

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2840
ANSWERED ON 12/08/2026

SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

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

- (a) the details of skill development programmes implemented by Government during the last five years, scheme-wise;
- (b) the number of candidates trained, certified and placed in employment under these programmes, year-wise and State-wise, including Kerala;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any assessment of the long-term employment outcomes and retention rates of candidates placed through these programmes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken to improve job creation, industry linkages and placement opportunities under skill development initiatives?

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 Shikshan 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 including the state of Kerala. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills. Some of the key schemes under SIM are:

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY): The PMKVY Scheme is for imparting skill development training through Short-Term Training (STT) and up-skilling and re-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country including the state of Kerala.

Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme: The scheme aims to impart vocational skills to the non-literates, neo-literates and the persons having a rudimentary level of education and school dropouts up to 12th standard in the age group of 15-45 years, with due age relaxation in case of "Divyangjan" and other deserving cases. Priority is given to Women, SC, ST, OBC and Minorities in the rural areas and urban low-income areas.

National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS): This Scheme is for promoting apprenticeship training and increasing the engagement of apprentices by providing financial support for payment of stipend to apprentices. Training consists of Basic Training and On-the- Job Training / Practical Training at the workplace in the industry.

Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS): This scheme is for providing long-term training through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country. The ITIs offer a range of vocational/skill training courses covering many economic sectors with the objective to provide a skilled workforce to the industry as well as self-employment of youth.

State/UT-wise, year-wise and scheme-wise details of the number of candidates trained across the country including Kerala under the major skill development schemes of MSDE during the period from 2021–22 to 2025–26 are provided at Annexures I to IV.

Amongst the schemes of MSDE, placements were tracked under the Short-Term Training component of PMKVY only in the first three versions (PMKVY 1.0, PMKVY 2.0 and PMKVY 3.0) implemented from 2015-16 to 2021-22. Under PMKVY (1.0 to 3.0), 26,385 candidates have been reported placed in Kerala. Under PMKVY 4.0, the focus is to empower the trained candidates to choose their varied career path with orientation through industry relevant skill courses that include the On-the-Job Training (OJT).

The Government undertakes periodic reviews of skilling initiatives under the Skill India Mission, assessing enrolment, certification, placement, self-employment outcomes and employer feedback to gauge their effectiveness in strengthening employability and future skills. These reviews support continuous curriculum updates, industry collaboration and improvements in implementation modalities, ensuring that skilling programmes remain aligned with evolving technology trends and labour-market requirements. The effectiveness of broader skill development schemes is also evaluated through MIS-based monitoring, third-party assessments and beneficiary feedback. Independent impact evaluations of these schemes conducted by Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) in 2025 have demonstrated that these flagship skilling initiatives have successfully expanded access to formal training and certification, while driving measurable improvements in skill confidence, employment participation, and income outcomes across a substantial proportion of beneficiaries.

Further, to ensure that the skills imparted are aligned with the industry requirements and thereby improving the employment opportunities, MSDE has inter-alia taken the following specific steps across the country:

- National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) has been set up as an overarching regulator establishing regulations and standards to ensure quality in the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) space. NCVET recognizes the industry bodies as the Awarding Bodies (ABs) and/or Assessment Agencies (AAs).
- The Awarding Bodies are expected to develop the qualifications as per the industry demand and map them with the identified occupations as per the National Classification of Occupations, 2015 and obtain industry validations. NCVET has approved 10209 qualifications as per the industry requirements, out of which 2975 qualifications are valid and active, and 7234 qualifications are archived.
- Directorate General of Training (DGT) is implementing Flexi MoU Scheme and Dual System of Training (DST) in collaboration with industries to provide training to ITI students in real industrial environment.

- DGT has signed MoU with IT Tech companies like IBM, Microsoft, Autodesk, AWS, Shell, etc. to ensure industry linkages for the institutes at the state and regional levels. These partnerships facilitate the provision of technical and professional skills training in modern technologies.
- 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.
- DGT has introduced new age /future skills courses under CTS to provide training in emerging areas such as 5G Network, AI Programming , Cyber Security, Drone Technology , Internet of Things, etc.
- 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. Through Skill India Digital Hub, candidates can have access to skill training, jobs and apprenticeship opportunities. The details of the trained candidates are available on SIDH portal for connecting with potential employers.
- Two (02) Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) have been established at Ahmedabad and Mumbai, in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, with an aim to align industry-ready workforce to emerging economic opportunities.
- 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.
- Kaushal Mahotsavs and PM National Apprenticeship Melas have been organized by the Ministry to facilitate the placements opportunities to the certified candidates across the country.
- The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 envisages greater integration of vocational education with mainstream education and promotes seamless mobility between academic and vocational pathways. In line with this vision, the Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme (AEDP), developed in collaboration with UGC and AICTE, enables students enrolled in degree and diploma programmes to undertake apprenticeship training as an integral part of their curriculum. The programme enhances employability, promotes outcome-based learning, strengthens industry-academia linkages and facilitates acquisition of industry-relevant skills.
- Government has launched PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs), a centrally sponsored scheme of Rs.60,000 crore to upgrade 1,000 Government ITIs across the country in a hub-and-spoke model comprising 200 hub ITIs and 800 spoke ITIs. Driven by industry-led governance, the initiative enhances employability and fosters entrepreneurship by equipping learners and early-stage business owners with relevant skills, real-world exposure, and comprehensive career guidance. By strengthening institutional systems and vital industry linkages, it delivers robust placement support while empowering first-time entrepreneurs to successfully launch and sustain their ventures.

