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# Skill India report: Lucknow tops cities in employability score

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Uttar Pradesh has significantly improved its standing in youth employability, achieving a score of 78.64% to become the top-ranked state in the country, surpassing states like Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Delhi, according to the latest Skill India-2026 Report.

Within the city category, Lucknow has emerged as the frontrunner, surpassing major metropolitan hubs like Pune, Bengaluru, and Chandigarh. The city's employability score stands at 79.45%. This rapid ascent is attributed to the

increased focus on skill development and improvements in the work environment in recent years. Lucknow is rapidly transforming into a major hotspot for Information Technology, Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI), and EduTech sectors, particularly in the realm of remote work and the gig economy. The report highlights that over 47% of the state's youth are equipped with essential computer skills, placing the UP second only to Karnataka in this crucial metric. The state also ranks second in Critical Thinking Skills, scoring 67.89%, just behind Maharashtra.