

WorldSkills Kazan-2019

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About WorldSkills Kazan-2019

- The WorldSkills Competition, **a flagship event of the WorldSkills International, organised every two years.**
- It is the **biggest vocational education and skills excellence event in the world** that truly reflects global industry.
- The Competition took place in Kazan from 22 – 27 August 2019.
- The 45th WorldSkills Competition brought together more than 1,600 young professionals representing more than 60 countries who participated in over 56 skills competition.
- The event held at the KAZAN EXPO International Exhibition Centre, Russia

Future Skills Introduced at WorldSkills International Competitions

- An international conference, WorldSkills Conference 2019, was also held alongside the skills competitions, for government representatives, experts and thought-leaders to interact on an array of topics on future of skills to maximize economic and social impact.
- **Two new initiatives – WorldSkills Juniors and ‘Future Skills** – were introduced in this edition. WorldSkills Junior aims at inspiring schoolchildren aged 14-16 years to join vocational and skill training and participate alongside the national teams. The focus of ‘Future Skills’ is to lay emphasis on relevant fields of activity in the era of high-tech production and digital economy.

WorldSkills India

As part of Skill India mission, WorldSkills India is an initiative of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India. NSDC, through its WorldSkills India initiative, has been leading the country's participation at WorldSkills International competitions since 2011.

India's participation in **WorldSkills Kazan-2019**

- The Indian contingent comprising 48 participants represented the country in 44 skills (namely mobile robotics, prototype modelling, hairdressing, baking, confectionary & patisserie, welding, brick laying, car painting, floristry, etc.) at the WorldSkills Kazan 2019.
- The 48-member Indian team – the sixth largest contingent at the WorldSkills – stole hearts with a performance that brought alive the rich diversity and beauty of the vast country.
- India finished 13th in the overall standings several notches up from the last time when it won 11 medals and finished in the 19 th position at Abu Dhabi in 2017