

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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NEW SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to encourage Skill Development Programmes in aspirational districts;
- (b) the details of new Skill Development Programmes that have been started during the last year in the said districts;
- (c) the subsidies given by the Government to new entrepreneurs along with the details of schemes that they can benefit from; and
- (d) the steps being taken to make sure that the people who get trained at these programmes are given jobs right away and also get the same permanently?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (b): 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 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 including aspirational districts. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills. Details of persons trained under various schemes of MSDE in India, including aspirational districts, are as under:

State/District	PMKVY (Since 2015-16 to 31.12.2024)	JSS (since 2018-19 to 28.02.2025)	NAPS (since 2018-19 to 28.02.2025)	CTS(ITIs) (Since 2018-19 to 2023-24)
Pan India	1,60,33,081	29,52,539	37,09,218	79,57,128
Aspirational Districts	15,57,863*	5,27,709	1,71,045	8,11,991

* PMKVY 2.0, 3.0 and 4.0 only

Also, a financial grant of Rs 10 lakh to each of the 112 Aspirational Districts in India has been approved under the SANKALP scheme. Under Aspirational Skilling Abhiyaan, Rs 13.91 crore has been released to 112 Aspirational Districts with an aim of enhancing skill development initiatives within these districts.

MSDE in collaboration with Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD), has launched 'Skilling of Adolescent Girls in Aspirational Districts' project on pilot basis to provide skill development training to 3,850 adolescent girls in 27 aspirational and difficult districts covering 19 States/UTs.

(c): The Government of India has taken up various initiatives to create a more inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem through entrepreneurship education, training, advocacy and easy access to entrepreneurship network. Government of India implements various schemes/programmes for the entrepreneurship promotion like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme ; Micro and Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme; Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries; A Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Rural Industry & Entrepreneurship ; Startup India; National Rural Livelihood Mission- Startup Village Entrepreneurship Program; Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises; Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs Scheme; etc.

To promote access to capital for micro-enterprises and start-ups, the Government has taken a number of initiatives like Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Fund of Funds for Startups, Startup India Seed Fund Scheme and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups.

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 including special areas like northeastern region and aspirational districts.

MSDE in collaboration with the Women Entrepreneurship Platform of NITI Aayog, has launched the Swavalambini - a Women Entrepreneurship Program on 07.02.2025 in the North Eastern States of Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram and on 01.03.2025 in Uttar Pradesh and Telangana. MSDE will implement the program through its autonomous institutes namely, NIESBUD and IIE. The program aims to cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset among female students, equipping them with awareness of available support mechanisms, schemes, resources and networks essential for pursuing entrepreneurship as a career.

(d): Schemes of MSDE for skill development aims at improving the employability of candidates so that they are gainfully engaged in wage or self employment. MSDE's flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) was evaluated by NITI Aayog in October 2020 under jobs and skills sector. As per the study, about 94 percent of the employers surveyed reported they would hire more candidates trained under PMKVY. Further, 52 percent of the candidates who were placed in full time/part time employment and oriented under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) component received higher salary or felt that they will get higher salary compared to their un-certified peers.

As regards other schemes of MSDE, third party evaluation reports have mentioned about success in terms of placement or livelihood improvement of candidates trained under different schemes. The brief details of same are as given below:

Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS): The evaluation study of JSS scheme conducted in 2020 has found that the scheme has helped in almost doubling the household income for those beneficiaries who have got employment or are self-employed after the JSS training. Considering 79% women representation, 50.5% of the rural share, 73.4% change in the employment for enhanced livelihood, 89.1% change in the average income of each beneficiary, 85.7% mobilization of beneficiaries by JSS, the report has further observed that usefulness of the scheme would be further evident from the fact that 77.05% of the beneficiary trainees have undergone occupational shifts. The study also affirmed that the focus of the skilling in the scheme favours self-employment.

National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS): The 3rd party evaluation study of NAPS conducted in 2021 has observed that the scheme has successfully enhanced the employability of youth by providing structured on-the-job training, with a notable increase in the engagement of apprentices across various industries. In the new version of the scheme, DBT method has been adopted to transfer government's share directly to apprentices' bank accounts, as streamlined reimbursement process was recommended in the report.

Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs): The final report of Tracer Study of ITI Graduates published in 2018 by MSDE mentions that 63.5% of total ITI pass-outs got employed (out of which 6.7% are self-employed).
