



DigiSaksham Programme

Why in News

Recently, the **Union Labour Ministry and Microsoft** India have jointly launched a **digital skilled platform – DigiSaksham – to enhance youth employability.**

- This joint initiative is an extension of the ongoing programs to support the **youth from rural and semi-urban areas.**

Key Points

▪ About:

- **Free of cost training in digital skills** including basic skills as well as advanced computing, will be provided to more than 3 lakh youths in the first year.
- **Priority will be given** to the job-seekers of semi urban areas belonging to disadvantaged communities, including those who have lost their jobs due to **Covid-19** pandemic.
 - Training would be **conducted at** the Model Career Centres (MCCs) and National Career Service Centres (NCSC) **for Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs)** across the country.

▪ Implemented by: Aga Khan Rural Support Programme India (AKRSP-I).

- AKRSP-I is a **non-denominational, non-government development organization.** It works as a catalyst for the betterment of rural communities by providing direct support to local communities.

▪ Role of NCS Portal: The Job Seekers can access the training through [National Career Service \(NCS\) Portal](#).

- NCS Portal is a one-stop solution that provides a wide array of employment and career related services to the citizens of India. It is implemented by the **Ministry of Labour and Employment.**

▪ Need:

- To bridge the gap of India's digital divide, placing the country on the path to inclusive economic recovery and preparing India's talent to thrive in a digital future catering not only to the needs of the domestic economy but also to tap the overseas employment opportunities.

▪ Other Initiatives for Youth Employment:

- [Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0](#)
- [Generation Unlimited in India \(YuWaah\)](#)
- [National Career Service](#)
- [Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme \(PMEGP\)](#)
- [Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana \(PMMY\)](#)
- [Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana \(PMRPY\)](#)
- [Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme \(MGNREGA\)](#)

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