

Govt to train 1.08L youth through skill devpt centres in all districts

41 Agencies To Impart Training, Ensure Job

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Patna: The state government will set up skill training and placement centres in all the districts to prepare 1.08 lakh youth for job. Jeevika, the state rural livelihood mission, has inked memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with 41 reputed companies and organizations to establish these centres, impart training and provide a job to at least 75% of those trained.

At a programme on Monday, CM Jitan Ram Manjhi said such centres should also be opened at block level for the benefit of the rural people. He also announced that the government was ready to extend loan to the trained youth if they wished to start their own enterprises. Manjhi also wanted people to stay in their districts instead of going outside the state just for earning a livelihood. He said the middlemen were taking out unskilled and semi-skilled youth outside Bihar where they were being forced to work as hostages.

Rural development minister Nitish Mishra said the people between 18 and 35 years would be



CM Jitan Ram Manjhi releases a book on Jeevika in Patna on Monday

imparted training in various trades. "It is mandatory for the agencies to impart training and provide placement to minimum 75% of the trained youth in the organized sector. These placements could be within their districts in Bihar or anywhere in the country," he said. The training courses range between 3 months and one year. "We have identified 65 trades for training the youth at these centres although there are 1,600 trades in the country in which training is imparted," he said. The target group will be essentially from the BPL families.

The agencies with whom MoUs

have been signed include Apollo Hospital Group, Café Coffee Day, Matrix Clothing, Skylark, Orient Craft and Premier Shield among others which will give training in hospitality, food and beverage, telecom service, dental assistant and paramedic, sewing, BPO and call centres, data entry, sales and marketing, textile trade, construction, tally and book keeping, electronics, office management, security guard and many more.

A couple of women from Gaya district, who are working on sewing machines in Rajasthan, said they learnt the art from Jeevika centres and got the job. "Earlier, I was very poor, but now I am earn-

ing salary and feel better," said Kiran Kumari of Khizirsarai block to which CM Manjhi belongs to.

Jeevika CEO N Vijaya Lakshmi said skill is very important as the youth without skill fail to get a job. She said from the social inclusion point, reservation has been made for SC and ST (50%), women (33%), minorities (15%) and differently-abled (3%). The CM also inaugurated the dedicated job portal, jeevikaskillsmis.com, for the online registration for the youth where they can register their profile online which will be used by all the training agencies of the potential employers.

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