

PSSCIVE Celebrates World Youth Skills Day: 15 July 2025

The PSS Central Institute of Vocational Education (PSSCIVE), NCERT, Bhopal, celebrated World Youth Skills Day (WYSD) 2025 on 15th July 2025 by organising a national-level hybrid webinar on the theme “Youth Empowerment through AI and Digital Skills.” The event marked the 10th anniversary of UNESCO’s WYSD and the 5th anniversary of the Global Skills Academy (GSA).

Dr. Vinay Swarup Mehrotra, *Professor and Webinar Coordinator*, highlighted the growing importance of AI literacy and digital competencies in today’s rapidly evolving world. He also briefed participants on the International Workshop on AI and Digital Skills held earlier in June 2025 at PSSCIVE in collaboration with UNESCO, Microsoft, Tablet Academy (International), and KPMG, and introduced “*Kaushal Bodh*,” an activity book for Grades 6–8 that integrates AI into experiential learning. Speakers Dr. Deepak Paliwal, *Joint Director*, and Prof. Munesh Chandra, *Head*, ICTC, emphasised the need to embed AI-driven job roles and personalised learning within vocational education.

Over 450 participants joined online, with 60 students attending in person from the Demonstration Multipurpose School (DMS), Bhopal. The technical sessions featured Prof. Puneet Mishra (University of Lucknow) on “*Smart Lesson Planning & Assessment with AI Tools*” and Dr. Vijay Bhaskar (MANIT, Bhopal) on “*Using Canva AI for Vocational Projects*.”

