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Steps taken by govt to promote vocational educational in backward regions

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Government has recognized the requirement for spreading vocational education throughout the country including backward regions. Presently, there are 188 Community Colleges, 289 Institutes and 68 DDU Kaushal Kendras functioning under University Grants Commission (UGC) and operating vocational education in various sectors. State Governments can offer vocational education through their institutional network as per UGC guidelines.

There are various steps already been taken by Government to promote vocational education throughout country, including backward regions. They are as follows:

- (i) Developing internship/apprenticeship based degree courses in sectors like Retail, Logistics, Media and Entertainment, etc.
- (ii) Increasing number of institutions offering B.VoC courses in the country.
- (iii) Aligning the content of existing skill courses with National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF).

This information was given by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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