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### **Centre to train, employ 50,000 Kashmiri youths in a year: Naqvi**

Minority affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said on Tuesday that Centre was in talks with the state government to enroll about 50,000 youth from Jammu and Kashmir under the seekho aur kamao (learn and earn) scheme for skill development over the next few months.

“We have identified Valley, Kargil and Leh as the first three centres where this scheme will be rolled out,” he said on the sidelines of an event to launch the revamped website of the ministry.

Naqvi’s ministry is already in talks with private security agencies, hospital and hotels to train youth and give them jobs in related sector.

The ministry has also reached out to states for setting up about 1,000 Sadbhawana Mandaps (harmony centres) across the country. These centres will be used for different occasions such as marriages and for organising local art and craft events.

The ministry is also planning to launch a mobile app to provide a platform to students to apply for various scholarships through their mobile phones, Naqvi said.

Launching the revamped website, Naqvi said the ministry was committed to serve the people through all means, which also includes use of technology and social media. “This is a part of our efforts to reach out to the common man at large so that fruits of development reach to the last person of the society directly in a transparent manner,” he said.