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Livelihood training for 1L youths in state

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Bhubaneswar: LabourNet, a social enterprise, that helps informal sector workers in earning their livelihood with the help of Building and Other Construction Worker's Welfare Board (BOCWWB), Odisha, will train around one lakh people, most of them labourers, to increase their employability.

"We will train unemployed youth in bike and car servicing as well as other automobile services," LabourNet co-founder Gayathri Vasudevan said, adding, "After the training they can get jobs in various automobile servicing centres or set up their own shops."

"There are two types of workforce in the state — school dropouts and youths with minimum technical education. A lot of youths are working in and outside the country as plumbers and construction workers. We want to hone in their skills so that they

skills," she added. The enterprise has been facilitating core competency skill training under various construction trades through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme in the construction sector of Odisha, jointly with the BOCWWB and leading corporates in the industry. Apart from skill development it has been assisting workers on social inclusion, such as Aadhaar cards and bank accounts.

"We are working in 27 districts of the state and have trained 55,000 people. Our target is to train one lakh people in the state every year. We will provide training to the workforce on automobile sector; fisheries, food processing and construction sector," said Vasudevan. BOCWWB chairman Subash Singh said the training will help labourers and unskilled youths to get jobs. "Our main focus is on construction sector. According to the economic survey 2014-2015, state's construction sector is expected