

## World Youth Skills Day 2023 – Know History, Theme, Initiatives Taken by India

Hello Readers!

In today's blog we will talk about the World Youth Skills Day which is celebrated every year on 15th July globally. We will discuss the background, importance, events organized and other key facts related to the Day.

### World Youth Skills Day: History

The UN General Assembly declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day in 2014. The aim behind this day is to recognize the strategic importance of providing young people with skills for employment, dignified labor, and entrepreneurship.

### World Youth Skills Day 2023: Theme

This year's theme for 2023 World Youth Skills Day is "**Skilling teachers, trainers, and youth for a transformative future.**"

This event brings young people, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions, enterprises, employers' and workers' organisations, policymakers, and development partners together.

### World Youth Skills Day 2023

- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development places a strong emphasis on youth skills and employment. SDG target 4.4 calls for a significant rise in the number of youth and adults with relevant skills.
- It is co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Portugal and Sri Lanka to the United Nations, together with Unesco, ILO and the Office of the Secretary-General Envoy on Youth.
- Additionally, the Global framework on core skills for life and work in the 21st century will be launched. This new global framework reflects the continuing transformations and rising opportunities in the world of work. It contributes to the ILO's efforts to promote lifelong learning as a means of personal and professional development for all.

### State of Youth Employment, schools and TVET

The TVET survey was jointly done by UNESCO, the International Labour Organization and World Bank revealed that distance learning was the most common way of imparting skills.

According to the estimates of UNESCO, schools were shut down for over 30 weeks in 50 percent of the countries between March 2020 and May 2021.

Youth employment stood at 10.4 percent last year.

### Initiatives taken by India

The Government has set up the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) to facilitate job creation and entrepreneurship as well as to attract private investment. The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (Skill India Mission) is MSDE's scheme. It aims to assist young Indians to take up industry-relevant skills training and improve their employability.



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More than 12.5 million young people have been trained under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna.

With this we come to the end of this article. We discussed in detail about the World Youth Skill Day, why it is important for a country's youth to be skilled and initiatives taken by India.

We hope this blog helps you in understanding the topic clearly.

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