



Upskilling of Street Vendors

Why in News

Recently, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) announced a pilot project to train 2,500 street food vendors in Delhi under the [Recognition of Prior Learning \(RPL\)](#) component of [Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana \(PMKVY\) 3.0](#).

Key Points

▪ About:

- The project will be implemented by the **Tourism and Hospitality Sector Skill Council (THSSC)** and training partners of NSDC.
- The registered **street food vendors will go through four-five days of counselling sessions** where they will get clarity on their competencies, aptitude, interests, opportunities, and structure of the itinerary.
- The Vendors will be educated **on health and safety standards, safety provisions under Covid-19 protocols**, effective communication techniques with staff and customers, new-age skills such as [digital literacy](#), [financial literacy](#), digital payments and e-selling.
- The vendors will also be supported with loans under the [Mudra Scheme](#).
- It will make vendors eligible for **e-cart licenses**, make them learn to improve the hygiene conditions in food preparation and aesthetics of vending. They will be given Rs 500 per day for four days of training.

▪ Objective:

- The objective is **to impart relevant skills to street food vendors, which can lead to better services for consumers, more opportunities for revenue generation and awareness on civic regulations.**

▪ Significance:

- India has around **5.5 million street food vendors who contribute around 14% to the informal economy**, making their upskilling vital for the economy.
- It will surely **help in lifting the working and living conditions of the workforce.**
- It will **provide social security and safety** to 4,000 vendors in east Delhi and 25 lakh street vendors nationally..

▪ Other Schemes related to Food vendors:

- [PM SVANidhi Scheme](#)
- [Main Bhi Digital \(me too digital\)](#)
- **The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014.**
- [Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana.](#)
- [Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana.](#)

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

▪ About:

- PMKVY was **launched in 2015** under [Skill India Mission](#).
- It aims to **train over 40 crore people in India in different skills by 2022**.
- It aims at **vocational training and certification of Indian youth** for a better livelihood and respect in the society.

▪ **PMKVY-1.0:**

- Launched on 15th July, 2015 ([World Youth Skills Day](#)) to encourage and promote skill development in the country by providing free short duration skill training, **Special Projects**, [Recognition of Prior Learning](#), Kaushal & Rozgar Mela, etc.

▪ **PMKVY 2.0 (2016-20):**

- Launched by scaling up both in terms of Sector and Geography and by greater alignment with other missions of the Government of India like [Make in India](#), [Digital India](#), [Swachh Bharat](#), etc.
- More than 1.2 Crore youth have been trained/oriented through an improved standardized skilling ecosystem in the country under PMKVY 1.0 and PMKVY 2.0.

▪ **PMKVY 3.0:**

- Launched in **January 2021**, in 717 districts, 28 States/eight UTs, as a step towards '[Atma Nirbhar Bharat](#)'.
- It envisages **training of eight lakh candidates over a scheme period of 2020-2021 with an outlay of Rs. 948.90 crore**.
- The focus is on bridging the demand-supply gap by promoting skill development in areas of new-age and [Industry 4.0](#) job roles.

RPL Programme

- It is being implemented by the [National Skill Development Corporation \(NSDC\)](#).
- It aims **to promote decentralization and local governance** for better planning and implementation of skill development programmes.
- It recognizes the value of learning acquired outside a formal setting and provides a government certificate for an individual's skills.

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