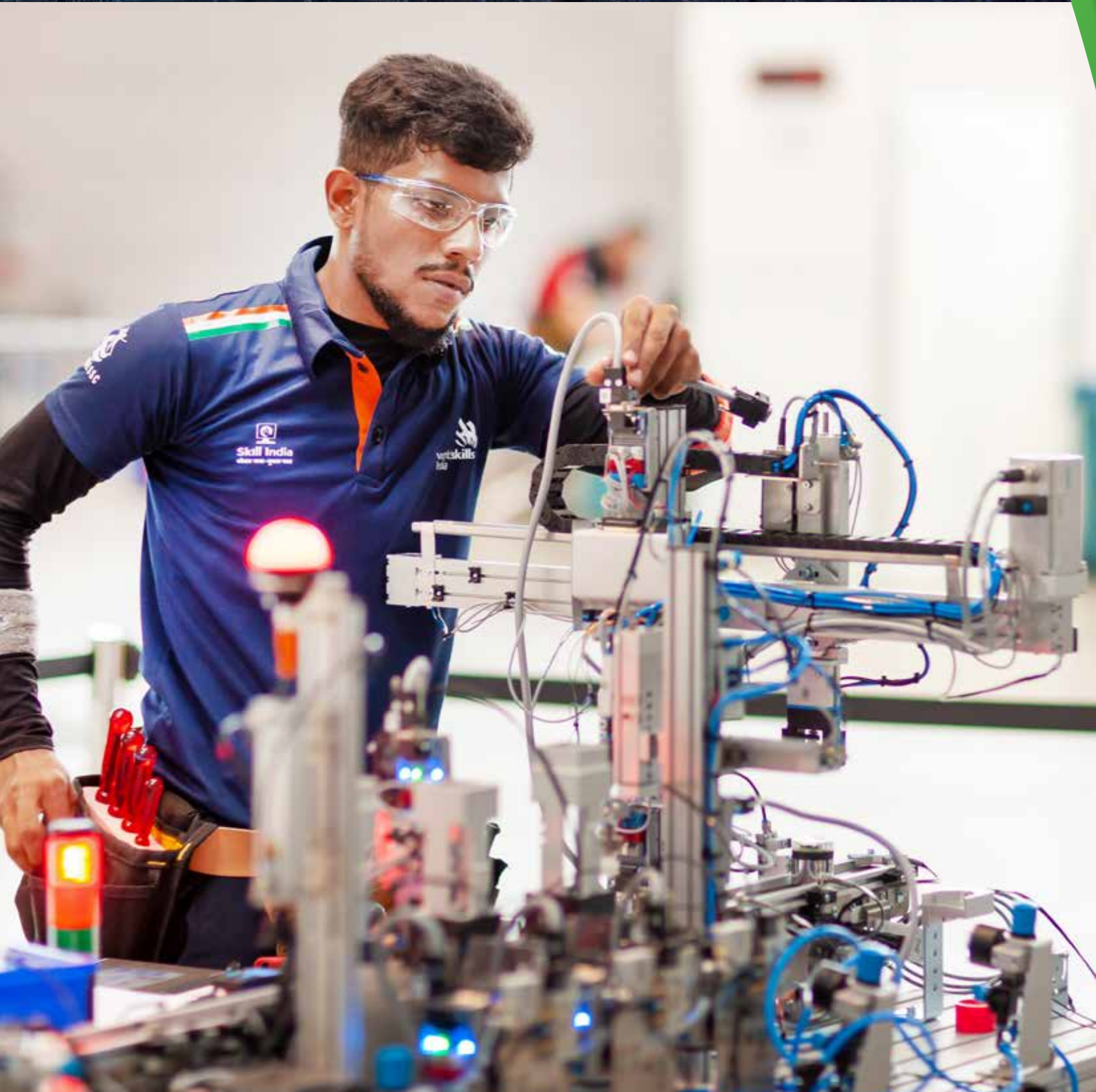




# SKILL INDIA CHAMPIONS





Welcome to the world of Skill India Mission, where the potential of India's youth converges with the promise of a brighter future. This book conveys the transformative journey of short-term training, apprenticeships, and skill competitions, igniting the passion and skills of young India, as they empower themselves to drive the nation's growth and progress.



## WORLDSKILLS INTERNATIONAL

Established in 1950, WorldSkills International (WSI) is a not-for-profit organization with a lofty mission: to champion and advance Vocational Education and Training (VET) on a global scale. Today, it proudly unites 86 member countries worldwide.

