

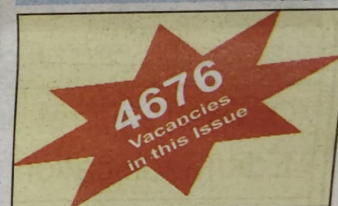
## SkillNXT: India's New Skilling Framework Redefines Readiness



SkillNXT marks a transformative shift toward a decentralised and future-ready training ecosystem. This evolved approach directly addresses the complex challenges of a rapidly changing global workforce by empowering local institutions, regional training centres, and grassroots partners to deliver agile and demand-driven skilling solutions. By integrating digital innovation, inclusivity, and international standards, the framework reimagines how young Indians acquire, demonstrate, and apply their skills—across sectors, regions, and borders. It moves beyond one-time training models to foster a culture of lifelong, adaptive learning that is responsive to the dynamic and distributed nature of modern work.

"As we move towards Viksit Bharat 2047, it is clear that India will not become a developed nation by chance—but by

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Sujeet Yadav

As India marks ten years of the transformative Skill India Mission—the nation stands at the cusp of a new era in workforce readiness. On July 22,

2025, Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi showcased this evolution, hosting Bharat SkillNXT 2025, a visionary conclave that brought together policymakers, industry leaders, educators, and skill champions

to redefine India's skilling trajectory for the next decade.

Building on the foundation laid by the Skill India Mission, the next-generation skilling framework launched under Bharat

## River of Opportunities: Careers in Inland Cruise Tourism

Ranjana Singh

India's river cruise tourism is making impressive waves with 19.4% increase in voyages on National Waterways rising from 371 in 2023-24 to 443 in 2024-25. This sharp growth is a clear indicator of the expanding popularity and operational efficiency of inland cruises in India's vast river systems.

Spearheaded by the Cruise Bharat Mission, the Government of India is charting an ambitious course to transform inland waterways into vibrant cruise routes. By 2027, 51 new river cruise circuits are set to be developed across 47 National Waterways spanning 14 states and 3 Union Territories. This mission also aims to triple the number of river cruise passengers—from 0.5 million to 1.5 million—within the next two years, while emphasising eco-friendly tourism practices and the use of green vessels.

### Growth Trajectory of India's River Cruise Tourism

The growth of this sector is being driven by the proactive efforts of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. From just five vessels operating on three waterways in 2013-14, the cruise network has grown to 25

vessels navigating 13 National Waterways in 2024-25— thanks to significant infrastructure upgrades such as cruise terminals, 24/7 navigation aids, pilotage services, and shore-side facilities that enhance passenger comfort and operator confidence alike.

In a major boost to India's international appeal, the globally renowned luxury cruise company, Viking Cruises, has announced its foray into the Indian market with the Viking Brahmputra, an 80-guest luxury vessel that will be indigenously built by Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kolkata and operate on National Waterway-2. This launch, scheduled for late 2027, is a strong signal of global interest in India's river cruise potential.

Milestones like the record-setting MV Ganga Vilas—the world's longest river cruise covering 3,200 km from Varanasi to Dibrugarh through 27 river systems across five Indian states and Bangladesh—have further spotlighted India on the global cruise map. Popular cruise destinations such as the Sundarbans in West Bengal, Brahmaputra in Assam, and Alappuzha in Kerala are also drawing growing numbers of domestic and international tourists.

To support this growth, IWAI is working hand-in-hand with several state governments. Partnerships with Gujarat

and Madhya Pradesh for cruise operations on the Narmada, with the Delhi Government for ferry and cruise services on the Yamuna, and with Jammu and Kashmir for sustainable river tourism on the Jhelum, Ravi, and Chenab are opening new frontiers. Major cruise terminals are also under development in Varanasi, Guwahati, Kolkata, and Patna, with additional terminals planned in the Northeast at Silghat, Biswanath Ghat, Neamati, and Gujjan by 2027.

### Career Opportunities

As the nation's rivers transform into luxurious and sustainable travel corridors, cruise tourism is not just redefining how we travel—it's also opening a sea of career opportunities for India's youth. Cruise tourism is a multi-disciplinary industry. Whether your background is in hospitality, engineering, environmental studies, arts, or marketing, there's room for you aboard this booming sector.

