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## NSDC partners with NGO to help youths start businesses

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THE NATIONAL Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has partnered with city-based deAsra Foundation to promote entrepreneurship among youths and train them with required entrepreneurial skills.

As part of the collaboration, an 'Entrepreneurship Support Programme' was launched, under which trainers will get hands-on learning on development of business models, strategising and planning financial assistance, among others.

The NSDC, operating under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, will make use of the foundation's infrastructure for training.

According to Manish Kumar, MD and CEO of NSDC, training under experienced trainers can

help inspire more youths to start businesses.

He said, "The initiative will support and help drive sustainable growth in employment."

It is one of the biggest challenges to provide jobs with a rapid pace that India's youth are attaining employable age, said Anand Deshpande, founder of deAsra foundation.

"Every year, more than 12 million youths seek jobs and the challenge is to generate employment for them all. With this collaboration, we hope to contribute significantly to the Skill India Mission aimed at creating successful entrepreneurs," said Deshpande.

Currently, the NSDC has over 350 trainers, 39 sector skill councils operating from 7,000 centres across the country. Since the ministry was constituted, approximately 1.4 crore people have been trained under numerous sectors.

