

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates Skill Development Institute at Ahmedabad

Skill Development Institute at Ahmedabad, set up by ONGC, was inaugurated on 23 September 2017 by Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan. This Institute has been established to realise Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi's dream of empowering millions of youth across the nation as part of the National Skill Development Mission. The Mission aims to provide technical skill enhancement and capacity building opportunities to the young generation.



Unveiling of plaque during the inauguration of SDI, Ahmedabad

To make this dream a reality, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has taken a step forward to establish Hydrocarbon Sector Skill Council wherein six best in class Skill Development Institutes are being set up under the leadership of Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan through participation of ONGC, IOCL, BPCL, HPCL, OIL, GAIL, EIL & Balmer Lawrie. As part of National Skill Development Mission of Govt. of India, the Skill Development

Institute is being set up at Ahmedabad, Gujarat by ONGC in association with other Oil PSEs.



Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan addressing the gathering during the inaugural ceremony

Addressing the gathering on this occasion, Mr. Pradhan said that Gujarat has done a lot towards skill development of the youth and subsequent empowerment, and this Gujarat model needs to be replicated across the country. In the petroleum sector, skill development and execution is of the highest order. Exploration and production of hydrocarbon from deep beneath seas and landmass, bring it to the surface, transfer it to the installations, carry out requisite processing and refining into different components of the hydrocarbon value chain and subsequent distribution to the consumers be it Diesel, Petrol, CNG or LPG. Each of these areas from exploration to marketing and finally usage needs manpower with skills pertaining to the hydrocarbon

industry. He added that setting up of SDI in Gujarat by ONGC is appropriate, because it is ONGC which first ventured into hydrocarbon exploration and struck oil in the state of Gujarat and it becomes the duty of ONGC to impart skill development of the youth not only for their own operation but also for the generating employment of the youth belonging to the state of Gujarat. He complimented ONGC for taking this step forward by setting up of Skill Development Centre in Ahmedabad.



Dignitaries on the dias during the inaugural function

Mr. Pradhan also elaborated on the fact that during the last three years, OMCs have provided more than 8.5 Crore of LPG connections to BPL households which has resulted in generation of employment of around 7-8 Lakh. For making these cylinders, burners you need skilled manpower and this is where skill development plays a pivotal role for inclusive growth of the society in general and of the nation at large.

At the inaugural function organised at the Institute at Adalaj, Ahmedabad, the dignitaries were welcomed by Director (Onshore), Mr. Ved Prakash Mahawar. While elaborating on the aim and methodology of the technical trainings to be imparted, Director (Onshore) said that ONGC is committed to empower the youth through skill development catering to the requirements of the oil and gas industry. Gujarat with widespread oil and gas operations and allied industries in this sector, there are ample employment opportunities to persons having requisite skill proficiency. With the commencement of SDI, Ahmedabad large number of boys and girls of Gujarat will be able to successfully avail of the job opportunities and attain economic independence.



Director (Onshore) addressing the gathering

DG, DGH, Mr. Atanu Chakraborty, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Mr. Rajesh Agarwal, Director (Onshore) ONGC, Mr. V.P. Mahawar, senior government officers, executives from Oil PSUs, trustees, faculty members and students of the Institute participated in the inaugural event.

Prior to setting up of SDI, Ahmedabad, SDI, Bhubaneswar set up by IOCL was inaugurated during May 2016 by Mr. Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha in august presence of Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Till date, 165 students have been trained in Industrial Welding and Industrial Electrician trade with 100% placement through Nettur Technical Training Foundation, the training partner. A trade for data entry operator exclusively for girls has also been commenced recently.



Union Minister being briefed about the trades of the SDI

SDI-Vishakhapatnam set up by HPCL with the support of other Oil PSUs was dedicated to the nation on 20 October 2016 by Hon'ble Vice-President of India and Former Union Minister for Urban Development Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development, Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan. As on date, 732 students have been trained in trades like welding, electrician, fitter fabrication, pipe fitter, instrumentation, heating ventilation &

air conditioning, inventory clerk warehouses, IT helpdesk associate, Solar, TV technology. The training is being imparted by ILFS, IGIAT, Smart Brains Synchro Serve & Smart Prince.

SDI Kochi set up by BPCL started functioning from 1st January 2017 where BPL students are being imparted skill development in Industrial Welding and Industrial Electrician trade. Nettur Technical Training Foundation is the training partner and has ensured 80% placement till date.

SDI Rae Bareilly & SDI Guwahati will also be set up by GAIL & OIL respectively where registration has been completed



Minister interacting with the first batch of trainees

Aspire Disruptive Skill Foundation has been selected as training partner to impart the skill training at SDI Ahmedabad. Memorandum of Agreement was signed with ADS Foundation on 21 April 2017. Initially SDI has commenced at the

ADS Foundation Centre for Engineering Skill Development and subsequently a permanent SDI will be set up in Ahmedabad shortly.

The present SDI campus has state of the art training and administrative infrastructure and is affiliated with various Sector Skill Councils including Capital Goods, Iron & Steel, Power, Electronics, Green Jobs and Plumbing.

SDI Ahmedabad will begin with 3 batches of 30 students each in three trades i.e. Fitter Fabrication, Welding and Technician Production (Oil & Gas). The residential course will be of six months duration and will include training, hostel facilities, books, training kit, bags, stationary, etc. Technician Drilling Qualification Packs have been prepared and hydrocarbon SSC is working on the National Skill Development Council (NSDC) approval. Once approved, 4th trade shall be introduced at Skill Development Institute, Ahmedabad.



Minister being briefed out one of the laboratories of the SDI

A total of 1,207 students appeared in the entrance test and subsequent to written test and personal interview in 08 district of Gujarat, 90 Candidates wherein 3 girls and 87 boys have been enrolled for 3 Trades, namely Fitter Fabrication trade, Welding and Technician Production. 76 of these students belong to SC/ST and OBC category and 14 belong to the general category. Skill Development Society Ahmedabad has been registered on 4th August, 2017 which will be responsible for the training programmes.



Interacting with the press after the inaugural function

Such skill development initiatives will ensure empowerment and capacity building of the youth to make them economically independent. India on the thresh hold of becoming a developed nation of the world needs to identify and channelize the potential of its young generation to propel the country on the path of becoming a developed economy.