



Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana

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Why in News

Recently, alumni meets were organized across the country under **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY)** to commemorate 75 years of Independence.

Key Points

- **About:**

- The **Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD)** announced it on **Antyodaya Diwas in 2014**.
- It is a demand-driven placement linked skill training initiative working under the **National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)**.
- It **uses skill training and placement in wage employment as a tool** to diversify income and enable sustained upward movement out of poverty.

- **Beneficiaries:**

DDU-GKY is uniquely focused on rural youth between the ages of 15 and 35 years from poor families.

- **Objective:**

- Adding **diversity to the incomes** of rural poor families
- Cater to the **career aspirations of rural youth**.

- **Alumni Meet:**

- Alumni meet is an **important component of the scheme**.
- The Alumni meets **provide healthy ground for experience sharing by the former trainees with their present counterparts** on topics like placements, career goals, challenges they faced in finding employment before undertaking the training and the benefits they reaped after.
- Some of the **former trainees are also felicitated** at the events for their exemplary performances at their workplaces.

- **Coverage:**
The program is currently being implemented in **27 States and 3 Union Territories** and has over **2198 Training Centres in 1822 projects**, in partnership with **839 Project Implementing Agencies** conducting **training across 56 sectors, and over 600 job-roles**.
- **Achievements:**
Since inception of the scheme, a total **10.81 lakh candidates have been trained in 56 sectors and 600 Trades and 6.92 lakh placed**.
- **Significance:**
 - DDU-GKY and integrated farming initiatives for rural development across the country are important for greater success in **skilling** and placing the rural youth.
 - DDU-GKY has played a significant role in the context of **Atmanirbhar Bharat** through skilling.
 - As a part of the **Skill India campaign**, it plays an instrumental role in supporting the social and economic programs.
- **Some Other Initiatives Related to Skill Development:**
 - **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0:**
 - It was launched in 2021 in a bid to empower India's youth with employable skills by making over 300 skill courses available to them.
 - It was launched by the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**.
 - **Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping (ASEEM):**
Launched in 2020 (by MSDE), it is a portal to help skilled people find sustainable livelihood opportunities.
 - **Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS):**
The scheme is to provide industry apprenticeship opportunities to the general graduates exiting in April 2019 through the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS). It was launched by the **Ministry of Education**.
 - **Kaushal Acharya Awards:**
Launched (by MSDE) to recognize the contribution made by skill trainers and to motivate more trainers to join the Skill India Mission.
 - **Pradhan Mantri YUVA Yojana (Yuva Udyamita Vikas Abhiyan):**
Launched in the year 2016 (by MSDE), it aims at creating an enabling ecosystem for Entrepreneurship development through Entrepreneurship education and training; Advocacy and easy access to entrepreneurship support network and Promoting social enterprises for inclusive growth.

Antyodaya Diwas

- Every year, **25th September is observed as Antyodaya Diwas** to mark the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**, one of the great thinkers and philosophers of the nationalist movement of the country.

- The Government of India announced it for the first time in 2014 along with the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana**.
- Antyodaya means "**uplifting the poorest of the poor**" and the day aims to reach the person in the last mile.

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