

Special initiatives for youth in conflict with the law, Delhi

The YUVA skill development program under the PMKVY scheme was launched in 2017 to wean vulnerable youth away from crime and train them in job-oriented courses. Delhi Police has tied up with the NSDC and CII for imparting job-linked skill training to selected youth. NSDC provides skill training under PMKVY and CII provides job-linked training through its Sector Skill Councils which are connected to industry and thereby provide job opportunities.

Police personnel identify teenagers, who come from underprivileged backgrounds or are first-time offenders and then impart them skills to help them find jobs. Under the initiative, the police identify youngsters who are school dropouts, juvenile offenders, victims of crimes and/or are the wards of undertrials. In the two years since the launch of the program till July 2019, 9000 youngsters have been trained, and 4,521 persons have taken up jobs, ranging from beauticians to computer data operators to cell phone technicians to front office executives. Of the 209 police stations in Delhi, such skill development training programmes are held every day in 22 police stations.

“Many of these youngsters have grown up in an environment where they can be easily lured into the world of crime. By imparting job-oriented skills to them and helping them find employment, we can wean them away from criminal activities.” - Nodal officer of the programme.

“I am 21-year-old and work as a peon in a BPO. Two years ago, I had dropped out of Class XI from a government school in Timarpur. A police officer saw me roaming about with a group of youngsters, who had criminal records. He invited me to join a training programme to enhance my skills in English speaking. This enabled me to get a job as a peon with a salary of Rs. ₹12,000 per month.” - Suraj Kant, Programme beneficiary, Timarpur Area

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