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**PRESS RELEASE**

On the occasion of 'World Youth Skills Day', I appeal all the people of Nagaland to participate in the 'Skill India' campaign initiated by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji.

India is inching towards providing vocational training to youth of the country, making them learn skills, which will make them proud to stand on their own legs.

The year 2015-16 has been quite remarkable for India as over 1.04 crore youth were trained under various initiative of 'Skill India', marking 36.8% growth compared to the year before.

The Central Government also regards skill development as a national priority through concentrated efforts and more awareness and centres. The Central Government has created a separate Ministry for Skills, Vocational Training and Livelihoods as an important means of nation-building to the forefront.

Apart from the government, many private institutions have been training the youth and imparting various skills. Many have also set up centres and colleges to generate employment and trained youths jobs.

Government of India has allocated an amount of Rs 12,000 Crore outlay for Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) to impart skills to One crore people over the next four years (2016-2020). PMKVY will impart fresh training to 60 lakh youth and certify 40 lakh people who have acquired skills non-formally under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

India has the potential and let us be the party to make it.

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