

Monthly Updates- December 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

- The project transitioned into the Planning Phase for the upcoming academic year.
- CRISP facilitated **apprenticeship opportunities** for **BBA Healthcare Management students in Telangana, engaging with Continental, Yashoda, Apollo Hospitals, and Narayana Nethralaya**, all of whom showed willingness to host apprentices.
- Shri K.S. Srinivas, IAS (Retd.), COO, CRISP, met Shri Syed Ali Murtaza Rizvi, IAS (Retd.), CEO, AIG Hospitals, Hyderabad, who responded positively and agreed to connect CRISP with the HR team for further coordination.
- MoUs were signed between 12 AEDP-**implementing Government Colleges** and BOAT (NR) on 17 December 2025, in the presence of the Commissioner, Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Rajasthan.
- CRISP signed an **MoU with Lovely Professional University** to implement AEDPs and strengthen the apprenticeship ecosystem.
- Outreach to **industry chambers such as FICCI** was initiated to enhance industry engagement.

Status of State Wise Admissions as of December 2025

SI.No	States	No. of HEIs	No. of AEDPs	No. of Admissions
1	Karnataka	68	79	2701
2	Madhya Pradesh	92	134	4514
3	Maharashtra	25	73	1512
4	Odisha	30	39	1268
5	Telangana	41	70	2407
6	Uttar Pradesh	33	40	1507
7	Rajasthan	12	14	383
8	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	25
9	Andhra Pradesh	28	38	712
	Total	329	488	15,029

Key Learnings and Way Forward

- ✓ **Early planning, strong partnerships, and clear ownership** of processes are critical to ensure smooth coordination with universities and industry, address regulatory concerns, and improve faculty preparedness and student readiness.
- ✓ **CRISP will strengthen the apprenticeship ecosystem** by engaging senior state-level bureaucrats, convening state-wise coordination meetings with industry chambers and relevant departments, onboarding academic experts to support SSC-led faculty capacity building, and developing an apprenticeship evaluation framework for SSCs.

Photo Gallery

