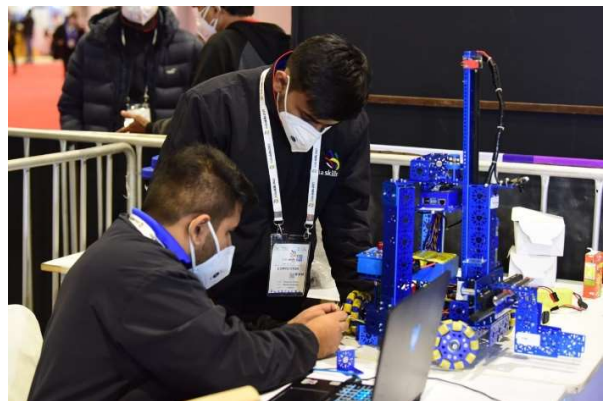


61 gold, 77 silver, 53 bronze and 79 medallions of excellence at IndiaSkills 2021 National Competition felicitated

- Odisha topped the chart with 51 winners, followed by Maharashtra, 30 and Kerala, 25 winners
- The felicitation was held at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi under strict Covid-19 protocols. Participants were also encouraged to join the event virtually
- More than 500+ youth from 26 states/UTs competed in 54 skills
- The winners of IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals will get a chance to represent the country at WorldSkills International Competition to be held in Shanghai, China in October 2022



New Delhi, 10 January 2022: IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals, the country's biggest skill competition, concluded today with more than 150 participants being felicitated by Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India. The closed-door competition, organised by National Skill Development Corporation under the guidance of MSDE, witnessed participation in 54 skills such as concrete construction work, beauty therapy, car painting, health and social care, visual merchandising, graphic design technology, wall & floor tiling, welding, among others.



IndiaSkills Competition, which raises the profile and recognition of the youth, brought together over 500 participants from 26 states/ union territories this year. The skill competitions were held at multiple locations, including Pragati Maidan and offsite locations in the National Capital Region, from 7 to 9 January under Covid-19 guidelines mandated by local authorities and the Delhi Government. Additionally, all safety protocols were followed including no entry for visitors/ spectators, adequate social distancing, and frequent sanitization of the competition premises. To further disperse the participants, the competitions for eight skills were conducted in Bengaluru and Mumbai from 3 to 5 January.

Ved Mani Tiwari, Chief Operating Officer and Officiating Chief Executive Officer, National Skill Development Corporation, Prakash Sharma, Director, WorldSkills India and Col. Arun Chandel, Senior Head, WorldSkills India also graced the event today.

Of the 150+ winners, 59 were awarded gold medals with a cash prize of INR 100,000, 73 were given silver medals with a prize money of INR 75,000 and 53 received bronze medals with a cash prize of INR 50,000. More than 50 participants won the Medallion of Excellence. This year's IndiaSkills Competition has raised the bar of skill development by witnessing over 2.5 lakh registrations in August-September 2021.

Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) said, "It's been a delight to witness the quality of talent, passion and perseverance with which the candidates have competed at the IndiaSkills National Competition. Congratulations to all the winners and participants. I have personally met all the champions and I am certain that the future of skills is in safe hands with such an efficient workforce. I must admit that the competition has been keeping pace with new evolving skill sets and includes the latest technology and techniques.

The government, industry and experts will work together to ensure that Team India is best equipped with the desired training and tools to perform their best at WorldSkills International Competition, which will be held in Shanghai, China later this year. I am certain we will bag more medals this year at the global platform."

Ved Mani Tiwari, Chief Operating Officer and Officiating Chief Executive Officer, National Skill Development Corporation said, "Skills create opportunities, build societies and fuel economic growth. Skill competitions play a vital role in raising awareness about the importance of skilling in one's life and prepare for the jobs and challenges of the future. The introduction of new-age skills shows how IndiaSkills Competition updates to future-relevant trades and job roles. This will definitely put us ahead of the curve and inspire other young people to consider a career in these skills."

Highlights of IndiaSkills 2021 National Competition

- **Abilympics – Skill Demonstration by Persons with Disabilities**

IndiaSkills 2021 National Competition also featured Abilympics, a demonstration of skills by Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), in 16 skills including computer programming, painting, embroidery, poster designing



and photography. With such participation, IndiaSkills has the potential to reach the grass-root level and is a major step towards bridging the gap between the demand and supply of a skilled workforce.

- **Demonstration Skills**

IndiaSkills 2021 introduced three new skills – yoga, shoe making (leather) and garment making (leather), which were exhibited to showcase opportunities for candidates in these trades.

