

## **The Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela to be conducted in 200 locations across India**

- Through apprenticeship mela 67,035 jobs offered till date
- The Mela will feature 36+ industries, 500+ trades, and 1000+ businesses to promote job opportunities

**New Delhi, 09th July 2022:** The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will hold the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela on July 11, 2022, as part of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Skill India Mission to boost career opportunities and practical training. So far, 188410 applicants have participated in the Apprenticeship Mela and 67,035 jobs have been offered on the platform as of today. The one-day event will feature 36 sectors and more than 1000 companies and 500 distinct sorts of trades. MSDE will host the event across 200+ locations, giving applicants the opportunity to shape their careers through apprenticeship training.

Candidates must have a 5th-12th grade pass certificate, a skill training certificate, an ITI Diploma, or a graduate degree to participate. Furthermore, the young and aspiring workforce will be able to choose among 500+ trades such as welding, electrical work, housekeeping, beauticians, mechanic work, and more. Candidates will also earn National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)-recognized certifications, improving their employability after the training. The major purpose of this programme is to encourage companies to hire more apprentices while also assisting employers in discovering and developing their potential via training and practical skillsets.

Expressing his views on the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela, Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said “We hope that the Apprenticeship Mela will provide additional job opportunities for talented individuals across the country. While the primary purpose of these programmes is to recruit more apprentices, it is important to note that apprenticeships such as these are necessary for practical training, which is what we are striving for here. This has had a significant impact, as seen by the expanding number of apprenticeships and their successful execution across the country.”

Apprenticeship is most sustainable model under skill development and getting a big boost under Skill India. Recently first set of apprentices have received stipend subsidy in their accounts through direct benefit transfer (DBT) under National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS).

Participating companies in the PM National Apprenticeship Melas have the chance to meet potential apprentices on a single platform and choose applicants on-the-spot. Furthermore, small-scale enterprises with at least four employees can hire apprentices during the event. A credit bank idea will also be added shortly, with depositaries of various credits collected by learners for future academic courses.

Every month, the apprenticeship mela will be hosted wherein selected individuals will receive a monthly stipend in accordance with government criteria for gaining new skills, giving them the opportunity to earn while they learn. Apprentices' stipends will be paid online.

Individuals can register for the Mela by visiting <https://dgt.gov.in/appmela2022/> or <https://www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in/> and to find the Mela's nearest location.

### **About Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**

MSDE was formed on 9th November 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 programmes 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 5.5 crore people have been trained under Skill India.

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