ANNEXURES REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2840 ANSWERED ON 12.08.2026 REGARDING 'SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES'

Annexure-I

State/UT-wise, year-wise number of candidates trained across the country under PMKVY scheme during the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26:

State/UT	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	613	310	648	909	30
Andhra Pradesh	13,199	5,798	32,449	35,471	3,094
Arunachal Pradesh	8,884	667	4,152	10,054	125
Assam	24,517	8,721	38,190	75,182	5,902
Bihar	47,643	12,213	23,613	99,982	4,451
Chandigarh	893	491	319	628	148
Chhattisgarh	9,495	4,356	8,385	16,452	490
Delhi	19,965	2,262	10,686	12,277	2,769
Goa	604	176	183	236	12
Gujarat	35,001	6,503	19,975	39,762	949
Haryana	18,191	8,963	27,411	75,942	8,308
Himachal Pradesh	8,724	3,539	5,348	19,341	3,582
Jammu And Kashmir	21,339	7,352	28,895	85,557	4,689
Jharkhand	34,233	5,302	8,796	30,034	1,785
Karnataka	23,153	8,410	13,025	69,486	7,339
Kerala	12,968	5,673	8,832	10,449	1,118
Ladakh	731	246	445	312	0
Lakshadweep	120	0	0	120	0
Madhya Pradesh	46,659	21,345	34,884	2,59,871	16,686
Maharashtra	39,864	14,913	35,284	75,368	8,180
Manipur	6,424	1,146	2,879	20,798	1,067
Meghalaya	3,406	1,245	2,502	7,938	1,168
Mizoram	4,742	1,162	3,533	6,871	1,384
Nagaland	4,184	1,803	3,830	7,299	662
Odisha	12,645	12,116	21,457	26,231	2,189
Puducherry	1,622	689	1,556	3,096	646
Punjab	18,539	7,568	11,836	1,06,699	10,259
Rajasthan	38,511	9,232	23,564	2,80,156	10,856
Sikkim	1,322	381	2,802	2,874	0
Tamil Nadu	29,057	8,029	34,533	85,689	10,786
Telangana	13,107	8,040	15,390	22,188	6,344
Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	252	31	301	1,407	75
Tripura	4,490	1,608	5,081	14,363	1,906
Uttar Pradesh	69,015	25,568	71,771	4,63,503	28,823
Uttarakhand	10,522	2,942	11,669	35,364	3,650
West Bengal	31,406	12,370	25,768	36,410	3,916

State/UT-wise, year-wise number of candidates trained across the country under JSS scheme during the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26:

State/UT	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024- 25	2025-26
A & N Islands	900	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,797
Andhra Pradesh	11,699	16,200	10,800	10,769	10,795
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	
Assam	9,139	12,600	9,000	10,799	10,798
Bihar	28,769	56,594	37,786	36,733	37,073
Chandigarh	1,600	2,700	1,800	1,770	1,462
Chhattisgarh	18,151	37,777	23,376	24,967	25,158
DNH & DD	2,379	3,255	3,179	2,417	3,197
Delhi	5,440	8,099	5,398	5,391	5,363
Goa	1,740	2,700	1,800	1,700	1,799
Gujarat	19,228	23,917	14,160	14,311	14,889
Haryana	8,939	10,728	7,181	3,333	3,437
Himachal Pradesh	8,424	28,244	18,630	18,052	18,865
Jammu & Kashmir	2,396	500	1,020	680	2,297
Jharkhand	9,964	25,220	22,439	20,976	23,063
Karnataka	18,735	31,492	21,532	21,509	21,377
Kerala	16,148	24,300	16,198	15,929	16,199
Ladakh	-	600	212	-	717
Lakshadweep	-	1,481	1,772	900	999
Madhya Pradesh	52,222	70,259	49,089	51,477	52,082
Maharashtra	38,479	52,934	37,273	36,861	37,612
Manipur	6,285	10,278	7,197	7,219	7,200
Meghalaya	-	1,660	1,800	1,780	1,759
Mizoram	900	2,472	1,800	963	922
Nagaland	1,812	1,999	2,631	540	2,560
Odisha	40,635	71,765	50,828	52,123	52,151
Punjab	3,567	4,138	3,560	2,980	3,458
Rajasthan	12,443	20,651	14,831	15,534	16,180
Tamilnadu	14,045	19,784	14,780	15,124	15,818
Telangana	10,398	15,639	10,300	10,787	10,793
Tripura	2,610	5,397	3,600	3,480	3,567
Uttar Pradesh	88,648	1,22,510	84,573	82,475	82,532
Uttarakhand	12,433	20,687	14,393	13,978	14,304
West Bengal	13,868	17,904	12,599	13,133	14,118

