

## SNAP POLL

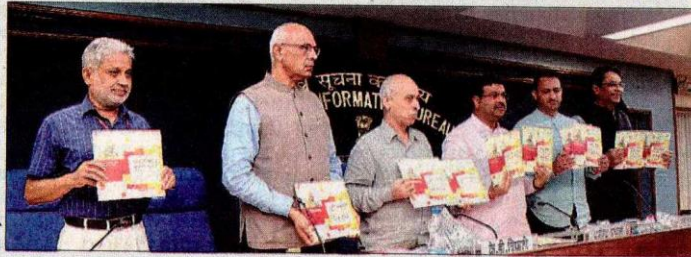
**Q. Do you think Donald Trump will succeed in the Singapore summit and tackle Kim Jong Un diplomatically?**

Yes  No  Can't say  
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**YESTERDAY'S POLL RESULT:**  
Do you think Centre's decision to engage 10 private professionals as bureaucrats will help towards nation-building?

Yes	74%
No	20%
Can't say	6%

## 2.5 crore trained under Skill India



The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has laid the foundation for a secure and skilled future for India through concentrated and unwavering efforts over the past 3 years. Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship shared the milestones achieved under Skill India, towards creating a 'job-ready' workforce to fuel India's economic growth engine. The event was also attended by Anantkumar Hegde, Minister of State, MSDE. The Minister unveiled a special commemorative booklet which outlined the achievement and new initiatives under Skill India on the occasion.

Dharmendra Pradhan said, "What began as a stepping stone in 2014 has today blossomed into a system where training is imparted, based on interest and acumen to create a skilled workforce that is in line with our dream of making India an economic powerhouse. Following our Prime Minister's vision of Sabka Saath and Sabka Vikas, today the Indian story of inclusive growth is where the marginalised are getting opportunities to match steps with the privileged. Our focus in the coming days will also be on adapting to changing times and technology and improvise on the quality of our trainings to ensure that our youth is trained on market relevant skills."

"In the last 2 years, we have operationalized 450 + Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (PMKK) which are state-of-the-art infrastructure for skill training in the country. By the end of 2018, country's 700 districts will have a PMKK each, with the help of industry and our training partner ecosystem. We are also looking at creating progression pathways for the youth who are in our skill ecosystem by ensuring that they not only skilled; but are hand-held and are also then further linked to entrepreneurship opportunities through Government of India's MUDRA Yojana. Over the next one quarter (July, August, September) we will aim to link one lakh skilled students to entrepreneurship," he further added.

"Recognizing the involvement of multiple stakeholders in Skill Development, spanning

Central Ministries and State Governments, our priority has been to standardize Skill Development interventions w.r.t intended outcomes. Towards this, we have developed Common Norms on skill outcomes expected of similar training programs, irrespective of who is running it. All skilling initiatives will be aligned to a common framework approved by the government and the industry," he shared. With emphasis on bringing scale, speed along with standards to the skill ecosystem and improving employment opportunities; Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship launched its flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in 2015, under which close to 50 lakh candidates (19 lakh under PMKVY 1 + 27.5 lakh under PMKVY 2016-2020 so far) have been trained across the country. PMKVY targets to train one crore youth by 2020. More than Rs. 3000 crore have been allocated to states under PMVKY funds with a total training target of more than 20 lakhs between the period of 2016-2018. MSDE has also oriented 9.33 lakh youth under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) program of PMVKY which recognises and certifies skills acquired through informal means, bringing about a major shift from un-organised to organised economy. Under the Fee Based skill training, the number of training centres has increased to 11,035 and close to a crore youth have been trained so far.

Since the inception of MSDE, there has been a 32% increase in ITI count and 54% increase in seating capacity since 2014. Skill India has further strengthened the ITIs by bringing in reforms in affiliation and examination norms, including decentralising the grading of ITIs to increase competition. This is in step with the structure of our federal polity where the role of the state is enhanced. MoUs have also been signed with IBM and NASSCOM to introduce new-age courses in preparation for Industry 4.0. It is MSDE's stated aim to have an ITI in every block and transform central institutions into National Skill Trainers' Institute to focus on capacity-building of trainers.