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Social Media Guidelines

Social Media and Skilling

Skill India is an initiative of the Government of India launched to empower the youth of the country with skill sets that make them employable and more productive in their work environment. The Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, chairs the National Skill Mission. Skill India offers courses across 40 sectors in the country aligned to the standards recognised by both the relevant industry and the government under the National Skill Qualifications Framework. The training programs help a person focus on practical delivery of work and enhance their technical expertise so that they are ready to start work on day one at the job without requiring further investments from the employers on training them.

Skill India’s social media presence includes a Twitter handle (@MSDESkillIndia, followed by more than 1 lakh follower) and a Facebook page (‘liked’ by approximately 8 lakhs users on Facebook) This strong presence of Skill India on social media helps in disseminating skill related messages and engaging with a larger audience.

In order to leverage on the power of social media, Skill India is asking all the Training Providers (TPs) to ensure presence on Twitter and Facebook. Presence on these platforms will create awareness amongst the general population about skill development programs active in the country and promote deeper engagement with the target audience.
TPs are encouraged to tweet and post about the following subject/developments:

- New courses launched
- Inaugurations of new Skill Centres
- Launch of new skill development programs
- Progress of existing skill developments courses (mobilization, enrolment and registration, actual training in progress, assessment and certification)
- Events (Kaushal Mela, special trainings, RPL programs, visits by various dignitaries, media coverage)
- Testimonials and experiences of the beneficiaries, especially, how their lives have changed as a result of the training that they have received (messages/videos/photos)
- Other information that can help connect with its beneficiaries

Regular postings on above will enable the TPs to connect effectively with the target audience and will encourage more people to take up skill development programmes. TPs must tag the Skill India handle and National Skill Development Corporation handle (@NSDCIndia) to ensure that the message is shared with a larger audience. Posts made on Facebook must be shared with the Skill India page and PMKVY page.
Details of Skill India on Social Media Platforms

The Skill India social media presence is maintained and accessible through the following pages/handle.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SkillIndiaOfficial
Twitter: https://twitter.com/MSDESkillindia

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/NSDCIndiaOfficial/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/NSDCINDIA

TPs may use the following hashtags as relevant - #PMKVY, #PMKK, #ISupportSkillIndia, #SkillIndia, #RPL
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Facebook

- TPs are encouraged to visit and like Skill India’s and the Hon’ble Minister’s official Facebook page to stay updated.
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1. Kaushal Mela inaugurated by @ninalchandindia MP, Sri Ganganagar at CPIT Skills Education @NSDCINDIA @MSDESkillIndia @PMKVY

2. Books distribution to #PMKVY batches of Retail BFSI Electronics sectors @RajeshAgrawal94 @NSDCINDIA @MSDESkillIndia
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