

Monthly Updates- November 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

- **Admissions for AY 2025–26:** As of 30 November 2025, a total of 15,001 admissions have been recorded across 329 HEIs, offering 486 AEDPs across nine states.
- **Faculty Training Programmes (FTPs):** FTPs for the year have been successfully concluded in Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Beyond the completed FTPs, a continuous Faculty Capacity Building Exercise is now being envisioned to sustain and enhance faculty development efforts.
- **State Outreach:** Engagement with senior state government officials has begun in Rajasthan and Karnataka to align NISHE activities with state priorities and initiate annual action planning.
- **Content Development:** Plans are underway to translate existing content into Hindi to improve accessibility and reach.

Status of State Wise Admissions as of November 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	24	72	1510
4	Odisha	30	39	1268
5	Telangana	41	70	2407
6	Uttar Pradesh	33	40	1507
7	Rajasthan	12	13	357
8	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	25
9	Andhra Pradesh	28	38	712
	Total	329	486	15,001

Key Learnings and Way Forward

- ✓ There is a need for more consistent follow-up with Nodal Officers to ensure that all intended information is effectively communicated and acted upon, and it is equally important to resolve pending payments to Trainers while establishing a clear and sustainable payment policy for the future.
- ✓ To address cascading FTP timelines, a continuous online faculty capacity development programme will be implemented, supported by a recently finalized basic rubric. Additionally, a broader ecosystem involving large institutions of eminence will be developed to consolidate academic resources for FTPs, content development, apprenticeship curricula, expert engagements, and potential industry partnerships.

Photo Gallery

