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Transforming Kerala's Skill Ecosystem : Strategic Collaboration Between NSDC and KASE



Shri. Ved Mani Tiwari, CEO, National Skill Development Corporation(NSDC) interacting with KASE team

The Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE) had the privilege of hosting Shri. Ved Mani Tiwari, CEO of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), along with his esteemed team, for an impactful and forward-looking discussion aimed at strengthening Kerala's skill ecosystem. The delegation, comprising the Chief Technical Officer, General Manager - IT & Digital, Regional Head, and State Engagement Officer, engaged in an intensive dialogue with KASE to identify strategies that would position Kerala as a global hub for skilled talent. The collaboration aims to address structural gaps in the state's skill development framework and implement innovative interventions to enhance the skill infrastructure, with a focus on high-potential emerging industries.



Shri. Ved Mani Tiwari commended the Indian Institute of Infrastructure and Construction (IIIC) as a leading example of skill training excellence. The institute, equipped with a sprawling 9-acre campus, cutting-edge infrastructure, heavy equipment simulators, and industry partnerships with globally recognized names like Volvo, Schneider Electric, Mivan, and NICMAR, is setting a benchmark in construction and infrastructure training.

The CEO also praised the Institute for Metro Rail Technology at Kochi Metro, a flagship project developed in collaboration with NSDC, Kochi Metro Rail Limited (KMRL), Deutsche Bahn AG, and BARSYL. This institute is poised to revolutionize skill development in the transportation sector, offering a model for other states to emulate.

SKILL THOUGHT

"Skill is the unified force of experience, intellect, and passion in their operation."

— John Ruskin



Additionally, the collaboration outlined strategies to integrate Kerala's skill development initiatives with key state industrial policies in areas such as logistics, finance, taxation, and hydrogen fuel, ensuring the workforce is prepared for future industry challenges and opportunities.



Shri. Ved Mani Tiwari and his team with the State Skill Development Mission Officials

The strategic partnership between KASE and NSDC is a pivotal step in Kerala's pursuit of becoming a global leader in Skill Development. With a shared vision of empowering Kerala's workforce to excel on the international stage, this collaboration is expected to not only bolster the state's skill ecosystem but also establish Kerala as a model for other states in the country.



Insightful Interaction with Shri. Balagopal Chandrasekhar



The session provided an invaluable platform for dialogue, where Shri. Balagopal Chandrasekhar actively interacted with the KASE team, offering profound insights and practical guidance. The discussion focused on KASE's pivotal role in advancing Kerala's skilling ecosystem. Team members shared the challenges faced in their journey and sought actionable solutions to enhance ongoing initiatives.

Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE) was honoured to invite Shri. Balagopal Chandrasekhar, Retired IAS Officer, Chairman of Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation (KSIDC), former Chairman of Federal Bank Ltd, and Trustee of Anaha Trust, for an engaging interaction with the KASE team on November 29, 2024.



Shri. Balagopal Chandrasekhar's suggestions addressed critical areas for improvement while emphasizing strategies to expand KASE's scope as both a State Skill Development Mission and the State Skill Secretariat. His thoughtful suggestions served as a roadmap for strengthening KASE's impact in skill development.

Training Service Providers' Summit - Alappuzha District



Shri. P. Prasad, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture delivering the inaugurating address at Training Service Providers' Summit, Alappuzha

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International standard training should be ensured for the youth of Kerala to help them stay at the forefront of the competitive world

The Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE) proudly hosted the District-Level Training Service Providers' Summit in Alappuzha on November 12, 2024. The event served as a collaborative platform, bringing together 146 training partners from across the district to discuss and strategise the future of skill development in Alappuzha.

The inaugural session witnessed the presence of distinguished dignitaries, adding gravitas to the proceedings. Shri P. Prasad, Honourable Minister for Agriculture, inaugurated the Summit with an inaugural address emphasizing the critical importance of equipping Kerala's youth with internationally benchmarked skills to excel in the global marketplace. Minister also stated that international standard training should be

ensured for the youth of Kerala to help them stay at the forefront of the competitive world. He added that the world is changing day by day, and it is necessary to adapt the youth accordingly. Shri P.P. Chitharanjan, Honourable MLA of Alappuzha, delivered the presidential address, reinforcing the district's commitment to skill development initiatives.

The gathering was welcomed by Shri. Sufiyan Ahmed IAS, Managing Director, KASE, whose remarks highlighted the organization's commitment to achieving excellence in skill development. Shri. Alex Varghese IAS, District Collector of Alappuzha, delivered the keynote address, focusing on the importance of aligning training initiatives with local and regional demands. Shri. Sameer Kishan IAS, Sub

Collector of Alappuzha, delivered a special address, and Smt. Litty Mathew, District Planning Officer of Alappuzha, extended her warm wishes to the participants. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks from Shri. Vinod T. V., Chief Operating Officer of KASE. The summit delved into vital topics such as the convergence of skill initiatives, understanding beneficiary categories, and identifying the skill demands specific to Alappuzha. Discussions also covered schemes related to skill and vocational training and detailed procedures for project submissions. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session, providing training partners a unique platform to share their perspectives on opportunities, challenges, and potential solutions within the skilling ecosystem.





SKILL CORNER

Opportunities in the Indian Aviation Sector

As per the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) report, the Indian Aviation Industry is poised for remarkable growth, with over 1.5 million jobs expected to be created in the next decade. This growth is driven by increasing connectivity, evolving airport infrastructure, and the rising demand for efficient cargo and logistics management.

In the cargo management domain, key job roles include Cargo Executives, Cargo Agents, and Cargo Supervisors. In airport management, roles such as Airport Managers, Airport Operations Managers, and Ground Handling Supervisors are essential. To ensure effective air traffic control (ATC), professionals like Air Traffic Controllers, ATC Supervisors, and Air Traffic Management Executives play crucial roles.

