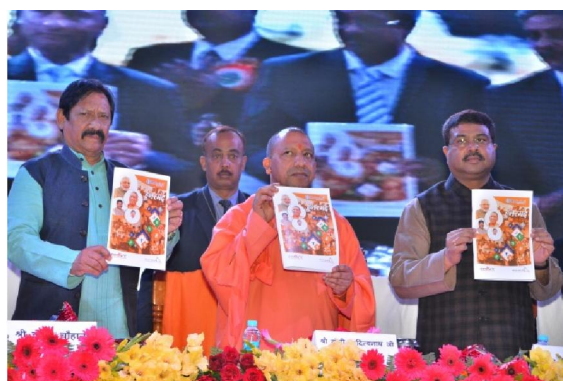


“2018 will be the year for Youth Empowerment in Uttar Pradesh; Government will work close with Central Government to bring in investment for skill development in the State” – Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath

5 new Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (Spoke Centres) announced across 5 blocks in UP

- 250 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana candidates given placement offers
- Skill trainers from 22 States felicitated
- Mobile app Mr. Upay launched to connect youth with Skill India



Lucknow, December 23, 2017:To boost the skill initiatives in the State, **Honourable Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath**, in the august presence of **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, **Honourable Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India** and **Shri Chetan Chauhan**, **Honourable Minister for Commercial Education, Skill Development, Sports and Youth welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh**, today announced the launch of 5 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras(spoke centres under its Hub and Spoke model) across various blocks in Uttar Pradesh. These centres will soon be opened in Baheri, Milak, Tilhar, Sarojini Nagar and Hardoi in Uttar Pradesh.

The Honourable Ministers presented job placement offers to around 250 Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana candidates from Mahendra Skills; in corporate like HDFC Bank,



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Luminous, Big Bazaar, Medanta, Prop Tiger, Muthoot, Reliance Trends, KFC, Microtech, Spencers etc. The event also witnessed the felicitation of Skill Trainers from 22 States, for their contribution to the skill ecosystem.

Welcoming Shri Pradhanji to his State and sharing the plans of UP State Government with regard to skill development, **Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Yogi** said, "For the first time, the government has given a platform exclusively for skill development through its Skill India program. Our focus in the first year of our governance was on farmers and their development. 2018 will be the year for youth and women empowerment through skill development and entrepreneurship specially in sectors like food processing, IT, Civil Aviation, Tourism, Hospitality and Beauty & Wellness."

"We have introduced a concept of **One District One Product** realising that each district in Uttar Pradesh has its own unique offering; and should thus connect with the State and Central Government to leverage it for local economic development. Skill will play a crucial role here. Through this we aim to create 1 crore jobs over the next 5 years. We will also target to create 4 lakh government job vacancies for the youth to apply. There will be heavy focus on promoting entrepreneurship and connecting youth to Mudra Yojana of the government," he further added.

Speaking on the occasion, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship** said, "Under the leadership of Shri Yogi Adityanath ji, Skill India is getting overwhelming response from Uttar Pradesh. The success of Skill India largely depends on the success of our programs and schemes in Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh needs to be the captain for us and lead the way on the Skill agenda. We are working closely with the corporate and industries to ensure investments and participation to promote skill development in the State and create opportunities of employment for the youth here. In line with this I am glad to announce the launch of 5 more Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras (Spoke centres) across 5 blocks of the State in addition to the 45 we already have here."

Emphasising on the traditional skills of the State and their popularity globally, Shri Pradhanji said, "Uttar Pradesh has traditional clusters all across the State such as carpet weaving at Bhadohi, leather industry at Kanpur and Agra, brassware in Moradabad, silk weaving in Varanasi, Chikankari at Lucknow, Glasswork at Firozabad, lock making at Aligarh, sports good in Meerut etc. We are determined to extend trainings in these renowned works of art and improve livelihood of people of Uttar Pradesh and; thus improve the economy of the State. We will also support the tourism sector in the State with extremely skilled and professional workforce."

The Central and the State government are working closely in conjunction with each other towards rapid skill development and industrial upgradation, for building an advanced Uttar Pradesh. Under the central component of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana short term training in Uttar Pradesh, 2.51 lakh candidates have been enrolled till date and close to 20%



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of the candidates have already been connected to job opportunities. The others are under course completion or certification process.

Our PMKVY scheme has coverage across 75 districts in the State so far. The total financial allocation under PMKVY State competent for 2016-20 period for Uttar Pradesh is INR 208.04 crores. The government has already disbursed 52.26 crore as first tranche to the State Government to give boost to the initiatives at the State Level.

Close to one lakh candidates have been oriented under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) making them a part of the formal workforce.

“We are very happy to extend our support in building the new Uttar Pradesh by skilling workforce as envisioned by our Honourable Prime Minister. Our joint endeavours will help to bridge the skill deficit with a view to meet growing market demands locally and globally for skilled manpower,” said Shri Pradhan.

The Ministers also urged the youth of Uttar Pradesh to make the best of opportunities being extended to them under Skill India, where they can skill, re-skill and up-skill in technology and new age skills, to suit the current industry requirement and avail job opportunities.

The incremental skill gap report commissioned to KPMG has indicated that there is requirement of 64 lakh human resource in Uttar Pradesh for the period of 2017-2022. Under the PMKVY 2.0 (2016-2020), Uttar Pradesh has a target of providing short-term training to 3,51,053 candidates and provide certificates under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to 4,66,477 candidates.

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