

## **Chandigarh Govt to create 2-cr skilled jobs in next three years**

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Union Health Minister JP Nadda and Union Minister of State of Labour and Employment Bandaru Dattatreya were in city today as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'goodwill ambassador' to highlight their government's achievements in its two years of governance in the country.

Apart from meeting medical professionals and industrialists, the ministers also delivered lecture at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) and visited DAV Institute of Engineering and Technology and interacted with students. Later, they held meeting with party workers late in the evening.

While interacting with students at DAVIET, Dattatreya highlighted the fact that India was presently facing acute shortage of skilled labours as compared to other countries in the world. "China produces around 2-crore skilled labourers in a year, Japan and Germany produces over 1 crore skilled labourers, respectively. However, India at present only produces around 20 lakh skilled labourers every year," said Dattatreya.

He also announced that the government was going to sign an memorandum of understanding with Germany so as to improve the skill standards prevalent in the Indian workforce. He said that 1,141 ITIs were opened with a student base of 1.70 lakh in the last two years.

He said based on the recommendations of National Commission on labour the government has also brought Small factories Bill to regulate the working and service conditions of workers in small manufacturing units employing less than 40 workers. He also shared that the government has allocated Rs 1,000 crore to Labour Department for employment generation.

While highlighting the focus of the current government is on "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas", Nadda stated that the current government was very decisive about issues like Terrorism and Global Warming.

He also highlighted that in Jan Dhan Yojna around 21.5 crore bank accounts have been opened in one year and the account holders have deposited 37.5 crore in these accounts. He touched upon Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojna which gives a cover of 2 lakh with a premium of Rs 330 annually.

While talking about Mudra Yojna, he stated that Rs 1.42 crore was dispatched by the government to help medium and small entrepreneurs without any collateral security. He also stated that the government has allotted Rs 10,000 crore to improve irrigation system in India with the slogan "per drop, more crop".

The Modi ambassadors also touched upon India's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) to cover four more diseases— rotavirus, rubella, polio and adult cases of Japanese encephalitis. Nadda said, "It will cover 2.7 crore

children and give momentum to India's aim of achieving Millennium Development Goal (MDG-4) that includes reducing child mortality." He also talked about Modi's commitment to maintain a transparent record of the services provided to all the patients and referred to AYUSH which was established for centralising all patients' records.

The Union Ministers were accompanied by Vijay Sampla, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Chunni Lal Bhagat, MLA Manoranjan Kalia, MLA KD Bhandari , Chief Parliamentary Secretary, Sunil Jyoti, Mayor Jalandhar, Justice NK Sood, Vice President , DAVCMC New Delhi, Arwind Ghai, Secretary DAVCMC New Delhi, among other dignitaries from the city.

Later at a party meeting at a resort here, the Union Ministers praised Modi by calling him an international leader and urged the need to strengthen the party cadre ahead of the 2017 elections.