



## Empowering Youth Through Skill India Centre

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Recently, the Union Minister of Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship inaugurated the **first Skill India Centre (SIC) of the country** in Sambalpur, Odisha, marking a significant step towards enhancing the [skill set of India's youth](#).

- The SIC in Sambalpur, Odisha, **aims to upgrade the skills of the youth, particularly focusing on new-age job roles.**
- The SIC offers courses in high-demand trades such as Media & Entertainment, Leather, Tourism & Hospitality, and IT-ITeS.
- The initiative complements the **Kaushal Rath initiative** launched earlier to provide skill training and certification across various districts of Odisha.
- The [National Skill Development Corporation \(NSDC\)](#) will oversee the implementation of training programs to ensure adherence to quality standards and the overall functioning of the centre.
  - NSDC is a unique [Public Private Partnership \(PPP\)](#) enterprise working under the [Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship \(MSDE\)](#).
  - It was established to catalyse the skilling ecosystem, NSDC partners with the private sector to implement the [Skill India Mission](#), focusing on efficient vocational training initiatives. It supports enterprises, startups, and organisations by providing funding, concessional loans, and innovative financial products to enhance skilling initiatives.

**Read more:** [Skill Development in India](#), [National Skill Development Corporation](#)

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