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#### PM SETU Scheme

PM SETU - Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs.

- The PM-SETU scheme aims to transform India's skill development ecosystem by upgrading 1,000 Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into modern, industry-driven skill hubs.
- Total investment is ₹60,000 crore (centrally sponsored scheme).
- The PM SETU scheme will be implemented on the "Hub and Spoke" model.
- 1,000 Government ITIs to be upgraded — 200 "Hub" ITIs and 800 "Spoke" ITIs. Each hub will connect to four spokes, forming a regional skill development cluster.

#### Central Observers for Elections

The Election Commission of India (ECI) appointed 425 Central Observers for the Bihar elections. Central Observers are appointed under Article 324 of the Constitution and Section 20B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

#### India conferred with the International social Security Association (ISSA) Award 2025

India has been honoured with the International Social Security Association (ISSA) Award 2025 in the category of 'Outstanding Achievement in Social Security', recognising its remarkable progress in expanding social protection coverage. The award was received by Union Labour and Employment Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya at the World Social Security Forum (WSSF) 2025 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. As per the International Labour Organisation (ILO), India has significantly expanded its

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social security coverage from 19% in 2015 to 64.3% in 2025, reaching over 940 million citizens. A key contributor to this achievement is the e-Shram portal, which has successfully registered more than 300 million unorganised sector workers within four years, creating a comprehensive digital database for social welfare schemes.