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- Centre launches new strategy with emphasis on job creation

**Skills development vital to auto industry**

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