

■ Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs Launches Skill Development Initiative NIPUN

The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has launched an innovative project for skill training of construction workers called NIPUN (National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers). The project is being implemented as



part of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) to train over 1 lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes. This initiative will enable Nirman workers to be more proficient and skilled while making them adopt future trends in the construction industry by increasing their capabilities and diversifying their skill sets. This would provide construction workers with work opportunities in foreign countries also, according to Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs. The construction industry is poised to become the largest employer by 2022 and needs 45 million additional skilled workers over the next 10 years.