

NSDC partners with global job skills credential leader, Aspiring Minds to recognize international skills at IISC

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- The India International Skill Centres (IISCs) launched in the country, is a strategic initiative by the Modi Government to enhance employability within the country and on global platforms
- The objective is to bridge the existing skill gap globally by creating a talent pipeline for dynamic job roles of tomorrow. These skill centres are set up through the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
- 30 students have already been certified to go abroad, 20,000+ to follow
- Aspiring Minds has previously been associated with the Government for conducting various skill certifications, therefore they have an important role to play here in terms of awarding skill recognition

National, July 26, 2017 - National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) joins hands with Aspiring Minds (AM) to award international skill qualification certification at India International Skill Centers (IISC). Aspiring Minds will collaborate with Training Qualifications UK (TQUK) and provide guidelines to the centers for conducting training in compliance with UK skills standards.

Annually millions of Indians migrate to various countries to be gainfully and aspirationally employed. This is one of the single largest source of forex remittance to India. Not only does this make Indian talent sought after but also offers Indian companies with more acceptance at a global scale. Therefore, last year, the Modi Government announced the launch of 50 India International Skill Centers (IISC) across the country, to increase the employability and acceptability of this talent on global platforms. This initiative is driven to strengthen this ecosystem – enable our large demographic dividend to be trained at global standards to ensure they get the respect and remuneration they deserve.

The IISCs have been setup to achieve PM Modi's vision of making India the skill capital of the world. These centers are a result of the joint initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and the Ministry of External Affairs and would be imparting training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana and Pravasi Kaushal Vikas Yojana.

The partnership between Aspiring Minds and TQUK will conduct rigorous assessments based on global standards to measure the competency of these trainees to perform tasks in an international work environment. International certifications would be awarded to the students who'll pass the assessments. It will also serve as a skill passport for those who aspire to work with international employers thereby, ensuring that they get the respect and remuneration they deserve.

Talking about this association, Himanshu Aggarwal, Founder & CEO, Aspiring Minds said, *“Aspiring Minds is now the exclusive partner for NSDC to conduct international certifications. Aspiring Minds has been working extensively with governments and employers around the world building global acceptability for our vocational certifications. Our vocational certifications are unique in the way they use technology to allow huge scale with credibility.”*

He added, *“This initiative of the government of India has the potential to dramatically impact global migration of qualified workforce and further enhance acceptance of skills from India. It is bound to impact the local skilling and employment ecosystem as well with renewed focus on high end skills.”*

Mr. Andrew Walker, Managing Director, TQUK also commented, *“Through this initiative, we intend to create a cadre of highly skilled individuals who are recognized and respected in different parts of the world. Aspiring Minds has extensive experience in conducting skill certifications for the government and employers around the world. Jointly, we aim to give trainees an experience in order to fit the global employability standards.”*

The assessment for the first ever batch of 28 candidates under IISC’s was conducted by AM-TQUK on 21st and 22nd June in Hyderabad for the role of Food & Beverage Steward. The historic event which lasted for 2 days was attended by NSDC officials and received wide appreciation from NSDC and MSDE.

About Aspiring Minds:

Aspiring Minds is a global job skills credentialing leader set up with a vision to create a merit driven talent ecosystem and enable efficient job skills matching by crafting credible and intelligent assessments. The flagship product AMCAT, is the world’s most widely-taken employability test helping over two million candidates find the ‘right’ jobs every year. Backed by state-of-the-art, adaptive assessment technology and machine learning algorithms – it allows adaptive, standardized and reliable measurement of generic employability skills (language, cognitive, behavior) and a wide range of functional skills using simulated assessments. Aspiring Minds enables job seekers to evaluate their job skills, earn industry recognized credentials and find appropriate career opportunities. We also help companies dramatically improve their quality and efficiency of hiring and are today associated with more than 3500 corporations. Founded in 2008 by Himanshu Aggarwal and Varun Aggarwal, Aspiring Minds is a 500+ people strong organization with operations in US, China, India, Middle East, Tanzania, Bangladesh, Philippines and Sub-Saharan Africa.

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