

## Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme (ESDP), Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India

### **Introduction:**

In India, lack of entrepreneurial education (that provides knowledge, skills and motivation to the youth) and cultural and social norms are major constraints to entrepreneurship, in addition to, funding issues, complex regulations etc. Here government can play a role in promoting entrepreneurship by creating an ecosystem that comprises of education and training, mentoring and support and access to funding.

The ESDP programme is an initiative of Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). It aims to “motivate youth representing different sections of the society including SC/ST/Women, differently abled, ex-servicemen and Below- Poverty Line (BPL) persons to consider self-employment of entrepreneurship as one of the funding.

### **Intervention:**

The activities are undertaken through Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development Institutes (MSME-DIs) and Technology Centres (TCs) under the Office of Development Commissioner (MSME), ministries, Departments and organizations, PSUs, Corporations, agencies under Central/State Governments, include:

- Industrial Motivational Campaign (IMC) for two days Entrepreneurship
- Awareness Programme (EAP) for two weeks
- Entrepreneurship-cum-Skill Development Programme (E-SDP) for six weeks, and Management
- Development Programme (MDP) for one week

### **Impact/ Learning:**

Total 23,093 beneficiaries (EAP, E-SDP, IMC and MDP) in 2018- 19 and 37,250 in 2018- 19.

Source: Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises website, <https://msme.gov.in/entrepreneurship-and-skill-development-programs>