



“ We are working towards making lifelong learning a fundamental necessity for young talent and exposing individuals to diverse skill sets from the school level, which is a vital step in this direction aligning with the new National Education Policy. ”

**Shri Jayant Chaudhary**

Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Government of India

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



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# ➤ Bharatpur Kaushal Mahotsav: Empowering Youth and Boosting Employment Opportunities

A moment of pride unfolded at the Bharatpur Kaushal Mahotsav under the Skill India Mission, where Shri Jayant Chaudhary Ji, Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (Independent Charge), awarded certificates to skilled professionals in roles such as Agriculture Extension Service Provider, Organic Grower, and Quality Seed Grower. This transformative event, organized by NSDC, connected over 2400 youth with job opportunities in leading companies across diverse sectors.



**Shri Jayant Chaudhary Ji, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC), MSDE awarded certificates to skilled professionals**

As part of this initiative, the Bharatpur Rozgar Mela, held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024, further amplified its success by witnessing ASCI's instrumental efforts in mobilizing the participation of prominent firms like Nava Bharat Fertilizers LLP and Arcos Skills Pvt Ltd. Over 100 job seekers were shortlisted, opening new career pathways and fostering employment opportunities. This comprehensive drive not only empowered local talent but also strengthened the economic framework of the region, making it a hallmark of skill development and employment generation.



**Nava Bharat Fertilizers LLP at Bharatpur Rozgar Mela**



**Arcos Skills Pvt Ltd at Bharatpur Rozgar Mela**





# Empowering Gardeners: Skill India Centre at Rashtrapati Bhavan

Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) has achieved a significant milestone by successfully training and certifying 235 gardeners of the iconic Amrit Udyan under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY). This transformative initiative equipped the gardeners with modern horticulture practices, blending their existing expertise with contemporary techniques to ensure the sustainability and continued excellence of one of India's most prestigious landscapes.

Inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024, the Skill India Centre at Rashtrapati Bhavan reflects the government's commitment to skill development. This initiative is a testament to the success of the Skill India Mission in creating specialised and employable talent. By focusing on empowering gardeners, the programme not only enhances individual livelihoods but also contributes to preserving India's cultural heritage.

This achievement sets a new benchmark for similar initiatives across other sectors, showcasing the transformative power of targeted skill development programmes in driving community progress and ensuring sustainability in key industries.



Training of Amrit Udyan Gardeners, Rashtrapati Bhavan



# Skill Stakeholders Connect: Strengthening Jharkhand's Skill Ecosystem

Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society (JSDMS) organized a Skill Stakeholders Connect on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in Ranchi. The event was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of Labour Employment Training and Skill Development and aimed to strengthen the existing skill ecosystem in the state. Dr. Satender Arya, CEO, ASCI, addressed the gathering and underlined the potential of the agriculture and allied sectors in Jharkhand. He elaborated on the state's unique advantages, such as its favourable climate for cultivating high-value crops and its geographic suitability for promoting animal husbandry, particularly small ruminants and fisheries. Dr. Arya also highlighted the significance of equipping farmers with modern skills to help them embrace advanced farming practices and transition into entrepreneurial roles.



**CEO, ASCI at Skill Stakeholders Connect**

# Empowering Dairy Farmers in Bihar

Across the diverse landscapes of Bihar, a transformative journey is underway to uplift the state's dairy farming community. The Animal Husbandry (Dairy Development) project is providing farmers with a unique opportunity to hone their skills through a comprehensive six-day residential training program. So far, 3,704 candidates have undergone this intensive training, learning modern techniques in dairy farming to boost productivity and improve livestock care. With a target of training 4,102 individuals (both male and female) the initiative is steadily progressing, bringing hope and change to local communities.



**Training and Certification Programme on Animal Husbandry (Dairy Development) - Aurangabad**



**Training and Certification Programme on Animal Husbandry (Dairy Development) - Muzaffarpur**

## Standards and Quality Assurance

In the third quarter, 22 skill qualifications achieved significant milestones, further enhancing the scope of skill development in agriculture and allied sectors.

