

## **Project Praveen**

### **An Initiative to shape the future of Students by Skilling**

“Project Praveen”, a unique program initiated by Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission (UPSDM) in coordination with Department of Secondary Education to provide skill training to all the secondary school students along with their regular study.

As per National Education Policy, skilling exposure must be provided at school level so that the nation may create highly skilled workforce for to meet out the demands of the industry.

The aim of Project Praveen is to enhance the employability of secondary school students by integrating vocational and skill training into their regular education, thereby equipping them to meet the demands of emerging global employment opportunities.

Project Praveen provides students in grades 9 to 12, enrolled in selected Government secondary schools across each district, with complimentary 90-minute skill training sessions each academic day.

These sessions focus on employment and entrepreneurship-based short-term skill training programs across various sectors, tailored to the students' interests.

The Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission facilitates these training activities by engaging qualified training providers. The courses covered in Project Praveen are certified by the National Council for Vocational Education and Training.

In the Financial year 2022-23, Project Praveen targeted 21,000 students from two schools in each district, totaling 150 government secondary schools. For the Financial year 2023-24, the program expanded 150 schools plus an additional 165 government secondary schools, reaching 41,480 students. By the Financial year 2024-25, the program aims to cover 179 schools, and by 2025-26, it plans to provide skill training to over 170,000 students across 506 government secondary schools and 677 aided secondary schools.

### **Objectives of Project Praveen:**

- ✓ To increase students' interest in school education, thereby reducing the drop-out rate at the secondary level.
- ✓ To provide students with skill training in technical and non-technical, innovative, and employment-oriented fields and disciplines, alongside their

regular academic education, to help them determine their further education and future direction. Furthermore, to facilitate their access to livelihood opportunities through employment.

- ✓ To train students in training courses approved under the Short-Term Skill Training Program, in accordance with the standards of the National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), so that students receive the credits and National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) levels mentioned in the certificate awarded after training.
- ✓ To ensure the quality of skill training, coordinate between various stakeholders, including students, schools, teachers, trainers, training providers (TPs), Sector Skill Councils (SSCs), awarding bodies, assessment agencies (AAs), administrators, and research institutes and agencies.
- ✓ To conduct skill training programs and courses tailored to the needs of industries, especially the service sector, to ensure an uninterrupted supply of skilled personnel.
- ✓ To provide skills training to youth from the vocational and skill-related professional community in their family and traditional fields, preparing them to market their products.
- ✓ To provide skill training to disadvantaged groups in rural and urban areas, such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, backward classes, disabled people, and women students, to enable them to earn a better living.