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Odisha Brings Industry Leaders Together for ITI Upgradation Roadmap

Odisha Hosts Consultative Workshop on National Scheme for ITI Upgradation

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The World Skill Center, Bhubaneswar, today hosted a high-level Consultative Workshop on the National Scheme for ITI Upgradation, bringing together top policymakers, industry leaders, and training experts to shape the future of technical education in the State.

Jointly organized by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India, and the Skill Development & Technical Education (SD & TE) Department, Government of Odisha, the workshop deliberated on strategies to implement the Government of India's ambitious plan to upgrade 1,000 ITIs through a Hub-and-Spoke model.

Shri Rajit Punhani, IAS, Secretary, MSDE, in his address emphasized that industry participation is the cornerstone of the scheme, which aims to make skilling aspirational, industry-aligned, and outcome-driven. *Ms. Sonal Mishra, IAS*, Additional Secretary, MSDE, outlined the scheme's vision and called for strong government-industry-academia collaboration to meet the demands of emerging sectors.

Highlighting Odisha's readiness, *Ms. Rashmita Panda, IAS*, Director, Skill Development-cum-Employment and CEO, World Skill Center, presented the State's roadmap for modernizing ITIs, integrating advanced technologies, and expanding industry partnerships in hub and spoke models. *Shri Chakravarthi Singh Rathore, IAS*, Director, Technical Education & Training, Government of Odisha along with other senior officials, were also present.

The workshop saw active participation from leading corporates, PSUs, and training institutions, Principals and Faculties of ITIs, District Skill Development-cum-Employment Officers, with discussions focusing on infrastructure modernization, industry-aligned curriculum to make the ITIs industry-ready.



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