## Govt, TTL sign MoU for 62 ITIs, 5 CIIITs

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Lucknow: The state govt in collaboration with Tata Technologies Limited (TTL) will provide state-of-the-art facilities at 62 govt Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and five Centres for Invention, Innovation, Incubation & Training (CI-IITs) to enhance technical capabilities and provide better employment opportunities.

As per an MoU signed between the department of vocational education and skill development and TTL on Tuesday, ITI students will be equipped with industry-specific skills by incorporating cutting-edge machinery, modern curricula and specialized training programmes. The total budget for the upgradation of 62 ITIs is Rs 2,141 crore.

This is the second phase of the upgradation of ITIs. In the first phase, 149 ITIs were reformed with state-of-the-art technical infrast-ructure with financial support of Rs 4,887 crore. Last year, 11,407 trainees enrolled in these 149 ITIs against

admission capacity of 13,808. UP has 286 govt ITIs.

Vocational education and skill development minister Kapil Dev Agarwal said, "The modernisation will ensure that students receive advanced technical training to meet global standards. In these ITIs, long-term and short-term innovative courses will be introduced."

The 62 upgraded ITIs will offer courses based on emerging technologies, enabling students to acquire industry-relevant skills.

Principal secretary, department of vocational education, Hari Om said, "With the modernisation, graduates from advanced ITIs will be well-positioned to secure jobs in leading companies."

Vice-president and global head, TTL Sushil Kumar said, "TTL is making rapid progress in the electronic sector, especially semiconductor manufacturing, which will create new employment opportunities." The CIIITs will be set up in Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Bareilly, Mathura, and Gautam Budh Nagar.