**Hospitality & Guest Services:** For those with a background in hotel management or tourism, the cruise industry offers an exciting extension of the hospitality sector—only this time, your workplace floats. Cruise ships, often described as luxury resorts on water, demand high standards of guest service and seamless

operations. Professionals in this domain ensure that every aspect of a passenger's experience is smooth, enjoyable, and memorable. Key roles include Cruise Managers who oversee onboard services, Guest Relations Executives who serve as the face of the voyage, Food and Beverage Managers ensuring culinary excellence, and Housekeeping Supervisors maintaining immaculate environments. Onboard Concierges cater to guest requests with finesse, while Spa, Wellness, and Fitness Trainers add a touch of rejuvenation to the journey. Success in these roles calls for strong communication skills, an eye for detail, a customer-first attitude, and, increasingly, multilingual abilities to cater to international guests.

**Guiding & Cultural Interpretation:** For students of history, tourism studies, languages, or performing arts, this sector offers a unique platform to turn knowledge into immersive guest experiences. Whether you're guiding a group through the spiritual ghats of Varanasi, interpreting the biodiversity of the Sundarbans, or

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## DIPLOMA ADMISSION- 2025

Golden opportunity for 10th / 12th /ITI Pass students to get enroll in Employment link, Industry based Diploma courses run under Government of India

COURSES	DURATION	ELIGIBILITY	TUITION FEE PER YEAR
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### ADMISSION IN FIRST YEAR (AICTE Approved and Affiliated to HSBTE)

Advance Diploma in Tool & Die Making.	4Yrs.	10 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Pass	Rs.20570/-
Diploma in Mechatronics	3Yrs.		

### ADMISSION IN SECOND YEAR THROUGH LATERAL ENTRY (AICTE Approved and Affiliated to HSBTE)

Advance Diploma in Tool & Die Making.	3Yrs.	ITI / 12 <sup>th</sup> Pass (PCM)	Rs.20570/-
Diploma in Mechatronics	2Yrs.		

#### Note:

- Admission will be done as per AICTE / HSBTE guidelines
- 100% Placement Assistance will be provided on successful completion of the course.
- No Tuition Fee will be charged to SC/ST candidates as per rule of govt. of India subjected to production of valid caste certificate
- The entire fee including tuition fee shall be applicable as per AICTE / HSBTE norms.
- Financial Assistance through various scholarship schemes is applicable as per Rule.
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## DBT - BIOTECH INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME (BITP) 2025-26 UNDER SKILL VIGYAN

Applications are invited from bonafide Indian citizens residing in India for hands-on training in Industry. The programme provides excellent opportunity to biotech/bioinformatics students who have completed their education and intend to start their career in Industry to acquire practical skills and experience working on projects alongside industry experts as well as an opportunity to industry to identify potential candidates for their human resource requirements. The training will be for six months during which stipend will be paid to trainees and bench fee of @ Rs. 23,350/- per candidate will be paid to companies to cover the expenses towards training. The program is being implemented by DBT-HRD Project Management Unit at Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), Faridabad on behalf of Department of Biotechnology.

### ATTN: BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY

Requisitions are invited from companies operating in areas of biotechnology & life sciences including Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Diagnostics, Agri-Biotechnology, Biomedical, Environmental, Industrial Biotechnology, Therapeutics, Genomics & Proteomics, Bio-services, Veterinary, Bioinformatics and Computational Biotechnology, Contract research & manufacturing, Intellectual property, Food industry etc. interested to provide hands-on training for six months. The companies will also have to pay the stipend to the trainees as per the apprenticeship norms in addition to stipend paid by DBT. 'Requisition Form' can be downloaded from RCB website (<https://rcb.res.in/DBTBIP/>). Duly filled and signed 'Requisition Forms' shall be submitted to [bitp.dbt@rcb.res.in](mailto:bitp.dbt@rcb.res.in).

### ATTN: BIOTECHNOLOGY STUDENTS

**Eligibility:** Students with B.E/B.Tech/M.Sc./M.Tech./M.VSc./MBA in Biotechnology/ Bioinformatics and students admitted under DBT PG teaching program in Biotechnology. The degree should be from an Indian recognized university with a minimum of 50% marks or equivalent grades completed in year 2022-23, 2023-24 or 2024-25.

