

# NCVET NEWS

National Council for Vocational Education and Training

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## About NCVET

The National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) was established through Govt. of India Notification dated 5th December 2018, by subsuming the functions of the erstwhile National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) and National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT). Fully operationalized from 01.08.2020, NCVET functions as the apex regulatory body for the vocational education, training and skilling ecosystem — recognising, regulating and continuously monitoring Awarding Bodies (ABs) and Assessment Agencies (AAs) for both long-term and short-term skilling programmes. Its core mandate includes implementing the NSQF, maintaining the National Qualifications Register (NQR), approving Qualifications, National occupational standard (NOS), Micro-Credentials, Nano-Credentials and ensuring grievance redressal for all stakeholders.

## Leadership Message



### Shri Jayant Chaudhary

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

It gives me great pleasure to share this message on the launch of the NCVET Newsletter, a platform designed to inspire, inform, and drive collective progress in India's skilling ecosystem. In a world transforming rapidly, a nation's strength lies in the skills, adaptability, and vision of its people. This newsletter serves as a bridge connecting policymakers, training partners, awarding bodies, industry, and learners, fostering collaboration, innovation, and shared understanding across the skilling landscape. Through timely updates, features, and new initiatives, it reflects our collective commitment to empowering every stakeholder to create a vibrant and enabling ecosystem. As we move forward, emerging technologies and changing workforce present exciting opportunities, urging us to strengthen standards, embrace innovation, and lead the way in shaping the future of skilling.

## Leadership Message



### **Smt. Debashree Mukherjee**

Secretary, MSDE & Chairperson, NCVET

The release of the first edition of the NCVET Newsletter, which highlights the Council's pivotal role in strengthening India's vocational education and training ecosystem through quality assurance, credibility, and industry relevance, is a matter of immense joy and satisfaction. This edition showcases key achievements in regulatory initiatives, qualification frameworks, assessment reforms, and digital enablement, reflecting our commitment to transparency and continuous improvement. I am confident this newsletter will foster knowledge sharing and collaboration across the skilling ecosystem.



### **Prof (Dr) Ashok Kumar Gaba**

Executive Member, NCVET

It is my privilege to present this edition of the NCVET Newsletter, capturing the collective progress of India's vocational education and training ecosystem. I extend my sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship for its guidance and support, as well as to the NCVET team, and all partners whose contributions make this shared vision a reality.

## Major Activities of NCVET

### 1. Hon'ble President of India Launches #SkillTheNation Challenge under SOAR at Rashtrapati Bhavan

On 01 January 2026, the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, launched the #SkillTheNation Challenge under the Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR) initiative of MSDE at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, where certificates were also conferred upon Hon'ble Members of Parliament and school students who had completed SOAR modules. SOAR is a nationally recognised, NSQF-aligned initiative offering introductory AI courses to build foundational awareness and readiness across learners. Under Phase I, four modules—AI to be Aware, AI to Acquire, AI to Aspire and AI for Educators—were introduced to develop basic AI literacy among students and educators. In line with the national vision set out under the National Programme on Artificial Intelligence (NPAI), Phase II has expanded SOAR to include 50 NSQF-aligned, industry-integrated AI courses covering domains such as AI for jobs, workplace productivity and inclusivity, along with sector-specific applications across industries. As on 02.04.2026, the SOAR Dashboard reflects strong uptake with over 3.45 lakh enrolments and over 61,000 certifications, reinforcing SOAR's position as a flagship, nationwide AI literacy initiative delivered through the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH).





## 2. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education Shri Jayant Chaudhary chaired the First General Body Meeting NCVET

The General Body Meeting of NCVET highlighted India's skilling ecosystem shift towards a unified, outcome-oriented framework aligned with Industry 4.0. Key approvals includes establishment of Research Division, integration of sports ecosystem into skilling, language equivalency pathways (English, Japanese, German) for international mobility and skilling for India's growing elderly population.



### 3. 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting of NCVET

The 12th Council Meeting was convened on 6 January 2026 under the Chairpersonship of Smt. Debashree Mukherjee. Key decisions:

- (i) The Council approved Revised Guidelines for Awarding Bodies and Assessment Agencies (2025), strengthening transparency and quality assurance.
- (ii) Adoption Guidelines amended to allow recognition of up to 100 qualifications at a time;
- (iii) The Council approved the establishment of a dedicated Research Division within NCVET, envisaged as a think tank to generate data-driven insights, support policy formulation, assess labour market trends, and strengthen evidence-based decision-making in the skilling ecosystem
- (iv) progress noted on KaushalVerse (Digital Enterprise Portal), bilingual qualifications (80% now available), and zonal capacity-building workshops;
- (v) semiconductor workforce development and SOAR progress reviewed.

