

3,500 employed in a single day at Hyderabad job mela

Among all cities in the country, Hyderabad stands third on the scale of employability, said Bandaru Dattatreya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment. The Minister was quoting a recently conducted survey at the mega job fair organised by the National Institute for Career Services (NICS) here on Saturday.

A total of 10,000 Intermediate and undergraduate students got themselves registered at the fair. The job expo, where over 75 companies from IT, ITeS and manufacturing sectors participated, employed 3,500 of those who registered for the grand meet on a single day.

The NICS job mela, which was earlier held in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, had registered around 8,000 jobseekers, the Minister said. Supported by the Union and State governments, the fair is organised to help employable jobseekers and prospective employers.

Mr. Dattatreya said India should focus on developing skilled workforce. “Only 2.4 per cent of the employable workforce has skill,” he pointed out, adding that Union projects, including Make in India and Skill India, can help better this ground reality. “But, India’s poor performance in the skill sector is in stark contrast with high percentage of skilled workforce in Germany (75 per cent), Japan (80 per cent), and China (90 per cent),” he said.

New ITIs

The Union government will set up 8,000 new Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to support development of skilled workforce in the country, the Minister said. “Two lakh students graduate from engineering colleges in Hyderabad and surrounding areas alone. We need to create jobs for them. At the same time, we cannot ignore ITIs. The Centre will grant Rs. 100 crore for setting up and maintenance of ITIs in Telangana,” he said.

Job seekers from the country who emigrate to Germany, Japan, and Australia can in the future attend skill development and training sessions of their choice in ITIs, the Minister added.

Hundreds relieved

Students and young graduates, who flocked to the job fair on Saturday, could not have wished for anything better, as they got a gamut of companies knocking at their doorstep.

Speaking to The Hindu , Sanjana Krishnan, a B.Tech graduate, said she bagged three job offers on a single day. “More such job melas could be of use to us. If such job melas are held in each of the districts, the youth will benefit much,” Ms. Krishnan said.

For V. Santhosh who chanced upon the job mela notification just last week, getting a call centre job was the ultimate aim. “I got two such offers and one marketing offer,” he said, thrilled at the prospects.

Telangana Minister for Labour Nayini Narasimha Reddy said the new State has created opportunities in the private sector for youngsters.