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Skill training prog for urban youths

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Employment through Skills Training and Placement (ESTP), under the National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) programme, is under way in 24 municipal-administrated areas of the state. Training is being provided in job-oriented trades to educated youngsters and the needy.

The training programme, undertaken by the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), will train youths in automotive repairs, driving, banking and accounting, electronics repair, wireman, garment-making, fashion designing, medical and nursing care, media, printing, beauty culture and hair dressing, toy-making and hotel management among others. In the first phase, a target of 3,197 candidates has been set, said an official.

The national mission is aimed at basic development in urban areas and lays special emphasis on providing job-oriented training, employment generation and livelihood projects for the urban poor. It aims at providing shelters equipped with essential services to the urban homeless in a phased manner.

Moreover, the mission would also deal with livelihood concerns of urban street vendors by facilitating access to suitable spaces, institutional credit and social security. The training programme under NULM is designed to offer skills to urban poor youths and upgrade their existing skills so that they can set up self-employment ventures, as well.

Through an MoU with Assam State Urban Livelihood Mission Society, IIE aims to provide the training for self employment and provide support towards gainful employment.