



National Scheme for Upgradation of ITIs

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The Union Cabinet has approved a **Rs 60,000 crore scheme** to upgrade **1,000 government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)** over five years, along with the creation of five **National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) for Skilling**.

- It will be funded by **the Centre, states, industries**, with [ADB](#) and [World Bank](#) co-financing **50% of the central share**.
- It focuses on upgrading **ITIs** under a **hub-and-spoke model** with industry-relevant trades, and promoting **new-age skills** among 2 million youth in capital-intensive sectors like **automation, AI, and advanced manufacturing**.
- **Five National Centres of Excellence for Skilling** to be set up in existing **National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs)** at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur, and Ludhiana to train **50,000 trainers**.
 - NSTIs primarily focus on **training trainers**; currently, there are **33 NSTIs** across India.
- An **industry-led SPV model** will drive **curriculum planning, infrastructure, and management**, marking a shift from **government-only control** to **public-private collaboration**.
- ITIs are **vocational training centers** that provide training in trades like **electrical, mechanical, carpentry, plumbing, and computer** technology.
 - The **Directorate General of Training (DGT)**, under the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, is the apex organization for the **affiliation and accreditation** of ITIs.

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