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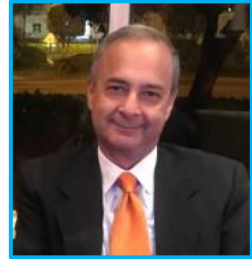
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EDITORIAL- FROM CEO'S DESK



Dear Partners, Colleagues and Readers,

It was almost 3 years ago, when in a meeting with the then Secretary DBT, Dr Renu Swaroop, that a suggestion was made for LSSSDC to expand its canvas to cover the entire Bio Technology sector, rather than restricting itself to just Bio Pharma. Now three years later, the Council after tracking the application across multiple govt departments and organisations has finally secured approval in Q1, 2022. Numerous actions have since been initiated so that LSSSDC can build a reservoir of skilled workforce to facilitate expansion of the rapidly expanding Bio Technology sector.

In its relentless pursuit of joining hands with leading academic institutions with view to promoting the NEP, the Council is partnering Amity University, Gurgaon, to launch a PG Diploma in QC Analysis and Instrumentation. An MOU has been signed.

The Council received approval from Saurab Chemicals, an API manufacturer located in Dera Bassi, Punjab, for setting a Centre of Excellence—focused on meeting skill needs of the API segment. An MOU is expected to be signed in Q2. This augurs well for Atmanirbhar Bharat, where focus is on this segment thus far heavily reliant on imports, much of those from China. It also dovetails well with a recent govt announcement regarding plans to develop HP, Gujrat and AP as API clusters.

LSSSDC's flagship initiative of Apprenticeship continues to sail at high speed. Almost 6000 contracts had been triggered as of end July, with close to 1800 organisations onboarded. Q1 new entrants included majors like Biocon, Akums (API) and Aurobindo (Formulations). As mentioned earlier, as per feedback from employers, bulk of those being given Apprenticeship training are being absorbed as full time employees.

Sincerely,

Ranjit Madan

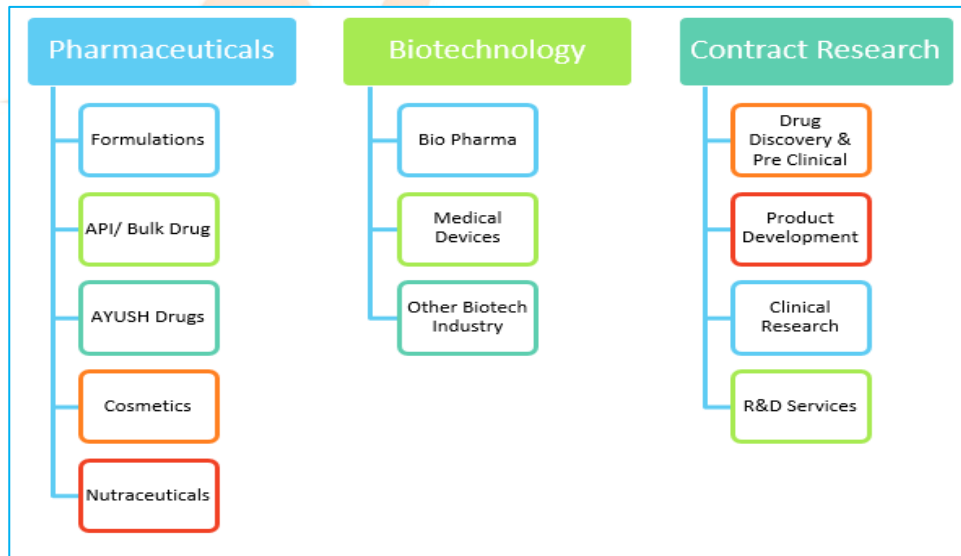
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COVER STORY: LSSSDC RECEIVED THE APPROVAL FROM NCVET FOR EXPANSION OF ITS COVERAGE TO OVERALL BIOTECHNOLOGY SECTOR

Department of Biotechnology has long back recommended LSSSDC to expand its sectoral coverage to cover biotechnology sector rather than limiting to only Bio Pharma. The same was taken up in DBT's Governing Board meeting and the board had welcomed the suggestion and approved the expansion. As per the process, the request was submitted to NSDA and then to NCVET for its approval on expansion.

