

Indian Plumbing Skills Council

Activity Report

June & July, 2017

2nd June 2017

MoU signing with Madhya Pradesh Skill Development Mission



Maj Gen T.K. Chadha represented IPSC and signed a MoU with Madhya Pradesh Skill Development Mission (MPSDM). IPSC will carry out certification process of the plumbers being trained in Madhya Pradesh both in PMKVY and non-PMKVY trainings.

5th June 2017

Celebrating World Environment Day



IPSC celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June. This was our way of showing solidarity with the Green Revolution in the country and our way forward towards a healthier living environment.

5th June 2017

Training of Assessors (ToA) for Plumbing, New Delhi

IPSC launched the first batch of Training of Assessors in New Delhi on 5th June 2017. IPSC has worked out a schedule of conducting minimum one Training of assessors every month in different parts of the country.



6th June 2017

Meeting with Queensland Skills and Education Consortium (WSEC)

IPSC had a meeting with Queensland Skills & Education Consortium (QSEC) represented by various Australian Universities including TAFE. The discussions were held in regard to centres of excellence in plumbing and bringing in Australian expertise to plumbing training in India. The QSEC team was in India to meet government ministries, Sector Skill Councils, Private Training Organisations, Universities as well as various Industries to launch a range of large and small skilling projects in the country. The meeting was conducted by Mr Varun Tandon from IPSC. The team from QSEC



was led by Sam Freeman, Director, Australian Retail College and Retail College; and consisted by Robin Jaggesar, Executive Director, InTech Institute of Technology, Amitha Jaggesar, Administration Head, InTech Institute of Technology, Jenny Solanen, Manager Global Engagement, TAFE, Queensland.

6th June 2017

National Safai Karamchari Finance & Development Corporation Workshop to discuss Roadmap of Skill Trainings for Safai Karamcharis Pan India.



A workshop was organised by NSKFDC on Skill Trainings for Safai Karamcharis at NCUI, New Delhi. The aim was to allocate the training targets and present detailed guidelines and procedures to achieve the targets.

6th June 2017

Release of Booklet on Key Initiatives by the Hon'ble Minister Rajiv Pratap Rudy

The 10-point pathway for India's Skill Ecosystem states among other things:

- 26.5 lakh trained under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- 162 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK) established
- ITI ecosystem re-energised, focus on modernisation of Industrial Institutes
- 5.9 lakh youth engaged in Apprenticeship through NAPS
- ITI Students get Academic Equivalence for upward mobility

On the occasion of completing 3 years of inclusive growth and development under the current government, Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of State (I/C) MSDE said, "Skill India is a silent revolution that is underway and is a joint investment that the government along with the private partners is making for the future growth of the country. It is a path that needs to be tread very carefully since it involves the future of our youth. What we sow today is what we will reap tomorrow. We have hence taken the first two years to set our base right and align the skill ecosystem to national standards of skill qualification."

10th June 2017

Governing Body meeting of IPSC in New Delhi

IPSC's Governing Body Meeting was held at Hotel Crowne Plaza on 10th June 2017. Mr Anand Mohan Jha was invited from NSDC for the same as well. GB members from across India Flew into New Delhi for the same. During the GB meeting, the mobile plumbing application Plumber Konnect was also demonstrated to the board and well appreciated by all.



14th June 2017

PMKVY 2 RPL Inauguration Ceremony at West Midnapore

IPSC has been allocated 10,000 RPL of plumbers to be trained, assessed and certified Pan-India. The inauguration ceremony was held at West Midnapore in West Bengal by IPSC's training partner; Quivan Empower Pvt Ltd. The mobilization process of identifying the existing plumbers has commenced.



15th June 2017

Training of Assessors (ToA) Second Batch for Plumbing at Okhla, New Delhi.

In order to ensure that qualified, trained and certified assessors are available for Plumbing, IPSC organised the second batch of Training of Assessors (ToA) in New Delhi on 15th June 2017.



IPSC's Vice Chairman Mr Vinay Gupta also visited the centre in New Delhi where the ToA was taking place. His visit included a brief discussions with the candidates, pertaining to the quality of the training and also understanding their level of domain knowledge and assessment procedures. Since assessment is an important function of IPSC, focus on delivering the right guidelines, methodology is being put forth to all assessment agencies to ensure the right quality.



