VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT: INITIATIVES IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Skills and knowledge are the driving forces of economic growth and social development of any country. They have become even more important as the increasing pace of globalization and technological changes that are taking place in the world provide both the challenges. These changes created a great demand for a skilled workforce which is responsive to emerging market needs and is equipped with knowledge. Availability of such skilled workforce is closely associated with the kind of vocational education and training system existing in the country. Although the Indian economy has experienced rapid growth over the recent period, the low level of education and formal training of the workforce are matters of concern. To get productive employment, especially in the informal sector, it is crucial to acquire skill sets with strong labour market linkages. This article highlights various government initiatives undertaken for promoting a meaningful and employable skill development system.