### 4. NSQC Meetings – 44<sup>th</sup> to 48<sup>th</sup>

Five NSQC Meetings were held between Oct 2025 – March 2026

Meeting	Date	Key Outcomes
48th NSQC	12-Mar-26	43 Qualifications/NOSs/MCs reviewed for NSQF alignment and approval across various sectors.
47th NSQC	25-Feb-26	58 Qualifications/NOSs/MCs reviewed for NSQF alignment and approval across various sectors.
46th NSQC	13-Feb-26	99 Qualifications/NOSs/MCs reviewed for NSQF alignment and approval across various sectors.
45th NSQC	06-Feb-26	85 Qualifications/NOSs/MCs reviewed for NSQF alignment and approval across various sectors.
44th NSQC	07-Oct-25	210 Qualifications/NOSs/MCs reviewed for NSQF alignment and approval across various sectors.



Figure 1: 48th NSQC Meeting Held on 12th March 2026



Figure 2: 47th NSQC Meeting Held on 25th February 2026



Figure 3: 46th NSQC Meeting held on 13th February 2026

Figure 4: 45th NSQC Meeting held on 06th February 2026

Figure 5: 44th NSQC Meeting held on 07th October 2025



## 5. Recognition of Awarding Bodies (ABs) & Assessment Agencies (AAs)

New agreements signed during this period:

Awarding Body	Category	Date of Recognition
Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Assam	AB Dual	02-Mar-26
Sant Shiromani Ravidas Global Skills Park (SSR GSP), Bhopal	AB Dual	02-Mar-26
LabourNet Livelihood Foundation	AB Standard	02-Mar-26

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru	AB Dual	02-Mar-26
Orion Educational Society (OES)	AB Standard	02-Mar-26
Board of Intermediate Education, Andhra Pradesh (BIEAP)	AB Dual	19-Dec-25
National Communications Academy-Technology (NCA-T)	AB Dual	19-Dec-25
Flipkart Internet Private Limited	AB Dual	19-Dec-25
Dr. Reddy's Foundation	AB Standard	19-Dec-25
Adani Skills and Education Foundation	AB Standard	26-Nov-25



NCVET & Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University have signed Agreement for Recognition as Awarding Body (AB-Dual)



NCVET & Sant Shiromani Ravidas Global Skills Park (SSR GSP) have signed agreement for NCVET Recognition as Awarding Body (AB - Dual)



NCVET Grants Recognition to LabourNet Livelihood Foundation as Awarding Body



NCVET Recognizes Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) as Awarding Body (Dual)



NCVET grants recognition to Orion Educational Society as Awarding Body (Standard)



BIEAP Agreement Signing — 19 Dec 2025



NCA-T Agreement Signing-19 Dec 2025

Adani Skills Agreement Signing — 26 Nov 2025

Dr. Reddy's Foundation Agreement Signing — 19 Dec 2025



## 6. Vigilance Awareness Week 2025

Pursuant to CVC Circular No. 06/09/25, NCVET observed Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 from 27 October 2025 to 02 November 2025, under the theme “*Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility*”. The Integrity Pledge was administered to all employees by Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Gaba, Executive Member, NCVET. Competitions - Essay, Quiz, and Slogan-cum-Poster - were organized with enthusiastic participation of various levels of employees. Prizes and certificates were awarded to the winners of the competitions. Additionally, in pursuance of CVC Circular No. 04/08/25, regarding Vigilance Awareness Campaign (18 August 2025 - 17 November 2025), workshops and seminars on Investigation & Report Writing, CTE-type Intensive Examination and Framing of Chargesheet were organized.



Integrity Pledge — 27 October 2025



Vigilance Awareness Campaign — NCVET, 2025

## 7. राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन

राष्ट्रीय व्यावसायिक शिक्षा और प्रशिक्षण परिषद् (NCVET) की राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की तिमाही बैठक प्रो. (डॉ.) अशोक कुमार गाबा, कार्यकारी सदस्य की अध्यक्षता में दिनांक 13 मार्च 2026 को कौशल भवन में आयोजित की गई। बैठक में 31 दिसंबर, 2025 को समाप्त तिमाही की प्रगति रिपोर्ट पर राजभाषा विभाग, भारत सरकार, गृह मंत्रालय से प्राप्त समीक्षा रिपोर्ट के बिंदुओं के संबंध में चर्चा हुई। इस अवसर पर एनसीवीईटी के कार्यकारी सदस्य, प्रो. (डॉ.) अशोक कुमार गाबा ने सभी कार्मिकों का आह्वान किया कि राजभाषा हिंदी में कार्य करने में उत्साह एवं रुचि का प्रदर्शन करें और अपनी डेस्क से संबंधित अधिक-से-अधिक कार्य हिंदी में करने के प्रयास करें। उन्होंने आगे कहा कि राजभाषा हिंदी का कार्यान्वयन करना हर अधिकारी और कर्मचारी का कर्तव्य है और सभी को इस दिशा में सक्रिय प्रयास करने चाहिए। सभी को पत्र, ईमेल, नोटिंग इत्यादि हिंदी में ही लिखने के प्रयास करने चाहिए।



