## UP govt pushes skill devpt, eyes 250 ITIs

Lucknow: Vocational education, skill development and entrepreneurship minister Kapil Dev Aggarwal on Friday proposed setting up 250 new industrial training institutes (ITIs) in UP under the govt of India's 1,000 ITI upgradation scheme.

In a meeting with Union minister of state for skill development, entrepreneurship and



CREATING JOBS: UP minister Kapil Dev Aggarwal with Union minister Jayant Chaudhary in New Delhi

education, Jayant Chaudhary, held in New Delhi on Friday, Aggarwal, accompanied by departmental chief Hariom, delivered a detailed presentation on the expansion

and enhancement of ITIs in UP. Aggarwal proposed setting a training target of one lakh youths under the PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) for the UP Kaushal Vikas mission. "The Union minister responded positively, emphasising that this initiative would open new employment opportunities for the state's youth," said a govt release.

Hariom highlighted that the UP govt already trained over one lakh artisans under PM Vishwakarma Yojana, stressing that the numbers would increase rapidly if the training target was directly assigned to the UP Kaushal Vikas mission. TNN