

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
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ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING AND SELF-EMPLOYMENT

3786. #SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

Will the Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of youths benefited from entrepreneurship development programs;
- (b) the percentage of trained beneficiaries who have started self-employment;
- (c) the amount of central assistance provided for entrepreneurship training; and
- (d) the targets for expanding self-employment and startup skills in future?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship through its autonomous organizations, namely, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) has implemented various Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs) and Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programmes (ESDPs) under various schemes to promote entrepreneurship amongst all sections of the society. These EDPs and ESDPs are designed to impart entrepreneurial, financial and managerial skills and also to offer post-training support through mentorship, handholding, and access to credit/finance, market linkages and incubation facilities.

The number of youth who have benefited from Entrepreneurship Development Programs implemented by NIESBUD and IIE, the percentage of trained beneficiaries who have started self-employment and the amount of central assistance provided for entrepreneurship training is placed at **Annexure-I**.

The Ministry continues to take steps to strengthen the entrepreneurship ecosystem through targeted interventions, sector-specific programmes and enhanced institutional partnerships to promote sustainable self-employment opportunities.

Further, there are various schemes/ programmes being implemented by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India with the objective of promoting and supporting entrepreneurs. The details of various Government programmes promoting entrepreneurship development are placed at **Annexure-II**.

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The number of youth who benefited from Entrepreneurship Development Programs implemented by IIE and NIESBUD during the last three years and the amount of central assistance provided for entrepreneurship training is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Benefited from Entrepreneurship Development Programmes	Amount Allocated (Rs. in crore)
Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE)			
1	Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan – PM JANMAN	1702	0.94
2	Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)	21000	14.29
3	Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) Project	14000	7.88
4	Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana – PMVDY (under Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission – PMJVM)	143700	74.25
5	SFURTI (Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries)	30280	2.49
6	Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)	5221	3.25
7	Formation and Revival of Fish Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs)	3390	2.01
8	Comprehensive Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Training Program (CESDTP) for Tribal Artisans under SANKALP Scheme	10000	7.5
9	ESDP Scheme under DC-MSME	20063	3.21
10	Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP)	10786	27.86
	Total	260,142	143.68
National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development			
1	Strengthening Entrepreneurial Climate through Capacity Building, Incubation Support, Mentoring, and Handholding under SANKALP Scheme	62825	49.90
2	Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PMJANMAN)	110193	23.47
3	Swavalambini Women Entrepreneurship Programme	998	0.20
4	Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE) Project	77430	16.75
5	Capacity Building Programme for Fair Price Shop Owners	315	0.18
6	Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)	2500	28.15
7	Rastriya Udyamita Vikas Pariyojana on Pilot Basis for PM Svanidhi Beneficiaries	1704	10.10
8	Entrepreneurial Climate through Training of Trainers (ToTs) and Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) in Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSSs)	5633	5.07

9	Pilot Project on Entrepreneurship Development in Holy Cities	8023	5.00
10	Organising Workshops in Artisan Melas and Haats	592	0.33
11	Pilot Project for Entrepreneurship Development Program	5000	2.93
12	Entrepreneurship based Skill Development Program on Solar Entrepreneurship PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana	29384	27.83
	Total	304597	169.91

*Around 40% of the beneficiaries trained under Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDP) and Entrepreneurship-cum-Skill Development Programmes (ESDP) of NIESBUD and IIE have taken up self-employment or started their enterprises after completion of the training.

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The details of various other measures/schemes being implemented by the Government to support entrepreneurship are as under:

1. Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)- Ministry of MSME, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is implementing the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). It is a central sector scheme aimed at generating employment opportunities primarily in rural areas by assisting prospective entrepreneurs in setting up new micro enterprises in the non-farm sector across the country.

