

India at a glance - VET & the Economy

Economic Data	Vocational Data
<p>1. Land area 3.29 million sq km</p> <p>2. Arable land 48.83%, permanent crops 2.83%, other 48.37%</p> <p>3. Irrigated land 0.558 million sq km</p> <p>4. Population 1129 million</p> <p>5. Median age 24.8 years</p> <p>6. Literacy 59.5 %</p> <p>7. GDP 900 US\$ billions</p> <p>8. GDP 4,020 US\$ billions (PPP)</p> <p>9. GDP - per capita US\$ 820</p> <p>10. GDP by Sector Agriculture 20 %, Industry 20 %, Services 60 %</p> <p>11. Labour Force 509 million</p> <p>12. Labour force by occupation Agriculture 60%, Industry 12%, Services 28%</p> <p>13. Population below poverty line 25%</p> <p>14. House hold income Lowest 10% 3.5 %, Highest 10% 33.5%</p> <p>15. Inflation Rate 5.8 %</p> <p>16. Exports US\$ 1140 billion</p> <p>17. Reserves US\$ 248 billion</p> <p>18. Telephones - land line 60 million</p> <p>19. Telephones - mobile 110 million</p> <p>20. Internet users 43 million</p>	<p>1. Labour Force as % of Population 45 %</p> <p>2. India has one of the lowest productivity index in the world. Please details in our book – Transforming INDIA. Hence the need for VET!</p> <p>3. Number of people undergoing VET courses in the ‘organized sector’ about 3.5 million {& 45 million in the ‘unorganized sector’ (estimated)}</p> <p>4. Percentage of work force undergoing some sort of VET course 8% to 10 %</p> <p>Nearly 17 Ministries of the Government seem to be imparting VET courses.</p> <p>The largest are the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of HRD. Ministry of labour has 5114 IITs.</p> <p>Number of VET Institutions in India. Figures not known. Ministry of Education has about 700 Polytechnics and about 6000 Vocational schools. Data from other ministries not known.</p> <p>30 million is the labour force within the organized sector. Most of them have elaborate in-house training. This data is not collated.</p> <p>Nearly 480 million work in the ‘unorganized sector’. All the informal VET takes place here. This data is not recorded.</p> <p>There are an estimated 50,000 I.T. and software related training institutions imparting I.T. related courses to a few million people.</p> <p>In November 2006 the Prime Minister has directed a Task Force to study and suggest ways to improve both the quality and quantity of VET for the country’s labour force.</p> <p>Significant positive changes are expected during the 11th Plan period.</p>