In April 2022, NCVET has finally issued approval for LSSSDC's sectoral coverage. With the approval, LSSSDC shall work in following subsectors now:



Life Sciences Sectoral Map

COVER STORY: LAUNCH OF PG DIPLOMA PROGRAM WITH AMITY UNIVERSITY HARYANA

The Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council (LSSSDC) has partnered with the Amity University Haryana (AUH) and launched a new program "PG Diploma in Quality control analysis and instrumentation". The MoU, signed for a period of three years, is primarily focused on working together for delivery of Industry oriented qualification programs to students of AUH and other aspirants from Haryana & nearby states. The candidates shall be awarded with Co-certification for PG Diploma in Quality Control Analysis & Instrumentation by AUH with LSSSDC under this program. AUH has been imparting excellent industry-oriented training programs on its campus since its inception. This partnership has a lot of potentials to create a stir in the skill ecosystem and potentially shall lead to long-duration degree (3 years) programs in high-demand skills for the Life Sciences Sector which is already being welcomed wholeheartedly by the industry.

The LSSSDC team led by Mr. Anshul Saxena, Sr. Director along with members Mr. Ankit Rana, Cluster Head: North India and Ms. Shivi Chaudhary, Head Dept. Standards and Learning Resources were present during the launch of program along with Prof. (Dr) Padmakali Banerjee Pro Vice Chancellor, (AHU) and the Team. The AUH team led by Prof. Rajendra Prasad, Dean Faculty of Science along with Dr. Machiavelli Singh, Director DRP and Dr. Kaustav Bandyopadhyay, Assistant Professor, Amity Institute of Biotechnology were present for active coordination and successful launch of the program.



Snaps from the Launch Event at Amity University Gurugram

COVER STORY: CSR PROJECT APPROVAL FOR CENTER OF PHARMA EXCELLENCE AT LALRU ITI

Under CSR initiative of Saurabh Chemicals Limited (SCL), an API manufacturer in Dera-bassi Belt in Punjab, LSSSDC has received approval for financial budget of Rs. 16.20 Lakhs for setting up the “Centre of Pharma Excellence (COPE) Project” at ITI Lalru.

LSSSDC is working with Saurabh Chemicals Limited (SCL), to adopt one ITI near its plants. The CSR driven project is approved by Board of SCL for setting one Centre of Pharma Excellence (COPE) in ITI and skilling of 90 candidates starting Sep 2022 month for Production Machine Operator and Manufacturing & Packaging Assistant.

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COVER STORY: LAUNCH OF TOT PROGRAM

On 14th May 2022, LSSSDC in association with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH inaugurated Skill bank portal and launched ToT at Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India (ALEAP) at Hyderabad.



Glimpse of LSSSDC and GIZ associated ToT in Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India (ALEAP) at Hyderabad

NEWS UPDATE: STAKEHOLDER NETWORKING DINNER

Stakeholder Networking Dinner was organized on 12th May 2022 at Hyderabad where Dr. Rodney Reviere, Program Head, IGVET and Head of Skilling Portfolio at Deutsche Gesellschaft für

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Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH visited along with few other colleagues to interact on the skilling initiatives in and around Hyderabad.



Snapshot from the Stakeholder Networking Dinner

Stakeholders from life sciences sector also attended the event and shared their feedback about the initiatives. Ms. Deepika Shrestha from LSSSDC attended the event.

NEWS UPDATE: LSSSDC EXECUTED UPSKILLING PROGRAM FOR 58 EMPLOYEES OF PHARMA MSME INDUSTRIAL UNITS IN GUJARAT UNDER FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM CED.



Meeting of LSSSDC officials with CED Regional Director Mr. Chirag Rathod

LSSSDC executed upskilling program for 58 employees of Pharma MSME Industrial units in Gujarat under funding assistance from CED.

CED funded this project in last year. 800 plus candidates have to be trained in this project, so far 58 candidates have been upskilled and trained.

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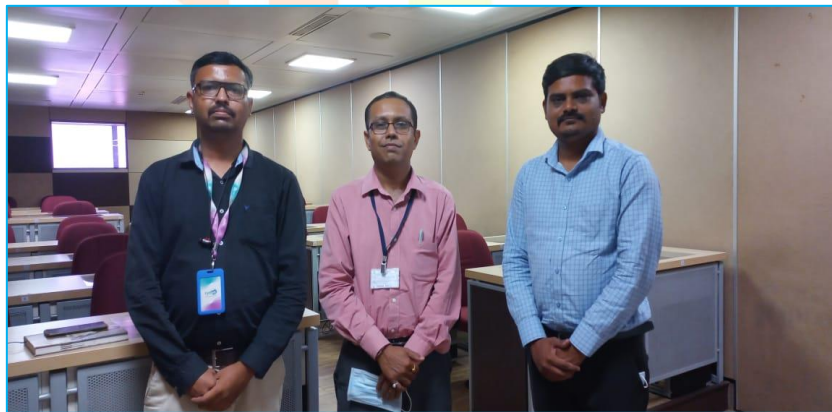
NEWS UPDATE: VISITS TO CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE (COE) TO PROMOTE SKILLING

