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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today addressed beneficiaries, industry representatives, and stakeholders associated with the Prime Minister Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, reaffirming the Government's commitment to empowering India's youth and accelerating employment generation across the country. Shri Modi disbursed incentives worth around ₹2,400 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY), marking a significant milestone in the implementation of PM-VBRY, the Government of India's flagship employment-linked incentive scheme, and expanding social security coverage across sectors. This incentive has supported the creation of 15 lakh employment opportunities across the country.

Addressing the gathering shortly after returning from his visit to France and Slovakia, where he participated in the G-7 Summit and engaged with world leaders, the Prime Minister noted that India's youth are receiving unprecedented recognition globally for their talent, skills, and potential. He remarked

that the world increasingly acknowledges the capabilities of young Indians and emphasized that the Government is committed to ensuring that every young person has the opportunity to transform their potential into success.

“Prime Minister Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana is much more than an employment scheme. It is an initiative designed to strengthen the aspirations of young people entering their first jobs while creating a robust bridge between industry and the workforce”, Shri Modi remarked. He observed that while many schemes are typically focused either on employees or employers, this programme simultaneously supports both. The Government stands with young people beginning their professional journeys and encourages institutions that create new employment opportunities.

Sharing the achievements of the scheme, Shri Modi said that nearly 70 lakh new jobs have been created so far and an equal number of first-time employees have been brought under the ambit of social security. He further noted that close to 20 lakh young people have completed six months in their first jobs, while around 10 lakh beneficiaries have already received incentives under the scheme upon completing this milestone. More than ₹2,000 crore has been directly transferred to beneficiaries’ bank accounts. Describing this support as more than financial assistance, Shri Modi said it reflects the nation’s recognition of the hard work of its youth and its confidence in their future.

The Prime Minister also expressed satisfaction over the participation of institutions and enterprises that have generated employment opportunities under the scheme. “Employment generation gains momentum when the Government, industry, and youth work together. The initiative is a reflection of a new India where young people receive opportunities, industries receive encouragement, and employment generation becomes a national mission”, Shri Modi noted.

Highlighting India’s demographic strength, Shri Modi observed that India is among the youngest nations in the world and that the journey towards becoming a developed nation is intrinsically linked to the aspirations, skills, and capabilities of its youth. He reiterated the Government’s commitment to ensuring that every young Indian is able to advance according to his or her talent and ambition. Shri Modi emphasized that over the past twelve years, the Government has worked to strengthen every pathway to employment. “Significant efforts have been made across sectors ranging from infrastructure and innovation to manufacturing, the digital economy, space technology, and startups. Initiatives such as Make in India, Vocal for Local, efforts to take local products to global markets, and Mission Manufacturing have expanded avenues for both employment and self-employment”, Shri Modi noted.

Shri Modi highlighted that Government investment of more than ₹12 lakh crore in infrastructure is creating a strong foundation for employment generation. He also noted that assistance exceeding ₹33 lakh crore under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana has enabled millions of young people to establish their own enterprises. Referring to women’s empowerment, he stated that more than 10 crore women are associated with Self-Help Groups, while over 3 crore women have emerged as Lakhpati Didis. He added that initiatives such as PM SVANidhi and PM Vishwakarma have strengthened the livelihoods of small entrepreneurs, street vendors, and traditional artisans.

The Prime Minister cited the rapidly expanding drone sector as an example of how emerging technologies are creating new employment opportunities. From the delivery of medicines and agricultural applications to land mapping under the SVAMITVA Scheme and defence operations, the increasing adoption of drone technology is opening new avenues of employment for young Indians. Speaking about the transformative impact of the digital economy, Shri Modi highlighted the emergence of the gig economy, platform-based services, content creation, and technology-driven enterprises as important sources of employment and income. “Once unimaginable opportunities have now become viable livelihoods for millions of young Indians. The same transformation is evident in India’s vibrant startup ecosystem, which continues to foster innovation, create jobs, and contribute to the country’s economic growth”, Shri Modi underscored.

The Prime Minister highlighted the remarkable growth of India's startup ecosystem over the past decade. He noted that while the country once had only around 500 startups, today more than 200,000 registered startups are operating across nearly every district of the nation. "The global community is increasingly optimistic about India's future and has immense confidence in the capabilities of its young population", Shri Modi said. Referring to his recent visit to France, he recalled the successful organisation of the "India Innovates" event, which brought together Indian startups and global investors in emerging sectors such as Artificial Intelligence, space technology, green energy, and biotechnology. He remarked that such engagements demonstrate the growing international interest in India's innovation ecosystem and its expanding role in shaping the technologies of the future.

Shri Modi further stated that India is actively entering into new trade agreements with countries around the world. These agreements, he noted, are opening new markets for Indian industries and creating fresh opportunities for Indian professionals. "While the world is preparing for the economy of the future, India is preparing to lead it. As nations increasingly move towards future technologies, India is focused on equipping its youth with the skills and capabilities required to thrive in a rapidly evolving world", he emphasised.

The Prime Minister also drew attention to a significant transformation in India's employment ecosystem over the past twelve years, one that often receives less attention but remains critical to the journey towards a developed India. "The Government's focus has been on linking employment with security, dignity, and social protection. Technology is being leveraged to modernize the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), simplify pension systems, and expand access to health insurance and affordable healthcare for millions of workers. The same philosophy guides labour reforms undertaken by the Government", Shri Modi noted.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the growing contribution of women to India's economic and social development. "Reforms relating to night-shift employment, the promotion of work-from-home opportunities, and the strengthening of workplace safety mechanisms are intended to enhance women's participation in the workforce further", Shri Modi underscored.

Addressing representatives from industry, Shri Modi emphasized the importance of skilled talent, innovation, and quality in determining economic success in the twenty-first century. He observed that countries possessing these strengths will attract the greatest opportunities, and asserted that India has unprecedented potential in all three areas. "The world is increasingly opening its doors to India and free trade agreements are concluded with nearly forty countries. These agreements are creating new markets, expanding access to global consumers, and generating fresh opportunities for brands built under the Make in India initiative", Shri Modi remarked.

Shri Modi emphasised that when a nation adopts a global outlook, the boundaries of success naturally expand. He stated that in the twenty-first century, training, mentorship, and internships are no longer optional but essential components of a future-ready workforce. "The journey towards a developed India will not be driven by investment alone. Rather, it will be powered by the strength of talent, skills, and innovation. Quality must remain the defining benchmark across every sphere of national development. To compete and succeed on the global stage, India must consistently meet and surpass the highest international standards", Shri Modi highlighted.

Shri Modi observed that the world today places great expectations on India. Expressing confidence in the country's youth, he stated that young Indians will not only meet these expectations but exceed them through their determination, creativity, and capabilities. He described this confidence as the true strength of a Viksit Bharat and a reflection of the immense potential of India's youth power. The Prime Minister also encouraged young people not to be discouraged by setbacks or failures. "Every failure carries

valuable lessons and contributes to personal growth and future success. The true measure of a youthful mind lies in its ability to continuously learn from challenges, transform dreams into achievements, and create new aspirations after every accomplishment”, Shri Modi emphasised.

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi expressed unwavering faith in India’s youth and entrepreneurial spirit, and concluded by extending his heartfelt best wishes to all participants and reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to supporting the aspirations, innovation, and ambitions of the nation’s young citizens as India advances towards the goal of becoming a developed nation.

Through PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, we are supporting employment generation, empowering youth and building a stronger workforce for the future.

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