

Monthly Updates- August 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 Signings with BOATs** : The project advanced into the MoU signing phase, with CRISP facilitating agreements in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana, Karnataka, and Rajasthan, strengthening HEI-BOAT collaborations.
- **Admissions Progress** – As of 31st August 2025, a total of 13,948 admissions were recorded across 363 HEIs, offering 608 AEDPs, with admissions underway in all states except Andhra Pradesh and Bihar.
- **Faculty Training & Partnerships** : Faculty training was finalized in Karnataka and is near completion in Madhya Pradesh, while CRISP also signed an agreement with 21CC Education to support AEDPs in the logistics sector.
- **Major Launches & Events**: AEDPs were inaugurated in Rajasthan via a virtual conference by the Additional Chief Secretary, and in Karnataka, CRISP facilitated MoU signings between 68 GFGCs and BOAT (SR) at Vidhana Soudha in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education.

Status of State Wise Admissions as of August 2025

Sl.No	States	No. of HEIs	No. of AEDPs	No. of Admissions
1	Karnataka	68	79	2698
2	Madhya Pradesh	136	247	5011
3	Maharashtra	17	62	1716
4	Odisha	29	37	1139
5	Telangana	68	129	1823
6	Uttar Pradesh	32	39	1335
7	Rajasthan	12	14	211
8	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	15
	Total	363	608	13,948

Key Learnings and Way Forward

- ✔ Periodic review meetings with HEIs, facilitated by State Governments, along with strengthened partnerships for quality content, faculty capacity building, and resource support, are essential to effectively scale and sustain the AEDP ecosystem.

- ✔ Going forward, the NISHE CRISP team will continue facilitating MoU signings between HEIs and BOATs while expediting faculty training across states where admissions have been completed."

Photo Gallery

