

MESSAGE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Our Hon'ble Prime Minister had once said "The youth must get the skills that will help build modern India and whichever country they go to, their skills should be appreciated". In this direction, the Board of Apprenticeship Training, Northern Region [(BOAT(NR))] is playing an important role as an implementing authority in the Central Government's Skill Development Programme for the Degree and Diploma holders in Engineering/Technology under the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) governed by the Apprentices (Amendment) Act, 1973. From December 2021, NATS has also been extended to Graduates of general stream such as B.A., B.Sc., B.Com.

With the rapid advancements happening at work places, jobs will demand a highly skilled workforce with sound technical, analytical and soft skills in future. NATS is an on-the-job training programme which is an excellent way for prospective employees to learn special skills that industries may require. Employers are equally benefitted as they are able to identify talent and prospective employees. After undergoing Apprenticeship training, the Apprentices can easily adapt to industrial environment at the time of regular employment.

I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude to all the stake holders for their support in implementing the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme and wish that the establishments, institutions, students/aspirants and BoAT(NR) will create synergies like never before and contribute in overcoming the skilled manpower shortage of the country and the world.

Welcome aboard at "BOAT(NR)" for the Central Government flagship skill development programme "NATS" !

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