

## DIRECTOR DESK

You may be aware that, the Board of Apprenticeship Training (Northern Region) functions under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, and it is an authority to implement Apprentices Act, 1961, as amended in 1973 and thereafter, for the Degree and Diploma holders in Engineering/Technology in Northern Region of India comprising states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Union Territories of Chandigarh, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Keeping in view, massive unemployment in educated youth and a huge gap between skill and employability among them in the country, the Board has been working sincerely to bridge this gap by arranging Apprenticeship Training for freshly pass-out candidates in Central/State Govt. and Private establishments/industries/offices. The National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) implemented by this Board creates a WIN-WIN situation for freshly pass outs as well as for Establishments/Industries. On one hand, NATS benefits the freshly pass-out students by imparting practical training/industrial exposure and improving their employability, on the other hand, Establishments/Industries are benefitted as their anticipated need of skilled manpower is met. Apart from Degree/Diploma holders in Engineering/Technology, NATS has also been opened to Graduates of general stream such as B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. from December 2021 by Central Government.

I would request to all the Stakeholders to come forward to work together for developing skilled human resources through National Apprenticeship Training (NATS) of Ministry of Education, Government of India.

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