

# Importance of Skilling India's Youth



"India's youthful manpower, a result of the demographic dividend, need to be provided with skills and ability to tackle global challenges. The more we give importance to skill development the more competent youth will be. It is important to predict the possibilities of the future, and prepare for them today itself. We have to make India the skill capital of the world."

- Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India.

"To protect the environmental right of our future generations, all of us have a green social responsibility. The fast evolving and emerging technologies in dynamic world to combat the menace of environmental degradation need to be complemented by specially trained and skilled manpower in various field at all levels. Imparting skill sets for greener transformation will generate employment opportunities and strengthen our resolve to conserve and preserve the priceless environment. " - Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister, Environment, Forest and Climate Change.



"India's youth needed to be empowered with skill development with focussed training in their areas of interest. For instance, there is need for skill development at the grassroots to meet the challenges of hospitality and tourism industry in order to better harness India's tourism potential." - Dr Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State, Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

"A Huge gap exists between the need (demand) and availability (supply) of skill sets, both cognitive and practical, at various levels in the Environment, and Forest sectors in India. However, most of the vocational training programmes focus on mechanical/technical skills rather than 'soft' skills or 'green' skills. The Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) aims to fill this gap. It enhances the employability of people in jobs that contribute to preseving or restoring the quality of the environment, while improving human well-being and social equity."

- Shri C.K Mishra, Secretary, Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

