

MoU for Skill Development Between Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Skill Development

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To reap the benefit for vast employment opportunities in the maritime sector and with a view to certify their skill sets, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. This partnership will provide vast employment opportunities and better prospects to the youth of coastal areas.

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This MoU would reinforce the commitment of **coastal community development under the Sagarmala programme of the Ministry of Shipping**. It will nurture the skilled manpower for the development of ports and maritime sector of India and globally. As per the MoU, **MSDE will cooperate in development of course curriculum, national occupational standards and content for cruise tourism, logistics, fisheries, shipbuilding, ship repair and ship breaking, dredging and offshore supply chain**. It will also leverage its existing infrastructure such as ITIs, NSTIs and PMKK and PMKVY centers to **train manpower required as per the skill gaps of the coastal districts**. MSDE will also help in mobilizing private sector/ CSR funding for skill development in the port and maritime sector and facilitate port and maritime sector in TVET agreements signed for skill development with international partners.

The support in funding the implementation of various skilling

initiatives wherever applicable and feasible under the Sagarmala mission will be extended by the MoS. Under the partnership, MoS will facilitate implementation of activities related to skill development and upgradation not only through institutions under MoS and autonomous bodies but also through the involvement of the private sector. **MoS will also facilitate the identification and availability of infrastructure that can be leveraged for development of skill development centers and utilization of the same as in-situ training hubs.** This would include developing 5-10 shipping cabins to deploy remote training and practical whereby instead of investing in developing classroom training infrastructure, some ships can be customized with mobile classrooms to deploy training to remote areas.

Significant outcomes expected under the MoU

- Facilitating development of port and maritime sector through TVET agreements signed for skill development with international partners
- Providing best practices from relevant institutions in public and private sector pertaining to teaching aids, continuous lifelong learning, recognition of prior learning, teaching methodology, qualifications, credits, technology use, learning systems and research in the skill development field
- Facilitating the enhancement of skill levels of personnel in priority areas through setting up of trade specialization centers/ centres of excellence
- Setting-up multi-skill development centres for higher order skills in collaboration with DGT or NSDC through PPP model for skill training
- Facilitating Training of Trainers (ToTs) and Training of Assessors (ToA) through empanelment with relevant SSCs or through any other mechanism
- Raising the quality of work in institutions under MoS to hire skilled and certified personnel, putting in policy

for incentivizing skill training and certificate in recruitment process and certification of RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) of skilled/ semi-skilled people

- Maximizing apprenticeship training in coordination with NSDC and DGT, as permitted under the amended Apprentices Act, 1961