

At a Glance

As many as 750 plumbers underwent RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) Training in July 2017 in Odisha and West Bengal under the PMKVY 2.0 scheme.

Lady Plumbers from West Midnapore were also given RPL training under the PMKVY 2.0 scheme. They were subsequently assessed and certified by IPSC.

IPSC has signed a MoU to train and certify 10,000 plumbers with Skipper Ltd. The process was initiated at Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi, where the RPL of plumbers was conducted at the NBCC site.

IPSC signed an MoU with National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation (NSCFDC) to provide and facilitate skill training to the candidates from scheduled castes across India.

IPSC signs MoU with NSF International



Dr R.K. Somany, Chairman, IPSC signing the MoU with Mr Dave Purkiss, General Manager, NSF International (Plumbing Division)

International is also to set up a testing lab to help improve the skill and competency of plumbers in India. This is seen to be a major step forward in the local testing certification process in India for the plumbing industry as well as is expected to help improve the skilling standard of the Indian plumbing

Indian Plumbing Skills Council (IPSC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Global Public Health

IPSC is dedicated to developing excellence in plumbing skills. IPSC believes this excellence will be further enhanced by the agreement with NSF International, a global leader in the water industry.

Mr Vinay Gupta, Vice Chairman of IPSC

Organisation NSF International to set up a laboratory for testing of various plumbing products. As part of the agreement, NSF



(From Left to Right) Mr Varun Tandon, Industry Engagement, IPSC; Mr RB Kabra, Director, IPSC; Mr Dave Purkiss, General Manager, NSF International - Plumbing Division; Dr R.K. Somany, Chairman, IPSC; Mr Vinay Gupta, Vice-Chairman, IPSC; Maj Gen T.K. Chadha, COO IPSC; Ms Payal Puri, Company Secretary, HSIL Ltd.

workforce through IPSC's skill development initiatives, under the aegis of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India. As per the MoU, IPSC and NSF International will work cooperatively to develop a joint facility where IPSC will offer training for plumbers and NSF will operate a testing and certification laboratory. This agreement provides the Indian plumbing industry with local access to NSF services certification, thereby aiding the improvement of the quality of Indian plumbing products.

2nd Anniversary Celebrations of Skill India Mission at Vigyan Bhavan

MSDCE celebrated the 2nd Anniversary of Skill India Mission at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. IPSC was represented by Dr R.K. Somany, Chairman, IPSC, Mr Varun Tandon and Ms Gunjan Aneja.

On the occasion of this auspicious day, 100 GST Training Centres, 51 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras and 100 Yoga Training Centres were inaugurated. More than 32,000 companies pledged support to training for Skill India Mission. Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble

Minister Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy said, "Skill India is a hallmark mission for us and it has been a great two-year journey of Skill India. India has been an artisan-based economy for the last 5000 years that sustained livelihoods. We have always had weavers, potters,



The event was graced by the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), MSDE, Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy. Other ministers who were present on the occasion were (from left to right): Minister of Textiles Shrimati Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister of Water Resources Sushri Uma Bharati, Minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Secretary, MSDE, Dr K.P. Krishnan.

metallurgy, farmers, gardeners etc. But with the British rule, the country learnt the art of rulers. We need to go back to our roots and find our natural skills that will make us more efficient in our work life. We all know that applied knowledge is the most relevant knowledge to gain."

Some of the key points made by the Minister were:

- This year the focus would be extensively on quality
- The schemes and

programmes would orient towards seeking regional balance to enable maximum people to reap the benefits and add to their personal and the nation's growth

- The government is committed to the Prime Minister's vision with full passion and integrity.

World Environment Day



IPSC celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June. This was our way of showing solidarity with the Green Revolution in the country and our way forward towards a healthier living environment. The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi encouraged everyone to nurture a better planet and be committed to 'protecting our environment' on this occasion.

Celebrating International Yoga Day

To celebrate United Nations's declaration of 21st June as the International Yoga Day, the Hon'ble Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Rajiv Pratap



Rudy encouraged the entire skilling ecosystem to also join in on celebrating the International Yoga Day. The



theme of this year's Yoga Day was Yoga Health. We also motivated our training partners to conduct Yoga Sessions during trainings. Over 12 training centres conducted Yoga sessions with the candidates as well.

"Skilling is the Need of the Hour for the Indian Plumbing Sector"

Dr R.K. Somany, Chairman, IPSC, shares his views about the present and future of Indian Plumbing Skills Council

Why do you think Plumbing requires skilling?

