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### सार्वजनिक सूचना

National Apprenticeship Training Scheme is one of the flagship programmes of Government of India for Skilling Indian Youth in Trade disciplines. The National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) under the provisions of the Apprentices Act, 1961 amended in 1973; offers Graduate, Diploma students and Vocational certificate holders; a practical, hands-on On-the-Job-Training (OJT) based skilling opportunities with duration ranging from six months to one year. This initiative aligns with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes integrating vocational education with general education to facilitate vertical and horizontal mobility for students.

The Government has launched the NATS 2.0 Portal (<https://nats.education.gov.in>) to expand access to apprenticeship opportunities for young people, helping them address their skills gap. The portal will efficiently match candidates with suitable employers and serve as a comprehensive solution for all apprenticeship-related activities, including candidate registration and application, job vacancy advertisements, contract creation, certification, and stipend disbursement. The stipends, as applicable as per the rules, are disbursed to apprentices through Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT) via the portal.

The NATS 2.0 Portal will benefit Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) by connecting students with various employers, enhancing their employability through relevant skills and practical experience, streamlining apprenticeship management, reducing administrative tasks, and boosting the institution's reputation through active industry engagement. Additionally, stipend disbursements via DBT will be made. NATS will provide valuable data insights on placements and industry trends and offer recognized certification for completed apprenticeships, bridging the skills gap and ensuring students are job-ready.

In light of the above, HEIs are requested to register on the NATS 2.0 Portal to maximize apprenticeship opportunities for their students.

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