

*Estimated growth rates for the first two quarters for the current year*

Year-on-Year Growth (%), at constant prices (2011-12)	Q-1-2019-20	Q-2-2019-20
GDP	5.0	4.5
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	7.9	7.4
Manufacturing	2.0	-1.1

Source: MoSPI

**India Skills Report, 2019**

2037. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards 'India Skills Report-2019', an annual survey conducted by a talent assessment firm and an HR technology company in association with UNDP, Association of Indian Universities (AIU), CII and AICTC, which concluded that the overall employability of Indian graduates stood at around 47 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response thereto;

(c) whether Government is considering to upgrade universities to enhance practical skill development of graduate students as per industry demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The key points of the report are as follows:

- Employability reaches a new high of 47% in year 2019.
- There is a 15% increase in hiring against 2018 hiring numbers.
- Technologies companies are expected to pick up on hiring after a gap of 3 years.
- In order to provide the quality education to students and to increase the overall employability of Indian graduates some quality initiatives have been taken by AICTE such as:

- (i) Preparation of outcome based model curriculum for Diploma, Undergraduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) courses in Engineering and PGDM/MBA Courses.

- (ii) Introduction of 3 week induction programme for students to be offered right at the commencement of the 1st year at UG level in Engineering.
- (iii) Setting up of Induction Cell at AICTE to monitor the induction activities and National Level Coordination Committee to coordinate training of Faculty members on 'Student induction Programme'.
- (iv) Exam reforms and formulation of comprehensive teachers' training. 8 modules are proposed for incumbent as well as in service teachers.
- (v) Mandatory internship, Revision of model curriculum, and Industry readiness accreditation.
- (vi) Wheebox Employability Skill Test (WEST) being held for all pre-final and final year graduates of AICTE approved institutions to identify the core strengths of students and certify the same.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Human Resource Development is working along with Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) under National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to undertake Apprenticeship/Internship embedded degree programmes with core focus on development of knowledge, skills, aptitude and on-job training. Some of the sectors like Logistics and Retail have commenced Degree Apprenticeship programmes in 15 institutions. In addition, to enhance practical skill development of graduate students, 3 schemes are being implemented by University Grants Commission (UGC) under National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) which are Community Colleges (since 2013-14), B. Voc. Degree Programme (since 2014-15) and Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) Kaushal Kendra (since 2015-16). There are 188 Community Colleges, 289 Institutions offering B. Voc. Degree Programmes and 68 DDU Kaushal Kendras in which 68,663 students are enrolled in various skill programmes. Also, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has introduced the Vocational Degree/Diploma Programmes under NSQF for AICTE approved Institutions. In the year 2019, AICTE has given approval to 473 institutions to run vocational courses with intake of 35,450 students.

#### **Non-implementation of schemes by States**

†2038. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of public welfare schemes being run by Government currently;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.