

First IndiaSkills Regional Competition in Jaipur concluded with a grand ceremony

- More than 200 youth from 5 states competed in 24 skills at the 3-day event
- Maharashtra won 17 medals including 7 Gold, followed by Haryana which won 6 Gold



Jaipur, May 28, 2018: In a bid to promote international standards in over 40 skills among the youth of our country, National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC) under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organized IndiaSkills Regional Competition 2018 in Jaipur from 24th to 26th May 2018. The entire competition was conducted in a practical environment, using same material and equipment which a person would use in the real environment.

One of the unique element of the competition was participation of large number of female competitors in skills such as Bricklaying, Wall & Floor Tiling and Welding. All these are traditionally considered to be male dominated skills/trades. Nagma Shaikh from Gujarat also won the Gold in Bricklaying at the event.

Maharashtra won the highest number of medals at the event (17), followed Haryana which won 12 and Gujarat which won 8 medals. The winners were felicitated by Shri Ramcharan Bohra, Member of Parliament, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Speaking at the event Shri Ramcharan Bohra said, “We are very happy to see the first IndiaSkills regional competition being organized in Jaipur. It is heartening to see the enthusiasm and hard work of all the participants who competed at this event. I am also proud see large number of women breaking stereotypes and participating across unconventional trade such as Welding & Brick Laying. I believe the confidence that each competitor has gained through this process will help them improve their skills and contribute towards the growth of our country.”

Commenting on the initiatives, Shri Rajesh Agrawal, Joint Secretary, MSDE said, “Skills form the backbone of all national missions. IndiaSkills competitions are designed with an objective to showcase the highest standards of skills in India and motivate youth to consider vocational education as a mainstream career option. The initiative will help us identify the best talent who could represent India at the WorldSkills International Competition and bring laurels to the country.”

More than **200** competitors from Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana competed in 24 trades/skills during this 3-day event. Winners from the regional competition will compete at the National Competition scheduled in Delhi from 15th to 18th July 2018.

About National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)

NSDC is one of its kind public-private-partnership with an objective to facilitate skill training in partnership with private training providers. Till date, NSDC has approved 350+ training providers and 39 Sector Skill Councils, with a geographical spread of 7,000+ training centres in 600+ districts across the country. NSDC has trained more than 1.4 crore people across sectors.

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