

Monthly Updates- September 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 has now entered the Training Phase with the successful organization of Faculty Training Programmes (FTPs) in Karnataka, Odisha, and Rajasthan.

Content Development & Partnerships

- CRISP signed MoUs with IHM Bhopal for content development and curriculum updates in Tourism & Hospitality Operations.
- An MoU was signed with 21CC Education for developing and disseminating content for the B.Com. Logistics Operations and B.Com. E-Commerce Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes (AEDPs).

Operational & System Updates

- Apprenticeship mapping for students is scheduled to be expedited starting from October 2025, in collaboration with BOATs and SSCs.
- The NISHE MIS portal is currently being structured to facilitate seamless content dissemination to both students and faculty.

Status of State Wise Admissions as of August 2025

SI.No	States	No. of HEIs	No. of AEDPs	No. of Admissions
1	Karnataka	68	79	2698
2	Madhya Pradesh	80	109	4390
3	Maharashtra	23	73	1578
4	Odisha	29	37	1250
5	Telangana	36	68	2367
6	Uttar Pradesh	34	41	1491
7	Rajasthan	12	13	357
8	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	15
9	Andhra Pradesh	30	40	621
	Total	313	461	14,767

Key Learnings and Way Forward

- ✓ Communication gaps between the higher education apex body and universities have delayed approvals, creating confusion among colleges in implementing AEDPs in Telangana. Clear and coordinated communication channels between regulatory bodies and universities are essential to prevent approval delays and confusion during the implementation of new academic programs like AEDPs.
- ✓ The immediate Way Forward is to prioritize stabilization, consolidation, and quality improvement over rapid expansion, which will be achieved by creating an independent pool of Master Trainers and establishing broader sector-wise ecosystems for curriculum, content, and industry connection beyond the existing reliance on Sector Skill Councils (SSCs).

Photo Gallery

