

EV courses, fresh tie-ups to power Skill India engine

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NEW DELHI: The Narendra Modi government is set to revamp its flagship Skill India mission, which was pegged back by inadequate job offers and lack of quality training during the previous four years, by starting new courses related to electric vehicles and collaborations with top multinational and Indian firms, said officials with knowledge of the developments.

The introduction of new industrial training courses, to be taught at Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) across India, comes in the wake of government think tank NITI Aayog's proposal of making all commercial vehicles run on electric power from 2026, said a senior official on condition of anonymity.

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WHY THE EV PUSH?

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- With the world turning towards electric vehicles, the government wants to introduce courses and train people for jobs of the future, said the official

sector. According to the Survey, India's market share in electric cars is just 0.06% while China has 2% share of the global share.

The official pointed out that the aim of the government was to introduce courses and train people for jobs of the future. "India is already an automobile manufacturing hub in south Asia. But as the world is turning towards elec-

WHAT ELSE IS IN STORE?

The government will sign memoranda of understanding with firms such as McDonalds, and HDFC Bank and SBI to start apprenticeship programmes

ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY

The new measures are likely to be announced during an event that will be held today to celebrate the fourth year of the Skill India mission

tric vehicles, we need to grab the opportunity to train our workforce to take advantage of the market," he added.

The government will also sign memoranda of understanding with firms such as American fast-food giant McDonalds, and large financial sector companies HDFC Bank and State Bank of India to

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