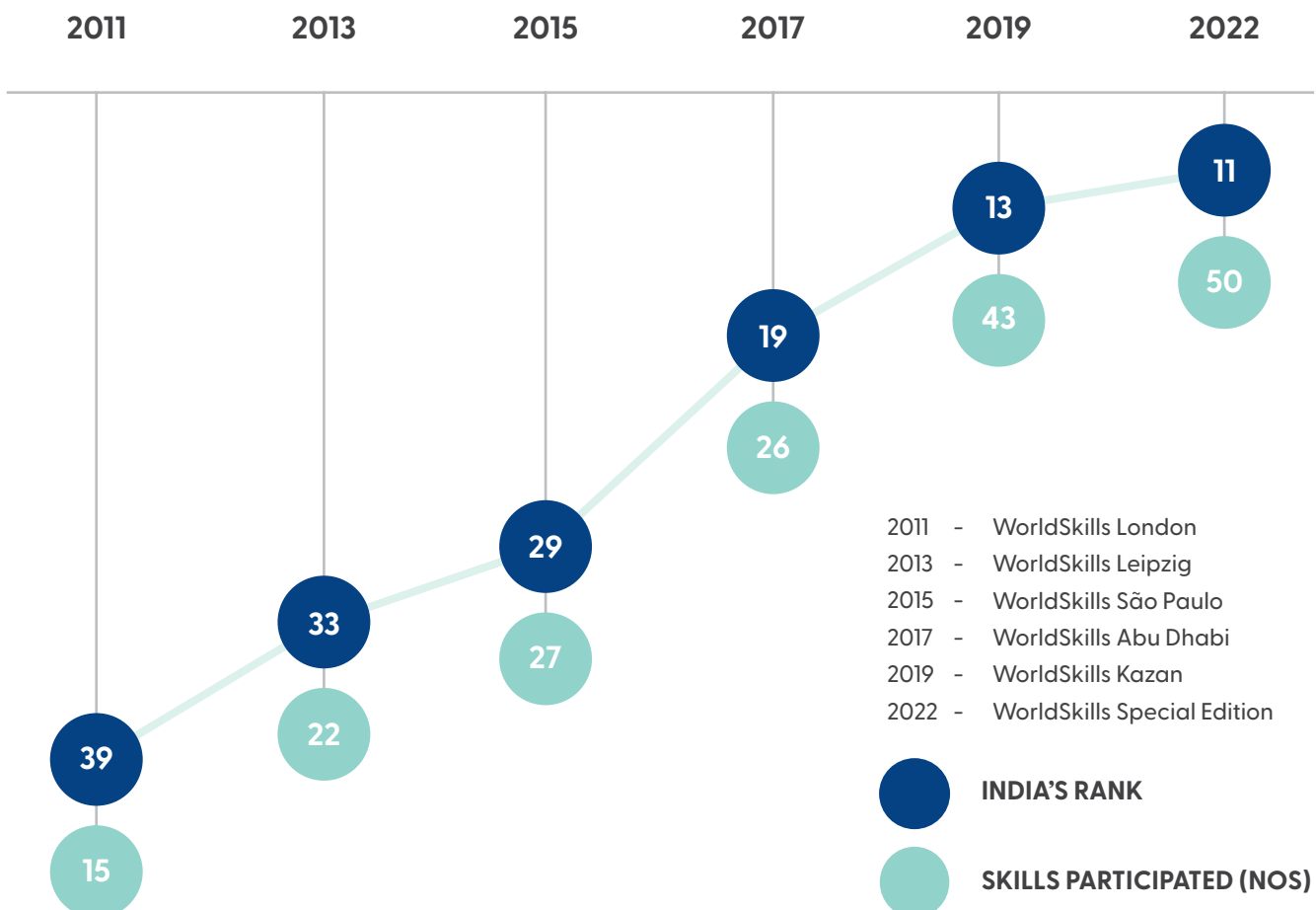
## WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION

The WorldSkills Competition, held biennially, stands as the globe's skill competition, encompassing over 60 distinct skills. It serves as a crucial benchmark for excellence and a transparent evaluation of vocational skills, akin to the Olympic Games, igniting the spirit of competition and achievement among youth worldwide.

## INDIA AT WORLDSKILLS COMPETITION

India's remarkable journey in the WorldSkills competition portrays a consistent and upward trajectory, with each edition witnessing an outstanding boost in performance. This progression underscores India's commitment to skill development and its pursuit of excellence on the global stage.

### YEAR OF WORLDSKILLS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION





## SHWETA RATANPURA

- **First Indian woman to win Bronze Medal at WorldSkills Competition 2019 in Graphic Design Technology**
- **Currently, working with Microsoft in the Research & Development domain at Bengaluru**
- **Member of Champions Trust Representative for Asia at WorldSkills International**

Hailing from Pune, Maharashtra, Shweta's passion for design led her to pursue her undergraduate studies in Graphic Design at the prestigious National Institute of Design (NID) in Ahmedabad.

In 2018, Shweta's design prowess shone at the IndiaSkills competition, where she secured a silver medal, marking the beginning of her journey to international recognition.

The pinnacle of her success came in 2019 when Shweta represented India at the WorldSkills Competition, clinching a historic bronze medal in Graphic Design Technology. This exceptional win not only elevated her stature but also etched her name in history as the first Indian woman to achieve this prestigious distinction.

Shweta continued to advance her knowledge, earning a master's degree in Interaction Design from the renowned Industrial Design Centre (IDC) at IIT Bombay. Following her academic pursuits, she contributed her design expertise at Samsung Electronics in Bengaluru for a year.

Shweta continues to craft her success story, in her role as a Research and Development Executive at Microsoft, where she works presently. Her journey exemplifies the power of passion, dedication, and the pursuit of excellence.



## VARAD PATIL

- Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2013 in MCAD Skill
- Founder of Ayu Devices, a MedTech company dedicated to patient care and monitoring
- Featured on Shark Tank Season 2 and secured funding for Ayu Devices

Varad Patil participated in the WorldSkills Competition in 2013, where he showcased his talents in Mechanical Computer-Aided Design (MCAD) Skill. However, this was just the beginning of his remarkable journey.

He is the mastermind behind Ayu Devices, a MedTech company with a profound mission: to revolutionize patient care and monitoring through innovative solutions proudly made in India. Ayu Devices has developed a smart digital stethoscope that empowers healthcare professionals with seamless and real-time tracking of vital signs and health data.

The spotlight shone on Varad Patil when he made a memorable appearance on Shark Tank Season 2, where his vision for Ayu Devices captured the attention of investors. His compelling pitch secured the funding necessary to turn his innovative project into a reality.

Varad's success extends beyond Ayu Devices, as he also owns Nityaga, another MedTech startup. His entrepreneurial journey is an extraordinary example of how passion, skill, and unwavering dedication can transform dreams into impactful realities.



## GAJANAN MADHUKARRAO GAYAKWAD

- Representative in WorldSkills Competition 2013 in CNC Milling Skill
- Assistant Executive at Tata Advanced Systems Limited, Hyderabad

Gajanan Gayakwad, a diploma holder in Mechanical Engineering, represented India in the WorldSkills Competition in 2013. Today, he serves as an Assistant Executive at Tata Advanced Systems Limited in Hyderabad, demonstrating his expertise in CNC milling.