Mrs. Parul Mahajan, Head Govt Affairs NSDC visited Macleods Centre of Excellence at Vapi.



Glimpse of Interaction at Macleod's Centre of Excellence

Dr.Chirag Makwana, CED Project Manager visited Zydus Center of excellence



Zydus Centre of Excellence Visit

NEWS UPDATE: LSSSDC IS COLLABORATING WITH GUJARAT TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY TO OFFER LSSSDC QUALIFICATIONS TO PHARMACY STUDENTS

As per the revised guidelines from Pharmacy Council of India, for B. Pharma curriculum, LSSSDC is collaborating with Gujarat Technical University for implementation of LSSSDC electives in Pharmacy colleges across Gujarat state. An MoU was signed between both entities in Dec 2021.

The Board of Studies approval is awaited to implement the revised curricula with LSSSDC elective in 8th semester with immediate year i.e. for current 8th semester students.

UPDATE ON INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

More than 4500+ apprentice contracts has been generated from 1st April 2022 till 30th June 2022. LSSSDC Facilitated on boarding of following new major establishments in Apprenticeship:

- a. Biocon Limited
- b. Aurobindo Pharma (Formulation Business)
- c. Akums Life Sciences (API Division)

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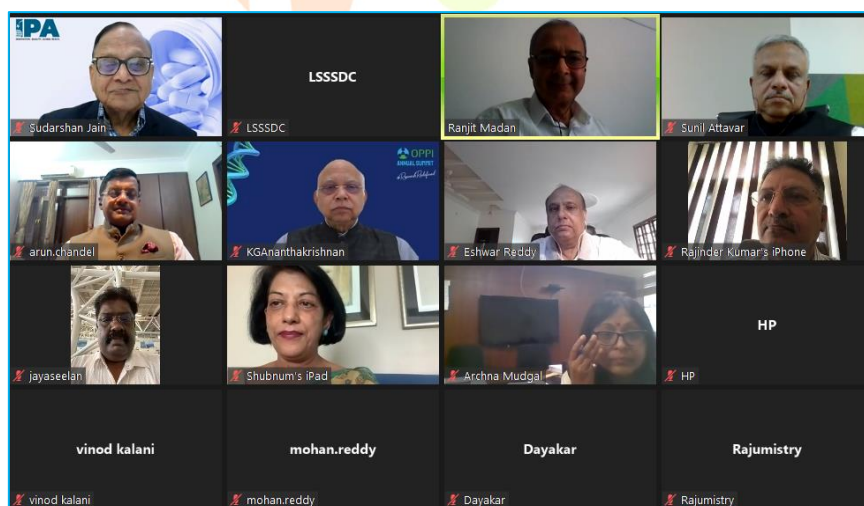
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MANAGEMENT AFFAIRS: LSSSDC HOLDS ITS 32ND GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The Council held its 32nd GB through a virtual Zoom meeting on 14th April 2022. Meeting was attended by most of governing council members and was chaired by Mr. Sudarshan Jain, Chairman LSSSDC.

Seven new GB members joined the board. We welcome the following new members to LSSSDC family:

1. Mr. R K Agrawal, National President, Bulk Drugs Manufactures Association of India (BDMAI)
2. Mr. Naresh Goyal, Founder & Chairman, Maiden Group
3. Mr J. Jayaseelan, Chairman of Industrial Pharmacy Division, IPA (Indian Pharmaceutical Association).
4. Mr. G.S Krishnan, President, Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises (ABLE)
5. Mr. Rajinder Suri, CEO, Developing countries vaccine manufacturers network (DCVMN)
6. Dr. Montukumar M Patel, President, Pharmacy Council of India (PCI)
7. Mrs. Archana Bhaskara, Chief Human Resource Officer, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited



LSSSDC held its 32nd Governing Board Meeting in April 2022

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THANK YOU

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