



India Ranks 10th at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026, Wins 6 Silver Medals and 20 Medal for Excellence

**India moves up from 13th position at WorldSkills Lyon 2024
to 10th at Shanghai 2026**

**Largest-ever Indian contingent of 70 competitors showcases
talent across 63 skills at the 48th WorldSkills Competition**

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Team India secured 10th position at the 48th WorldSkills Competition, Shanghai 2026, winning 6 Silver Medals and 20 Medal for Excellence as the prestigious international skills competition concluded in Shanghai, China. Improving upon its 13th-place finish at WorldSkills Lyon 2024, where India secured four Bronze Medals and 12 Medal for Excellence, the result marks an important milestone for the country's skilled youth on the global stage.

The six Silver Medals at WorldSkills Shanghai were won by Smriti Nambiar in Bakery; Mohammed Salam in Dental Prosthetics; Kovid Ajay Gangrade in Digital Interactive Media Design; Parth Vohra in Industrial Design Technology; Mehrunissa Begum in Logistics and Freight Forwarding; and Saniya Joshi in Retail Sales. Their achievements span creative, technical and service-sector skills, reflecting the breadth of Indian talent on the global stage.

India also secured 20 Medal for Excellence across technical, industrial, digital, creative and service skills. Smriti Nambiar, Silver Medallist in Bakery, was recognised as Best of Nation for India.

The six-day international event, held from 22–27 September 2026, brought together over 1,400 young competitors from around 70 countries and regions. Representing India was its largest-ever contingent of 70 competitors participating across 63 skills, spanning emerging technologies, advanced manufacturing, engineering, creative industries and specialised services.

Following four days of intense competition from 23–26 September, the winners were recognised at the grand closing ceremony on 27th September in Shanghai. The ceremony celebrated exceptional technical proficiency, innovation, precision and craftsmanship, bringing together competitors, international delegations, experts and industry representatives from across the world.

Congratulating Team India on its performance, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and the Minister of State for Education, Government of India, said: “Team India’s remarkable performance at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026, with 6 Silver Medals and 20 Medal for Excellence, marks a significant leap in our global skills journey. Surpassing our previous performance, our young competitors have demonstrated the growing strength and competitiveness of India’s skilled talent. I congratulate every competitor, expert, trainer and industry partner who contributed to this achievement. Beyond the medals, what makes us proud is the confidence, determination and excellence with which our youth represented India on the world stage. Their success reinforces our commitment to building a future-ready skilling ecosystem and giving every young Indian the opportunity to compete with the best in the world.”

India's achievement reflects the dedication of its young competitors, supported by months of rigorous preparation, specialised training, mentorship and international benchmarking. Medal for Excellence are awarded to competitors who demonstrate a high level of professional proficiency against internationally established WorldSkills standards.

Sharing her perspective on the international exposure gained through the competition, Ms. Manisha Sensarma, Official Delegate, WorldSkills India and Senior Economic Adviser, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, said: “WorldSkills is as much about learning as it is about competing. Shanghai has given our competitors and experts invaluable exposure to evolving global occupational standards, new technologies and international best practices. Our focus now is to translate these learnings into stronger training methodologies, improved assessment standards and deeper industry engagement, so that the benefits of this experience extend well beyond the competition to India's larger skilling ecosystem.”

A significant feature of India's participation this year was its debut in 11 new and emerging skill categories, including Dental Prosthetics, Digital Interactive Media Design, Intelligent Security Technology, Landscape Gardening, Optoelectronic Technology, Retail Sales, Unmanned Aerial Systems, Industrial Mechanics, Software Testing, Heavy Vehicle Technology and Aircraft Maintenance.

India's entry into these specialised categories reflects the changing contours of the country's skilling ecosystem, with greater emphasis on future-oriented occupations, new technologies and industry-driven competencies.

The participation of young women across diverse technical, creative and service-oriented categories was another important highlight. Women competitors represented India in skills ranging from Chemical Laboratory Technology and Logistics and Freight Forwarding to Fashion Technology, Visual Merchandising, Health and Social Care, Hospitality and other specialised occupations, reflecting the widening opportunities for women in vocational education and skill development.

India's participation at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 was coordinated by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), with support from Sector Skill Councils, industry partners, training institutions, technical experts and other stakeholders.

The competition provided valuable international exposure to Indian competitors and experts, offering insights into global occupational standards, emerging technologies and international best practices that can contribute towards strengthening India's training and assessment ecosystem.

As WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 concludes, Team India's performance celebrates not merely the medals won, but also the commitment, resilience and aspirations of 70 young Indians who represented the country on the world's foremost skills platform. The achievements reaffirm the importance of continued

investment in quality skill development, industry partnerships and global benchmarking to nurture a skilled, confident and future-ready workforce.

About WorldSkills: WorldSkills is the world's leading international skills competition, bringing together young professionals from participating countries and regions to demonstrate excellence across a wide range of vocational and technical skills. Held every two years, the competition promotes international standards, facilitates knowledge exchange and inspires young people to pursue skilled careers.

Complete list of Team India Medal and Medal for Excellence winners

Best of Nation: Smriti Nambiar — Bakery (Silver Medal).

