

# Uttar Pradesh Provides Skill Training Under Project Praveen

## Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has provided skill training to over 61,000 boys and girls in the state through 'Project Praveen'.

## **Key Points**

- Under this scheme, youths are being provided free skill training and new-age courses to get prepared for the job market.
- This project is meant for students in classes 9 to 12, studying in higher secondary schools in the state.
  - Students are receiving daily free training alongside their regular studies in trades aligned with their interests, such as the IT sector, electronics, beauty, healthcare, apparel, and accounting.
- 'Project Praveen' is being operated under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between
   Secondary Education and the <u>Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission</u>.
- The primary objective of this project is to revamp the education system and curriculum of the state
- Project Praveen was initiated as a pilot project in 2022-23.
  - During this period, 20,582 students received training across 150 government secondary schools. Besides, Kasturba Gandhi Girls School was also linked to this scheme, facilitating training for 3,450 girl students.
  - For the year 2023-24, a total of 315 government secondary schools have been included under the Project.
  - So far, skill development training has been provided to 61,400 students through these institutes.
- All courses offered are certified and approved at the all-India level by the <u>National Council for</u>
   <u>Vocational Education and Training.</u>
  - Upon completion of training and assessment, students are awarded certificates that hold validity throughout the country.
- Students undergoing training under Project Praveen are given training by private training centres in the school itself.
  - These trainers are certified under the **Training of Teachers (TOT) program** and registered under the **Skill Development Mission**.

## **Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission (UPSDM)**

- The UP Skill Development Mission was established as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, under the Department of Vocational Education and Skill Development, Government of UP on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.
- A National Skill Development Policy was launched in 2009 with the aim of skilling 500 million persons by 2022. Under the National Plan, the State of Uttar Pradesh aims to skill over 4 million youth by the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan.
- In order to achieve this target and provide employable skills to the youth of the State, the UPSDM

has been instituted.

- It is mandated to coordinate all skill development initiatives, leveraging on State Skill Development Policy.
- It empanelled Private Training Partners in addition to Government Training Partners for conducting skill development training.

## National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)

- NCVET was established as a regulatory body by the Government of India on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018. It has been fully operational since 1st August 2020.
- It serves as an overarching national regulator with the aim of setting standards, developing comprehensive regulations, and improving the vocational education, training, and skilling ecosystem.
- The primary objective of NCVET is to ensure strong industry interfacing and implement
  effective regulations that enhance the quality and outcomes of vocational education and
  training.

#### The National Skill Development Mission (NSDM)

- It aims to create convergence across sectors and States in terms of skill training activities.
- It also aims to expedite decision making across sectors to achieve skilling at scale with speed and standards.

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