

Monthly Updates- July 2025

The National Initiative for Skill-Integrated Higher Education (NISHE)

Overview

The **National Initiative for Skill-Integrated Higher Education (NISHE)** aims to enhance the employability of over 1 lakh students enrolled in non-professional degree programs across 1,500+ colleges in 10 states over the next three years. Operating at zero cost to state governments, NISHE supports the professionalization of general education by aligning with the University Grants Commission's Guidelines for Apprenticeship-Embedded Degree Programs (AEDPs). Its core objective is to integrate skill development into mainstream higher education.

Project Goal



The objective is to bridge the gap between higher education and market-relevant skills by integrating industry expertise into academic programs, thereby enhancing the employability of disadvantaged youth. The initiative aims to reach 1 lakh students across 15 states within two years, with a focus on high-demand sectors such as IT, healthcare, logistics, and agriculture.

Strategy

State-Led Implementation:

NISHE is driven by State Governments, who tailor implementation to local needs and priorities, ensuring regional relevance and ownership.

CRISP's Enabling Role:

CRISP enables effective execution by collaborating with Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) on curriculum and faculty development, and with BOATs for managing apprenticeships and evaluations.

Progress Monitoring & Student-Centric Focus:

CRISP's central and state teams use the NISHE MIS platform to track progress, enable timely interventions, and ensure the program aligns with student aspirations.

Progress this Month

- **MoU Progress and Partnerships:** The NISHE Project has entered the MoU signing phase between HEIs and BOATs with CRISP facilitating the process in Telangana and ongoing MoU execution in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh
- **Admission Update:** As of July 31, 2025 a total of 8754 admissions have been recorded in five states as shown in table on next page.
- **Faculty Training and Ecosystem Strengthening:** Faculty training has been finalized in Karnataka and is nearing completion in Madhya Pradesh, while other states are in planning stages. CRISP has partnered with 21CC Education to support Logistics AEDPs and strengthen the broader AEDP ecosystem.
- **Government Engagements and Advocacy:** The CRISP NISHE team participated in a state-level meeting in Karnataka on July 23, 2025 with HEI leadership and Sector Skill Councils to align on curriculum. In Maharashtra, proposal to strengthen AEDP was submitted to Additional Chief Secretary with regular review meetings initiated to ensure coordination between CRISP and Government of Maharashtra.

Status of State Wise Admissions as of July 2025

Sl.No	States	No. of HEIs	No. of AEDPs	No. of Admissions
1	Karnataka	68	80	2275
2	Madhya Pradesh	147	275	3477
3	Maharashtra	20	32	178
4	Odisha	30	43	1139
5	Telangana	85	161	1818
6	Uttar Pradesh	55	73	952
		405	664	9839

Key Learnings and Way Forward

- ✓ Proactive outreach to these institutions can help attract more students and reverse declining enrolment numbers.
- ✓ Going forward the NISHE Team will facilitate the signing of MoUs between HEIs and BOATs across all participating states and initiate faculty trainings in states where admissions have been completed.

Photo Gallery

