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Team India announced for WorldSkills International Competition 2019

- 48 participants from 17 States and UTs will represent India at the 6-day biennial competition to be held in Kazan, Russia from 22 - 27 August 2019
- Candidates selected through 500+ district, state, regional and national level competitions across the country
- Average age of competitors is 22, youngest being 17 years

New Delhi, 30 July 2019: Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India announced the 48-member contingent which will represent India at the biggest showcase of skills excellence in the world, called WorldSkills International Competition 2019. Also referred as the 'Olympics for Skills', the event is scheduled in Kazan, Russia from 22nd to 27th August 2019. More than 1,500 competitors from 60 countries will compete in 55 skill competitions at this mega event. India will participate in 44 skills including mobile robotics, prototype modelling, hairdressing, baking, confectionary & patisserie, welding, brick laying, car painting, floristry among others.

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the aegis of MSDE has been leading India's delegation at this biennial event since 2011. During the last edition at Abu Dhabi in 2017, India won one silver, one bronze and nine medallions of excellence. India also finished 19th out of 56 countries which participated at this event, making it India's best performance since its participation at this event.

Journey to WorldSkills 2019

The selection of Team India for WorldSkills 2019 began in January 2018, with the roll out of a scheme on IndiaSkills Competitions. More than 22 states collaborated and organized close to 500 district and state level competitions between March and April 2018. The winners at these events, competed at four regional competitions organized at Jaipur, Lucknow, Bangalore and Bhubaneswar.

The winners from the regional competitions further competed at the National Competition organized from 2nd to 6th October 2018 at Aerocity Grounds in Delhi. Since then, the selected candidates have been undergoing rigorous training and have also participated in international competitions in order to hone their skills and gain the required experience. Most competitors have also received training at international centers which has significantly enhanced their skills.

The Team India includes participants from all over the country, including 6 from the North-Eastern region. 77% of these come from tier 2 and tier 3 cities and can speak 10 different languages. Most of these competitors come from a very humble background, with 35% have their parents either employed in the agriculture sector or are working as daily wage earners.

Announcing the Team India, **Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship** said, “Through WorldSkills Competition, we aim to provide opportunities to the youth in our country to compete with, and learn from, their peers across the globe. Such initiatives also help us benchmark our skills to the international standards and will improve the overall quality of vocational training in India. It is a proud feeling to witness the passion, effort and dedication with which these young competitors are preparing for the WorldSkills. I congratulate each one of them for their journey so far and wish them the very best for all their future endeavors. I believe they will inspire future competitors and all those who aspire to excel in their careers through vocational training.”

Partners

More than 100 corporates and education institutes including Maruti Suzuki, Mahindra & Mahindra, Toyota, Festo, VLCC, Godrej, Axalta, Apollo, Berger Paints, Cisco, Caple, Saint Gobain, Institute of Hotel Management (IHM), Schneider, Pearl Academy, NTT, Daikin, L&T etc. have come forward to support this initiative. These corporates have also helped in identifying a master trainer/expert who provides hands-on-training to each competitor and monitor their progress on day to day basis.

With the sixth largest contingent at WorldSkills this year, Team India aspires to improve on its performance from the last competition (Abu Dhabi, 2017) and win laurels for the country.

Details of the competitors are as follows:

S. No.	Name	Skill	State
1	Nidhin Prem	3D Game Art	Kerala
2	Sri Ganesha Ananda	Aircraft Maintenance	Karnataka
3	Suraj	Autobody Repair	Uttarakhand
4	Tushar Phadatare	Automobile Technology	Maharashtra
5	Farukh Ahmed	Bakery	Tripura
6	Mahima Gandhi	Beauty Therapy	Uttarakhand
7	Md. Ramjan Momin	Bricklaying	West Bengal
8	Keshar Singh Rajput	Cabinet Making	Rajasthan
9	Govind Kumar Sonkar	Car Painting	Uttar Pradesh
10	Soumyajit Dutta	Cloud Computing	Punjab
11	Ganesan. R	CNC Milling	Tamil Nadu
12	Abinash Swain	CNC Turning	Odisha

13	Dharavat Naresh	Concrete Construction Work	Telangana
14	Amit Yadav		Uttar Pradesh
15	Angad Singh Rana	Cooking	Delhi
16	Shubham Singh	Cyber Security	Punjab
17	Swapnil		Delhi
18	Vaibhav S. Raut	Electrical Installations	Maharashtra
19	Manoj Kumar	Electronics	Haryana
20	Medha Devgan	Fashion Technology	Bihar
21	Jibin Williams	Floristry	Kerala
22	Shweta Ratanpura	Graphic Design Technology	Maharashtra
23	Utkarsh	Hairdressing	Uttar Pradesh
24	Thasleem.Mohideen	Health and Social Care	Tamil Nadu
25	Abhinav	Hotel Reception	Himachal Pradesh
26	Divya Umesh Godse	Information Network Cabling	Maharashtra
27	Gursheesh Singh	IT SSB	Chandigarh
28	Sanjoy Pramanik	Jewellery	West Bengal
29	Vikash Kumar Naga	Joinery	Rajasthan
30	Xenophon Das	M-CAD	Odisha
31	Sumanth.S.C	Mechatronics	Karnataka
32	Munjunatha. D		Karnataka
33	Omkar Shivaling Gurav	Mobile Robotics	Maharashtra
34	Rohan Ravidra Hanagi		Maharashtra
35	Sahil Kapil	Painting and Decorating	Chandigarh
36	Saurabh Baghel	Patisserie and Confectionary	Uttar Pradesh
37	Raji Reddy Methuku	Plastering & Drywall Systems	Telangana
38	M Vishwanathan	Plastic Die Engineering	Tamil Nadu
39	Himanshu Vohra	Plumbing and Heating	Punjab
40	Shrenik J.Gugale	Print Media Technology	Maharashtra
41	Abhishek A N	Prototype Modelling	Karnataka
42	Rahul Jangra	Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	Haryana
43	Vaidehi Pant	Restaurant Service	Uttarakhand
44	Ankit Anand	Visual Merchandising	Bihar
45	Mohammed Rabith K	Wall and Floor Tilling	Kerala
46	S. Aswatha Narayana	Water Technology	Odisha
47	Pranav Nutalapati	Web Technologies	Karnataka
48	Golipally Koteswar Reddy	Welding	Telangana

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