

# Portal launched for free skilling

## 'Kaushal Disha' To Skill Rural Youth Online

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**Lucknow:** Providing opportunities to those who were unable to physically attend the UP skill development centres for any reason, the state govt has introduced the 'Kaushal Disha' portal, an innovative digital approach to skilling.

Inaugurated by Union minister of state for skill development and entrepreneurs-



Union minister Jayant Chaudhary and UP Skill Development Mission director Pulkit Khare at the event

hip Jayant Chaudhary, the portal cuts across the gender divide, class/caste divide, and urban-rural divide, as it provides free skilling courses, video tutorials, candidate assessment, and certification on a digital platform. To begin with,

the portal offers 10 of the most popular job roles and will gradually cover 100 job roles. It can be accessed freely by everyone on [upsdm.gov.in](http://upsdm.gov.in). The 10 job roles include domestic data entry operator, electrical technician, food and beverage service steward, general duty assistant, sewing machine operator, customer care executive (domestic non-voice), retail sales associate, warehouse associate, home health aide trainee, and accounts assistant using Tally.

Director, UP Skill Development Mission, Pulkit Khare, said, "The Kaushal Disha portal is an online skill education

platform aimed at bridging the skill divide among rural youth. It provides easy access to a wide range of skill training programmes through a simple registration process, self-paced learning, and online assessment with certification."

Under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) 1.0, the top 10 key sectors—such as IT-ITES, tourism and hospitality, electronics, healthcare, apparel, made-ups and home furnishing, retail, logistics, etc—were incorporated into the online training modules of the Kaushal Disha portal.