

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
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**SKILLING CENTRE DATABASE — STRENGTHENING COORDINATION**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has acknowledged that India's skilling ecosystem comprises training centres operated by Government, industry, CSR initiatives and private institutions running separate training centres with scope for stronger information-sharing and coordination;
- (b) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India observed that seven MSDE schemes and 35 programmes across 22 Ministries operated in parallel, prompting development of a national database of skilling centres; and
- (c) the timeline for completing this database and the institutional mechanism proposed to ensure sustained inter-ministerial coordination and avoid future duplication?

**ANSWER**

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

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**(a) to (c):** 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/institutes, etc. 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. The SIM aims at enabling the youth of India to get future-ready and equipped with industry-relevant skills.

Skill development training ecosystem comprises Government Institutions, State Government Universities/Colleges, AICTE-affiliated institutions, ITIs, State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs), Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), Jan Shikshan Sansthans (JSSs) and other training partners. Further, the schemes of MSDE are demand driven and training centres under these schemes are set up or engaged on need basis.

As per Chapter 1, Para 1.1 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Report No. 20 of 2025 the skill ecosystem in July 2024, comprised seven skill development schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 35 skill development programmes of 22 Central Ministries and 95 skill development schemes of 23 States.

In order to provide an enabling governance framework for skilling schemes of diverse nature, MSDE has taken various policy, operational and digital initiatives to facilitate convergence of skilling initiatives implemented by Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments. These measures include the adoption of Common Cost Norms for all short-term trainings, National Skills Qualification Framework

(NSQF)-aligned curricula, regulatory oversight through National Council for Vocational Education & Training (NCVET) and technology enabled monitoring mechanisms.

The Ministry has also developed Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for the skilling ecosystem under MSDE. SIDH brings the entire skilling ecosystem onto a single unified platform, integrating training, assessment, certification, employment and entrepreneurship services, while allowing training providers, employers and government schemes to onboard onto a common interoperable ecosystem. Built on a mobile-first approach and interoperable with other Government platforms such as National Career Service, eShram, DigiLocker and BHASHINI, SIDH advances the Government's vision of a unified, citizen-centric skilling ecosystem accessible to all.

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