

IndiaSkills 2021

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In news– IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals, the country's biggest skill competition, concluded recently with more than 150 participants being felicitated by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

About IndiaSkills-

- IndiaSkills is a closed-door competition, **organized by National Skill Development Corporation under the guidance of MSDE.**
- It was conducted following four Regional Competitions that were held in East (Patna), West (Gandhinagar), North (Chandigarh) and South (Visakhapatnam) during October-December.
- The 2021 edition 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.
- It also **featured Abilympics, a demonstration of skills by Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)**, in 16 skills including computer programming, painting, embroidery, poster designing and photography.
- **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.
- **Seven new-age skills**–robot systems integration, additive manufacturing, digital construction, industry 4.0, renewable energy, mobile applications development, and industrial design technology were **introduced to this year's competition, keeping pace with the emerging technologies.**
- Among the 270 winners, **Odisha topped the chart with 51**

winners, followed by Maharashtra, 30 and Kerala, 25 winners.

- The winners of IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals will represent the country at the 46th WorldSkills International Competition to be held in Shanghai, China in October 2022.
- **The WorldSkills Competition, a flagship event of the WorldSkills International, is organised every two years.**
- The competition, known as the '**Olympics of Skills**', **is the biggest vocational education and skills excellence** event in the world that truly reflects the benchmarks of the global industry.
- It provides a global platform to young people from 83 countries and regions to showcase their skills and talent.
- NSDC, through its WorldSkills India initiative, has been leading the country's participation at WorldSkills International competitions since 2011.
- The last edition of WorldSkills International was held in 2019 in Kazan, Russia.

National Skill Development Corporation-

- It is a not-for-profit public limited company incorporated on July 31, 2008 under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 (corresponding to section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013).
- It was set up by the Ministry of Finance as a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.
- The Government of India through the MSDE holds 49% of the share capital of NSDC, while the private sector has the balance 51% of the share capital.
- NSDC aims to promote skill development by catalyzing creation of large, quality and for-profit vocational institutions.
- Further, the organization provides funding to build

scalable and profitable vocational training initiatives.

- Its mandate is also to enable support systems which focus on quality assurance, information systems and training the trainer academies either directly or through partnerships.
- NSDC acts as a catalyst in skill development by providing funding to enterprises, companies and organizations that provide skill training.