## MOHD SALMAN ABDUL HAFIZ

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Automobile Technology Skill**
- **Currently, employed at Ashok Leyland**

Hailing from Nagpur, Maharashtra, Salman's story unfolds as an inspiring tale of transformation. Born into a modest family of weavers, with five siblings, Salman's path to success began at the **Government ITI in Butibori, Nagpur**. It was here that he honed his skills for automobiles, setting the stage for his achievements.

In 2021, he marked his talent on the national stage by securing the gold medal in the IndiaSkills competition, specializing in the field of Automobile Technology.

His unique skills led him to the grand stage of the WorldSkills Competition in 2022, where he achieved the Medallion for Excellence. This recognition catapulted him to the global arena of excellence and skill.

Salman's journey was nurtured by the best in the industry, as he received training at renowned institutions such as the Mahindra Institute of Excellence, BMW Training Centre, Volkswagen Training Centre, and Jaguar Land Rover Training Centre.

Today, he continues to shine in the field, working at Ashok Leyland, where he contributes his expertise to the world of automobiles.



## SACHIN NARALE

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2015 in Welding Skill**
- **Currently, employed at Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd, Chakan, Pune**

Sachin Narale is from Sangli, Maharashtra. He was born into a humble farmer family, where the values of diligence and resilience were instilled from a young age.

His path to success began at the Government ITI in Sangli, Maharashtra, where he delved into the art of welding. This marked the beginning of his educational journey, which he further enriched with a diploma in mechanical engineering.

In 2015, Sachin's welding skills led him to the stage of the WorldSkills Competition, where he achieved the prestigious Medallion for Excellence and earned the Best of Nation Award. His precision in the art of welding set him apart on the global stage.

To hone his skills even further, Sachin received training at institutions of excellence, including the Don Bosco Maritime Academy in Mumbai and Lincoln Electric in Chennai, further refining his craft.

Today, he stands as a proud and valuable member of the Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd team in Chakan, Pune.



## SRIRAM GOVINDASWAMY

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2015 in Graphic Design Technology Skill**
- **Lead Brand Experience Designer at ORO Labs**

Sriram Govindaswamy, born in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, is a talented graphic designer. His journey in the field of design culminated with a Medallion for Excellence at the WorldSkills Competition in 2015. He holds a B.Tech in Metallurgy and Materials Engineering from NIT Tiruchirappalli.

Today, Sriram brings his design expertise to life as the Lead Brand Experience Designer at ORO Labs, where his creativity and innovation shine.



## KAMAL PRASATH BALAJI AND DHARMARAJ T

- **WorldSkills Competition 2015 Representatives in Mobile Robotics Skill**
- **Co-Founders of DOTWORLD Technologies and Katomaran Technologies**
- **Katomaran Technologies thrives with a dedicated workforce of 120+ employees**

Kamal Prasath Balaji and Dharmaraj T, from Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu began their journey with a shared passion for mechatronics, as they both completed a diploma program at Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology. This academic foundation set the stage for their entrepreneurial journey.

In 2018, they co-founded DOTWORLD TECHNOLOGIES, a venture that has blossomed into a technological powerhouse. This company specializes in a spectrum of cutting-edge fields, including Robotics, AR VR, AI ML, and software development.

At DOTWORLD, they've cultivated a dynamic ecosystem where robotics engineers, design enthusiasts, and innovators come together. Their shared passion for solving challenges using cutting-edge technology has created a vibrant space to learn, grow, and celebrate the thrill of innovation.

Katomaran Technologies, an offspring of their vision, stands as proof of their dedication. With over 120 employees and a global clientele, it showcases its ability to translate local roots into soaring global success.





## CHIRAG GOEL

- Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2015 in Web Design and Technology Skill
- Currently, a Software Engineer III at Google in the USA
- Representative of Asia in the WorldSkills Champions Trust from 2015 to 2019

Born in New Delhi and raised in the vibrant city of Bengaluru, Chirag's passion for technology ignited from an early age. His journey took flight when he participated in the WorldSkills Competition in 2015, where he showcased his talents in Web Design and Technology Skill. This global stage expanded his horizons and paved the path to a bright future.

His journey led him to the University of Massachusetts – Amherst, where he pursued a Master's in Computer Science.

Today, Chirag stands as a Software Engineer III at Google in the USA, contributing to the ever-evolving world of technology and innovation. His commitment to excellence and passion for the digital frontier has taken him to significant heights in the tech industry. His journey, from India to the global tech hub of the USA will inspire the next generation of tech enthusiasts and innovators.



## RAMESH PUNIA

- WorldSkills 2015 Participant in Visual Merchandising and Window Dressing
- Currently, excelling as Assistant Manager - Regional Visual Merchandise at Adidas India

Born in Hisar, Haryana, Ramesh Punia secured a B.Sc. in Fashion and Apparel Design from the Army Institute of Fashion and Design, Bangalore. He embarked on a path that led him to represent India at the WorldSkills Competition in 2015.

Today, Ramesh stands as a shining example of excellence in visual merchandising, working as Regional Visual Merchandise at Adidas India. His journey, from Hisar to a prominent role in a global fashion giant, is an inspiration for aspiring visual merchandisers and designers, reminding us that creativity, passion, and enthusiasm can lead to success in the world of fashion and design.