21st June 2017

Trained candidates in Plumbing being provided with Placement Letters

Plumbers, following their training and certification, are now equipped to be employed by the industry. This picture shows 25 candidates placed at Aradhya Vaypaar Pvt Ltd, West Bengal.



21st June 2017

Celebrating International Yoga Day



To celebrate United Nations's declaration of 21st June as the International Yoga Day, Union Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajiv Pratap Rudy encouraged the entire skilling ecosystem to also join in on celebrating the International Yoga Day. We also motivated our training partners to conduct

Yoga Sessions during trainings. Over 12 training centre locations conducted Yoga with the candidates as well.



27th June 2017

Round 2 of Deliberations with QSEC



The second round of meetings with the Australian delegation to delve into the Australian expertise and to make it possible to bring Australian standard training for Plumbing in India for the youth of the country. Further talks are in progress with the team to finalise the models of projects which can be beneficial to the plumbing sector in India. IPSC is also aiming to develop a Hub-n-Spoke model in association with QSEC, through which, the channelization of candidates aiming to move overseas for work can be trained more effectively and given the required training for overseas placements.

29th June 2017

MoU signing with National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (NSCFDC)

IPSC signed the MoU with NSCFDC to provide and facilitate skill training to the candidates from Scheduled Castes, Pan India. The aim of the MoU is the upliftment of the socio-economic status of the candidates by providing them skill training and career opportunities. NSCFDC will also help provide loans to skilled candidates for starting their own entrepreneurship. IPSC was represented by Mai Gen T K Chadha and Ms Gunjan Aneja.



29th June 2017

RPL of Plumbing Workforce at Kidwai Nagar construction site, currently being revamped by NBCC

Hon'ble Minister of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy had recently conducted a meeting with National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC), with the aim to initiate the skill development of all construction workers at the Kidwai Nagar construction site, currently being revamped by NBCC.



IPSC took this project on priority and initiated the work of setting up a temporary training facility in order to provide a comfortable and an effective platform for the plumbers working on-site. With support from NBCC in providing a great space for training centre amongst others and our Industry Partners (Skipper Ltd and Bathline India), the training centre was set up on 2nd Floor at local shopping centre inside Kidwai Nagar.



The first batch of plumbers working on-site were mobilized and the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) activity

was initiated on 29th June 2016. The enthusiasm of plumbers and their zeal to learn and up-skill themselves was evident in the discussions that took place during the orientation and training. This is the first time that these plumbers were given formal training in their lives and their skill is now being recognised, thanks to the Skill India Initiative. 3 batches in have been completed till now. IPSC is also gearing up to conduct skill development activities at all construction sites of NBCC, pan-India, with the vision to skill and certify all the plumbers working on-site.

IPSC has signed a MoU to train and certify 10,000 plumbers Pan-India. The RPL of Plumbers at Kidwai Nagar is the first location where the RPL sponsored by Skipper Pipes was initiated.





PMKVY RPL's at West Midnapore



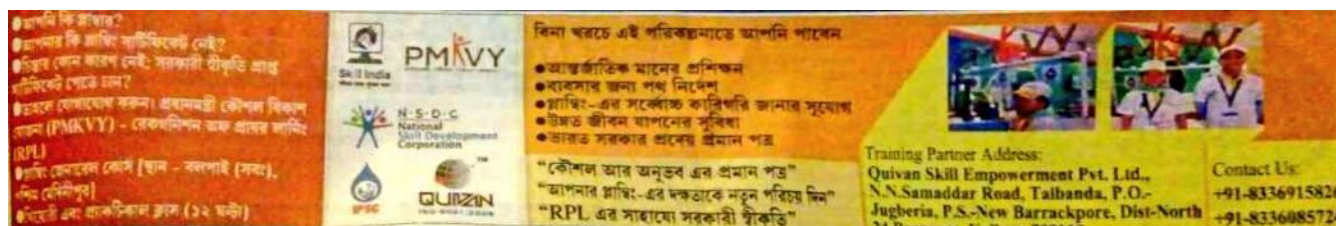
3rd July 2017

Mobilization Drive for RPL of Plumbers in Rajasthan



Mobilisation drive was conducted by B-Able for RPL of Plumbers under PMKVY in Rajasthan

An advertisement in a Bengali newspaper stating that plumbers can apply for training and certification in Plumbing. Quivan Skill Empowerment Pvt Ltd is mentioned here as the training partner.



