# Skill Management and AccReditation of Training Centres

Skill India is an initiative of the Government of India which has been launched to empower the youth of the country with skillsets that make them more employable and more productive in their work environment. As India moves progressively towards becoming a global knowledge economy, it must meet the aspirations of youth and aim towards skilling them with the best possible standards. The skill development of the working population is currently one of the top priorities for the country. This is evident by the exceptional progress India has made over the years in the Skill Development sector; however, there is dire need for a comprehensive ecosystem to impart quality skills to the youth of the country in order to meet global standards. In this regard, it is pertinent to create synergies among the stakeholders of the skills ecosystem, to coordinate and streamline multiple Skill Development initiatives undertaken by the Government of India. It is of critical importance that the processes that impact the quality of training at the Training Centres (TCs) are aligned across various schemes.

**S**kill **M**anagement and **A**cc**R**editation of **T**raining Centres **(SMART)** is one such Information Technology (IT) initiative that aims to synergize the efforts of all the stakeholders in the skill ecosystem, and streamline the skill development initiatives.

SMART provides a single window application that focusses on the **Accreditation, Affiliation and Continuous Monitoring** of the Training Centres in the Skill Ecosystem and intends to address the important issues like evaluating skill providers in an objective manner, fostering excellence in Training Centres, enabling trainees to make informed choices with regard to Training Centres etc. SMART facilitates standardized and effective processes with respect to Accreditation, Affiliation, and Continuous Monitoring of the Training Centres, which shall play a significant role in achieving the desired quality standards across various schemes.

In line with these objective, SMART provides a single window clearance system to the Training Providers (TPs), the main features of the SMART are as below:

- Providing a transparent, unified, one-stop solution to the Training Providers, mandating time-bound delivery of Accreditation and Affiliation of Training Centers;
- Enabling Training Providers to have a single front-end portal interface across multiple Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and Schemes;
- Providing opportunity to the stakeholders to perform technology driven Continuous Monitoring of the Training Centres , evaluate performance of the skill development programmes in an objective manner, to foster excellence in Training Centres, building effectiveness in delivering competency based training;
- Enabling the trainees and other stakeholders to make informed choices with regard to Training Centres.

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