apprenticeship Act 1961, Degree Apprenticeship, DBT & Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM).



1-day Apprenticeship Awareness Programme at Punjab Skill Development Mission (PSDM) at Moga, Punjab on 9th September 2022



ASCI represented at PMNAM in Bangalore, Karnataka; Bhubaneswar and Cuttack in Odisha & Barpeta in Assam on 12th September 2022.



2-days Apprenticeship Awareness Programme organized in collaboration with MCCIA (Maharatta Chamber of Commerce, Industries & Agriculture) at Pune on 16th – 17th September 2022 for the industrial organizations & agriculture and allied sector candidates

International Placements

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 3 skilled certified candidates in Germany in Food & Meat Processing job role.



Germany Placement: 3 candidates placed in Food & Meat Processing related Job role in September 2022

CEDSI: Next Dairy Revolution

The Centre of Excellence for Dairy Skills in India is an autonomous institution established under the aegis of the 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.

FPO Training Program

In collaboration with Friends of Women's World Banking (FWWB) a three-day Training cum Workshop Program has been organised for the Board of Directors and Members of the Farmers Producer Organisation (FPO) in Tumkur, Karnataka. The training was organized for 26 FPO members on key aspects of Horticulture activities which they can pursue as one of their ventures.

ITC CSR Initiative

CEDSI was empanelled as a knowledge partner for Project Sunehra Kal, An ITC initiative for livelihood development and socio-economic upliftment. CEDSI in collaboration with BAIF organised a capacity-building program for the 25 AI technicians who are self-employed. The program was organised in Sehore M.P.

Collaboration: MoU signed between CEDSI & VKCoE, IRMA

CEDSI signed MoU With Verghese Kurien Centre for Excellence (VKCoE) IRMA. This collaboration between both organizations would help the dairy stakeholders to sensitize to the current & upcoming technological advancements.

As Both organizations understand the importance of Skill Development in the Dairy sector & intend to augment the knowledge & Skill levels of the workforce. This association shall specifically work towards bridging the gap, making stakeholders lifelong employable.



MoU signing between CEDSI & VKCoE on 22nd August, 2022

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