6th July 2017

MOU signed with Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission (UPSDM)

UPSDM plans to train 3 lakh candidates this year. This will include fresh trainings and RPL. The trainings have already commenced and IPSC will be carrying out assessments and certification.

8th July 2017



Plumbers in the batch as well under the PMKVY Lady scheme. These plumbers hail from West Midnapore and they will be given training along international standards. They will subsequently be assessed and certified by IPSC



Skill India's Newsletter featuring IPSC trained female Plumber



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लीक से हटकर

क्या आप किसी ऐसे नलसाज या नल मिस्त्री को जानते हैं, जो लड़की हो! नहीं ना, मैं भी नहीं जानता था, कम से कम अब से पहले तो नहीं ही। यानी तब तक जब तक कि मैंने नाजरीन के बारे में नहीं सुना! नाजरीन का नाम लेकर मैंने आपको चौंका तो नहीं दिया? क्या नाजरीन ही वह लड़की है, जिसकी बात मैं कर रहा हूँ? अब्बल तो किसी लड़की का नलसाज होना ही आश्चर्य की बात है और फिर वह लड़की अगर किसी मुस्लिम परिवार से हो तो आपका चौंक उठना स्वाभाविक है।

बनारस के बुनकर परिवार में जन्मी और पली-बढ़ी नाजरीन अपनी चार बहनों में सबसे छोटी है। वैसे उसके चार भाई भी हैं, पर परिवार का पालन-पोषण अकेले पिता के कंधे पर रहा। हाँ, अब नाजरीन भी घर चलाने में अपने पिता का हाथ बंटाती है। जब तक पिता परिवार में अकेले कामाऊ व्यक्ति थे, घर चलाना मुश्किल हो जाता था। बुनकर के खानदानी पेशे में बहुत लाभ नहीं था। नाजरीन छोटी भले ही हो, पर है सयानी। 12वीं तक की पढ़ाई भी उसने पूरी कर ली है।

12वीं के बाद क्या किया जाए, इसे लेकर अक्सर ही युवाओं में परेशान रहता है। 12वीं तो क्या, बीए.एम्.ए करने के बाद भी उन्हें नहीं पता रहता कि वे आगे क्या करना चाहते हैं। किसी भेड़-चाल की तरह सब एक-दूसरे की देखा-देखी डिग्री कालेज में दाखिला ले लेते हैं। वहाँ भी पता नहीं होता कि उन्हें किस विषय में पढ़ाई करनी है। जहाँ दाखिला मिल गया, वही विषय ले लिया। नाजरीन भी ऐसा ही कुछ कर सकती थी। ऊँटू या होम साइन्स किसी में भी वह दाखिल ले सकती थी। पिता को उसके पढ़ने पर ऐतराज नहीं था। पर उसने ऐसा नहीं किया।

एक दिन उसने घर आकर अपने पिता को बताया कि वह नल का काम सीखना चाहती है तो उन्हें आश्चर्य जरूर हुआ, पर उन्होंने अपनी बेटी को मना नहीं किया। हाँ, इतना जरूर जानना चाहता कि ऐसा वह क्यों करना चाहती है। भारतीय नलसाज कौशल परिषद (इंडियन प्लम्बिंग स्किल्स काउंसिल) की प्रचार सामग्री से उसे जितनी जानकारी मिली थी, उसने अपने पिता को बता दी। माता-पिता दोनों को यह जानकारी संतोष हुआ कि काम सीखने के बाद बेटी को नौकरी मिल जाएगी। उन्हें प्रधानमंत्री कौशल विकास योजना के बारे में भी पता चला।

