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# New India–France Aeronautics Skilling Centre Announced

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§Narendra Modi announced the setting up of a National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) for skilling in aeronautics and defence at Kanpur.

## **Partnership With France**

§The centre will be established in collaboration with the French government under the PM-SETU scheme (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs).

§A Letter of Intent (LoI) has been exchanged between India and France to support this collaboration.

## **Focus Areas of the Centre**

§The Centre will provide advanced skill training in key areas such as:

- Aeronautics
- Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO)
- Airport operations
- Defence manufacturing
- Allied aerospace domains

§It is planned as a world-class institution to build a skilled workforce for India's growing aerospace and defence sector.

## **Benefits for Youth and Industry**

§The initiative will help create a pipeline of globally competent aviation professionals.

§It aims to train youth in industry-relevant skills aligned with global standards.

§The collaboration will also deepen India's strategic partnership with France in advanced technology sectors.

## **Support Through PM-SETU**

§The Centre is part of the ₹60,000 crore PM-SETU scheme, which aims to upgrade 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across India.

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§This includes modernising infrastructure, aligning courses with industry demand, and improving employability outcomes.

### **In Simple Terms**

§India and France have agreed to build a National Centre of Excellence in Kanpur to train youth in aeronautics and defence skills. The centre will strengthen India's aviation workforce and enhance cooperation between the two countries in high-tech sectors.