

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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BOOSTING UNDERGRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY

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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is looking to address wide skill gap in the Indian workforce by partnering with institutions;
- (b) whether Government is planning to offer any technology based courses to graduating students; and
- (c) whether there has been any notable improvement in employability of youth during last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The Skill India Mission (SIM) is aimed at skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling of the youth through various schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Sikhshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). SIM focuses on future ready and industry ready skills for our youth of the country. Under PMKVY, synergy is being established between vocational and educational institutes by way of setting up of Skill Hubs in Govt Schools, Higher Education Institutes, Colleges, and Universities with requisite infrastructure for providing short-term training. The government has integrated technology-driven curricula under PMKVY 4.0, focusing on areas like Artificial Intelligence (AI), blockchain, and Industry 4.0. Collaboration with institutions such as IITs and private tech companies ensures high-quality training in emerging technologies. Digital learning modules and blended training formats are being adopted to enhance accessibility. Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) serves as a repository for digital content and online training modules. These initiatives aim to equip youths with the skills required for high-demand roles in the global technology landscape. Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has introduced 29 new-age or future skills courses in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs).

(c) As per the latest estimates of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS 2023-24), conducted by the National Sample Survey Office, the unemployment rate on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years has decreased from 17.8 percent in 2017-18 to 10.2 percent in 2023-24.
