

Press Release

Nishant Jain to represent India at the World Skills Competition 2015 for ITSSB skill

Facilitated by NSDC and IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council NASSCOM with support from NASSCOM member companies Microsoft, IBM, Infosys, Mettl & NIIT

New Delhi, March 5, 2015: Final Selections for World Skills Competition (WSC) 2015 concluded recently in the capital. Nishant Jain, NIIT student from Chennai, has emerged as the national winner in the final selections for the WSC 2015 in the IT Software Solutions for Business (ITSSB) skill category. With this win, Nishant gets an opportunity to represent India at the 43rd World Skills Competition (WSC) to be hosted at Sao Paulo, Brazil from 11-16 August, 2015. Neha Valecha from Bhiwani and Saurabh Kanwar from Karnal were announced as the Runners up during the final selections. All three candidates were shortlisted after an intensive nationwide competition held in the capital. The candidates were judged on the following parameters – communications & interpersonal skills; problem solving, innovation & creativity; analysing & designing software solutions; developing software solutions and testing & documenting software solutions.

IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council NASSCOM (SSC NASSCOM) has been appointed by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to spearhead India's participation at the WSC 2015 for ITSSB skill. Preparations for WSC 2015 ITSSB category is supported by NASSCOM member organizations like Microsoft, IBM, Infosys, NIIT and Mettl. Earlier, during November 29-30, 2014, the National Selections were conducted in New Delhi, hosted by NIIT. This event witnessed aspirants competing against each other over a two day intensive selection process. The shortlisted candidates, were trained under a mentorship program with the best expert and mentors identified by the IT industry.

SSC NASSCOM had facilitated India's participation in the WSC 2013 ITSSB category in the past and the candidate, representing India in that category, Sarthak Jain, was awarded a 'Medallion of Excellence'.

WSC is the largest international 'Vocational Skills Competition' in the world. It takes place in a different country every two years and brings together over 1,000 young people from across the globe to compete in skills ranging from welding to web design. The competitors pitch their skills against the best of the best and compete for gold, silver and bronze medals. WSC attracts thousands of visitor such as schools, colleges and training providers, government representatives, employers and teachers. Details about the WSC can be accessed at: www.worldskills.org

India became the 48th member of the World Skills International on 20th January 2007 with CII as its only member organization; the responsibility has been taken over by National Skills Development Corporation (NSDC), set up by the Ministry of Finance under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, to provide the prestigious event national visibility. NSDC represents World Skills activities through World Skills India. NSDC, an empowered organization will be the official body representing the country at the World Skill Competition. In general, there are 6 Skills Clusters, namely Transport & Logistics, Construction and Building Technology, Manufacturing and Engineering Technology, ITC Technology, Creative Art and Fashion, Social and Personal Services. The competitors are required to be not more than 22 in the year of competition with exception being for Mechatronics, where the competitors must not be older than 25 years in the year of competition.



On the occasion **Dr. Sandhya Chintala, Vice President, NASSCOM and Executive Director, SSC NASSCOM** said "World Skills Competition (WSC) is a fabulous opportunity for young people to showcase their IT acumen at a global forum. WSC is a forum that provides an equal opportunity to all eligible candidates. This weekend four very talented candidates competed with each other in the final selection of WSC for ITSSB skill. We congratulate Nishant Jain who has emerged as the national winner for ITSSB skill and wish him luck for the Skills Olympic at Sao Paulo, Brazil."

Speaking on occasion, **Mr. Vijay Thadani, CEO, NIIT Limited** said, "It has been our continuing endeavor at NIIT, to set global standards and promote excellence in IT and Beyond IT skills through cutting-edge learning solutions. India's participation in World Skills Competition, 2015 is a great step in that direction and we are delighted to be a part of this initiative. I am sure Nishant Jain, a promising student from NIIT Chennai, who has been selected to represent India in the ITSSB skills category at the 43rd World Skills Competition, will make us all proud by putting up an impressive performance in Brazil later this year."

About NIIT

NIIT Limited, a global leader in Skills & Talent Development, offers Multi-disciplinary Learning management and Training delivery solutions to Corporations, Institutions, and Individuals in over 40 countries. NIIT's training solutions in Banking, Finance & Insurance, Soft Skills, Business Process Excellence, Retail Sales Enablement, Management Education, Multi-Sectoral Vocational Skills, Digital Media Marketing, and new-age IT has impacted over 35 million learners, since its inception in 1981. Please visit www.niit.com for more information.

About IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council NASSCOM

IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council NASSCOM is the skill standard setting body of the IT-ITeS Industry and it is the education and skill development initiative of NASSCOM. The council works with NASSCOM industry members, select academic and skill development institutions to help improve the quality and quantity of the employable workforce available to the industry. In this context 74 entry level job roles / qualification packs have been created for the IT-BPM industry for the benefit of all stakeholders. Please visit www.sscnasscom.com for more information.

About NASSCOM

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About NSDC

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is a unique Public Private Partnership (PPP), with 51 per cent equity held by private sector and the balance 49 per cent by the Union Government. Formed in 2010, NSDC is a professionally run not-for-profit company that includes 31 Sector Skill Councils and over 156 training partners with over 2500+ training centers spread across 444 districts in the country. NSDC is mandated to skill 150 million Indians by 2022.

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About WorldSkills International (WSI)

WorldSkills International (WSI) is a not-for-profit association set up in 1950 to promote Vocational Education and Training (VET) in countries across the globe. It aims to spread awareness about the essential contribution of skills and high standards of competence, to the achievement of economic success and individual fulfilment, through the organisation of the biennial WorldSkills International.

WorldSkills International is the largest skill competition in the world. It is held once every two years in one of the WSI member countries. More than 1000 contestants below the age of 23, compete for gold, silver and bronze medals, in over 46 skills. The competition is held over a span of four days. The next WorldSkills International Competition (WSI) is being held at Sao Paulo, Brazil in August, 2015.

About WorldSkills India

WorldSkills India is an initiative of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which has been leading India's participation at WorldSkills International competitions since 2011.

WorldSkills India organized its first ever National Competition in Balewadi Stadium Pune, from 7th – 9th April, 2013, where 24 candidates were selected in 22 skills. These candidates went through a rigorous training program for months before they represented India at WorldSkills International at Leipzig Germany, in July 2013. Three candidates from India won medallion of excellence at the event – which are Bhabesh Jana for Business and Jewellery Designing, Arun Raj Balasubramaniam for Graphic Design Technology and Sarthak Jain for IT Software Solutions. They were also felicitated by the former Finance Minister of India, Shri P. Chidambaram on 16th August 2013 at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi.

The key objectives of WorldSkills India are -

- Promulgate skill development and up skilling across nation and in the society and motivate the youth to pursue vocational education
- Facilitate advance learning in various skills and creating an industry ready reserve of skilled workforce
- Organize local, regional, national and international skills competitions and also host international competitions by garnering the required support through corporate partners
- Partner Industry by contributing to productivity improvements raising the standard of work skills locally, nationally and globally
- Establish a long-term association with the WorldSkills International (WSI) secretariat alongside the Government of India, State Governments and registered vocational skills training and awarding bodies

For more information, please visit –

<http://www.nsdcindia.org/worldskills.aspx>

http://www.worldskills.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=529&Itemid=635



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