



## IndiaSkills 2021

**For Prelims:** IndiaSkills 2021, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

**For Mains:** Need for Skilling youth, related challenges and initiatives taken so far.

### Why in News

IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals, the **country's biggest skill competition**, concluded recently.

### Key Points

- **About:**
  - It is designed to **demonstrate the highest standards of skilling** and offers a platform to young people to showcase their talent at national and international levels.
  - IndiaSkills Competition is **held every two years** with the support of state governments and industry.
  - It has the potential to reach grassroot level and make an impact.
- **Participants:**
  - 30 states and Union Territories (UTs) participated in the competition and showcased their skills in 54 skills, including seven new-age ones, in 2021.
    - Skill areas include beauty therapy, **cyber security**, floristry, robot system integration, **cloud computing**, water technology, painting and decorating, health and social care, among others.
- **Nodal Agency:**
  - **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**, working under the guidance of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
    - NSDC has been leading India's participation at the **WorldSkills International competitions** since 2011.
- **Performance of the States:**
  - Odisha topped the chart followed by Maharashtra and Kerala.
    - The winners of **IndiaSkills 2021 Nationals** will get a chance to represent the country at **WorldSkills International Competition** to be held in Shanghai, China in October 2022.
- **Need of the Skill Development:**
  - **Unskilled Labour Force:**
    - According to the **UNDP's Human Development Report-2020**, only 21.1% of the labour force was skilled in the period 2010-2019 in India.
      - This dismal result is **due to lack of cohesion within policy actions, absence of holistic approach and working in silos**.
  - **Tackle the Rising Unemployment:**
    - India's **unemployment rate reached an all-time high** in 2020.
      - There were several factors responsible for this, including the coronavirus pandemic-induced lockdown.

- **Potential to contribute in the Economy:**

- According to the [World Economic Forum report](#) released in January 2021, investment in upskilling could potentially **boost the global economy by USD6.5 trillion by 2030**, and **India's economy by USD570 billion**.
- India had the second-highest additional employment potential through upskilling as it could add 2.3 million jobs by 2030, second only to the US's 2.7 million jobs.

#### **Related Initiatives/Schemes**

- [\*\*Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana \(PMKVY\)\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Recognition of Prior Learning\*\*](#)
- [\*\*National Career Service Project\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood \(SANKALP\)\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors' \(YUVA\) scheme\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Kaushalacharya Awards\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills \(SHREYAS\)\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Atmanirbhar Skilled Employee Employer Mapping \(ASEEM\)\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Skill Certification\*\*](#)

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