

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2252**  
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**Skill Development Training with Schooling**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be please to state:

- (a) whether the Government is committed to make students self-reliant after completing education or by providing skill developments training along with education as per the National Education Policy (NEP);
- (b) if so, the details of the action plan prepared to make skill development mandatory throughout the country;
- (c) the details of the identified areas under skill development which should be taken up as mandatory in the initial phase;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to provide employment to the students who choose any branch of skill development during their studies; and
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to run special classes of skill development in minority, Dalit, slum and backward dominated areas?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
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- (a) to (e):** Government of India launched National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 with an aim to provide holistic development of students .NEP envisages curriculum integration of essential subjects and skills in all schools and Higher Education Institutions to provide necessary vocational skills for a variety of occupations along with awareness about the benefits of vocational education.

To achieve the objective of NEP 2020 , the National Curriculum Framework for School Education has laid down that schools must provide students with a broad and experiential introduction to different kinds of work and develop a deep and defined set of practical competencies.

Further, the National Credit Framework (NCrF) has been launched as a comprehensive credit framework encompassing elementary, school, higher, and vocational education & training, integrating creditization of learning in various dimensions i.e. academics, vocational skills and experiential learning including relevant experience and proficiency/ professional levels acquired. The NCrF has been jointly developed by University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and National Council for Vocational Education & Training (NCVET) among others and it provides for creditization of all learning and assignment, accumulation, storage, transfer & redemption of credits, subject to assessment; removes distinction and establishes academic

equivalence between vocational & general education while enabling mobility within & between them.

With an aim to enhance the employability of youth, the Ministry of Education in collaboration with IIT Madras and eminent Industry Partners have launched SWAYAM Plus platform on 27th February 2024, expanding its offerings to identify and include courses aligned with industry needs and to enhance learners' employability. The platform provides high-quality learning and certification programs from the leading industry and academia to the students/ learners which can help them in reskilling and upskilling and making them employment ready. Ministry of Education and IIT Madras have signed 37 MoUs with the eminent Industry Partners. As on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2024, 187 Courses are available on the platform.

Department of Higher Education has started National Internship Portal with an aim to provide practical hands-on experience to students. It has provided opportunity to students to enhance their skill in different domains such as embedded engineering, AI, robotics, web development, urban governance etc. More than 11,000 institutions, 75,000 companies and 1.98 Crore students are registered on the portal and more than 50 lakh internships have been offered till 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Education has implemented National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) to impart work-related skills and enhance the employability of youth. Over the last 5 years, NATS scheme has engaged over 8.68 lakh apprentices. Ministry has released Rs 460 Cr as stipendiary grants for engagement of apprentices under the NATS Scheme during the year 2023-24.

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