

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

To bridge the education-employability gap and create a talent pool in urban slums, NIIT recently announced the setting-up of NIIT Yuva Star, a career development centre (CDC) at Jahangirpuri, New Delhi, in association with Navjyoti India Foundation (NIF), an NGO.

The centre will serve as a vocational training centre, providing employability skills to youth in the age group 17-25 years. Rajendra S Pawar, chairman, NIIT says, "We are trying to equip the unemployed youth with relevant skills to make them employable for various sectors. We plan to set-up 20 such centres that are replicable, self-sustainable and scalable."

This is the second such centre to be established after their flagship centre at Tughlakabad Village in New Delhi.

The students are provided with internship and placements.

Kiran Bedi, general secretary, NIF, says: "There is no dearth of talent, but a lack of opportunities. Hence, we are trying to provide a platform where we can address their needs. Also, we take pride in the fact that we are enabling children from even below poverty line (BPL) families to directly join the IT sector and wish to replicate the model elsewhere too."