## MUHAMMAD BILAL

- **Participated in IndiaSkills Competition 2018 in Graphic Design Technology Skill**
- **Head of Sportswear Design at SIX5SIX SPORT, the creative genius behind iconic cricket jerseys**
- **Designed Indian National Cricket Team's official jerseys for ICC T20 World Cup and World Test Championship 2021**
- **Recipient of the prestigious Skills Excellence Award from the Government of Kerala**

Muhammad Bilal participated in the IndiaSkills Competition in Graphic Design Technology. His talent garnered recognition, as he secured the title of first runner-up at the state level and emerged as the champion in the South regionals. Bilal's unwavering dedication did not go unnoticed, capturing the attention of industry experts and designers. He won the Medallion of Excellence at the IndiaSkills competition in 2018.

He was trained at the Design Skills Academy in Pune, where he fine-tuned his skills and honed his craft. Bilal's achievements extended beyond accolades and medals. His design prowess received official recognition from the Government of Kerala in the form of the esteemed Skills Excellence Award, a significant contribution to the field of design.

His designs have transcended boundaries, gracing the jerseys of prominent sports clubs and countries, including the likes of **Kerala Blasters FC, FC Goa, East Bengal FC, Estoril in Portugal, Barbados Royals in the West Indies, and even the national cricket team of Afghanistan.** He reached new heights when his design was featured during the prestigious Lakme Fashion Week in 2023, held in Mumbai.

Today, as the Head of Sportswear Design at SIX5SIX SPORT, Bilal designed the iconic cricket jerseys worn by the Indian National Cricket Team during the ICC T20 World Cup 2021 and the ICC World Test Championship Finals 2021. His designs have made a mark on the world of sports, celebrating the spirit of cricket and excellence through artistry.



## STEVEN HARRIS RAMDEV

- Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Graphic Design Technology
- Expert/Vocational Trainer for Graphic Design Technology in the Emirates Skills Team under ACTVET - Government of United Arab Emirates

Steven's journey to mastery in graphic design began at the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), where he completed his Bachelor of Design in Communication Design from both the Bengaluru and Chennai campuses.

In 2021, Steven's unique talents shone through as he participated in the India Skills competition, where he earned the silver medal in Graphic Design Technology. His victory was an evidence of his dedication and skill.

His journey continued to the global stage as he represented India at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022, where his unwavering enthusiasm and talent in Graphic Design Technology earned him the esteemed Medallion for Excellence.

Today, Steven stands as an Expert/Vocational Trainer for Graphic Design Technology in the Emirates Skills Team under ACTVET - Government of the United Arab Emirates.



## ANANT KUMAR

- Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2017 in Cabinet Making Skill
- Employed with Iraj Evolution Design Company, Udaipur, Rajasthan

Born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Anant Kumar's journey in cabinet-making has been nothing short of remarkable. His talent shone brightly when he won the gold medal at IndiaSkills 2016. Today, he continues to craft excellence as part of the team at Iraj Evolution Design Company in Udaipur, Rajasthan.



## LIKITHKUMAR YP

- **Bronze Medal Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Prototype Modelling Skill**
- **Zip designer IN House Tool Management at Toyota Kirloskar Motors, Bengaluru**

Born into a farming family in Tumkur, Karnataka, Likith's early years were marked by the values of hard work and resilience that define rural life.

His educational journey began at the Toyota Technical Training Institute, where he specialized in the Mechatronics Trade.

In 2021, Likith's talent shone on the national stage as he clinched the gold medal in Prototype Modelling Skill at the IndiaSkills competition. His prowess in this field further opened doors for him to represent India at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022.

Guided by the training at the Toyota Technical Training Institute in Bengaluru, Likith brought home a bronze medal from the global stage, showcasing his skills and commitment to excellence.

Today, Likith stands as a vital part of the Toyota Kirloskar Motors team in Bengaluru, where he serves as a Zip designer IN House Tool Management. His journey, from a farming family to a WorldSkills winner, serves as an inspiration, showcasing the transformative power of perseverance skill, and the pursuit of excellence.



## PRAVEEN GIRI

- **Silver Medal Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Water Technology Skill**
- **Currently, serving as a Graduate Engineer Trainee at Re-Sustainability Pvt Ltd., Hyderabad**

Praveen pursued a B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from CV Raman Global University, Odisha. During his academic pursuit, he participated in the IndiaSkills Competition in 2021, where his exceptional talents were recognized with a gold medal in water technology skill.

His skill paved the way for him to represent India at the grand stage of the WorldSkills Competition in 2022 where he earned the esteemed Silver Medal.

Praveen's journey was enriched through training at the Festo Centre of Excellence at C.V. Raman Global University, which refined his skills and expertise.

Today, Praveen stands as a Graduate Engineer Trainee at Re-Sustainability Pvt Ltd. in Hyderabad, where he continues to contribute to the field of water technology.



## CHARMI SEN

- **Medallion for Excellence winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Hair Dressing skill**
- **Educator at B-Blunt Academy, Mumbai**

Born and raised in Udaipur, Rajasthan, Charmi Sen's journey in hairdressing has been marked by excellence. Her extraordinary skill earned her silver medals at IndiaSkills in 2016 and 2018, followed by a triumphant gold in 2021. Today, she shares her expertise as an educator at B-Blunt Academy, Mumbai.



## MOHAMMAD MONISH KAMAL

- **Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Bricklaying Skill**
- **WorldSkills Trainer for Bricklaying at C.V Raman Global University, Bhubaneswar**
- **Workshop Manager for Emirates Skill UAE at WorldSkills Asia**

Born in the humble town of Barbil, Odisha, alongside three siblings, Monish's early years were marked by the absence of his father, once a factory worker. However, this void only fueled his determination to pursue his dreams.

Monish embarked on his educational journey, pursuing a B.Tech in Civil Engineering at CV Raman Global University in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This marked a significant milestone in his path toward realizing his aspirations.

His journey took a pivotal turn when he participated in the IndiaSkills 2021 competition and won the gold medal in Bricklaying Skill. His expertise earned him the opportunity to represent India on a global platform at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022. The road to this international stage was paved with intensive training at Kushal Credai in Pune, where Monish refined his skills and honed his craft for the grand competition.