माता-पिता की रजामंदी के बाद भी नाजरीन के लिए यह सफर आसान नहीं था। आस-पड़ोस में जिस किसी ने भी सुना, उसने यही कहा, लड़की होकर नलसाज बनेगी? कुछ ने तो यहाँ तक ताना दिया कि मुस्लिम परिवार की लड़कियाँ ऐसे काम नहीं करती। नाजरीन ने इसका बहुत सोचा। उसे लगा कि काम तो काम है, चाहे वह घड़ीसाज का हो या नलसाज का। और फिर काम करके परिवार को पालने का ठेका क्या मर्दों ने ही उठा रखा है? क्या लड़कियाँ काम नहीं कर सकती? इस बारे में वह जितना ही सोचती, उतना ही उसके इच्छे मजबूत होते जाते।

उसके परिवार का पेट भरने आस-पड़ोस के लोग तो आएँगे नहीं। यह काम तो उसे ही करना होगा। फिर इस काम में बुराई क्या है? उसके पिता ही तो उसे बताते रहे थे



कि जिस भी काम में इज्जत से दो रोटियाँ मिल जाएँ, वह काम अच्छा है। उसे किसी फिल्म का गाना याद आ गया – कुछ तो लोग कहेंगे। लोगों का काम है कहना। इसके बाद उसने तय कर लिया कि उसे करना क्या है। माता-पिता के आशीर्वाद के साथ उसने वाराणसी के इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ़ इंजीनियरिंग एंड टेक्निकल एडुकेशन में नाम लिखा लिया। यह संस्थान प्रधानमंत्री कौशल विकास योजना के तहत भारतीय नलसाज कौशल परिषद की देखरेख में चलाया जाता है।

यहाँ भी फर्शियाँ कसनेवालों की कमी नहीं थी। कोई लड़की जानकर छेड़ता तो कोई कहता कि तीन महीनों की पढ़ाई से क्या नौकरी मिल जाएगी। उसके लिए बात तीन महीनों की नहीं थी। बात थी कौशल प्राप्त करने की। उसे विश्वास था कि एक बार वह इस काम के बारे में ज्ञान-समझ ले तो फिर खुद परिश्रम कर के इसकी बारीकियाँ सीख लेगी। उसके पिता ने ही उसे बताया था कि काम की बारीकियाँ किसी स्कूल की पढ़ाई से नहीं सीखी जा सकती। इसके लिए काम करना पड़ता है। वह उससे अक्सर कहा करते – करत-करत अभ्यास के जड़मति होते सुबाना क्लास में सीखने के साथ-साथ वह अभ्यास भी करती रही। इतना कि उसने प्रशिक्षण संस्थान में रहते हुए ही अपना हाथ काफी माँब लिया। प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र ने भी उसे अभ्यास का अच्छा मौका दिया। इससे लाभ यह हुआ कि प्रशिक्षण पूरा करने पर उसे प्रमाण-पत्र तो मिला ही नौकरी भी मिल गई।

आज वह वाराणसी के तीन सितारा होटल हिन्दुस्तान में काम करती है, जहाँ उसे अच्छा पैसा मिलता है। वह खुश है कि परिवार को चलाने में वह अपने पिता की मदद कर पाती है। आस पड़ोस के जो लोग पहले फर्शियाँ कसते थे, अब उसे पोशाक में देखकर उसकी इज्जत करते हैं। लेकिन इससे भी बड़ी बात यह कि उसके कौशल ने उसे देश के प्रधानमंत्री के सामने अपना हुनर दिखाने का मौका दिया। उसके माता-पिता यह बताते हुए फूलें नहीं समाते।

RPL of plumbers at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, by IPSC's training partner: Indian Institute of Plumbing Technique (IIPT)



12th July 2017

Training Partners Meet to discuss Roadmap for Skilling in the Plumbing Sector.



14th July 2017

Press Release on PMKVY - RPL for Plumbers



15th July 2017

2nd Anniversary Celebrations of Skill India Mission at Vigyan Bhavan

IPSC was invited to attend the 2nd Anniversary of Skill India Mission celebrations at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), MSDE, Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of Textiles Shrimati Smriti Irani, Minister of Water Resources Sushri Uma Bharati, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, , and Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar. IPSC was represented by Chairman Dr. RK Somany, Mr Varun Tandon and Ms Gunjan Aneja.



