

# 'We are into training, skilling youth'

With the rise in school drop-out rate, vocational courses are the next best option, says skill provider **KAMINI PRASAD**

■ **What kind of courses do you offer in Centum Learning?**

We work are three verticals — enterprise training, skill development and we also work in schools and colleges where we offer the national skills quality framework programmes. In enterprise learning we focus on people who are working to make them more productive in their respective jobs. In skill development based on the schemes provided by the Government, we adapt the scheme and work in that framework.

■ **What is the basic fee structure of the programmes you offer?**

Most of the candidates we are training ie more than 2 lakh people, they are under a Government or school scheme, so they are getting free of cost training. For the enterprise training fee varies for different programmes.

■ **Do you provide any references and placements after training?**

Yes, we provide placements to all the people whom we train. Also the Government schemes we work on are already placement linked, which includes training of people, providing placements and monitoring their placements for two to three months depending upon the schemes under which they get enrolled.

■ **What is the time duration of these courses and do you provide any practical exposure during the training?**

The time duration varies from a month to six months. And mostly it includes on the job training as well for the practical exposure of learning.

■ **How can the aspirants apply for these programmes?**

Every Centum Learning centre has an enquiry desk. Also, we mobilise candidates who are below poverty line by going to their place, conducting seminars to call them



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over to the centre for the enrollment.

■ **Is there any age group that you provide to apply from these programmes?**

People between the age of 18-45 can enroll for these courses. As it's a livelihood mission that we focus on and therefore its important to provide training who are unemployed orb under-employed, so that they can earn their livelihood.

■ **What are the recent developments made in Centum Learning or will be made in future?**

We have been growing in the areas of skills over the time. Each year we added more trade and districts to our port folio. We already provide training in textile, hospitality, tourism, healthcare. Recently, we also added programme on construction skills.

■ **Why should people opt for vocational courses?**

Vocational education provides an opportunity to acquire skills and earn your livelihood. Also the school drop-out rate in the country has been high, so vocational courses provides them an opportunity to get employed.