

PRESS RELEASE

ASDC at World Skills Competition'2018

India Skills Competition 2018

New Delhi, 2nd October, 2018 - The Opening Ceremony of the India Skills Competition was held on **Tuesday, 2nd October, 2018 at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi**. The spectacular ceremony witnessed competitors from all over India, officials, and guests gathered to watch participants showcasing their talent across 10 skill competitions.

Competitors from 27 States and Union Territories battled it out in 46 skills, 8 traditional skills and 4 demo skills. For the first time ever, Abilympics, Olympics of Abilities was organized featuring persons with disability. The vocational skills competition is specifically designed for specially-abled individuals to express their unique talents.

Apart from skill competitions, the event also hosted several engaging initiatives such as career counseling, skill exhibition, try a skill among others for the youth. Several other events such as State Ministers Conference, Skill Conclave, and Industry Round Table was also organized on the sidelines of the skill competitions.

Sharing his thoughts on the upcoming competition, Rajesh Agrawal Joint Secretary, MSDE, said, *"IndiaSkills competition plays a catalytic role in improving the overall aspiration for vocational training in India. This year's competition is unique, as for the **first time we have collaborated with 22 state governments** who have organized district and state level skill competitions in their respective states and have supported us in training the winners for the National competition. We are optimistic that the finalists this year will truly raise the bar and bring laurels to the country at the WorldSkills next year."*

Commenting on the initiatives, Manish Kumar, MD and CEO, NSDC, said, *"IndiaSkills Competition 2018 has witnessed more than fifty thousand entries this year, which is 10 times more than what we received for a similar event in 2016. Competitions like these will help youth hone their skills against their peers in other states in India and those around the world, which will improve the overall standards of vocational training in India."*

IndiaSkills Competition 2018, organized by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), has **brought together 70+ corporates and academic institutes**, along with 22 state governments to realize the vision of establishing India as the skill capital of the world.

About ASDC

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About NSDC

NSDC is one of its kind public private partnerships, which catalyse skill development ecosystem in India. Under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, NSDC has

trained more 1.24 crore people so far. The organization is currently working with 355 training providers and 38 Sector Skill Councils, operating through 6831 centres in 567 plus districts across the country.

For more information visit <http://asdc.org.in/> || www.worldskillsindia.co.in

About WorldSkills Competition:

Widely and informally regarded as the Skills Olympics, WorldSkills Competitions are held in different countries every two years and brings together over 1,000 participants, below 23 years, from across the world to compete in more than 46 skills.

The competition is organized by an Amsterdam based not-for-profit organization WorldSkills International.

WorldSkills India Website - <http://www.worldskillsindia.co.in>

WorldSkills International Website: www.worldskills.org

About WorldSkills India

WorldSkills India is an initiative of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), which has been leading India's participation at WorldSkills International competitions since 2011. This was done to create an aspiration around the pursuit of skills training in our country and benchmark the skillsets of our youth against their counterparts in other parts of the world.

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