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In his August 15, 2026 Red Fort address, PM Modi bundled four youth- and technology-facing announcements under the “technology and innovation” and “soft power” pillars of the Sapta Dhara vision: AI skilling, semiconductor expansion, free exam coaching, and a nationwide sports talent hunt.

AI Skilling for a Crore Youth

The government will provide **AI skills training to one crore (10 million) youth** within the next year, part of a broader push to build population-scale AI capability.

Semiconductor Expansion

India currently has **three operational semiconductor plants**. PM Modi signalled **five to eight additional plants**, though reporting on the exact deployment timeline has varied across outlets; readers should treat the precise timeline as provisional pending the official transcript of the address.

Free Coaching and Sports Talent Hunt

A new scheme will offer **free online coaching for competitive-exam aspirants** from economically disadvantaged backgrounds; the scheme’s official name has not yet been confirmed in available reporting. Separately, the government announced a **nationwide sports talent identification drive** for children aged **5-15**, explicitly linked to India’s preparation for the **2036 Olympics**.

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AI-skilling at population scale raises genuine last-mile delivery questions, rural broadband access, device availability, that any Mains answer on digital-skilling schemes should address rather than treating scale alone as a guarantee of impact. The semiconductor push continues the **trajectory** of the India Semiconductor Mission launched in 2021.

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