

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
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**SKILL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES TO ENHANCE EMPLOYMENT**

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

- (a) whether Government has taken special skill development initiatives to increase employability of the youth of this country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is contemplating to set up dedicated skill development centres in each State, to empower youth with the skills required for employment in the local industrial sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

**(a) to (e):** Under the Government of India's Skill India Mission (SIM), the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) delivers skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres under 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), to all the sections of the society across the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

To ensure that the skills imparted are aligned with the current industry requirements and to improve employability of the youth, the following specific steps have been taken by MSDE:

(i) National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) has approved 8151 qualifications as per the industry requirements, out of which 3089 qualification are valid and active and 5062 qualifications are archived for being not relevant.

(ii) 36 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), led by industry leaders in the respective sectors, have been set up which are mandated to identify the skill development needs of respective sectors as well as to determine skill competency standards. NSDC, under the Market led program, provides support to training providers that collaborate and align skill courses with industry demand.

(iii) General of Training (DGT) under the aegis of MSDE is implementing Flexi MoU Scheme and Dual System of Training (DST) which are meant to provide training to ITI students in industrial environment as per their requirements.

(iv) Government of India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)/Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) in the field of skill development and vocational education and training with twelve countries to align the skilling efforts as per the global requirements.

(v) Under PMKVY, the new age/future skills job-roles have been specially aligned with Industry 4.0 requirements in areas like AI/ML, Robotics, Mechatronics, Drone Technology, etc. for upcoming market demand and industry requirements.

(vi) DGT has introduced 31 new age /future skills courses in Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) under CTS to provide training in emerging areas such as 5G Network Technician, Artificial Intelligence Programming assistant, Cyber Security Assistant, Drone Technician etc.

(vii) DGT has signed MoU with IT Tech companies like IBM, CISCO, Future Skill Rights Network, Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Microsoft to ensure industry linkages for the institutes at the state and regional levels under CSR initiatives. These partnerships facilitate the provision of technical and professional skills training in modern technologies.

(viii) Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) established at Ahmedabad and Mumbai, in Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode, aims to cultivate an industry-ready workforce for Industry 4.0, equipped with cutting-edge technology and hands-on training.

(ix) National Skill Development Corporation under the aegis of MSDE has partnered with a number of international organizations such as AWS, Microsoft, Intel, Redhat, Pearson VUE, Boston Consulting Group (BCG), Cisco Networking Academy for providing digital courses.

(x) MSDE has launched Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) a unified platform that integrates skilling, education, employment, and entrepreneurship ecosystems to provide a life-long array of services targeting a wide range of stakeholders. The details of the trained candidates are available on SIDH portal for connecting with potential employers. Through Skill India Digital Hub, candidates can have access to jobs and apprenticeship opportunities.

(xi) National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) supports seamless transition from education to work; ensuring apprentices gain industry-specific skills through real-world exposure. Under NAPS, stipend support up to Rs 1500/- per month is released to beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

(xii) Further, Rozgar Melas and Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Melas (PMNAMs) have been organized to facilitate the placements and apprenticeship opportunities to the certified candidates.

The Schemes of MSDE are demand driven and the Training Centres are set up or engaged on need basis. Details of the State-wise Training Centres set up or engaged under the schemes of MSDE are as under:

State/UT	PMKVY 4.0 Centres	JSS Centers	NAPS Establishments	CTS( ITIs)	
				Govt. ITIs	Pvt. ITIs
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	7	1	20	3	1
Andhra Pradesh	408	6	1,147	85	434
Arunachal Pradesh	86	0	25	7	0
Assam	833	6	941	31	16
Bihar	596	21	548	150	1,219
Chandigarh	9	1	166	2	0
Chhattisgarh	202	14	324	120	106
Delhi	222	3	3,013	18	28
DNH & DD	9	2	130	4	0
Goa	8	1	495	11	2
Gujarat	377	8	12,458	273	215
Haryana	629	2	5,872	159	222
Himachal Pradesh	210	11	740	128	139
Jammu And Kashmir	694	1	554	49	0
Jharkhand	246	13	442	77	269
Karnataka	457	12	2,452	274	1,192
Kerala	145	9	1,904	149	297
Ladakh	12	0	16	3	0
Lakshadweep	1	1	1	1	0
Madhya Pradesh	1,527	29	1,126	195	767
Maharashtra	684	21	9,086	422	615
Manipur	164	4	23	10	0
Meghalaya	99	1	41	7	1
Mizoram	102	1	20	3	0
Nagaland	91	1	22	9	0
Odisha	307	29	738	73	427
Puducherry	23	0	245	8	7
Punjab	617	2	933	115	205
Rajasthan	1,613	9	984	182	1,363
Sikkim	37	0	69	4	0
Tamil Nadu	581	9	2,892	93	363
Telangana	157	6	1,314	66	232
Tripura	151	2	98	20	2
Uttar Pradesh	2,965	47	6,395	294	2,964
Uttarakhand	231	8	738	103	71
West Bengal	344	8	1,352	168	139
<b>Overall</b>	<b>14,844</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>49,788</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>11,296</b>

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