



## National Skills Study

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### Why in News

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According to a study conducted by the **National Skill Development Corporation** (NSDC), 7 crore additional individuals in the working-age (15-59 years) are expected to enter the labour force by 2023. Of this 84.3% will be in the age group 15-30 years.

The NSDC has projected trends in the country's labour market potential during 2019-23 based on:

- **Periodic Labour Force Survey** (PLFS) for 2017-18,
- **Crude Death Rates** (CDR) at gender and region (rural/urban) level, and
- **Employment-Unemployment Survey** (EUS), 2011-12 (68th round).

### Key Findings

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- **Gender:** According to the study, **one out of five** persons (15-30 years age) entering the labour force is expected to be a **female** by 2023.
  - Female labour force participation rate for 15 years and above is estimated at 23.3%.
  - According to **World Bank data**, India's female labour force participation rate ranks much lower than other Asian economies in 2019, including Vietnam (73 %), China (61 %), Singapore (60 %), Bangladesh (36 %). It is closer to the estimates in countries such as Lebanon (24 %), Pakistan (24 %), Libya (26 %), Tunisia (24 %) and Sudan (24 %).
- **Education:** According to NSDC, many female candidates in the age group of 15-19 years may not be actively present in the labour force. They would instead opt for **higher education**.
- **Age:** Of the total **youth entrants** (aged 15-30 years) during these four years (2019-23), half are expected to come from the 15-20 years age group.

- **State-wise:**
  - Only **six states- Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka** are expected to account for **50%** of the new youth entrants (15-30 years) during 2019-23.
  - Among female youth (15-30 years), the highest numbers of new entrants are expected in the years 2021 and 2023 each, while among male youth, the highest number of new entrants are expected in 2023.

### **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**

- It is a **public-private-partnership** working under the aegis of the **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship**.
- NSDC aims to promote skill development by catalyzing the creation of large, quality and for-profit vocational institutions. It acts as a catalyst in skill development by providing funding to enterprises, companies, and organizations that provide skill training.
- NSDC is the **implementation agency** for skills training in the country.

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