Number of Micro-enterprises assisted across the country under PMEGP during FY 2022-23 to FY 2024-25:

Financial Year	No. of Microenterprises Assisted	MM Subsidy (Rs. Cr.)	Estimated Employment Generated
2022-23	85,167	2,722.17	6,81,336
2023-24	89,118	3,093.87	7,12,944
2024-25	59,708	2,202.00	4,77,664

2. Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA)- MoTA is implementing the scheme Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM) through Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation (TRIFED). Under the scheme, Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) have been established as a key intervention for promoting tribal entrepreneurship. VDVKs are cluster-based units of tribal Self Help Groups (SHGs) that facilitate value addition, skill development and market linkage of Minor Forest Produce (MFP), thereby promoting entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihood among tribal population including tribal youths. So far, TRIFED has sanctioned 4125 VDVKs associating 12,33,328 beneficiaries including tribal youths with a financial outlay of Rs. 61,227 lakhs across the country.

Additionally, under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyaan (PM-JANMAN), TRIFED has sanctioned 539 PVTG VDVKs associating 45,958 beneficiaries including tribal youths with financial outlay for Rs. 2298.05 lakhs in 17 States and one Union Territory.

The Ministry continues to expand the network of VDVKs and enhance skill development, value addition, and market linkage initiatives to promote self-employment and entrepreneurship among tribals including youth.

3. Ministry of Science of Technology (MoST): MoST is implementing the Science & Technology based Innovation & Entrepreneurship Training Programme central sector scheme. The scheme encourages the participants including women participants to take entrepreneurship as a career from all over the country. Under the scheme following programmes were financially supported for the target & duration as mentioned below:

S. No	Name of Programme	Duration	Target
1	Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP)	4 Weeks	To motivate and encourage potential women entrepreneurs having S & T background.
2	Technology based Entrepreneurship Development Programme (TEDP)	6 Weeks	Training programme for potential entrepreneurs having S&T background to promote technology led/ R & D based enterprises
3	Faculty Entrepreneurship Development Programme (FEDP)	2 Weeks	To train and enhance the supply of competent faculty / resource persons for teaching and training entrepreneurship on PAN India basis

Details of the Entrepreneurship Development Programmes are as under:

S. No	Name of the Skilling programmes/schemes	Financial Year	No. of Beneficiaries/ Entrepreneurs trained	Expenditure Incurred (Rs. in crore)
1	Science & Technology based Innovation & Entrepreneurship Training	2020-21	4053	1.78
2	programmes/Scheme	2021-22	5507	2.32
3	Women Entrepreneurship Development Programme	2022-23	7715	3.60
4	Technology Based Entrepreneurship Development Programme	2023-24	6223	2.57
5	Faculty Entrepreneurship Development Programme	2024-25	1624	1.25

4. Department of Financial Services (DFS)- DFS under Ministry of Finance launched **Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)** on 08.04.2015 to extend collateral free credit up to Rs.20 lakh by Member Lending Institutions (MLIs), i.e., Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs), Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs). Any individual, who is otherwise eligible to take a loan and has a business plan for small business enterprise can avail loan under the Scheme for income generating activities in the manufacturing, trading, service sectors including activities allied to agriculture across four loan categories, viz. Shishu (loans upto Rs. 50,000/-), Kishor (loans above Rs. 50,000/- and upto Rs. 5 lakh), Tarun (loans above Rs. 5 lakh and upto Rs. 10 lakh) and Tarun Plus (loans above Rs. 10 lakh and upto Rs. 20 lakh for those entrepreneurs who have availed and successfully repaid previous loans under the 'Tarun' category w.e.f. 24.10.2024). As on 20.02.2026, a total of 56.95 crore loan amounting to Rs. 39.10 lakh crore have been extended under PMMY since inception.

Stand-Up India Scheme was launched on 05.04.2016. The objective of the Scheme was to facilitate loans from Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) of value between Rs. 10 lakh and Rs.1 crore to at least one Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) borrower and one-Woman borrower per Bank branch for setting up greenfield enterprise in manufacturing, services or trading sector, including activities allied to agriculture. The Scheme was valid/operational till 31st March 2025 and has facilitated over 2.75 lakh loans amounting to Rs. 62,790 crore to SC/ST and Women entrepreneurs across the country.
