

Government of India, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship announced **National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme -2 (NAPS-2)** aims to promote Apprenticeship Training in the Country, by providing partial stipend support to the apprentices engaged under the Apprentice Act, 1961, undertaking capacity building of the apprenticeship ecosystem, and providing advocacy assistance to the stakeholders.

**The objectives of NAPS-2 are as follows:**

- a) To develop skilled workforce for the economy by promotion of on-the-job experiential training.
- b) To encourage establishments to enroll apprentices by sharing partial stipend support to the apprentices.
- c) To provide up-skilling opportunities for candidates who have undergone short-term skill training offered by various Central and State Government initiatives.
- d) To encourage enrolment of apprentices in small establishments especially Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and those located in the underserved areas such as aspirational districts and North-East Region.

**Budget allocation:**

1. NAPS-2 is a Central Sector Scheme (100% funded by the Central Government) and is one of the sub-components under the umbrella scheme of “Skill India Programme”. The other sub-components are Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0 and Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS).
2. Under NAPS-2, a budget of Rs 1,942 crore has been allocated **for four (4) years from FY 2022-23 to FY 2025-26.**

**Funding support under NAPS-2:**

1. Partial stipend support by GoI under NAPS-2 will be limited to 25% of stipend paid, up to a maximum of Rs.1,500 per month, per Apprentice during the Training Period.
2. The stipend support by GoI will be paid through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the bank account of Apprentices.
3. **No stipend support will be available under NAPS-2 to the Central and State Government Departments and Central and State Public Sector Undertakings/Enterprises, including Public Sector Banks.**
4. Large private organizations will be encouraged to join a “Give It Up Campaign” and forego the stipend support by GoI under the scheme.