

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan attended the Global Skills Summit 2018 and announced new IT-ITeS Courses under Skill India to Create a Future-Ready Workforce



New Delhi, September 15, 2018: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship today attended the Global Skills Summit organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).

In order to prepare the country's workforce for future-ready job roles, Shri Pradhan announced the launch of new courses in emerging areas like Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Big Data Analytics.

Shri Pradhan also launched Qualification Packs and Model Curriculum for eleven new courses in Cyber Security skill training. These courses have been designed by IT&ITeS Sector Skill Council-NASSCOM in collaboration with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). On this occasion, Hon. Minister also unveiled a report on "Future of Jobs in India: A 2022 Perspective"

The event also saw the announcement of nineteen new courses that are currently under development for skill training in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Big Data Analytics which will equip candidates for job roles like Applied Scientist, Data Engineer, Solution Architect among others. The Model Curriculum for these courses is underway and would be rolled out for training later this year.

Speaking at the Global Skills Summit 2018, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship** said: "Technology and innovation are changing the nature of jobs and the character of workplace. This is both a challenge as well as an opportunity. Our Government is giving special stress on skill development of our youth and making them ready for the jobs of future"

He also said "India is now the favored investment destination for the world and is witnessing unprecedented formalization and digitization of economy"

Manish Kumar, MD & CEO, National Skill Development Corporation, said "NSDC in collaboration with its Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), other industry partners and international organizations such as NUS-ISS and Singapore Polytechnic, is working towards the development courses which are internationally recognized. Our endeavor is to accelerate skilling and increase employability of the youth for opportunities not only in India but in markets abroad as well; and support emerging technologies with skilled workforce at the same time."

Amit Aggarwal, CEO IT-ITES SSC NASSCOM quoted, "The IT ITES industry has launched FutureSkills, a mega skilling initiative, in 2018. Our goal is to reskill and upskill upto 2 Million IT professionals over the next 5 years in 9 emerging technologies including cyber security, big data analytics and artificial intelligence. We are working very closely with the industry and NSDC to develop the appropriate job roles, skills and curriculum in these technologies".

About Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)

MSDE was formed on November 9, 2014 by the Government of India to focus on enhancing employability of skills. Since its inception, MSDE has undertaken significant initiatives and reforms in terms of formalizing the policy, framework and standards; launching of new programs and schemes; creating new infrastructure and upgrading the existing institutions; partnering with States; engaging with industries and building societal acceptance and aspirations for skills. The Ministry aims to bridge the gap between demand and supply of skilled manpower to build new skills and innovation not only for existing jobs but also for jobs that are to be created. Till date, more than three crore people have been trained under Skill India. Under its flagship programme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-2020, the Ministry has trained nearly 30 lakh candidates.

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