

IndiaSkills 2021 - Regional Competition (East) to be held from October 20 – 23 in Patna

- Over 240 participants from 8 states will compete in the four-day competition starting October 20
- Participants will compete in 42 skills and the winners will enter IndiaSkills Nationals (in Dec 2021), a gateway to the WorldSkills International Competition to be held in Shanghai, China (in Oct 2022)



Patna, 18 October 2021: National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), working under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, today announced **IndiaSkills 2021 Regional Competition for East** will be held from October 20 to 23 in Patna, Bihar, bringing together more than 240 participants from 8 states—Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar, Mizoram, Assam, and Tripura. IndiaSkills is designed to demonstrate the highest standards of skills in the country and make vocational training aspirational for the youth.

Below are the details of participants from 8 states:

States	Andaman & Nicobar	Assam	Bihar	Jharkhand	Mizoram	Odisha	Tripura	West Bengal	Total
No. of Competitors	25	27	42	13	15	87	14	21	244

The announcement was made at a pre-event press conference which was chaired by Ms. Vandana Kini, Additional Chief Secretary, Labour Resources Department, Government of Bihar. Mr. Jaikant Singh, Senior Head, WorldSkills India & National Skill Development Corporation represented the organisation. The

event was also graced by the IndiaSkills Executive Committee Members (East), including, Mr. P K Sinha, CEO, Astric Solution Pvt Ltd; Mr. Aditya Kumar Sinha, Director, CDAC; Mr. Alok Tripathi, Director-in-charge, NIELIT; Mr. Chander Shekhar Singh, Principal, New Government Polytechnic, Patliputra; Mr. Sanjay Srivastava, Director, NIFT; Mr. D K Singh, Advisor, TRTC, MSME; and Mr. Bahadur Ashfaq Ahmed, Regional Director, RDSDE.

The opening ceremony of the competition will be held on October 20 at Gyan Bhawan, Gandhi Maidan and Smt. Renu Devi, Deputy Chief Minister, Bihar will be the chief guest at the event.

The winners of the IndiaSkills 2021 Regional Competition – East will be felicitated at the closing ceremony on October 23, to be organized at Bapu Sabhaghar, Patna. The winner in each skill will be awarded a cash prize of INR 21,000 along with a gold medal, while the first runner up will be given INR 11,000 and a silver medal.

The Regional Competition – East will be organised at 11 partner institutions which specialize in specific skills, namely - Tool Room Training Centre (TRTC), Patna, Central Institute of Petrochemical, Engineering & Technology (CIPET), National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Patna, National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Patna, New Government Polytechnic, Patna, Institute of Hotel Management, Hazipur, Navin Sinha Memorial Park, Hotel Patliputra Continental, Ambedkar Institute of Higher Education, ITI Digha, Centre of Excellence, Patna, and Arena Animation Centre.

Vandana Kini, Additional Chief Secretary, Labour Resources Department, Government of Bihar said, *“We are overwhelmed by the response received from the participating states in the IndiaSkills Regional Competition 2021, part of India’s biggest skill competition. It is indeed a pride for Patna to host this competition. With this competition, I believe that we will help raise the profile of skilled and talented youth. I would like to commend the efforts of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and the National Skill Development Corporation for organising the competition, boosting the Skill India Mission, and extending their commitment towards skills excellence in the country. My best wishes for all participants and I hope these initiatives will create a skilled workforce and a self-reliant Bharat.”*

Jaikant Singh, Senior Head, WorldSkills India, said, *“We are happy to announce the beginning of the IndiaSkills 2021 Regional Competition, and I am joyed to witness the hard work of 30+ states/UTs come to fruition. IndiaSkills Competition aims to create young experts of future-relevant skills. The exposure to best techniques, world-class training and the confidence that each participant will gain during the course of the competitions will surely add to their personal and professional growth. I welcome all participants and wish them all the very best for the competitions ahead.”*

“IndiaSkills Competitions also facilitates local capacity building in terms of infrastructure, exposure to international standards and making skills aspirational. It will provide valuable opportunities for the youth of Bihar to get exposure to various vocational careers. When informed career decisions are made, they contribute to a healthier economy and a boost in labour market activity.” **Jaikant Singh** added.

Participants for regionals have been selected through competitions organised at the district and state levels in August-September. Apart from Patna (for East and NorthEast states), the regionals will be held in Gandhinagar (West), Chandigarh (North), and Visakhapatnam (South), following which IndiaSkills National Competition will be conducted in December 2021 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. **Winners of the**



IndiaSkills National Competition will undergo training to represent India at WorldSkills Shanghai in October 2022.

Witnessing over 250,000 registrations, IndiaSkills 2021 began with district and state-level competitions in August-September. This year, IndiaSkills Regionals will bring together 1,500 participants from 30 states/union territories across 5 regions. Candidates get multi-level industry training through boot camps and programs such as project-based training, industry and corporate training, exposure visits to industries, mind coaching, and personality development. NSDC, through Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) and partner institutions, trains the candidates not only for the competition but for future endeavors, making them job ready.

WorldSkills, the gold standard for skill excellence, is a biennial event that records participation from over 80 nations. Skilled and talented youth from across the world compete on the international platform in multiple trades. In the previous edition of WorldSkills held in Kazan, Russia in 2019, India ranked 13 of 63 countries that participated in the global event. More than 1,350 candidates participated in 56 skills, and team India gave its best-ever performance by winning four medals (one gold, one silver, two bronze medals) along with 15 Medallions of Excellence.



About IndiaSkills Competition

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), under the guidance of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (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 trades. 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.

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