He served as a WorldSkills Trainer for Bricklaying at C.V. Raman Global University, Bhubaneswar imparting his knowledge and expertise to the next generation of skill enthusiasts.

Monish caught the eye of Emirates Skills in the UAE and was selected as the workshop manager for WorldSkills Asia, a further evidence of his expertise and leadership in the field of bricklaying.

Monish Kamal not only represents a story of personal achievement but also embodies the spirit of giving back. His journey is an inspiring example of how determination and hard work can overcome adversity and pave the way for global recognition and success.



## SANJOY PRAMANIK

- **Bronze Medal Winner in WorldSkills Competition 2019 in Jewellery Skill**
- **Currently, excelling as a Model Maker at Imaginarium India Private Limited, Mumbai**

Born and raised in Howrah, West Bengal, Sanjoy's path to success is a notable story of resilience. Despite dropping out of school in the 9th grade, Sanjoy's unwavering perseverance and passion for his craft led him to remarkable heights. His pursuit of excellence in the field of jewelry skills was marked by his extraordinary journey, which began with a gold medal in the Jewelry Skill at IndiaSkills 2018.

This achievement opened the doors to a global stage, where Sanjoy represented India with pride and won the bronze medal at the WorldSkills Competition in 2019.

Today, Sanjoy stands as a Model Maker at Imaginarium India Private Limited in Mumbai, where his skill and dedication continue to shine. Sanjoy Pramanik reminds us that talent knows no bounds and that one's passion can lead to extraordinary achievements.



## ANSHUMAN SRIVASTAVA

- **Representative in WorldSkills Competition 2015 in Mechatronics Skill**
- **Assistant Executive at Tata Advanced Systems Limited, Hyderabad**

Anshuman Srivastava, with his skills in mechatronics, represented India in the WorldSkills Competition in 2015. Today, he serves as an Assistant Executive at Tata Advanced Systems Limited in Hyderabad, where he continues to excel in this field.



## AKHILESH NARASIMHAMURTHY AND KARTHIK GOWDA

- **Bronze Medal Winners at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Mechatronics**
- **Valued members of the Toyota Kirloskar Motors team in Bengaluru**

Akhilesh's journey began in the challenging neighborhoods of Yelahanka, Bengaluru, where his early years were marked by his father's absence, leaving him to navigate life alongside his speech-impaired mother. In the pursuit of self-reliance, Akhilesh chose a path of part-time work at local shops after completing his matriculation.

Meanwhile, Karthik Gowda grew up in Mysore.

Their paths converged as they pursued ITI at the Toyota Training Institute in Bidadi, Karnataka. Their hard work culminated in a victory at IndiaSkills 2021, where their prowess in Mechatronics Skill earned them a gold medal, marking a significant milestone in their journey.

Their special skills didn't stop at the national level. In 2022, Akhilesh and Karthik proudly secured a **bronze medal** at the prestigious WorldSkills Competition, cementing their names on the global stage.

Today, Akhilesh and Karthik stand as invaluable members of the Toyota Kirloskar Motors team in Bengaluru, contributing their extraordinary talents to the world of mechatronics.







## SAURABH BAGHEL

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2019 in Patisserie and Confectionery Skill**
- **Head Chef at Mahsool Limited, Saudi Arabia**

Saurabh Baghel's journey is a tribute to culinary excellence. Despite losing his father in 2005, Saurabh was determined to make a name for himself. He pursued his graduation from the Institute of Hotel Management, Meerut, and represented India at the WorldSkills Competition in 2019, where he achieved a Medallion for Excellence in Patisserie and Confectionery Skill. Today, he serves as the Head Chef at Mahsool Limited in Saudi Arabia, where his culinary expertise continues to shine.



## VIBHOR MESHAM

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2017 in Mobile Robotics Skill**
- **Currently, employed at L&T Technology and Services, Pune**

Vibhor Meshram's journey is a proof of excellence in robotics. Hailing from Bhandara, Maharashtra, he pursued his Bachelor's in Electronics at MIT-AOE, Pune. Trained at MIT-AOE College, Vibhor achieved a Medallion for Excellence at the WorldSkills Competition in 2017. Today, he contributes his expertise as an employee at L&T Technology and Services in Pune. Vibhor's story is an inspiration for budding robotics enthusiasts, highlighting the transformative power of his hard work in the field of robotics.



## NANDITA SAXENA

- **First Indian woman to win a Silver Medal at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Patisserie and Confectionery Skill**

Nandita's journey began with a love for the culinary arts, driving her to pursue a B.A. Hons in Culinary Arts from Institute of Hotel Management, Aurangabad. Her educational journey honed her skills in the world of patisserie and confectionery.

In 2021, Nandita's culinary expertise took center stage as she represented Karnataka in the IndiaSkills competition and secured a silver medal in Patisserie and Confectionery Skill. Her victory was an indication of her mastery.

Her exceptional talent continued to shine on the global stage as she represented India at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022, where her skills earned her the prestigious Silver Medal. Nandita's training at Lavonne Academy of Baking Science and Pastry Arts further refined her craft, making her a true maestro in the world of patisserie and confectionery.



## AKHILESH KUMAR

- Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Industrial Control Skill
- Executive-Technical Trainer at Hero MotoCorp Ltd.

Akhilesh Kumar's journey is one of mastery in industrial control. Hailing from Faridabad, Haryana, where his father worked as an electrician, Akhilesh's passion led him to complete a Bachelor of Vocational Studies in Automotive Mechatronics from Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Haryana. His training at Hero MotoCorp further honed his skills.

Following his Medallion for Excellence win in IndiaSkills 2021, Akhilesh continued his training at Skill Development Institute, Bhubaneswar, and represented India at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022. Today, he serves as an Executive-Technical Trainer at Hero MotoCorp Ltd., showcasing the transformative power of devotion and hard work in the field of industrial control.



