

## initiative

# Uttar Pradesh turns into skill training hub

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Uttar Pradesh has positioned skill development and vocational education as a cornerstone of its growth strategy, with a clear focus on empowering youth through employment-ready training. The state aims to make its large young population self-reliant by connecting them with opportunities in both rural and urban areas.

Institutions such as Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Jan Shikshan Sansthan, and the



### Schemes link education with jobs and self-employment opportunities.

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya  
Grameen Kaushal Yojana

(DDU-GKY) are central to this mission. These platforms are equipping young people with skills demanded by industries, enabling them to access meaningful jobs or start self-employment ventures.

Aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP 2020),

### Rolled out schemes

- ITI & Polytechnic: Technical and computer science training
- DDU-GKY: Job-oriented training in over 250 trades for rural youth
- NRLM: Special courses for women and low-income households
- NAPS: Apprenticeship programs with stipends in MSMEs
- Jan Shikshan Sansthan: Tailored skill-building for less-educated groups

vocational education is being introduced from class 6 onwards, ensuring that students gain practical skills alongside academics. Training programs are offered in sectors such as IT, tourism, bank-

ing, retail, and traditional crafts, with special emphasis on hands-on learning.

By fostering strong industry-academia partnerships, the state is ensuring alignment with market demand.