Silver Medal Winners

No.	Skill category	Competitor(s)
1	Bakery	Smriti Nambiar
2	Dental Prosthetics	Mohammed Salam
3	Digital Interactive Media Design	Kovid Ajay Gangrade
4	Industrial Design Technology	Parth Vohra
5	Logistics and Freight Forwarding	Mehrunissa Begum
6	Retail Sales	Saniya Joshi

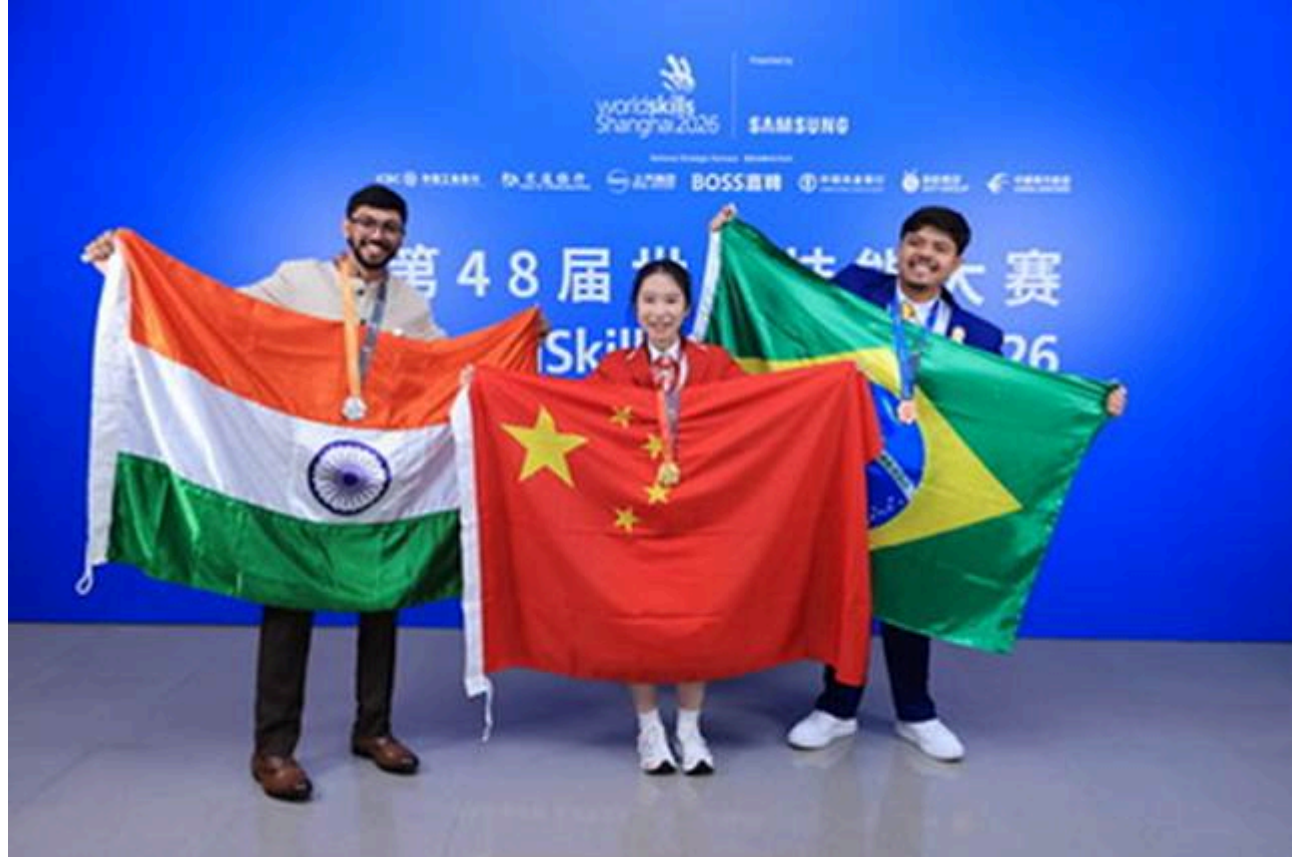
Medal for Excellence

No.	Skill category	Competitor(s)
1	Intelligent Security Technology	Ragul Kanthamma Balraj
2	Mechatronics	Deepu Mudigerepalya Srinivasa; Jayanth Kariyappa
3	Mobile Applications Development	Arjun Sumathi Vijayabashkar
4	Electrical Installations	Dhanush Madhugiri Govindaraju

No.	Skill category	Competitor(s)
5	Plastering and Drywall Systems	Surenthiran Mani
6	Painting and Decorating	Muskan
7	Autonomous Mobile Robotics	Aditya Prakash; Debasish Panda
8	Cabinetmaking	Yashwanth Chary Keshoju
9	Jewellery	Joy Das
10	Beauty Therapy	Tahesin Sabir Sutar
11	Fashion Technology	Vidhi Niravkumar Suthar
12	Automobile Technology	Md Seraj
13	Car Painting	Kaif Khan
14	IT Network Systems Administration (ITNSA)	Khushraj Nimesh Rathod
15	Graphic Design Technology	Rajeeb Lochan Chand
16	Health and Social Care	Vishnupriya Sunil
17	Industry 4.0	Mallinath; Suhan Mascarenhas
18	Chemical Laboratory Technology	Sampada Desai
19	Additive Manufacturing	Pavan Bhadravati Suresha
20	Robot Systems Integration	Abhishek Somanna Shignalli; Vinay Muttayya Hiremath









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