## ASWATHA NARAYANA S

- Gold Medal Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2019 in Water Technology Skill
- Pursuing a master's in water resources engineering at the University of Stuttgart, Germany

Aswatha Narayana S made history by securing India's first gold medal at the WorldSkills Competition. His journey began with participation in IndiaSkills 2018 and further training at C.V Raman Global University, Bhubaneswar. Aswatha's skills earned him the prestigious Best of Nation award. With an academic legacy and an inspiring journey, he is now pursuing a master's in water resources engineering at the University of Stuttgart, Germany, leaving an international impact in the realm of water conservation.



## SONU

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Autobody Repair Skill**
- **Currently, employed as Instructor – Body Shop at Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.**

Born and raised in Karsola, Jind, Haryana, in an agrarian family, Sonu's journey is an inspiring narrative of aspiration.

His educational journey began with a diploma in Autobody Repair from **Government ITI, Rohtak**. Seeking to further enhance his skills in Autobody repair, Sonu joined Maruti Suzuki's vocational training course. His unwavering commitment bore fruit as he secured the gold medal at the IndiaSkills 2021 competition.

Sonu's journey continued to the global stage as he received eight months of intensive training at Maruti Suzuki and Car-o-Liner. Representing India at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022 in Autobody Repair skill, his brilliant skills earned him the prestigious Medallion for Excellence.

Today, Sonu is an Instructor – Body Shop at Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., where he not only exemplifies excellence but also imparts his knowledge to the next generation. His journey from a small town in Haryana to a global stage is an inspiration for aspiring autobody repair specialists.



## KARAN PATIL

- **Gold Medal Winner at IndiaSkills 2018 in Mobile Robotics Skill**
- **Co-Founder & CEO of Sakar Robotics**
- **Led Indian Mobile Robotics Team to 4th Place and a Medallion for Excellence at WorldSkills Competition 2022**

Karan Patil, hailing from Maharashtra, is a master of robotics, having won a Gold Medal at IndiaSkills 2018 in Mobile Robotics Skill. Today, he serves as the Co-Founder & CEO of Sakar Robotics, where he leads with vision and innovation.

His expertise shone on the global stage as he led the Indian Mobile Robotics team to secure 4th place and a Medallion for Excellence at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022. With a Master's in Project Management from the College of Engineering Pune Technological University, Karan's journey is a testament to perseverance, mentorship, and entrepreneurial brilliance.



## SANTOSH OJHA

- **Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Cabinet Making Skill**
- **Trainer at Iraj Evolution Pvt. Ltd.**

Hailing from Jajpur, Odisha, Santosh Ojha's journey in cabinet-making is an inspiring tale of talent and diligence. He achieved a gold medal in cabinet-making skill at the IndiaSkills Competition in 2021, following his studies at Government ITI, Cuttack.

His meticulous training at Iraj Evolution Pvt Ltd prepared him for the WorldSkills Competition, where he showcased his mastery. Today, he continues to contribute to his field as a trainer at the same organization, casting a radiant light on the aspirations of India.



## ANUSHREE SRINIVASAN

- **Bronze Medal Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Hotel Reception Skill**
- **Currently, employed at WeWork, Hyderabad**

Anushree Srinivasan's journey is a shining example of excellence in hospitality. Armed with a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality and Hotel Administration from SRM IHM, Chennai, she embarked on an inspiring journey. Her skills were recognized at the IndiaSkills Competition in 2021, where she secured a gold medal in Hotel Reception Skill.

Anushree's dedication and mastery propelled her to represent India at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022. Her exceptional skills led to a podium finish as she proudly secured a Bronze Medal. Today, she contributes her expertise at WeWork in Hyderabad, showcasing the transformative power of perseverance and hard work in the field of hospitality.



## ABHINAV VERMA

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in 3D Digital Game Art**
- **Character Artist at Little Red Zombies Studio**

Hailing from Dehradun, Uttarakhand, Abhinav Verma's journey in 3D digital game art is evidence of his artistic prowess. His skills were recognized when he participated in the IndiaSkills Competition in 2021, securing a silver medal in 3D Digital Game Skill.

Abhinav's talent shone brightly on the global stage, as he secured a Medallion for Excellence at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022. Today, he is amongst the country's finest game artists, contributing his expertise as a Character Artist at Little Red Zombies Studio. His story is a source of inspiration for aspiring artists in the field.



## VAISAKH POOMANGALATHI

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Information Network Cabling Skill**
- **Deputy Head of IT at Daymart Group**

Hailing from Manjeri, Kerala, Vaisakh Poomangalathi's journey in information network cabling is marked by excellence. He clinched a gold medal at IndiaSkills 2021 and further secured a Medallion for Excellence at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022 in the same skill.

His training at Optinext Technologies, Mumbai, and his educational background in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Eranad Knowledge City Technical Campus paved the way for his success. Today, he contributes as the Deputy Head of IT at Daymart Group, where his expertise shines in the realm of networking.



## PREM KALE

- Participated in IndiaSkills Competition 2018 in Cabinet Making Skill
- Founder of Vamshycle Pvt. Ltd., creators of India's first wooden balance-bike for kids
- Featured on Shark Tank Season 2

Born in Mumbai and brought up in Pune, Prem comes from a family involved in the business of plywood and laminates. He left school after the 10th grade, but his unyielding efforts led him on a path of innovation and skill.

In 2018, Prem's talent shone through as he emerged victorious in the Maharashtra state skill competition. Following this, he underwent an intensive 3-month training program at Iraj Evolution Design Company Pvt Limited, a partner of WorldSkills India and National Skill Development Corporation. He showcased his skills on a national stage at just 17 years old. He secured the 4th position in the IndiaSkills Competition 2018, his passion for excellence remained undiminished.

