

# Sop for jobless: Free vocational course

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Bhubaneswar, Dec 2: Here's some good news for the State's unemployed youth who neither possess high educational qualification nor vocational skills.

Directorate of Technical Education and Training in collaboration with the Employment Mission, Panchavati and Planning departments, is set to initiate an extensive programme across the State for arming the youth with vocational skills in varied fields.

From Saturday, it would launch 'Vocational training programme in informal sector for unemployed youths' across the State. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is scheduled to inaugurate it at the Women's Polytechnic here. At least 2,952

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Sources said, around 6,138 interested youth had submitted their applications, of whom 4,475 turned up for the inter-

views, which were held at the district employment exchanges on November 27. While the first batch would start on Saturday, preparations are on to take in a second batch soon. The target is to enroll 100 youths under the programme in every batch in every district, sources informed.

The training would be provided in two categories of Class VII pass and matriculate. The former would be trained in repair and maintenance of vehicles, house wiring, plumbing, auto-electrical works, food processing and preservation, among others. The latter would avail training on plastic processing, data entry, winding of air conditioner motors and repairing, still photography, videography and video-editing, among others.

The course, to be certified by State Council of Technical Education and Vocational Training, will facilitate assistance to trainees for setting up their enterprises. The trainees would be given preference under PMRY scheme for loans and would also be provided with required industry link-up.