- **New-Age Skills**

Seven new-age skills—robot systems integration, additive manufacturing, digital construction, industry 4.0, renewable energy, mobile applications development, and industrial design technology—have been introduced to this year's competition, keeping pace with the emerging technologies.

- **Women Participation**

IndiaSkills not only offers a platform to transform the lives of the youth but provides equal opportunities to all. Plumbing & Heating skill witnessed participation by a female candidate for the first time ever. Landscape and gardening skill had two all-women teams. Visual merchandising was female dominated too. Mobile robotics also saw a team of two girls. As we progress as a society, women are breaking stereotypes and participating in all kinds of skills. PFLS data suggests that participation of the women in the workforce is as low as 22% and if women do not get the opportunities, it impacts economic growth of the country. We are proud that IndiaSkills is offering an equal playfield.

- **Industry supporting IndiaSkills**

The event has received tremendous response from the industry and partner institutions supporting infrastructure, experts and equipment need for skill training of candidates during workshops, boot camps and the competitions.

- **Partner Institutes**

The partner institutes who have supported the IndiaSkills National Competition include Maruti Suzuki, Larsen & Toubro, Festo India, Hotel Leela, Toyota India, CBIP, Concept Mahindra, Academy of Pastry & Culinary Arts, Government Tool Room & Training Centre (GTTC), Karnataka German Technical Training Institutes (KGTI) and Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (IMTMA), Bengaluru, ICT Center of Excellence, Mumbai, IndiaTV News (as media partner), and Playtonia (as gaming partner), and more.

- **Journey from IndiaSkills to WorldSkills**

IndiaSkills 2021 National Competition (from 7 to 9 January) has been conducted following four Regional Competitions that were held in East (Patna), West (Gandhinagar), North (Chandigarh) and South (Visakhapatnam) during October-December. Participants for regionals were selected through



competitions organised at the district and state levels between August and September 2021, which recorded over 250,000 registrations. The winners of IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals will undergo rigorous training to represent India at WorldSkills Shanghai, China to be held in October 2022.

About National Skill Development Corporation

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India, is a unique Public Private Partnership (PPP) that aims to catalyse the creation of quality vocational training ecosystem in India. Since inception in 2010, NSDC has trained over 3 crore people through its collaboration with 600+ training partners and over 11,000 training centres spread across 600+ districts in the country. NSDC has established 36 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and implements the Government's flagship skill development schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS), among others.

About IndiaSkills Competition

NSDC, with the guidance of MSDE, leads and organises IndiaSkills Competitions every two years at the regional and national levels. Skilled youth from various states/ UTs compete in their respective skills. The winners of IndiaSkills undergo training and participate in several development programs for a year to prepare for WorldSkills. NSDC aims to enrich the lives of the youth and empower them through IndiaSkills.

About WorldSkills Competition

Founded in 1950, WorldSkills International is the global hub for skills excellence and development. WorldSkills brings youth, industries, and educators together to give youth the chance to compete, experience, and learn how to become the best in their skill of choice. From traditional trades to multi-skilled technology careers in the industry and service sectors, supported by partners, industries, governments, volunteers, and educational institutions, WorldSkills' vision is to improve the world through the power of skills. It has 85 member countries and regions, all working with youth, educators, governments, and industries to help prepare the workforce and talent of today for the jobs of the future.

Sl.	State/UT	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Medallion	Total
1	Odisha	10	18	9	14	51
2	Kerala	8	8	5	4	25
3	Maharashtra	8	4	7	11	30
4	Karnataka	7	8	4	4	23
5	Andhra Pradesh	7	4	1	4	16
6	Bihar	4	2	5	2	13
7	Haryana	3	4	1	3	11
8	Gujarat	3	1	2	5	11

9	Rajasthan	3	1	1	6	11
10	Tamil Nadu	2	8	8	5	23
11	Chandigarh	2	2	1	6	11
12	Punjab	1	4	1	2	8
13	Uttar Pradesh	1	2	2	2	7
14	Madhya Pradesh	1	2		1	4
15	West Bengal	1	1	1		3
16	Delhi		2	1	4	7
17	Jharkhand		2	1		3
18	Uttarakhand		2		1	3
19	Tripura			1	1	2
20	Assam		1		1	2
21	Goa		1			1
22	Mizoram			1		1
23	Andaman & Nicobar			1		1
24	Himachal Pradesh				1	1
25	Telangana				2	2

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