

Need for establishment of skill development centres at Balasore in Odisha-Laid

SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI (BALASORE): I would like to bring attention of the Government to the matter of great significance that holds the potential to uplift the youth of Balasore. With its dynamic culture, young and hardworking population, Balasore is still to realize its full potential and can add immense value. The first initiative in that direction is establishing skill development centres that provide training in emerging domains of technology, manufacturing, and service industry. These centres will equip and upgrade the youth with relevant skills to meet the demands of the evolving job market. Given the presence of a large number of industrial units in Balasore, ranging from large-scale industries dealing with alloys, pharmaceuticals, and paper mills to medium and small-scale industries in plastic processing, rubber, biscuits manufacturing, and more, providing training with an aim to provide a spectrum of opportunities to the youth, from blue-collar jobs to positions requiring advanced technical expertise will bring prosperity to the community. Furthermore, the renewable energy sector presents a significant opportunity for employment generation in Balasore. The region's natural resources, combined with the Government's commitment to sustainable development, make it an ideal hub for investments in solar and wind energy projects. This will not only contribute to sustainable development but also create job opportunities for locals. Generating new employment opportunities for the youth of Balasore is a significant step towards realizing the untapped potential of this region. Therefore, I urge the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to support and endorse these initiatives aimed at development of Balasore and Odisha.