

## Utkarsh Bangla Scheme in West Bengal

### Introduction:

Government of West Bengal has constituted the West Bengal Skill Development Mission (WBSDM) with the objective of providing skill training to individuals to empower them to engage in wage employment or self-employment leading to improved livelihood. Apart from running the centrally sponsored schemes, the Government of West Bengal launched the 'Utkarsh Bangla' Scheme under the ambit of Paschim Banga Society for Skill Development (PBSSD), in 2016, to provide skilling training across the state. This state initiative through Utkarsh Bangla Scheme aims at creating a pool of skilled candidates who are industry ready.

### Initiatives:

- State has Integrated Skill Development Policy and infrastructure to train six lakh trainees under institutional and non-institutional mechanisms.
- Private sector investments in skilling include CSR and Affirmative Action based initiatives by Tata Metaliks Ltd. for setting up skill development centres for skilling in the foundry and engineering instruments sector.
- The state is focusing on operationalizing 100 ITIs in PPP Mode.

### Impact:

- Tata Hitachi has set up operator training schools in the state 77
- ITIs in PPP Mode have been operationalized
- ~5.00 Lakh candidates trained through 152 Polytechnics, 250 ITI's, 3390 Vocational Training and 1,836 Skill Training Centres under Utkarsh Bangla Scheme

*Source: Utkarsh Bangla' Scheme under the ambit of Paschim Banga Society for Skill Development and KPMG in India, Analysis*