Prem's hard work bore fruit, as at the age of 20, he conceived the groundbreaking "Balance Cycle" crafted from wood. This innovative creation paved the way for the establishment of his venture, Vamshycle Pvt Ltd. They are the creators of India's first wooden balance bike, designed with a focus on correct riding posture, ergonomics, and ease of use for growing children.

His entrepreneurial journey reached new heights when he was featured on Shark Tank Season 2, showcasing the impact of his innovation on a global stage. Prem Kale's story is an inspiration for young entrepreneurs and innovators.





## JIBI JOSEPH PULICKIL

- **Representative in WorldSkills Competition 2011 in Mechatronics Skill**
- **Application Engineer at FESTO, United Kingdom**

Jibi Joseph Pulickil's journey in Mechatronics began when he represented India at the WorldSkills Competition in 2011. A B.Tech graduate from Geedee Festo Mechatronics Centre, Coimbatore, he has since continued to excel. Today, he serves as an Application Engineer at FESTO in the United Kingdom, showcasing the global impact of his mechatronics expertise.



## SRIMANNARAYANA RAJU

- **Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Additive Manufacturing Skill**
- **Development and Innovation Engineer at Advanced Mechanical Services**

Srimannarayana Raju, hailing from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, embarked on his journey in the field of additive manufacturing. His skills came to the forefront when he dominated the IndiaSkills National Competition in 2021, winning the gold medal in Additive Manufacturing Skill.

His journey was enriched through intensive training at Wipro 3D, InTech Additive Solutions, Triple Infotech, Autodesk, and NTTF in preparation for the WorldSkills Competition. Today, he serves as a Development and Innovation Engineer at Advanced Mechanical Services, where he continues to make strides in the realm of additive manufacturing.



## VIKASH KUMAR NAGA

- Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2019 in Joinery Skill
- Trainer at BSDU, Jaipur, School of Carpentry Skill

Hailing from Sikar, Rajasthan, Vikash Kumar Naga's journey in carpentry and joinery showcases his excellence. He achieved a gold medal in joinery skill at the IndiaSkills 2018 competition.

Today, Vikash contributes as a trainer at Bhartiya Skill Development University, Jaipur, in the School of Carpentry Skill. His path to success began with his B.Voc in woodworking from BSDU, marking a journey filled with dedication and mastery in the field.



## VARSHA PAWALE

- Defied gender stereotypes by participating in Mechatronics Skill at WorldSkills Competition 2015
- Currently, employed at Skoda Auto Volkswagen India Pvt Ltd

Varsha Pawale was born into a farmer's family in Pune, Maharashtra. She chose a path that defied gender stereotypes, pursuing her studies in Mechatronics at Volkswagen India, now Skoda Volkswagen India Pvt Ltd. Her education marked the foundation of her journey.

Guided and inspired by Volkswagen, the German Technical Training Institute, and the Indo German Tool Room, Varsha represented India with pride and skill in the WorldSkills Competition 2015. Her participation in Mechatronics not only showcased her talent but also broke barriers, challenging traditional gender roles.

Today, Varsha Pawale stands as a shining example of how determination and courage can lead to outstanding achievements. Her journey is an inspiration to others, proving that talent knows no boundaries, and passion can break through stereotypes to pave the way for success.



## MAHIMA GANDHI

- **Gold Medal Winner at IndiaSkills 2018 in Beauty Therapy Skill**
- **Beauty Therapist at LTA School of Beauty**

Mahima Gandhi's journey in the world of beauty therapy is adorned with success. She represented Delhi at IndiaSkills 2018 and won the gold medal. This marked her journey to the WorldSkills Competition in 2019, where she showcased her expertise in Beauty Therapy.

Today, Mahima contributes her skills as a Beauty Therapist at LTA School of Beauty, making a significant impact in the field.



## MARSHAL LAZAR WILSON

- **Senior Mechanical Engineer at Visteon**
- **Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2015 in MCAD skill**

Marshal Lazar Wilson's journey in the realm of mechanical engineering has led him to the position of Senior Mechanical Engineer at Visteon, an American global automotive electronics supplier. He represented India with excellence at the WorldSkills Competition in 2017, showcasing his prowess in MCAD Skill.



## ADARSH CS

- **Gold Medal Winner at IndiaSkills 2021 in Plumbing and Heating Skill**
- **Currently, employed with Hyundai, Poland**

Adarsh CS's journey in plumbing and heating skill has been one of excellence and achievement. He represented Kerala at IndiaSkills 2021 and secured a gold medal, which opened the door to an opportunity with Hyundai, Poland. Adarsh's skillful path has led to a successful career in his chosen field.



## PRAGADEESHWARAN JAYABAL R

- **Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Plumbing & Heating Skill**
- **Plumbing Skill Advisor & Visiting Trainer at Bannari Aman Institute of Technology**
- **Co-Founder of Frontline Home Designers**

Pragadeeshwaran Jayabal R's journey in plumbing and heating skill has taken him to significant heights. He participated in the WorldSkills Competition in 2022 and continues to make a significant impact as a Plumbing Skill Advisor & Visiting Trainer at Bannari Aman Institute of Technology. He is also the Co-Founder of the architectural design company, "Frontline Home Designers."



## SUBHASIS PAUL

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Jewellery Skill**
- **He is currently employed at Vummidi Bangaru Jewellers at Texas, USA.**

Subhasis Paul, originally from Howrah, West Bengal, made his mark in the world of jewelry craftsmanship. Representing Tamil Nadu in IndiaSkills 2021, he displayed his talent and went on to earn a Medallion for Excellence at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022. He completed his higher secondary education at Parbatipur Vidyapith High School, Howrah, West Bengal.

He currently contributes his skills at Vummidi Bangaru Jewellers in Tamil Nadu, Chennai.



