EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

India’s population is huge at 1.21 billion. It is fast expanding at a rate of 17% and integrating rapidly into the global economy. India is among the ‘young’ countries in the world, with the proportion of the workforce in the age group of 15-59 years, increasing steadily. However, presently only 2% of the total workforce in India have undergone skills training. India has a great opportunity to meet the future demands of the world, India can become the worldwide sourcing hub for skilled workforce. The challenges for India get magnified, as it needs to reach out to the million plus workforce ready population, while facing an ever increasing migration of labour from agriculture to manufacturing and services. With the government launching a number of education schemes to empower the young workforce, the challenges magnify as there is a need for effective implementation of the schemes at the grass root level with equal participation from all the stakeholders concerned.