Out of these, 14 qualifications were approved by the National Skills Qualifications Committee (NSQC). These qualifications cover a wide range of roles, including Mushroom Grower, Fish Seed Grower, Vegetable Grower, Plantation Worker, Essentials of Agri Service & Input Dealer, and Essentials of Internal Control & Inspection. Additionally, advanced technical roles such as Artificial Insemination Technician, Greenhouse Operator, Tractor Service Mechanic, Combine Harvester Machine Operator, Poultry Farm Worker, Poultry Hatchery Operator, Livestock Service Provider, and Poultry Hatchery Supervisor were approved, highlighting a focus on modernizing agricultural practices and improving productivity.

Furthermore, 8 qualifications received an extension of validity, ensuring their continued relevance in skill development programs. These include Flower Packager and Palletizer, Pesticide & Fertilizer Applicator, Florist, Plant Tissue Culture Technician, Harvesting Machinery Operator, Repair and Maintenance Technician (Farm Machinery), Custom Hiring Centre In-charge (Agri Machinery), and Repair and Maintenance Supervisor (Farm Machinery).

## Training of Trainers/Master Trainer (ToT/ToMT) Programs

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, ASCI has successfully conducted 34 ToT programs and 3 ToMT programs, spanning 33 job roles and benefiting 238 trainers. Notably, under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, specialized ToT/ToA programs were organized for 113 trainers and assessors in the Fishing Net Maker job role. Additionally, 125 trainers were trained under PMKVY and Non-PMKVY schemes, further strengthening the pool of skilled professionals.



ToT (Forest Nursery Raiser) 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024



ToT/ToA (Fishing Net Maker) 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Collaborations with prominent organizations such as Godrej Agrovet, Ananda Dairy, BAMETI, Horticultural Training Institute, Corteva Agriscience, NCDEX, and the Bengal Chamber of Commerce have enabled ASCI to deliver training across various critical areas of agriculture, including dairy farming, farm mechanization, fisheries, forestry, poultry farm management, soil health management, horticulture, agricultural information management, and rural enterprises.





# Major Initiatives under Centres of Excellence for Agriculture Skills in India (CEASI)

Centres of Excellence for Agriculture Skills in India (CEASI), in collaboration with ITC Limited, successfully conducted the Large Ruminant Pashu Sakhi Training Program in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The program empowered 40 women beneficiaries, known as Pashu Sakhis, by equipping them with essential skills in livestock management. Participants received hands-on training in nutrition, health management, and breeding techniques, enabling them to take leadership roles and enhance local dairy production.

In Haryana, CEASI has been promoting sustainable farming practices through its Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) initiative. The state has successfully implemented herbicide-tolerant (HT) Basmati rice varieties, resulting in improved yields, cost savings, and water conservation. The DSR method has reduced cultivation time, positioning Haryana as a leader in sustainable rice farming.



**Experts from IARI and IIRR visited the DSR Awareness Project Site**



**Success of DSR Awareness Project was presented to Hon'ble Governor-Haryana**

CEASI's commitment to upskilling extends to Uttar Pradesh, where it is training 8,000 dairy farmers and entrepreneurs under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) scheme. These training programs focus on enhancing dairy farming practices, improving productivity, and empowering local farmers, contributing to the long-term growth of the region's dairy industry.



**Training of Dairy Farmers and Entrepreneurs under the PMKVY RPL Scheme**



**Training and Exposure visit under HP SHIVA Project**

Further strengthening its focus on empowering women in agriculture, CEASI, in partnership with MART Global Management Solutions LLP, facilitated a three-day training and exposure visit for 30 women farmers under the HP SHIVA project. The program aimed at fostering leadership, financial literacy, and sustainable farming practices, equipping women with the tools to improve agricultural practices in their communities.

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