RPL of Plumbers at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, by IIPT



RPL of Plumbers under PMKVY 2.0 scheme at Bhubaneswar, Odisha at IIPT (Indian Institute of Plumbing Technique) training centre.

18th July 2017

Inauguration Ceremony of RPL of plumbers at Jagatsinghpura, Odisha



Inauguration ceremony of RPL under PMKVY was held in odisha by IPSC's training partner Upasana Education Trust. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Samal – Member of Parliament & Sarpanch of District – Jagatsinghpura. IPSC was represented by Ms Neelam Barthwal.

18th July 2017

RPL of Plumbers being sponsored by Skipper Pipes in Kolkata. IPSC has signed a MoU with Skipper Pipes to skill and certify 10,000 plumbers across India.

Indian Plumbing Skill Council (IPSC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Skipper for training more than 10,000 youths with both urban & rural plumbing skills. The MOU was signed in New Delhi, in presence of Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Indian Plumbing Skills Council representatives. The plumbing industry totally depends on its flag bearers, which are the plumbers. Their job roles revolves around understanding the mechanics of all the sanitation and plumbing systems and should know if a particular problem is solvable or not. IPSC is playing an important role in vocational training of plumbers, providing recognition and certification to Plumbers in accordance to National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). In this exclusive association Skipper Pipes will fund IPSC; to train youths with modern day Plumbing skill sets so that they can adapt Plumbing as their profession and earn their livelihood.



20th July 2017

IPSC attends Third Consultative Meet on Sharada Prasad Committee Recommendations on SSC

Indian Plumbing Skills Council (IPSC) was invited to third Consultative Meet on Sharada Prasad Committee Recommendations on sector skill councils held in New Delhi on 20th July 2017. The main purpose of the meeting was to understand the view point of various stakeholders from the skilling eco-systems such as sector skill councils, training partners, state skill missions etc. IPSC was represented by Dr RK Somany (Chairman-IPSC), Mr Vinay Gupta (Vice-Chairman-IPSC), Maj Gen T K Chadha and Mr Varun Tandon. The meeting was chaired by Dr



Krishnan (Secretary-MSDE) was the discussion was very well conducted by Ms Sabina Dewan (Executive Director-JustJobs Network) Dr RK Somany and Mr Vinay Gupta, put forth key points pertaining to how plumbing is highly specialised and different from construction and a merger would simply dilute the progress of the

plumbing industry as a whole. There were similar viewpoints of other stakeholders who were a part of the meeting as well. Overall the eco-system was discussed and points were made regarding, how the same can be made even more efficient.



29th July 2017

Annual General Meeting of IPSC

The annual general meeting of Indian Plumbing Skills Council was held on the 29th July 2017 at IPSC office in New Delhi.

31st July 2017

IPSC signs MoU with NSF International

Indian Plumbing Skills Council (IPSC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Global Public Health Organisation NSF International to set up a laboratory for testing of various plumbing products. As part of the agreement, NSF International is also to set up a testing lab to help improve the skill and competency of plumbers in India. This is seen to be a major step forward in the local testing certification process in India for the plumbing industry as well as is expected to help improve the skills of Indian plumbers through IPSC's skill development initiatives, under the aegis of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship



(MSDE), Government of India. As per the MoU, IPSC and NSF International will work cooperatively to develop a joint facility where IPSC will offer training for plumbers and NSF will operate a testing and certification laboratory. This agreement provides

the Indian plumbing industry with local access to NSF services certification, thereby aiding the improvement of the quality of Indian plumbing products.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Vinay Gupta, Vice-Chairman of IPSC said, “IPSC is dedicated to developing excellence in plumbing skills. IPSC believes this excellence will be further enhanced by the agreement with NSF

International, a global leader in the water industry,” He further explained, ““Our commitment is to train and upskill plumbers in India with the importance of public health and safety practices for the water and sanitation industries. Locating our training facility on the same site as NSF International Testing laboratory demonstrates a true commitment by IPSC and NSF to improve the quality of the plumbing sector throughout India.”



IPSC also hosted a dinner in New Delhi to celebrate this new collaboration and the governing body members also attended the same.

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