Plumbing workforce in India requires upgradation in terms of awareness in infrastructure and building constructions, which is not at a sufficient level at the moment. Plumbers, at best, receive their trainings from their seniors in the field which is not enough. The trade of plumbing is highly specialised and unlike most developed countries, plumbers in India get trained through informal, unstructured and self learning means like on-the-job training and they enhance their skills mainly through exchange of knowledge from senior plumbers in the team.

The other reason is that best of Plumbing Products gets ruined because of bad plumbing! Since India has witnessed progression to technological advanced plumbing products and with a wide gamut of International players entering Indian markets, it is imperative to create a workforce that is skilled to work effectively on these highly specialised products. Thus, Skilling is the need of the hour for the Indian Plumbing Sector.

What according to you are the main objectives of the Plumbing Skills Council?

The main objective of the Indian Plumbing Skills Council is to create a robust ecosystem capable of imparting effective vocational skill training and education for the Plumbing sector. We are involved in a wide variety of activities to achieve our goals such as, creating a training partner network across the length and breadth of our country, creating quality training methodologies (both theoretical and practical), content and books for imparting formal education, creating a pool of effective Trainers and Assessors, devising Certification and Accreditation mechanisms etc. We are also utilising the digital space and creating opportunities for our youth to get skilled and employable with ease.

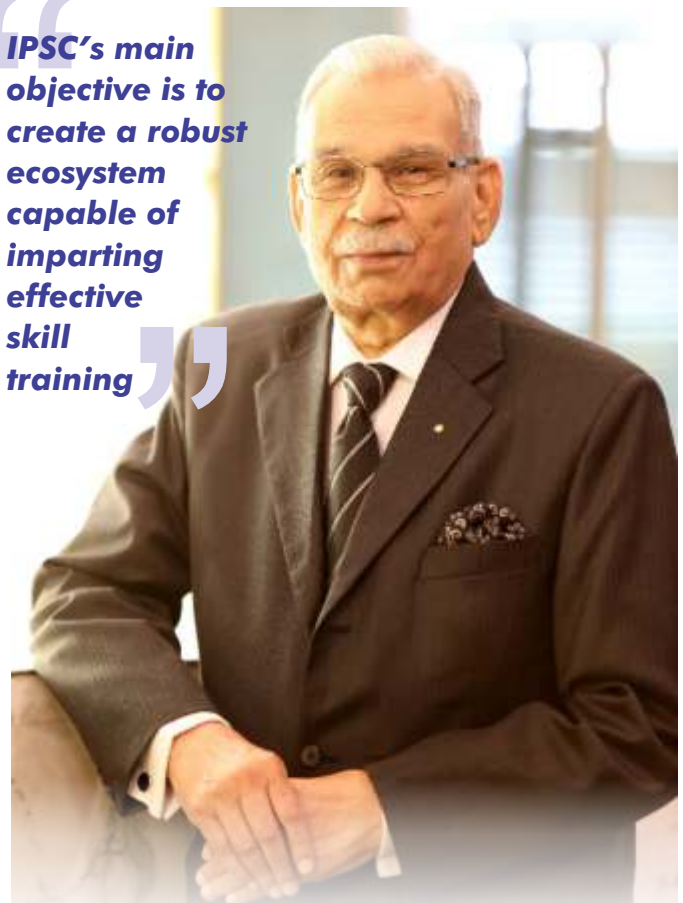
How far do you think training and accreditation will help plumbers to flourish?

Training and Certification through IPSC have helped plumbers increase their earning potential. The recognition provided to Indian plumbing workforce by IPSC under the Skill India Mission has resulted in overseas placements as well.

Is there any criterion/criteria which sets IPSC apart from other skill councils?

All Sector Skill Councils have their own sector-specific opportunities and challenges. Our unconventional

IPSC's main objective is to create a robust ecosystem capable of imparting effective skill training



approach and out-of-the-box thinking has probably been the most unique factor of IPSC. In fact, the concept of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) was initiated by our Council under the name 'UTHAAN' even before it was inculcated by NSDC across the skill development ecosystem.

As mentioned in my autobiography that covers anecdotes from my career of six decades, we strive to bring the rainbow to whatever we do at IPSC.

Where do you see IPSC in the next 5 years?

We are at a very nascent stage in the skill development ecosystem at the moment and there is much more to accomplish for the betterment of our industry as a whole. Our accreditation and certification process will help put Indian plumbers at par with their counterparts in the rest of the world. The years to come are most crucial and would lay a foundation to the creation of workforce that is not only in demand in India, but overseas as well.

