

WorldSkills Competition 2026

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Why in News?

India will participate in the 48th WorldSkills Competition in Shanghai, China, from September 22 to 27, 2026.

- India is set to compete in **63 out of 64 skill categories**, represented by a contingent of approximately **70 competitors**.
- For the first time, India will participate in **11 newly introduced skill categories**.

11 New Skill Categories for India

India will participate in these categories **for the first time** in the WorldSkills Competition 2026.


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No.	New Skill	Broad Sector
1	 Dental Prosthetics	Healthcare
2	 Digital Interactive Media Design	Digital/Creative
3	 Intelligent Security Technology	Technology/Security
4	 Landscape Gardening	Environment/Horticulture
5	 Optoelectronic Technology	Advanced Technology
6	 Retail Sales	Services
7	 Unmanned Aerial Systems	Drone Technology
8	 Industrial Mechanics	Manufacturing
9	 Software Testing	IT
10	 Heavy Vehicle Technology	Mobility/Automotive
11	 Aircraft Maintenance	Aviation



India Skills for
a Global Tomorrow

- It demonstrates India's transition from traditional vocational skills to **advanced technology, specialized services, and future-oriented competencies.**

WorldSkills Competition

- It is an international event that highlights excellence in **vocational and technical skills**.
- **Objectives**
 - Establish benchmarks for vocational skills in accordance with **international standards**.
 - Promote the **development of technical and vocational skills**.
 - Encourage participation of young individuals in technical professions.
 - Facilitate collaboration among industry, educational institutions, **and skill-training organizations**.
 - Identify emerging skills that are relevant to the evolving demands of the workforce.



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SHAPING FUTURES

*Global Skills
Stronger Youth
Brighter Futures*

Particular	Details
 Competition	48th WorldSkills Competition
 Year	2026
 Venue	Shanghai, China
 Dates	22–27 September 2026
 India's participation	63 of 64 skills
 Indian contingent	Nearly 70 competitors



Skills Create Opportunities

- **India's WorldSkills Ecosystem**
- **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** - It provides comprehensive policy direction and institutional leadership.
- **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** - It leads the national preparation for WorldSkills competitions.
- Collaborates with the following stakeholders:
 - Industry partners
 - Training institutions
 - Domain experts
 - Specialised institutions

India's Performance in WorldSkills

India's position has improved considerably.



Year / Competition		India's Performance
2015	WorldSkills 2015	29th
2024	WorldSkills 2024	13th
2025	WorldSkills Asia 2025	8th in Asia
2026	Taipei Capital Cup 2026	5 medals



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