

## Shri Dharmendra Pradhan felicitates winners of WorldSkills Competition 2022, launches IndiaSkills 2023-24



**New Delhi, October 17, 2023:** Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship felicitated 18 candidates from India, applauding their outstanding talents and skills displayed at the World Skills Competition 2022 Special Edition. India participated in 50 skills and secured 11<sup>th</sup> position with 2 Silver Medals, 3 Bronze Medals and 13 Medallion for Excellence. The winners and their expert trainers were honoured with certificates and cash prizes during a grand event.

The Hon'ble Minister, Shri Pradhan also took this momentous occasion to announce the commencement of IndiaSkills 2023-24, the nation's most significant and awaited National Skill Competition. With this, the candidates can enrol themselves on **Skill India Digital** platform starting today. The event was graced by Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar, Chairman UGC, Shri Krishna Kumar Dwivedi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Prof. T. G Sitharam, Chairman AICTE, Ms Trishaljit Sethi, Director General (Training), and Shri Ved Mani Tiwari, CEO, NSDC and MD, NSDC International.

WorldSkills Competition 2022 Special Edition was the official replacement for WorldSkills Shanghai 2022, cancelled in May due to the pandemic. Deviating from its original format, the skill competitions were held over 12 weeks in 15 countries and regions between 7 September and 26 November 2022.

Winners of Silver Medals were rewarded with the cash prize of Rs. 8 lakh, while their experts received Rs. 3 lakh. The Bronze category winners were presented with Rs. 6 lakh, and their experts with Rs. 2 lakh. The candidates and experts who received the Medallion for Excellence were rewarded with cash prizes of Rs. 2 lakh and Rs. 1 lakh, respectively.

Speaking on the occasion, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship said**, "Under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, we have been giving equal importance to competencies, applied knowledge, and hands-on training to lead in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The skill competitions represent a key component of our skilling system, enhancing the employability and market acceptance of India's youth, who play a pivotal role in nation-building. With the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 formalising the integration of skill development with education, I am confident that MSDE will broaden the canvas of India's participation in WorldSkills 2023-24 and finish within the top 10 positions. I urge industry, academia, and policymakers to work together and make skill development a jan-andolan (people's movement) for realizing the vision of making India a developed nation by 2047."

At the event, the winners also shared their inspiring stories of how they fought against all odds, including the deadly pandemic, to travel to foreign countries and compete against the world's best candidates in their respective trades, displaying unwavering determination and an undying passion. Their exuberance and enthusiasm have not only been a source of inspiration but also a driving force to encourage others to compete at both the state and national levels.

The 46th WorldSkills was originally planned for 2021 and was postponed in 2020 due to the pandemic. The special edition welcomed more than 400,000 visitors, over 84 days at 29 separate events. Almost 1,000 Competitors from 56 Member countries and regions competed in 62 skill competitions.

India participated in 50 skills with 56 competitors and 50 experts and witnessed 19% of female participation in skills which were traditionally performed by men like welding, plumbing and heating, CNC Milling, CNC Turning, Electronics, and Bricklaying. This is in alignment with Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of harnessing Nari Shakti for the development of the nation.

Team India also participated in six new future skills listed as under Industry 4.0, Robot System Integration, Additive Manufacturing, Renewable Energy, Mobile Applications Development, Digital Construction.

Furthermore, the transition from 39th position in World Skills Competition 2011 to 11th position in 2022 reflects the evolving need for multi-industry training among youth to broaden the horizons of their careers and equip the workforce with diverse skill sets to increase their employability in the current job market. Skill competitions are also breaking the gender barrier and significant number of female participations in skills traditionally performed by men like welding, plumbing & heating, CNC Milling, CNC Turning, Electronics, Bricklaying, Renewable Energy, Industry 4.0, Mechatronics, and Robot System Integration. Additionally, the launch of India Skills Competition 2023-24 meets the aspiration of young India by promoting global standards of skills, providing competitiveness, and encouraging

innovation. The competition will be held in more than 15 sectors including automotive, electronics, green jobs and manufacturing with competitors competing in trades like Autobody Repair, CNC Milling, Additive Manufacturing, Robot System Integration, Water Technology, and Renewable Energy.

Skill championships like WorldSkills or IndiaSkills are instrumental in advancing the careers of emerging professionals by offering them a platform to display their skills with perfection. It also facilitates cooperation among governments, industry, and academia to close the skill gap and prepare the youth for the ever-evolving job market. Going forward, such endeavours will be able to help the Indian youth attain world-class standards of competence, excellence, and productivity.

### **Annexure**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Medal</b>	<b>Skill</b>	<b>Host Country</b>	<b>Expert Name</b>
1	Praveen Kumar Giri	Silver	Water Technology	Stuttgart, Germany	Rajat Kumar
2	Nandita Saxena	Silver	Patisserie and confectionary	Lucern, Switzerland	Vinesh Jhonny
3	Likith Kumar YP	Bronze	Prototype Modelling	Bern, Switzerland	Bhaskar Singh B
4	Karthik Gowda and Akhilesh Narasimhamurthy	Bronze	Mechatronics	Stuttgart, Germany	Bhagyashree Patil
5	Anushree Srinivasan	Bronze	Hotel Reception	Montreux, Switzerland	Aagman Baur
6	Steven Harris	Medallion for Excellence	Graphic design technology	Aarau, Switzerland	Satish Narayana
7	Pratham Sharma	Medallion for Excellence	Bakery	Lucern, Switzerland	Dr. Avin
8	Abhinav Verma	Medallion for Excellence	3d Digital gaming Art	Korea, Goyang	Pradeep Kumar
9	Vaisakh	Medallion for Excellence	Information network cabling	Japan, Kyoto	Ninad Desai
10	Advaith	Medallion for Excellence	Web technologies	Korea, Goyang	Dhruv Joshi
11	Subasis Paul	Medallion for Excellence	Jewellery	Geneva, Switzerland	Anupam Karmakar
12	Sonu Lather	Medallion for Excellence	Autobody Repair	Bern, Switzerland	Dhaval Rajput
13	Mohammad Siyad and Mohammad Faisal	Medallion for Excellence	Mobile Robotics	Bordeaux, France	Karan Patil
14	Saraswathy PV	Medallion for Excellence	Health and Social Care	Bordeaux, France	Jaideep Herbert
15	Divejya	Medallion for Excellence	Fashion Technology	Helsinki, Finland	Monika Gupta
16	Charmi Sen	Medallion for Excellence	Hairdressing	Helsinki, Finland	Samantha Kochharr
17	Subrat Patel	Medallion for Excellence	Restaurant Services	Lucerne, Switzerland	Paristosh Dabral
18	Mohammad Salman	Medallion for Excellence	Automobile Technology	Dresden, Germany	Prassanna Samel

### **About WorldSkills**

Founded in 1950, WorldSkills 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 the 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.

### **About WorldSkills India**

WorldSkills India is an initiative of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship which has been leading India's participation at WorldSkills International competitions since 2011. Skill competitions have always been a force multiplier in India's mission to train its youth in globally relevant skills. It plays a vital role in helping the youth become more employable by inculcating soft skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving and time management. These competitions also offer the youth a unique opportunity to see up close the best professionals in their field and raise their standards to a global level.