

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.33**  
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024

**PROMOTION OF DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE**

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

- (a) the different schemes being administered by the Government to promote Skill Development and Entrepreneurship;
- (b) the number of persons trained under each Scheme and financial outlay thereof;
- (c) the details of Skill India Digital initiative launched by the Ministry along with its objectives;
- (d) whether the initiative will promote the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) in the country and if so, the manner in which it will support the industry; and
- (e) the details of the benefits that will accrue to a citizen under Skill India Digital Initiative?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*33 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024 ASKED BY DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV AND DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL REGARDING PROMOTION OF DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE.**

(a) and (b) Under the Govt. 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 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. The brief of these schemes is as under:

**Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY):** 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.

**Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) Scheme:** The main target of the JSS is to impart vocational skills to the non-literates, neo-literates and the persons having rudimentary level of education and school dropouts upto 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 to industrial establishments undertaking apprenticeship programme under the Apprentices Act, 1961. Training consists of Basic Training and On-the-Job Training / Practical Training at 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 a large number of economic sectors with an objective to provide skilled workforce to the industry as well as self employment of youth.

Programmes for entrepreneurship development are implemented through National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Noida and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati.

The number of persons trained under MSDE schemes are as under:

(in lakh)		
Sl. No.	Schemes	Total No. of persons trained
1	PMKVY (Since inception to December, 2023)	140.81
2	JSS (Since 2018-19 to December, 2023)	22.96
3	NAPS (Since 2018-19 to December, 2023)	27.12
4	CTS (2018-19 to 2022-23)	65.11

The funds released under PMKVY, JSS and NAPS Schemes of MSDE are as under:  
(Amount in Rs. Crore)

Name of Scheme	Total Fund Released
PMKVY (Since inception to December, 2023)	10,314.02
JSS (Since 2018-19 to December, 2023)	694.10
NAPS (Since 2018-19 to December, 2023)	1231.76

Note: From 2023-24, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has been implemented and stipend is being credited directly into the accounts of apprentices.

Day-to-day administration as well as financial control in respect of ITIs lies with the respective State Government/ Union Territory Administration.

Apart from MSDE, more than 20 Central Ministries are implementing Skilling/ Upskilling training programmes through various schemes, such as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) of Ministry of Rural Development, Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojna - National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY-NULM) by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector (SAMARTH), Ministry of Textiles.

(c) Skill India Digital is at the intersection of two of the most important priorities of the Government – Skill India and Digital India. It is a mobile – first digital platform designed to synergize India's skill development, education, employment and entrepreneurship landscape. Its primary objective is to expand the reach of skilling. It will provide opportunity to youth of the country to skill, re-skill and upskill digitally without depending only upon physical training infrastructure. It provides a comprehensive and accessible platform for skill enhancement, offering industry- relevant skill courses, apprenticeship and job opportunities, and entrepreneurship support. SID is a digital expansion of skilling opportunities and integrated platform that have digital job exchange between stakeholders. The SID platform and its mobile application were launched on 13th September 2023.

(d) Yes, Sir. Skill India Digital is one of the most important applications of India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for skill development, education, employment, and entrepreneurship landscape. The platform aligns with the vision articulated in the G20 outcome document for building DPIs.

Skill India Digital plays a crucial role in preparing the Indian workforce for Industry 4.0 by offering futuristic courses on Big Data, Machine Learning and Analytics, etc. provided by its digital learning partners. Industry 4.0 course such as Python with Advanced AI, Artificial Intelligence Foundation, Generative AI, Build Classical Machine Learning Models with Supervised Learning, Data Analytics Essentials, Analytics Data in a Relational Data Warehouse, Cyber security Essentials, Introduction to Data Science, Kisan Drone Operator, EV Service Technician, Bio- waste Management, along with other certification courses, are being offered on the platform.

(e) The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 envisages education and skilling integration and lifelong learning. Skill India Digital is a citizen-centric platform that empowers every citizen to select and learn skill courses aligned to their knowledge and interests. It helps to select skill courses aligned with the education and career goals. Skill India Digital hosts both online and classroom-based skill courses.

SID is integrated with UIDAI, e-Shram, NCS and Digilocker, empowering learners to earn, bank and redeem the credits they have earned through skill courses and / or through work experience. SID caters diverse needs of a citizen through Learning Management System for digital skilling, Portable Verified Credentials and Multi-lingual choice to ensure inclusivity, etc.

Skill India Digital also enables the convergence of skilling program for all Ministries/ Departments of Central Government and of the State Governments, empowering every citizen to select from multiple skilling programs as per their preference. In this post covid world there is tremendous awareness of digital skills. Skill India Digital will enable Entrepreneurship and future ready workforce.

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