

## World Youth Skill Day Coverage: **Data Quest**

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### World Youth Skills Day: Digital and soft skills are now a necessity

World Youth Skills Day is observed every year on 15 July, and this year the focus is on the 'new normal' in the post-pandemic world

World Youth Skills Day is being celebrated today to raise the awareness of the youth of India regarding the importance of skills development. This year's focus is on how in the post-pandemic world the youth of the country will have to be equipped with digital skills to successfully manage evolving challenges and the resilience to adapt to future disruptions. Furthermore, with organizations rapidly increasing the rate of digital adoption in the 'new normal' it has become all the more imperative to have a skilled workforce.

In six months, the COVID-19 pandemic has spurred a global economic crisis including massive unemployment, as a huge amount of work either stopped or moved online. As societies reopen, one of the key steps needed to foster a safe and successful economic recovery is expanded access to the digital skills needed to fill new jobs.