8.5cr skilled workers likely to be needed by 2030: Jayant

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PM Narendra Modi with Union minister for skill development Jayant Chaudhary

Lucknow: Calling upon academia and industry to work with the govt to realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of work for every hand and dignity for every job, minister of state (independent charge) for skill development and entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary said that central govt's schemes have accelerated India's economic growth and development.

He said that there would be a shortage of 8.5 crore skilled workforce by 2030 which would be a huge opportunity for the country's youth.

Welcoming guests at the fifth Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh in Lucknow on Saturday, Chaudhary thanked chief minister Yogi Adityanath for attending the official engagement, hours after he performed his mother's last rites in Haridwar. "I express my gratitude to the CM. He has come between us in the middle of a very tough period, displaying his sense of duty and commitment to the people," he said.

Speaking on skill development, Chaudhary said that the idea of the Skill Development Mission was conceptualised by PM Modi in 2015. Stating that every work has dignity, Chaudhary said: "Make In India, Start-Up India, industries, global capability centres and MSMEs have accelerated India's economic development. Youth power is behind the success of these programmes."

"We are honouring students who are training at ITIs in small cities and rural areas, who have the capability, access to good labs, motivated teachers and principals, where industry has a focus, and have managed to make their mark in global competition in various fields," he said.

Chaudhary said that he had just returned from Singapore Fintec and added that there was great excitement across the world about skilled Indian workforce. "Girls who focus on skill development have unlimited possibilities," he said.

"According to an assessment, there will be a shortage of 8.5 crore skilled workforce by 2030. That's a huge opportunity for our youth. A report by NITI Aayog on Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat 2047 has said that since this ministry was set up in 2015, 7.66 crore youth have benefitted from skill development," he said.

He also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for encouraging the youth, saying that he recently invited the Indian team which had returned from the WorldSkills competition in China, and boosted their morale.

"In the long run, the PM's vision and action will show very positive results for the country's youth and India's aim of becoming 'Atmanirbhar'," Chaudhary said.