## SUBRAT PATEL

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Restaurant Service Skill**
- **Skill Trainer at CV Raman Global University Odisha**

Hailing from Sundargarh, Odisha, Subrat Patel's journey in restaurant service skill has been marked by his impressive personality. He secured a gold medal at the IndiaSkills Competition 2021, setting the stage for further success. Subrat's skillful path led him to win a Medallion for Excellence at the WorldSkills Competition in 2022. Today, he imparts his expertise as a Skill Trainer at CV Raman Global University Odisha.



## PRATHEM SHARMA

- **Medallion for Excellence Winner at WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Bakery Skill**
- **Founder of "Hazel Patisserie" in Guwahati**

Prathem Sharma's journey in the art of bakery skill has been a recipe for excellence. Originally from Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, he represented Karnataka in the IndiaSkills 2021 competition. Prathem's talent was further honed during his training at Lavonne Academy, leading to the prestigious Medallion for Excellence at the WorldSkills Competition 2022. Today, he embarks on his entrepreneurial journey as the founder of "Hazel Patisserie" in Guwahati.



## SATYA RANJAN MOHANTY

- **Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2022 in CNC Turning Skill**
- **CNC Programmer at Centurion University of Technology and Management, Bhubaneswar**

Born in Odisha, Satya Ranjan Mohanty's journey in CNC Turning Skill has been marked by excellence. His skills shone brightly when he secured a gold medal at IndiaSkills 2021. Following this victory, Satya's career advanced as he was promoted to the role of CNC Programmer at Centurion University of Technology and Management, Bhubaneswar. His journey continues to be a tribute to dedication and precision in the world of CNC turning.



## SHREERAM KULKARNI

- Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Floristry Skill
- Floral Designer at Interflora, Mumbai

Hailing from Maharashtra, Shreeram Kulkarni has cultivated a career in floristry that's nothing short of a blossoming success. Representing Maharashtra, he won a gold medal in Floristry Skill at IndiaSkills Competition 2021. Today, he pursues his passion as a Floral Designer at Interflora, a renowned UK-based floral design company, adding a touch of elegance to every arrangement.



## MUFEEED HAMZAKUTTY

- Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2022 in Cyber Security Skill
- Founder and Director of Lyminal, Dubai, UAE

Hailing from Thrissur, Kerala, Mufeed Hamzakutty is on a mission to safeguard the digital world. His journey began with a gold medal win in Cyber Security Skill at IndiaSkills National Competition 2021. Today, he's the visionary founder and director of Lyminal, a Micro ISV operating in Dubai, UAE, dedicated to fortifying the cyber realm.



## VAIBHAV SURESH RAUT

- Participated in WorldSkills Competition 2019 in Electrical Installations Skill
- Employed with Schneider Electric India

Hailing from Palghar, Maharashtra, Vaibhav Suresh Raut is an electrical prodigy. Armed with a diploma in electrical engineering from Rustomjee Academy, he won a gold medal at IndiaSkills 2018. Today, he illuminates his career with Schneider Electric India.



## SAURABH AGRAWAL

- Participated at WorldSkills Competition 2015 in Cooking Skill
- Founder of "House of Migo"

Hailing from Delhi and having spent his formative years in Patna, Bihar, Saurabh Agrawal embarked on his culinary journey. Starting as a Management Trainee with IHG group of hotels, he quickly rose to become the Sous Chef, gaining exposure to global cuisines and cultures.

In 2022, Saurabh realized his culinary dreams by establishing "House of Migo." This venture takes pride in crafting homemade, handmade pasta and introducing the authentic flavors of Italian signature dishes like gnocchi and tortellini to the city. "House of Migo" represents the beginning of Chef Saurabh's mission to make a significant mark in the hospitality industry.



## 'SKILLS CHANGE LIVES'

As we close the chapter on these inspiring stories of skill and determination, one message resonates clearly: skills are the transformative force that shapes lives and propels nations forward. The pages of this book have been filled with incredible individuals who, through their unwavering dedication, passion, and pursuit of excellence, have brought not only honor to themselves but have also uplifted their communities and the nation.

The world of skill competitions is more than just a showcase of talents. These competitions have not only instilled self-confidence and a profound sense of achievement in the hearts of our champions but have also set them on the path of success.

In celebrating these stories, we celebrate the power of skill. We celebrate the teachers, trainers, and mentors who have nurtured this talent. We celebrate the relentless pursuit of perfection and the joy of creating something beautiful or fixing something broken. We celebrate the innovation, the creativity, and the excellence that thrives within each individual.

These competitions are the crucible in which skills are forged, tested, and honed to perfection. Let us not just applaud the champions, but let us be inspired to recognize, nurture, and celebrate skills in every individual, for in their skills, we find the true treasures of our nation.

In every skill, in every story, and in every champion, we find the promise that skills do indeed change lives. These skills build nations, transform communities, and empower individuals to reach beyond their limits. Skills are the backbone of progress, the heart of our nation, and the legacy that we leave behind for generations to come.

## HIGHLIGHTS



Felicitation of Winners of WorldSkills 2017 by Hon'ble Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan



Felicitation of Winners of WorldSkills 2019 by Hon'ble Minister Shri Mahendra Nath Pandey



Felicitation of Winners of WorldSkills 2015 by Hon'ble Minister Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy.



Launch of IndiaSkills on World youth skills day by Hon'ble President Pranab Mukherjee

## “AB SKILLS KI BAARI”

The stories within these pages are just the beginning, a prelude to the countless success stories yet to be written. Our nation is teeming with talent and potential, waiting to be discovered, nurtured, and celebrated. The future is bright, and the success stories yet to be told will shine even more brilliantly, inspiring generations to strive for excellence. Together, we shall create a legacy of accomplishment that will continue to inspire generations for years to come.





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