In the aviation sector, safety remains a top priority, with specialized roles such as Safety Managers, Safety Inspectors, and Aviation Safety Officers dedicated to maintaining safety standards. For logistics management, prominent roles include Logistics Managers, Logistics Supervisors, and Supply Chain Executives.

The aviation sector is also experiencing increasing demand for mid-career roles like Transportation Managers, Supply Chain Managers, Logistics Engineers, and Supply Chain Analysts.



Next Gen Employability Program : EY Day at District Skill Development Centre(DSDC), Alappuzha



The event brought together 29 enthusiastic students and seven dedicated EY GDS volunteers, creating a vibrant and interactive learning environment. A major highlight of the program was the comprehensive technical session that delved into the intricacies of the Web Development Life Cycle. Students were guided through the end-to-end processes involved in web development, gaining valuable insights into data management best practices and critical aspects such as security, storage, processing, and recovery.

Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE), in collaboration with EY and Edunet Foundation, successfully organized EY Day on 15th November 2024. This event, held at the District Skill Development Centre (DSDC) in Alappuzha, was designed for students enrolled in the Full Stack Web Developer (MERN) course. The initiative was part of the Next Gen Employability Program, aiming to equip participants with cutting-edge Industry 4.0 skills and foster both practical learning and professional development.



In addition to technical training, the event featured a dedicated session on resume building and interview skills. EY GDS volunteers worked closely with the students, offering personalized guidance on crafting impactful resumes and mastering essential interview techniques. Students also benefited from resume reviews and mock interviews, which provided practical feedback to enhance their employability and career readiness.

Enhance Skill Training Quality Through Decentralized Systems :

Hon'ble Minister V. N. Vasavan



Shri. V. N. Vasavan, Honourable Minister for Co-operation, Ports & Devaswom inaugurating the Training Service Providers' Summit in Kottayam

Shri. V. N. Vasavan, Honourable Minister for Co-operation, Ports & Devaswoms, emphasized the urgent need to enhance the quality of skill development training and underscored the importance of decentralized training delivery systems during his compelling inaugural address at the Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE) Training Service Providers' Summit. He emphasized the importance of career guidance for students in classes 8 to 10, urging them to explore their interests and make wise career choices.

The summit, held on 18th November, 2024, at Excalibur Hotels & Resorts in Thellakom, Kottayam, successfully brought together stakeholders in the skill development sector to discuss, strategies, opportunities and challenges

in enhancing skill training delivery across the district. The event was presided over by Shri. John V. Samuel, IAS, District Collector of Kottayam, who delivered the presidential address, reinforcing the



Career guidance for students in classes 8 to 10 plays a critical role in helping them explore their interests and make informed career choices

significance of skill initiatives in driving local and regional development. Shri. Vinod T. V., Chief Operating Officer, KASE, delivered the welcome address, setting the tone for the day's discussions. Distinguished guests, including Shri. M. P. Anil Kumar, District Planning Officer, and Shri. P.

Arumugam, Director of Training at the National Institute of Rubber Training, extended their wishes and support for the summit's objectives. The inaugural function concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Letha M.S., Finance Officer of KASE, acknowledging the contributions of all participants and stakeholders.

The summit focused on key aspects of skill development, including the convergence of initiatives, the diversity of beneficiaries, the specific skill requirements of Kottayam district, and the procedures for submitting project proposals for training schemes. An interactive Q&A session encouraged collaboration, addressing challenges and proposing innovative solutions for the skill training ecosystem.

KASE Felicitates IndiaSkills Kerala 2024 Winners

The winners of the esteemed IndiaSkills Kerala 2024 competition were felicitated during a grand ceremony held at the newly inaugurated Government ITI, Chalai, Thiruvananthapuram, on 28 November 2024. The event was hosted at the premises of Government High School, Chalai, where the proposed ITI is slated for construction.

The Hon'ble Minister for General Education, Labour, and Skills, Shri V. Sivankutty, inaugurated the event and presented awards to the winners. In his address, the Minister commended the participants for their unwavering dedication and hard work, which have brought laurels to the State and set a benchmark for aspiring skill enthusiasts. Key attendees included Smt. Arya Rajendran, Mayor of Thiruvananthapuram, Shri Sufiyan Ahmed IAS, Director of the Industrial Training Department and Managing Director, Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE), and Smt. Mini Mathew, Additional Director of Training, ITD, among others.

Shri Vinod T.V., Chief Operating Officer, KASE, extended warm wishes to the winners in his address, urging them to persist in their pursuit of excellence. The event also paid tribute to the invaluable contributions of industry partners, whose collaboration was instrumental in organising the state-wide competition.



Hon'ble Minister V. Sivankutty lighting the lamp



Shri. Sufiyan Ahmed IAS, MD, KASE welcoming the guests at the event



Shri. Vinod T. V., COO, KASE addressing the event



The IndiaSkills Kerala competitions were conducted in three phases, ensuring participation from students across all districts under the leadership of the Kerala Academy for Skills Excellence (KASE), the State Skill Development Mission, and the Industrial Training Department. The first phase, a screening test, was held on May 4, 2024, with approximately 580 contestants competing in 38 categories. The second phase featured Zonal-level competitions held on May 7 across the state. The Zonal-level winners then participated in the state-level competition on May 9 and 10.



Thirty-one candidates were selected as winners from various events at the state level, along with wild card entries, earning the opportunity to represent Kerala at the National level. Kerala achieved remarkable success at the National level, securing 12 medals, including one gold, five bronze, and six medallions of excellence. By showcasing Kerala's exceptional talent on both National and International stages, IndiaSkills Kerala 2024 has solidified the State's reputation as a leader in skill development and innovation.





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