

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026

VIKSIT BHARAT 2047 SKILLING STRATEGY

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

- (a) the details of 62 per cent budget increase to Rs. 9,885.80 crore allocated to Ministry in Union Budget 2026-27 from previous Rs.6,100 crore;
- (b) the breakdown including major allocation for PM SETU, caregiver training programmes and textiles skilling initiatives, scheme-wise;
- (c) the targeted number of youth beneficiaries from this enhanced funding across rural and urban regions, particularly in the State of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh;
- (d) the industry convergence mechanisms ensuring demand-driven course curriculum development; and
- (e) whether this fourfold allocation jump positions India for Viksit Bharat 2047 skilling leadership and if so, the key performance indicators thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *516 ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026 REGARDING 'VIKSIT BHARAT 2047 SKILLING STRATEGY'

(a) to (c): The details of the budget allocation to the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship for the FY 2026-27 are as under:

(Figures in Rs Crore)

	FY 2026-27
Overall	9885.80
<i>Of which:</i>	
PM-SETU	6140.50
Skill India Program	2800.00

Under Skill India Program (SIP), 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 three sub-schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), and National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) to all the sections of the society across the country. SIP aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready and equipped with industry relevant skills.

To enhance the overall quality and relevance of vocational training ecosystem in the country, Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM SETU) scheme inter-alia aims to upgrade 1,000 Government ITIs (200 Hub ITIs and 800 Spoke ITIs) in a Hub and Spoke model wherein upgradation includes smart classrooms, modern labs, digital content, and new courses aligned to industry needs. Also, it aims to augment capacity of five NSTIs located in Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana, including setting-up sector-specific National Centres of Excellence for skilling, with focus on advanced training of trainers with global partnership.

The Union budget 2026-27 also announced the following initiatives for skill development:

- Samarth 2.0 (Integrated scheme for skill development) of Ministry of Textiles to modernize and upgrade the textile skilling ecosystem through collaboration with industry and academic institutions.
- A variety of NSQF-aligned programs to train 1.5 lakh multiskilled caregivers in core care and allied skills such as, wellness, yoga and operation of medical and assistive devices.

The schemes of MSDE are demand- driven and are aligned with the industry requirements and emerging technologies.

(d) & (e): To ensure the skills imparted are aligned with the industry requirements and technological advancements and thereby improving the employability of the skill-trained candidates, MSDE has inter-alia taken the following steps:

- 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 recognises 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 9026 qualifications as per the industry requirements, out of which 2599 qualifications are valid and active, and 6427 qualifications are archived.

- NCVET has developed the National Programme on Artificial Intelligence (NPAI) Skilling Framework, which outlines the national roadmap, structure and guidelines for skilling in AI, data science and emerging technologies serves as the foundational document for developing standardized, industry-aligned courses and curricula.
- 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, CISCO, Microsoft, AWS, Autodesk 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 Technician, AI Programming assistant, Cyber Security Assistant, Drone Technician etc.
- 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.

India moved from fragmented skill development efforts towards more coordinated initiatives towards creating a digitally enabled, education-integrated and outcome oriented skill ecosystem. The increase in the budget allocation for various skill development programs is indicative of the importance of creating a skilled workforce in meeting the goals of Viksit Bharat 2047 and in positioning India as the skill capital of the world.
