

Skill upgradation prog at 17 HP centres

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Shimla: The youths can look forward to be better equipped with technical skills needed to meet the required strength of human resource for upcoming industries in the state. The Himachal Pradesh cabinet that met on Friday decided to introduce skill-upgradation programmes in 17 selected Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for a duration of three to six months under the PPP mode.

A spokesman said it had been projected that 4.5 lakh technically efficient workers would be required in fields of agro-based industry, light engineering, hydro-electric, hospitality, construction, pharma and other need-based sectors by 2017.

Indian Institute of Skill Upgradation (IISD) in association with the CII would

start these programmes. The certificates would be issued by the Board of Technical Education, Himachal Pradesh, CII and IISD to ensure recognition and employment, he added.

Meanwhile, the cabinet also decided to introduce Health Insurance Scheme Award under the National Health Insurance Scheme to reward 137 gram panchayats that had achieved the target of 100% issuance of health smart cards in their areas. Ghosal gram panchayat in the tribal Lahaul valley would get a cash award of Rs 50,000, he added.

The spokesman further said the cabinet decided to bring an additional 102 gram panchayats in Kangra, Mandi, Hamirpur, Una, Kullu, Chamba, Solan and Sirmour districts under the fold of on-going Mid-Himalayan Watershed Development Project at a cost of Rs 510 cr.