



## 'Skill devp needs to be more a sprint than marathon'

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**S**kill development needs to be more of a sprint than a marathon and we are partnering with countries like Japan, Germany, UAE to ensure global opportunities of training and employment for India's youth, said Union Petroleum, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan here today.

He was speaking at the inauguration of a mega regional skill competition organised by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) along with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

This is the commencement of India Skills Regional Competitions (Eastern Chapter) 2018 here.

The event also marked the 3rd anniversary celebration of Skill India Mission, on the



occasion of World Youth Skills Day and it witnessed an array of announcement being made to strengthen the skill ecosystem.

Dr KP Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Jhuthika Patankar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Sunita Sanghi, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajesh Aggarwal, Director General (Training), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajesh Agrawal and others were present.

India Skills Regional East

will showcase over 225 competitors from 22 states competing across 27 skills ranging from Mobile Robotics, Automobile Technology, Cooking, Bricklaying, CNC Milling, Web Design among others.

The winners from these competitions will compete at National competition, where they would compete to win a chance of representing INDIA at World Skills 2019 in Kazan, Russia. Minister Pradhan said, "Skills is not a new concept to our country. It has been recognized since ages. The recently concluded Rathayatra processions, in Puri is in itself reflective of a success-

ful skill ecosystem which ensures that year after year, the huge wheeled wooden chariot is built, painted and carved upon with beautiful designs on which the Yatra takes place. This is one small example of the work of skilled professionals. Similarly, in today's age and technology lead times, we are identifying several new job roles today which are relevant to market."

"It is imperative that the government and the private sector works hand in hand to ensure a successful skilled ecosystem", he said.

Dr KP Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development

and Entrepreneurship, "It is our double good fortune that we could combine the India Skills Regional Competition - Eastern Chapter 2018 and the celebrations of World Youth Skill Day. We also complete 3 years of Skill India Mission today. Under the Skill India Mission we are able to annually skill/reskill/Upskill close to 1 crore youth in the country just under central government programs, which is also being positively supplemented by State and Industry efforts towards equipping the youth with the market relevant skill sets."

"One of our bigger achievements has been the aspirational value that we have been able to bring to skills along with scale and standards", he said.

The event saw commitment made by a few Sector Skill Councils and prominent employers across these sectors like hydrocarbon, retail, tourism, life sciences, etc.