

Public Private Partnerships for Skill Development in Rural Areas

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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 rural areas. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

MSDE engages with private players for various skill development initiatives/programs. Details of MoUs signed under PMKVY 4.0 to carry out skill development Initiatives till 30.06.2025 and State-wise details of candidates trained are at **Annexure-I** (which is available on Ministry's website at <https://www.msde.gov.in/documents>). Details of MoUs signed under Crafts Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) by Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the aegis of MSDE are at **Annexure-II** (which is available on Ministry's website at <https://www.msde.gov.in/documents>).

Further, DGT has collaborated with entities including IBM India, Microsoft, Cisco, Adobe India, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Future Right Skills Network (FRSN), etc. for skilling initiatives, under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). These partnerships facilitate the provision of technical and professional skills training in modern technologies. Although no state-specific details are available, more than 25 lakh youth have been reported to be benefited through these initiatives.

The National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET) serves as an overarching national regulator with the aim of setting standards, developing comprehensive regulations, and improving the vocational education, training, and skilling ecosystem. NCVET recognises entities as Awarding Bodies (ABs) and Assessment Agencies (AAs). As on date NCVET has signed agreements with 61 private Awarding Bodies and 68 private Assessment Agencies. The detailed list is attached as **Annexure III** (which is available on Ministry's website at <https://www.msde.gov.in/documents>).

For enhancing the skill development capabilities, a balanced approach is taken by fostering partnerships with international corporations as well as the domestic enterprises. These collaborations introduce best practices for strengthening skilling ecosystems. Sector Skill Councils and District Skill Committees also engage with local industries to address regional skill gaps. Details of the initiatives for collaboration with private sector and international institutions for skill training including advanced skill training are given below:

- (i) Government of India has signed Memorandum of Understanding / Memorandum of Cooperation in the field of skill development and vocational education & training with twelve countries to align the skilling efforts as per the global requirements.
- (ii) MSDE and Microsoft Global Services Centre (India) Private Limited have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch AI Careers for Women—a pioneering skilling initiative aimed at empowering women in higher education institutions to pursue careers in Artificial

Intelligence (AI).

(iii) Government of India has announced setting up of 30 Skill India International Centres for catering to the demand for skilled workers for foreign countries.

(iv) Directorate General of Training (DGT) under the aegis of MSDE is implementing Flexi MoU Scheme and Dual System of Training (DST) which are meant to provide training to ITI students in industrial environment as per their requirements. Under this Scheme, 11 MoUs are active and their details are at **Annexure-IV** (which is available on Ministry's website at <https://www.msde.gov.in/documents>).

(v) MDE has also collaborated with Microsoft, HCL Tech and Nascocom (with Skill Up), in implementation of a programme on Skilling for AI Readiness (SOAR).

(vi) Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) established at Ahmedabad and Mumbai, in Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode, provide training for an industry-ready workforce for Industry 4.0, equipped with cutting-edge technology and hands-on training.

(vii) Private and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contribute to the National Skill Development Fund (NSDF) for implementing various skill development projects through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

This information was given by the Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Shri Jayant Chaudhary in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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