Annexure-III

State/UT-wise, year-wise number of apprentices engaged across the country under NAPS scheme during the period from 2021-22 to 2025-26:

States/UTs	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
A & N Islands	9	41	48	199	177
Andhra Pradesh	15,501	16,424	21,701	22,075	26,446
Arunachal Pradesh	18	42	65	66	204
Assam	14,007	9,660	8,174	5,801	10,028
Bihar	6,476	5,543	5,317	5,502	9,013
Chandigarh	813	668	1,231	1,692	1,739
Chhattisgarh	2,631	4,875	5,249	5,362	6,820
Delhi	17,799	15,817	15,957	22,471	30,330
Goa	3,432	4,406	11,882	11,770	12,412
Gujarat	69,568	76,222	83,957	90,796	1,09,027
Haryana	42,338	62,867	66,714	66,504	85,979
Himachal Pradesh	5,670	6,825	10,212	9,257	10,891
Jammu & Kashmir	832	989	859	1,026	1,230
Jharkhand	8,258	9,151	11,883	9,686	10,674
Karnataka	41,972	58,629	78,457	92,843	1,16,343
Kerala	8,975	11,275	13,104	15,317	15,519
Ladakh	18	28	66	50	19
Lakshadweep	4	9	6	8	14
Madhya Pradesh	17,093	21,205	22,706	26,823	34,210
Maharashtra	1,46,903	1,86,010	2,63,245	2,78,423	3,01,910
Manipur	90	32	18	187	219
Meghalaya	117	181	212	328	175
Mizoram	4	4	12	146	280
Nagaland	27	22	15	24	40
Odisha	8,296	10,458	10,755	10,757	12,416
Puducherry	1,090	1,343	2,469	4,268	5,953
Punjab	11,659	15,361	14,761	15,510	25,649
Rajasthan	9,478	15,204	18,230	22,328	32,243
Sikkim	308	202	298	439	508
Tamilnadu	49,929	72,311	1,01,553	1,01,788	1,43,236
Telangana	38,454	31,821	37,775	34,017	47,501
DNH & DD	1,282	1,006	2,878	3,570	4,100
Tripura	244	368	383	449	533
Uttar Pradesh	38,042	56,946	71,505	78,966	1,06,269
Uttarakhand	9,986	16,436	21,058	22,887	30,643
West Bengal	18,791	26,109	29,538	23,324	35,153

State/UT-wise, year-wise number of candidates enrolled across the country under CTS scheme during the period from session 2021-22 to 2025-26:

State/UT	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Andaman and nicobar islands	531	450	481	838	829
Andhra pradesh	45,612	48,110	50,568	52,447	54213
Arunachal pradesh	497	674	733	669	697
Assam	3,500	3,548	5,325	4,256	5725
Bihar	110,399	90,830	125,625	116,293	116754
Chandigarh	910	907	1,083	898	1175
Chhattisgarh	22,320	20,816	24,226	22,237	23970
Delhi	8,774	9,261	10,288	9,368	10970
Goa	2,080	2,126	2,255	2,161	2404
Gujarat	81,236	84,648	98,454	78,811	90790
Haryana	49,032	45,161	54,944	51,465	53477
Himachal pradesh	20,332	22,691	23,371	18,801	16973
Jammu and kashmir	8,062	8,130	8,504	8,226	10047
Jharkhand	29,760	35,573	40,108	40,263	48331
Karnataka	66,238	73,068	78,724	64,447	71839
Kerala	35,493	34,741	33,196	30,445	30132
Ladakh	171	326	368	375	421
Lakshadweep	374	303	360	341	210
Madhya pradesh	63,306	69,194	73,224	69,309	79970
Maharashtra	112,997	121,884	128,009	115,889	130810
Manipur	108	668	812	721	894
Meghalaya	508	738	714	992	1000
Mizoram	256	334	396	260	328
Nagaland	186	267	240	379	324
Odisha	57,401	54,005	65,801	54,855	61348
Puducherry	689	737	796	695	704
Punjab	39,992	39,986	43,997	40,370	44247
Rajasthan	95,342	99,263	109,648	90,937	88418
Sikkim	181	424	312	353	431
Tamil nadu	28,496	35,078	41,127	35,466	39119
Telangana	27,183	26,480	29,579	33,583	40452
Dadra and nagar haveli and daman and diu	443	666	908	822	841
Tripura	1,603	2,470	2,452	2,240	2714
Uttar pradesh	273,714	269,106	333,024	317,044	385871
Uttarakhand	8,918	10,807	11,499	8,661	11526
West bengal	29,207	37,711	44,211	40,216	42323
