

Team Skill India wins One Silver, One Bronze and 9 Medallions for Excellence at WorldSkills Abu Dhabi 2017

- Silver Medal in Patisserie and Confectionary (Mohit Dudeja) and Bronze Medal in Prototype Modelling (Kiran Sudhakar)
- 9 Medallions for Excellence across key skills; A total of 11 Medals and Medallions to Team India
- 1300+ candidates participated across 59 countries competing across 51 skills
- 28 candidates participated in 26 trades from Team India in Abu Dhabi



Kiran Sudhakar after winning Bronze Medal in Prototype Modelling



Mohit Dudeja after winning Silver Medal in Patisserie and Confectionary



Team Skill India after making country proud at a global platform

New Delhi: As the nation celebrated Diwali, Team India created history by winning **One Silver (Mohit Dudeja), One Bronze (Kiran Sudhakar) and Nine Medallion of Excellence** at the 44th WorldSkills competition concluded in Abu Dhabi yesterday. This is India's best performance since it started participating at these competitions in 2007. The Indian team was competing with candidates from 59 other WorldSkills member countries.

Mohit Dudeja won a silver for Patisserie and Confectionery whereas Kiran bagged a bronze for Prototype Modelling. Nine Medallions for Excellence were won in trades/skills like mechatronics, brick-laying, restaurant service, automobile technology, jewellery, graphic design technology, mobile robotics, beauty therapy and car painting. With winners being presented medals at a

glittering closing ceremony on the day of Deepawali, Indian participants and winners have truly made the Festival of Lights sparkle for the country! Mohit Dudeja also won the “Best of Nation” award for receiving the highest marks among the India Contingent.

S. No.	Winner	Trade/Skill	Award	Competing countries	States
1	Mohit Dudeja	Patisserie & Confectionery	Silver Medal & Best of Nation	Scored above China, Switzerland, Canada, Korea and UK	Delhi
2	Kiran	Prototype Modeling	Bronze Medal	Scored better than Brazil, Russia, Germany and Switzerland	Karnataka
3	Anant Kumar & Varun Gowda	Mechatronics	Medallion of Excellence	Scored above UK, Korea, Germany, France, USA, Singapore	Karnataka
4	Rohim Momin	Bricklaying	Medallion of Excellence	Scored better than France, UK, Denmark, Canada, USA	West Bengal
5	Samarth Goudar & Vibhor Meshram	Mobile Robotics	Medallion of Excellence	Scores better than Singapore, Germany, Brazil	Maharashtra
6	Asraf jamal	Jewelry	Medallion of Excellence	Scored better than Japan, Portugal Sweden	West Bengal
7	Karishma Gupta	Beauty Therapy	Medallion of Excellence	6 th of 29 competitors. Scores above France, Switzerland, Singapore Germany, Japan	Maharashtra
8	Aditya Rathore	Automobile Technology	Medallion of Excellence	Scores above USA, Sweden Netherlands	Uttar Pradesh
9	Karan Dhaliwal	Restaurant Service	Medallion of Excellence	Above France, Singapore, China, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden	Delhi
10	Shahad	Car Painting	Medallion of Excellence	Above Canada, New Zealand	Kerala
11	Simoul Alva	Graphic Design	Medallion of Excellence	Above Germany Brazil Netherlands Japan Hongkong	Maharashtra

Shahad Shahida Manzil came 3rd in 3M Sustainability Challenge for optimal utilization of paint during the Car Painting competition.

1,300 young people from 59 WorldSkills Member countries and regions showcased their talent across 51 skills competitions, between 15-18 October. This was the first time that the WorldSkills Competition has been held in the Middle East and North Africa region. A young team of 28 participants in 26 skill categories represented India this year led by, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the guidance of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

Some of the Indian Experts who trained the competitors in their respective skills, were also elected to perform following responsibilities at the next WorldSkills competition scheduled in 2019 at Kazan, Russia.

Skill	Position	Name
Plastic Die Engineering	Chief Expert	Mallinathan Puthukkudi
Prototype Modeling	Deputy Chief Expert	Bhaskar Singh
Hair Dressing	Deputy Chief Expert	Samantha Kochar
Autobody Repair	Deputy Chief Expert	Dhaval Rajput

Chirag Goel, who represent India at the WorldSkills competition in 2015 has yet again been chosen as one of nine Champions Trust representatives who promotes World Skills Competition all across the world. Champions Trust is a group of Champions working to help bridge the gap between Champions and WorldSkills once the competition is over.

Congratulating Team India on their win, **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** said, “It has been an incredible and by far, the best performance by the Indian Team since we began participating in WorldSkill International Competition! This Diwali has really been special. It is an important day in the skills calendar for India and a big moment of pride for our country. My hearty congratulations to the Indian Team on their exceptional performance at WorldSkills Abu Dhabi and bringing laurels to the nation. Skills have the power to transform individual life, power to change society and power to change the world and we believe skills will make the New India of our dreams.”

“Platforms like WorldSkills help us make skills aspirational for the youth of our country. As a token of recognition and to encourage more youth to take up skills, we would be awarding cash rewards to the winning candidates who have brought laurels to the country. The country will continue to invest in training and education, as part of a strong commitment to youth development, which is a fundamental aspect of the India Vision 2022,” **Shri Pradhan added.**

Congratulating team India, **Shri Rajesh Agrawal , Official delegate India for WorldSkills 2017** said, “We are delighted to see Team India bringing home a Silver Medal, a Bronze Medal and 9 Medallions for Excellence from WorldSkills 2017, Abu Dhabi. The country should take great inspiration from the grit, the confidence and the determination with which the young team has performed at the Olympic of Skills and proved their mettle against countries like China, Russia, Korea, Japan, Brazil. I thank all individuals and corporates who have made this recognition possible for Team India and for the country. Our preparation for the next WorldSkills will begin soon and I encourage more and more youth to participate and have the honour to represent the country at such international levels.”

Commenting on the occasion, **Manish Kumar, Managing Director and CEO, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** said, “Big congratulations to all our champions and our heartfelt thanks to them for adding to our festivities and celebrations! We have yet again proved the potential and passion that our nation’s youth has. We are confident that our champions will inspire others to opt for vocational training as the mainstream career option. The competition has provided a platform to benchmark our skills against the best in the world. After witnessing the current accolades, we are certain that we will only get better and more efficient with time. We would also like to thank industry bodies such as CII, FICCI, CREDAI, Industry Partnership and Sector Skill Councils for their support in bringing this victory home.”

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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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.

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