**Mode of Selection:** Candidates will be selected based on computer based test conducted in multiple city/centers across the country. Selection would be subject to meeting the eligibility criteria. Trainer company would be provided subject to availability.

**Mode of Application:** Candidates may apply online by visiting website <https://bitp25.onlineapplicationform.org/BITP/>. Detailed information on filling the application form, payment of application fee and uploading of required documents/ certificates in the prescribed format is given on the website.

**Stipend structure:** DBT will disburse a stipend @ Rs. 10,000/- per candidate per month upon successful completion of six months of training and assessment. Students will also get a minimum stipend of Rs. 9,000/- per month from trainer companies for the period of training, as per apprenticeship norms.

**Certification:** After completion of training, trainees will have to undergo an online 'Assessment' conducted by Sector Skill Council. Trainees who will qualify the Assessment will be awarded 'Apprenticeship Certificate' under National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) by Sector Skill Council.

#### Important Dates

S. No	Events	Dates
1.	Start date for submission of online applications	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
2.	Closing date for submission of online applications	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
3.	Period of training	Six months from date of joining

Note: In case of any query, please send email to [bitp.dbt@rcb.res.in](mailto:bitp.dbt@rcb.res.in)

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**Ministry of Defence**

## RECRUITMENT OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN INDIAN NAVY-2025

RECRUITMENT OF BOAT CREW STAFF IN INDIAN NAVY  
NOTIFICATION 02/2025-BCS

### CORRIGENDUM

- Refer to the Notification 01/2025-BCS published in Employment News dated 08-14 Mar 2025 (EN 49/89) for recruitment to the posts of Boat Crew Staff in Indian Navy.
- All vacancies advertised in Notification 01/2025-BCS pertain to Naval Dockyard, Mumbai in Western Naval Command. In addition to the vacancies mentioned at Notification 01/2025-BCS published in Employment News dated 08-14 Mar 2025 (EN 49/89), following additional vacancies are notified herewith: -

S No.	Name of Post	Distribution of vacancies* (* Subject to variation)						Horizontal Reservation			Categories of disability suitable for jobs with functional requirement	Command/Unit
		SC	ST	OBC	EWS	UR	TOTAL	PwBD	ESM	Ex-Agriiveers		
(a)	Syrang of Lascars	-	-	-	02	-	02	-	-	-	-	ENC-02
(b)	Lascar-I	22	10	13	07	38	90	04	09	09	01-VH, 01-HH, 01-OH, 01-(d&e) (S, ST, W, BN, MF, SE, C)	WNC/KNA-77 SNC-02, ENC-11
(c)	Fireman (Boat Crew)	06	04	05	03	19	37	01	02	02	01-(d&e)	WNC/NDMBI-04 WNC/KNA-20 SNC-05, ENC-08
(d)	Topass	0	01	0	01	02	04	-	-	-	-	WNC/ KNA-04
	Total	28	15	18	13	59	133	05	11	11	-	-

The above vacancies also include the given below Backlog Vacancies: -

S.No.	Name of Post	SC	ST	OBC	Total	PwBD	Command/ Unit
(a)	Lascar-I	04	02	-	06	-	ENC-06
(b)	Fireman (Boat Crew)	01	01	02	04	-	SNC-02 (OBC), ENC-02 (SC & ST)

- Abbreviations used. ENC - Eastern Naval Command, SNC - Southern Naval Command, WNC - Western Naval Command, KNA - Karnataka Naval Area.
- Preference of Posting. Preference of posting from select list candidates will be sought prior to commencement of pre-appointment formalities. Candidates will be required to indicate their choice of Command for posting, in order of preference. This will have no bearing on their merit. This information will be utilised by the Indian Navy to determine the place of posting, to the extent feasible in respect of qualified candidates. Indian Navy however reserves the right to post any selected candidates in any Command and at any location based on service requirements and available vacancies.
- All terms and conditions as mentioned in the Notification 01/2025-BCS are applicable to these vacancies also remains unchanged.
- Candidates are also requested to check the status through their registration ids regularly for updates/instructions in the recruitment portal <https://ndmb.boatcrew.registrationportal.in>