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## 6 lakh youths to be trained under 'Utkarsh Bangla'

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The West Bengal Government has set a target of developing skills of around 6 lakh youths in the state under 'Utkarsh Bangla' scheme in 2018-19, state's Technical Education and Training and Skill Development Minister Purnendu Basu said here today.

The 'Utkarsh Bangla' is a state government scheme started with an aim to provide vocational training to unemployed people.

The Paschim Banga Society for Skill Development (PBSSD) is a nodal department for conducting all skill development activities in the state, Basu said adding its aim is to enhance employability and develop a skilled workforce.

"The state's intake capacity in polytechnic has gone up to 38,045 in 2018-19. The intake capacity in ITI has gone up to 71,379. The passed out figure of vocational (10+2 level) is 25,000 and (8+ level) is around 1,27,000," Basu said.

He was addressing a programme organised by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and PBSSD.

Speaking on the occasion, state's Principal Secretary for Technical Education and Training and Skill Development, Roshni Sen stressed the need for an integration of academia and industry with proper preparation and skill training.

"There is an urgent need for key stakeholders to come together to bridge the gap of skilled work force and create programmes to enhance the employability," she said.

The BCC&I Director General Subhodip Ghosh said the meet was held to create a platform for the industry and other stake holders to make successful skill development initiatives by the government.



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- <http://www.india.com/news/agencies/6-lakh-youths-to-be-trained-under-utkarsh-bangla-3139565/>
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### **West Bengal to impart skill training to 6 lakh youth this fiscal**

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Basu also said the intake capacity in polytechnics has gone up to 38,045 in the current year while the same for ITIs went up to 71,379.

The pass out figure of vocational (10+2 level) was 25,000 and (8+ level) was around 1,27,000, he said while addressing a programme organised by Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

According to him, the department supervises 250 ITIs, 152 polytechnics, and 2,714 vocational training centres operating all over the state.

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### West Bengal government to impart vocational training to school dropouts

**Kolkata, July 1 (IBNS):** With rising concern over the employability of Indian students, especially those graduating from engineering colleges, a **'Sensitization Workshop for the CXOs'** was recently organised in Kolkata.

The workshop was organised by the Department of Technical Education, Training and Skill Development (TET & SD), Government of West Bengal, in collaboration with The Bengal Chamber, largely to understand the issues concerning the employability of the students of the state.

The workshop was a platform where the industry stalwarts -- who understand the industry demand -- and training providers -- who understand the supply challenges and skill availability -- discuss ways and means of ensuring that the skilling initiatives made by Government of West Bengal to address the employability challenges met the target.

Purnendu Basu, Minister-in-Charge, Technical Education and Training and Skill Development, presided over the inaugural session.

Roshni Sen, IAS, Principal Secretary, TET & SD and Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber, were also present.



One of the key concerns discussed at the workshop was that even though a large number of students pass out from the engineering colleges, few meet the requirements of the recruiting companies because they lack proper training.

Rajesh Agarwal, IAS, from the Central government's Ministry for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), was the key speaker at the first session that dealt with the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS).

Agarwal spoke about the benefits of NAPS and its aim to empower students passing out with engineering and diploma degrees with specific skills to improve their chance of getting employed by various industries.

Various schemes under the Pashchim Banga Society for Skill Development (PBSSD) was also highlighted during the first session.

It was said that the state government's Utkarsh Bangla Scheme aims to provide vocational training to school dropouts and expects to train six lakh candidates in 2018-2019.

Ambarish Dasgupta, past president, The Bengal Chamber, moderated the second session that discussed industry demand and the challenges of providing placement to the new graduates.

Speakers at the second session included Debkumar Basu, Chairperson Manufacturing & MSME Committee, The Bengal Chamber & Director- Zetadel Technologies Private Limited; Deepak Nagar, Associate General Manager Appliances Services East Godrej Appliances, Godrej & Boyce Mfg.Co.Ltd.; Ashok Mukherjee, Managing Director Sonodyne International and Varun Bagla, Director Saltee Group.

Most of the speakers highlighted the challenges they face while employing engineering students from colleges; they not only lack adequate practical skills but sometimes also appear unfamiliar with basic terminologies, they said.

During his talk, Deepak Nagar spoke about the Godrej Vocational Training School collaborating with George Telegraph Training Institute to offer skill-specific programs for students.

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### ***WB govt plans to impart vocational training among school drop-outs; aims to train 6 lakh students***

*New Delhi, July 2 (KNN) Concerning about the issue of employability of students in West Bengal, the state government is planning to impart vocational training to school drop outs under Utkarsh Bangla Scheme.*

The state government's Utkarsh Bangla Scheme aims to provide vocational training to school dropouts and expects to train six lakh candidates in 2018-2019.

It was said during the workshop organized by the Department of Technical Education, Training and Skill Development (TET & SD), Government of West Bengal, in collaboration with the Bengal Chamber.

The workshop was a platform where the industry stalwarts, who understand the industry demand and training providers, who understand the supply challenges and skill availability discussed ways and means of ensuring that the skilling initiatives made by government of West Bengal to address the employability challenges met the target.

One of the key concerns discussed at the workshop was that even though a large number of students pass out from the engineering colleges but only few were able to meet the industry requirements because of lack of proper training and skills.

Rajesh Agarwal from the Ministry for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) was the key speaker at the first session that dealt with the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS).

He spoke about the benefits of NAPS and its aim to empower students passing out with engineering and diploma degrees with specific skills to improve their chance of getting employed by various industries.

Various schemes under the Pashchim Banga Society for Skill Development (PBSSD) were also highlighted during the first session.

At the second session of workshop Ambarish Dasgupta, past president of the Bengal Chamber discussed industry demand and the challenges of providing placement to the new graduates.

Speakers during the interactive session highlighted the challenges that industry faces while employing engineering students from colleges; they not only lack adequate practical skills but sometimes also appear unfamiliar with basic terminologies, they said.

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