

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 439
ANSWERED ON 22/07/2026

SKILL TRAINING CENTRES IN RURAL AREAS OF ANDHRA PRADESH

439. SHRI SANA SATHISH BABU:

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

- (a) district-wise details of skill training centres established and operational in rural areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the number of candidates enrolled, trained and certified in such centres in Andhra Pradesh since 2021, year-wise;
- (c) current placement rates and steps taken to improve placement opportunities and livelihood outcomes for trainees; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to promote entrepreneurship and self-employment through rural skill training initiatives, if so, the details thereof ?

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), Ministry of Skill Development & 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 Andhra Pradesh. The SIM aims at enabling the youth of India to get future-ready, equipped with industry-relevant skills.

The schemes of MSDE are demand driven and training centres under these schemes are set up or engaged on need basis. District-wise details of the number of training centres in Andhra Pradesh set-up or engaged under the schemes of MSDE are at **Annexure-I**. Year-wise detail of the candidates trained/enrolled and certified under various schemes of MSDE since 2021 in Andhra Pradesh is at **Annexure-II**.

Amongst the schemes of MSDE, placements were tracked under the Short-Term Training component of PMKVY 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), out of 56.89 lakh candidates that had been certified in STT, 24.3 lakh candidates were reported placed which makes the overall placement rate at 42.8%. In the current version of the Scheme i.e. PMKVY 4.0, the focus is to empower trained candidates to choose their varied career path and they are suitably oriented for the same through industry relevant skill courses that include On-the-Job Training (OJT). In addition, Kaushal Mahotsavs and Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Melas (PMNAMs) are organized by the Ministry to facilitate the placements opportunities to the certified candidates across the country. 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.

(d) Government of India has taken various initiatives to promote an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem through entrepreneurship education, skill training, and advocacy. Some of the key initiatives taken to promote an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem across India are as under:

- MSDE through its autonomous institutions, i.e, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati conducts Entrepreneurship Awareness Programme (EAP) and Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) to promote entrepreneurship across the country. So far, total of 1276 candidates have been trained under EAP and 602 candidates have been trained under EDP.
- The entrepreneurial support programmes of NIESBUD, Noida, and IIE, Guwahati, are aligned with schemes like PMKVY 4.0, PM Vishwakarma, PM Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN), Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA), and PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.
- PM Vishwakarma scheme, launched in September 2023, provides holistic support (upskilling, toolkits, and collateral-free credit) to artisans in 18 traditional trades.
- MSDE launched Swavalambini programme in February 2025 in the North Eastern States of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and in Uttar Pradesh and Telangana to cultivate entrepreneurial mindsets among female candidates.
- Schemes/programmes for the entrepreneurship promotion like PM's Employment Generation Programme; MSE-Cluster Development Programme; Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries; Startup Village Entrepreneurship Program; PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises; Startup India; and others are under implementation.
- With intent to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation, startups and encouraging investments in the Startup ecosystem of the country, the Government launched the Startup India initiative in January 2016. The flagship Schemes namely, Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS) and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) support Startups at various stages of their business cycle.
- To provide access to credit/loan to youth for establishing business enterprises or start-ups, the Government implements various schemes like Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Stand-Up India and PM Vishwakarma.
- The market linkages are supported through e-commerce platforms like Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- Startup India's MAARG (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience and Growth) portal is a one stop platform to facilitate mentorship for startups across diverse sectors, functions, stages, geographies, and backgrounds.
- Ministry of Rural Development drives rural skill training primarily through two dedicated national initiatives i.e., Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs). DDU-GKY is a demand-driven, placement-linked skill training program focused on converting rural poor youth into an economically independent workforce. RSETIs are dedicated infrastructure setups at the district level managed by banks, aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and self-employment among rural youth.

NEXURES REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 439 ANSWERED ON 22.07.2026.

Annexure-I

District-wise Training Centers in Andhra Pradesh (as on 30.06.2026):

District	PMKVY 4.0 Centres *	JSS centers	NAPS Establishments	ITIs	
				Govt.	Pvt.
Alluri Sitharama Raju	3	-	2	3	1
Anakapalli	6	-	36	2	31
Ananthapuramu	36	1	120	5	18
Annamayya	8	-	14	3	11
Bapatla	8	-	13	1	19
Chittoor	37	-	127	7	9
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	6	-	16	-	15
East Godavari	17	-	215	1	12
Eluru	9	-	58	5	14
Guntur	42	-	189	2	11
Kakinada	11	-	95	2	12
Krishna	25	-	235	1	19
Kurnool	32	-	151	3	15
Nandyal	8	-	26	5	16
NTR	5	1	131	1	9
Palnadu	7	-	21	1	18
Parvathipuram Manyam	6	-	2	4	3
Prakasam	31	1	58	3	36
Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	39	-	73	6	17
Sri Sathya Sai	12	-	37	1	14
Srikakulam	26	-	61	3	20
Tirupati	15	1	119	7	20
Visakhapatnam	50	1	305	4	29
Vizianagaram	34	1	65	3	25
West Godavari	20	-	121	2	16
Y.S.R. Kadapa	34	-	81	10	25
Overall	527	06	2371	85	435

* Training centres set-up or engaged up to 30.06.2026

Annexure-II

Detail of the candidates trained under schemes of MSDE in Andhra Pradesh since 2021

Scheme Name	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
PMKVY	13199	5798	32449	35471	3094
JSS	11699	16200	10800	10769	10795
NAPS	15501	16424	21701	22075	26446
CTS	45612	48110	50568	50568	54213

Detail of the candidates certified under schemes of MSDE in Andhra Pradesh since 2021

Scheme Name	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
PMKVY	12988	6807	19163	23085	3759
JSS	11671	16169	10779	10767	10785
NAPS	--	4428	4957	6963	4952
CTS	36404	36293	36667	41127	--