RPL for Plumbers in West Midnapore

At the July RPL at West Midnapore, a batch of Lady Plumbers was trained as well under the PMKVY 2.0 scheme. These plumbers hail from West Midnapore and they were given training along international standards. They will subsequently be assessed and certified by IPSC.



The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the IPSC stall at Skill India Exhibition in Kanpur, watching a lady plumber at work.

RPL of Plumbers in Kolkata

RPL of Plumbers being sponsored by Skipper Pipes in Kolkata

Indian Plumbing Skills Council (IPSC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Skipper Ltd. for training more than 10,000 youths with both urban & rural plumbing skills. The MOU was signed in New Delhi, in the presence of Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Indian Plumbing Skills Council representatives. The plumbing industry



totally depends on its flag bearers, the plumbers. Their job roles revolve around understanding the mechanics of the sanitation and plumbing systems and they should also be aware if a particular problem is solvable or not. IPSC is playing an important role in vocational training of plumbers, providing recognition and certification to plumbers in accordance with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). In this exclusive association Skipper Pipes will fund IPSC to train youths with modern day plumbing skill sets so that they can adopt plumbing as their profession and earn their livelihood.

Training of Assessors

Training of Assessors (ToA) for Plumbing, New Delhi.

IPSC launched the first batch of Training of Assessors in New Delhi. IPSC has worked out a schedule of conducting at least one Training of Assessors every month in different parts of the country.

Training of Assessors (ToA) Second Batch for Plumbing at Okhla, New Delhi.



IPSC organised the second batch of Training of Assessors (ToA) in New Delhi. IPSC's Vice Chairman Mr Vinay Gupta also visited the centre in New Delhi where the ToA was taking place.



Trained candidates in Plumbing being provided with Placement Letters at Aradhya Vaypaar Pvt Ltd in West Bengal.

RPL Trainings around the country

Inauguration Ceremonies of RPL of plumbers at West Midnapore ,West Bengal and Jagatsinghpura ,Odisha



Inauguration ceremony of RPL under PMKVY was held in Odisha by IPSC's training partner Upasana Education Trust. The event was inaugurated by



Dr Samal, Member of Parliament & Sarpanch of District, Jagatsinghpura. IPSC was represented by Ms Neelam Barthwal.

More RPLs...

PMKVY 2.0 RPLs at West Midnapore



More RPLs were carried out at Baramunda and Kolathia in Khordha, Odisha, by IIPT all through July.



RPL of plumbers at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, by IPSC's training partner, Indian Institute of Plumbing Technique (IIPT)



Training Partners Meet to discuss Roadmap for Skilling in the Plumbing Sector



A workshop was organised to discuss fresh trainings under NBCFDC and RPL at Hotel Crowne Plaza, New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to impart the vision of NBCFDC to Training Providers to implement the NBCFDC scheme more effectively. The Team from NBCFDC included Mr Ajit K. Punia, General Manager, NBCFDC Project Division, who was invited for an interactive session to share his views and suggestions. RPL strategies and implantation plans were also discussed with the training partners and it was suggested that proposed numbers in their respective areas should be identified.



MoU Signed with Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission

IPSC signed the MoU with UPSDM to train the workforce in Plumbing under various initiatives by UPSDM. UPSDM will support IPSC to set up iconic centres in UP to develop the Plumbing sector and training in the state. Maj. Gen. T.K. Chadha signed the MoU on behalf of IPSC with Mr. Rajesh Kumar, Director, UPSDM. UPSDM plans to train 3 lakh candidates this year. This will include fresh trainings and RPLs.

Mobilisation drive for RPL in Kolkata

IPSC initiated mobilisation camps for RPL programmes under PMKVY 2.0 at various places in West Bengal to help enroll the plumbing force in the state. Counselling sessions were conducted to make them understand the value of certification and future prospects.



Governing Body meeting of IPSC in New Delhi

IPSC's Governing Body Meeting was held at Hotel Crowne Plaza in June 2017 which was attended by GB members from all over the country. Mr Anand Mohan Jha, Head of SSC governance at NSDC was also invited for the meeting. During the GB meeting, the mobile plumbing application Plumber Konnect was also demonstrated to the board and well appreciated by all.



Annual General Meeting at the IPSC Office in New Delhi



RPL at NBCC, Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi



Training of Trainers (ToT) in Okhla, New Delhi



Training of Assessors (ToA) in Kolkata



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