

'Training must for a skilled workforce'

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LUCKNOW: Statistics of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) suggest that 12.8 million youths enter the job market every year and UP forms 1/6th of the workforce of India. Therefore, the focus has been shifted to provide quality skills to the youth to help them tap possibilities of employment.

"UP needs skill training with help from industries as the youth lack formal training," said Dilip Chenoy, MD and CEO, NSDC while participating in an interactive workshop organised by the Confederation of Indian Industries-CII UP on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, Chenoy said the Union government aimed at making a human resource pool of 500 million skilled people by 2022. To this, CII representatives said UP could contribute to the pool by training at least 10 crore people in the state in the next 10 years.

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tors, including agriculture, IT, small-scale industries with 2.3 million units, tourism, higher education, art and craft, Firozabad glass, Chikan, Bhadohi carpets, Banarasi sarees, and Saharanpur woodwork.

Therefore, the curriculum of Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) must have an industrial connect, he added.

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Vice chairman, UP State Council, CII, Alok Saxena said, "Uttar Pradesh has an indispensable role to play in the human resource pool.

The state is expected to throw up an army of workers twice the size of Maharashtra or thrice that of Gujarat's army.

This brings forth an urgent need to arm the youth

with appropriate skills and create job avenues for them."

GOVERNMENT IS OPEN TO COLLABORATION

While participating in the deliberations, director, training and employment, government of UP, Anil Kumar said the state government was open for collaborations with industries and other interested entities to provide skill training to people here.

"In my opinion, people need training and they should not be segregated by means of entrance examinations. If somebody applies for a training course, he should be provided the training," said Kumar while adding that out of 3.5 lakh admission seekers, only 45,000 get seats.

He further said that in the current financial year, the government would fill 1,500 vacant posts of trainers in ITIs and increase the number of institutes by 200 this year for providing industrial training to youths. Among those present included CII vice president, UP, Alok Saxena, Kiron Chopra, Jayant Krishna and others.