

DigiSaksham initiative

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In news- Minister for Labour and Employment launched DigiSaksham – a digital skills programme to enhance the employability of youth.

About the initiative-

- The joint initiative with Microsoft India is an extension of the Government's ongoing programs to **support the youth from rural and semi-urban areas** belonging to disadvantaged communities, including those who have lost their jobs due to Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Free of cost training** in digital skills including basic skills as well as advanced computing, will be provided to more than 3 lakh youths in the first year.
- The Jobseekers can access the training through National Career Service (NCS) Portal (www.ncs.gov.in).
- There will be basically **three types of training-**
- Digital Skills – Self paced learning,
- VILT mode training (Virtual Instructor led)
- ILT mode training (Instructor led)
- The ILT training which is in person training would be conducted at the Model Career Centres (MCCs) and National Career Service Centres (NCSC) for SCs/STs across the country.
- Nearly one crore active job seekers registered on NCS Portal will be able to access training in areas like Javascript, Data Visualisation, Advance Excel, Power Bi, HTML, Programming languages, software development fundamentals.
- It will be implemented in the field by Aga Khan Rural Support Programme India (AKRSP-I).

National Career Service (NCS) Project-

- The Ministry of Labour and Employment is implementing

NCS as a Mission Mode Project for transformation of the National Employment Service to provide a variety of employment related services.

- The services under NCS are available online which was dedicated to the Nation in 2015.
- All the services available in the portal are free of cost for all stakeholders including jobseekers, employers, training providers and placement organizations.
- The NCS portals can be accessed directly or from Career Centres (Employment Exchanges), Common Service Centres, post offices, mobile devices, cyber cafes etc.
- The Government of India has provided financial assistance to the states for setting-up model career centres and has already approved 207 Model Career Centres