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₹8,350 cr investment to create industry-ready workforce

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Uttar Pradesh (UP) is looking to invest ₹8,350 crore to train the youth and create a workforce ready for Industry 4.0, which refers to the integration of digital technologies into manufacturing and industrial processes.

The government is partnering private-sector majors like Tata Technologies Ltd (TTL) to upgrade the industrial training institutes (ITIs).

While UP has invested ₹5,000 crore to upgrade 150 government ITIs in collaboration with TTL, the state has cleared a proposal to invest ₹3,350 crore to upgrade another 62 ITIs. It encompasses an array of technologies spanning industrial IoT (internet of things), artificial intelligence (AI), big data, robotics, automation, etc.

Since 2017, the UP government has established more than 60 government ITIs.

According to Kapil Dev Agarwal, UP minister of state (independent charge) for skill development and vocational education, about 3,000 private ITIs are offering

training for 600,000 seats. A senior official said: "We have introduced trades and short-term courses in the 150 upgraded ITIs with an investment of ₹5,000 crore. These institutes are training nearly 15,000

people every year," "Over the past eight years, over 1.4 million people have been trained under this mission. Of those 565,000 have secured employment or are self-employed," he added.

At present, training is being conducted in 350 courses with the support of more than 1,000 training partners.

