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Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela

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Why is in news? Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela to be conducted in 242 districts

The Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela, PMNAM will be conducted in 242 districts of the country on January 9.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship said that several local businesses, companies, and organizations have been invited to be part of the mela and provide apprenticeship opportunities to India's youth as part of Skill India Mission.

The candidates who are Class five to Class 12th pass outs and have skill training certificates, or ITI Diploma holders or graduates can apply in this apprenticeship mela

Apprenticeship melas are **hosted in the country on the 2nd Monday of every month**, wherein selected individuals receive a monthly stipend in accordance with government criteria for gaining new skills.

PMNAM is being used as a **platform to increase the participation of establishments and students**. It is also providing awareness to the youth on various opportunities existing across the participating companies.

The major purpose of this programme is to encourage companies to hire more apprentices, while also assisting employers in discovering the right talent and developing their potential via training and practical experience.

It aims to raise apprenticeship opportunities in India to **10 lakhs by the end of 2022, and to 60 lakhs by 2026**.

The government is striving to **train 1 million youth per annum through apprenticeship training** and to fulfil this mission.

Skill India Mission was launched on 15th July, 2015 by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

The initiatives include National Skill Development Mission, National Policy for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) scheme and the Skill Loan scheme.

It was launched in order to **provide a strong institutional framework to implement and scale up skill development efforts across the country**.

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