चतुर्थ तिमाही 2025 के दौरान, दिनांक 30.12.2025 को "त्रैमासिक प्रतिवेदन एवं धारा 3(3) अनुपालन" विषय पर एक हिंदी कार्यशाला आयोजित की गई, जिसका संचालन डॉ. अनिल कुमार, सहायक निदेशक, हिंदी शिक्षण योजना, नई दिल्ली द्वारा किया गया।

राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की बैठक दिनांक 29.12.2025 को आयोजित की गई। एनसीवीईटी के अधिकारियों ने दिनांक 16.12.2025 को नराकास, उत्तर दिल्ली की 13वीं अर्धवार्षिक बैठक में भाग लिया। एनसीवीईटी में सभी संकेत पट्ट, नाम पट्ट एवं मुहरें द्विभाषी (हिंदी एवं अंग्रेज़ी) हैं।

## 8. Introductory Meeting with NCVET, Australia

An introductory online meeting was held between NCVET and the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), Australia. Prof. John King, CEO of NCVER, shared perspectives on Australia's VET data architecture and evidence-based research approach. The discussion will inform the development of NCVET's Research Division.

## 9. Meeting with Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)



NCVET held a bilateral meeting with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) in New Delhi to explore collaboration in the vocational education, training and skilling (VETS) sector. The meeting was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Gaba, Executive Member, NCVET. Both sides presented their respective regulatory frameworks, operational landscapes, and key challenges, opening avenues for sustained knowledge exchange. Ms Saxon Rice, Chief Executive Officer, ASQA shared insights on Australia's regulatory approach and highlighted potential areas for collaboration in the TVET space.

## 10. Training Session on POSH Act, 2013

NCVET held a specialised training session on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act, 2013, at Kaushal Bhawan. The session was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Gaba, Executive Member, NCVET, who emphasised that economic empowerment is inextricably linked to workplace safety, advocating proactive prevention over punitive action. Keynote speaker Dr. Ramesh Chandra Srivastava, Special Judicial Magistrate, Delhi, detailed the Act's legal framework and the role of Internal Committees (IC). He urged recognition of sexual harassment as a fundamental rights violation, outlining steps for effective redressal. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A on compliance, audit practices, and maintaining a zero-tolerance environment.



## Welcoming Our New Members

S.No.	Name	Designation	Joining Date
1	Prof. Dr. Ashok Kumar Gaba	Executive Member	16-10-2025
2	Shri Deepak Dan Barnwal	Director	11-11-2025
3	Lt Col Saurabh S. Bisht	Director	22-12-2025
4	Ms. Deepali Raina	Consultant Grade-II	05-12-2025
5	Ms. Subhashree Pati	Consultant Grade-I	17-11-2025
6	Shri Vijay Choudhary	Consultant Grade-I	19-01-2026
7	Shri Krishna Kumar	Consultant (Rajbhasha)	16-01-2026
8	Ms. Arushi Negi	Young Professional	09-02-2026
9	Ms. Shalini Mansal	Young Professional	13-01-2026
10	Ms. Ekta Bhadauria	Young Professional	02-02-2026
11	Ms. Nandini Rawat	Young Professional	02-02-2026
12	Shri Ajay Vishwakarma	Young Professional	02-02-2026
13	Shri Hardik Malhotra	Young Professional	20-02-2026
14	Shri Ashutosh Shukla	Young Professional	02-02-2026

## Transitions & Farewells

S.No.	Name	Designation	Relieving Date
1	Ms. Vinita Aggarwal	Executive Member	09-10-2025
2	Dr. Neena Pahuja	Executive Member	20-10-2025
3	Shri Purnendu Kant	Director	10-11-2025
4	Col Gunjan Chowdhary	Director	15-11-2025
5	Dr. Suhas P. Deshmukh	Director	27-03-2026
6	Shri Dilip Kumar Yadav	Deputy Director	31-03-2026
7	Shri Manjeet	Consultant PS	31-10-2025
8	Shri Avinash Kumar Srivastava	Consultant	07-11-2025
9	Ms. Sarika Dixit	Consultant Grade-II	01-04-2026
10	Ms. Srishti Jha	Consultant Grade-I	22-07-2025
11	Ms. Ratna Priya Kanchan	Young Professional	26-08-2025
12	Ms. Sophia Lisam	Young Professional	02-01-2026
13	Shri Baiju Balan V.	Consultant Grade-I	27-03-2026





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