



Post-Budget Webinar 2026 on “Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas – Fulfilling Aspirations of People” lead by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

MSDE’s Breakout Session on “Strengthening India’s Care Ecosystem: Skilling 1.5 Lakh Multiskilled Caregivers” brings together global and national stakeholders

Prime Minister calls for scalable models to strengthen India’s human capital and care economy

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The Post-Budget Webinar 2026 on the theme “Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas – Fulfilling Aspirations of People” was organised bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, multilateral institutions, private organisations, etc. to deliberate on the effective implementation of the Union Budget 2026–27 announcements. The webinar is part of the Government’s annual post-Budget consultation process aimed at translating policy announcements into actionable implementation frameworks.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi emphasised that the Union Budget provides a roadmap for building a future-ready workforce and strengthening human capital for a Viksit Bharat, highlighting the need for scalable models, innovation-driven growth and stronger linkages between education, skilling and the real economy.

Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Government of India, Shri Jayant Chaudhary also participated in the Inaugural session. In the concluding Session, he highlighted the strategic importance of the care economy in India’s growth trajectory. He said, “The care economy represents both a social priority and an economic opportunity for India. Through the Budget announcement to train 1.5 lakh multiskilled caregivers, we are building a professional ecosystem that combines healthcare, wellness and assistive technologies while creating dignified employment opportunities, particularly for women. Recognising language as a skill and strengthening global mobility pathways will further enhance employability in international markets. Through partnerships with countries such as Japan and Israel, India is advancing skill diplomacy and emerging as a trusted provider of skilled talent to the world, reinforcing our journey towards becoming the global skill capital.”

As a part of the Post-Budget Webinar, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) steered a dedicated breakout session on the sub-theme “Strengthening India’s Care Ecosystem: Skilling 1.5 Lakh Multiskilled Caregivers” in blended mode.

In her opening remarks, Secretary, MSDE, Ms. Debashree Mukherjee underscored the importance of building a robust, quality-driven training ecosystem to support the emerging care economy. She said, “As we move forward with the Budget announcement on strengthening India’s care ecosystem, our focus is on developing a structured and quality-driven training framework that prepares multiskilled caregivers to meet emerging care needs. Equally important is ensuring dignity, recognition and credible career pathways for caregivers through professional training and standardised certification.”

While welcoming the participants, Ms. Manisha Sensarma, Senior Economic Adviser, MSDE, outlined the strategic vision behind the budget announcement to **train 1.5 lakh multiskilled caregivers**, aimed at addressing rising domestic demand from an ageing population as well as global shortages of care and allied healthcare professionals. She highlighted that the initiative seeks to enable transition of the informal workforce into a structured National Caregiver Ecosystem, integrating healthcare skills with wellness practices while leveraging programmes to expand training and enhance employability.

The session brought together an eminent panel of stakeholders including Shri Prashant Pise, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs; Shri Gyanendra Dev Tripathi, Principal Secretary, Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship, Government of Assam; Shri Jagadish Chelani, Executive Director, Meghalaya State Skill Development Society; Ms. Mia Oka, Country Director, Asian Development Bank; Shri Bharath Visweswaraya, Executive Director India, British Asian Trust; Ms. Giorgia Varisco, Chief of Youth & Adolescent Development, UNICEF; Prof. (Dr.) S. P. Singh, Director General, Kaushalya – The Skill University; Dr. Srinivasa Rao Pulijala, CEO, Apollo MedSkills Ltd.; Mr. K. Ganesh, Promoter & Director, Portea Medical; Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Head HR Operations, Sodexo India; Dr. Karthik N, Managing Director, Athulya Senior Care; Ms. Sumitra Mishra, CEO, Mobile Creches; Mr. Rajit Mehta, Managing Director & CEO, Antara Senior Care; Dr. Alexander Thomas, Founding Member, Vyay Vikas; and Dr. Sunil Kumar M. M., Director, Trivandrum Institute of Palliative Sciences, among others.

As per the deliberations held during the session, the key action points inter-alia include developing a structured caregiver career pathway, with standardized training curriculum and multi-skilling modules; training of trainers to ensure the availability of sufficient pool of qualified trainers to ensure quality of training delivery; using the apprenticeship route as an opportunity for practical training of candidates utilising the network of hospitals, industries and institutions in this sector; working with respective State/ UT governments to leverage Skill India International Centres (SIICs) for international mobility of care professionals; developing a network of credible training infrastructure utilising ITIs, Healthcare providers, training institutions for quality training of candidates; Making the details of skilled care professionals to be available on Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH).

The Post-Budget Webinar witnessed large participation of various stakeholders through both online and physical modes, including representatives from States and Union Territories, National Council for Vocational Education & Training (NCVET), Directorate General of Training (DGT), National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), Awarding Bodies, Assessment Agencies, industry partners and training institutions.







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