

# Experts highlight industry demands, upskilling avenues

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**LUCKNOW:** Various programmes were organised at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, on Wednesday, as part of the closing ceremony of World Youth Skills Day 2025.

In a panel discussion experts shared important ideas on the topic of balance between traditional and modern skills, like handicrafts, weaving, carpentry and modern technologies like digital skills, AI, automation.

During the discussion, it became clear that tradition and technology are working together in the skill development framework of Uttar Pradesh, due to which the youth are not only becoming self-reliant, but are also moving forward in the field of innovation.

In the employer conference, CEOs and HR heads of two major sectors directly communicated with the youth from the stage. They listed the skills the industries need, and how training programmes can be moulded according to the demands of the industry. This dialogue was described as a positive step for the future of the youth. Joint director Mayank Gangwar said that this conference is a solid dialogue towards the bright future of the youth. He said that the department is constantly striving to provide maximum industry-based training facilities to the youth.

**14 LAKH YOUTH  
TRAINED, 5.65  
EMPLOYED**

**LUCKNOW:** Over the past eight years, the Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission (UPSDM) has trained more than 14 lakh youth, with over 5.65 lakh gaining employment or becoming self-reliant through self-employment, a spokesperson said.

The UP government's Skill Development Mission is driving the state towards self-reliance and realising the vision of 'New India, New Uttar Pradesh', a government release read. The mission has partnered with over 1,000 training providers to offer short-term courses tailored to regional needs and youth interests. With more than 350 industry-aligned courses, this effort has created a direct link between youth and the industrial sector. **HTC**

Principal secretary, vocational education, skill development and entrepreneurship, Hari Om said that the government is committed to ensuring that the youth of the state not only gain proficiency in traditional knowledge, but also get world-class training in future technologies.