



# IndiaSkills 2023-24

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## Why in News?

Recently, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched **IndiaSkills 2023-24** and commended the **World Skills Competition (WSC) 2022 winners**.

## What is IndiaSkills 2023-24?

### ▪ About:

- IndiaSkills 2023-24 is a **skill development competition** which aims to **foster and enhance the skills of individuals** in various domains, preparing them for national and international skill competitions.
- IndiaSkills is the **precursor to the WorldSkills competition**. Participants who will excel in IndiaSkills at the national level will take part in the global event WorldSkills.

### ▪ Objectives:

- **Promotion of Employable Skills:** The program underlines the importance of developing employable skills that **align with market needs**, increasing the acceptance of the workforce within the industry.
- **Addressing Skill Gaps:** It aims to **identify and bridge skill gaps by emphasizing the mapping of skills** needed in the industry, reducing the disparity between degrees earned and practical skills acquired.
- **Integration of Competencies and Knowledge:** Equal emphasis is placed on competencies, applied knowledge, and **hands-on training to prepare individuals to lead effectively in the 21st century**.

## What is the World Skills Competition?

### ▪ About:

- The WorldSkills Competition, organized by WorldSkills International is held biennially and **involves 86 member countries**.
- These competitions serve as a **benchmark for high performance and offer an objective means to evaluate vocational excellence**.

### ▪ India's Performance in WSC 2022:

- India participated in **50 skills** and secured its best-ever ranking, **11<sup>th</sup> position, with 2 Silver Medals, 3 Bronze Medals, and 13 Medallions** for Excellence.
- The participation included a **diverse range of skills** such as hotel receptionist, mechatronics, Mobile Robotics, Water Technology, bakery, web technologies, and more.
  - Indian competitors were selected through the **IndiaSkills Competition 2021** and were trained under WorldSkills India Experts and trainers.

## What are the Government Initiatives for Skill Development?

- [Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana \(PMKVY\)](#)
- [Sector Skill Councils \(SSC\)](#)

- [National Skills Qualifications Framework \(NSQF\)](#)
- [Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion \(SANKALP\)](#)

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