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Sector Skill Council for aerospace aviation in Bangalore

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The sky is the limit for students in the State aspiring for a career in the aerospace and aviation industry. The National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC) is all set to open its Sector Skill Council (SSC) in aerospace aviation in Bangalore by end of this year.

Big demand

At the stakeholders' conference here on Tuesday, Vijay Bhalaki, Director, Athena Infonomics, said that the main aim of the SSC would be to bridge the quantitative and qualitative skill gap.

It would cater to research and design, and maintenance, repair and operation (MRO) of flight and related systems, he said.

He added: "There are 1.75 lakh employees now, but 8.7 lakh are required in aviation and MRO. With the SSC, we expect at least 60 per cent of the workforce to be certified."

The Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Society of Indian Aerospace Technologies and Industries are the two promoters of the aerospace aviation SSC.

Basab Banerjee, Head, Standards and QA, NSDC, New Delhi, said the present percentage of skilled workforce in India was a meagre 2. For this to increase, a demand-driven education system is being put in place, he said.

N. Sriraman, Commissioner, Directorate of Employment and Training (DET), Karnataka, spoke.

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