

Emerging Talent from Western States Showcases Excellence at IndiaSkills West Regional Competition 2025–26

Gandhinagar, February 19, 2026: The IndiaSkills Regional Competition 2025-26 for the western states concluded at Gujarat National Law University, Gandhinagar, marking a successful celebration of talent, technical excellence, and regional pride. Organised under the IndiaSkills initiative of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and supported by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), knowledge partner and implementation partner for IndiaSkills Competition 2025–26, the competition brought together more than 300+ skilled youth from five western states, including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Goa, competing across 63 skill categories aligned with national and global industry standards.

At the closing ceremony, 193 outstanding performers were awarded medals — including Gold (59), Silver (59), Bronze (42), and Medallions for Excellence (33) — across diverse skill domains, ranging from Industrial Design Technology, Renewable Energy, Robot Systems Integration, Unmanned Aerial Systems, CNC Milling, Mobile Applications Development, Software Application Development. This includes 47 women winners, showcasing women's strong inclination towards skilling. Maharashtra leads the list with the highest number of winners (65), followed by Gujarat (44), showcasing the state's deep investment in skill development and youth talent.

Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Government of India, said,

"The scale, quality, and competitive spirit witnessed at the IndiaSkills Regional Competition in Gandhinagar reflect the strength of our skilling ecosystem in the western region. With participants competing across future-focused skill domains, we are seeing a decisive shift towards inclusive and industry-aligned skill development. The strong performance of Maharashtra and Gujarat demonstrates how sustained state-level investments are translating into national excellence. IndiaSkills serves as a structured talent pipeline that prepares our youth to compete on global platforms such as WorldSkills. As we move towards Viksit Bharat, building a workforce that is technically competent, globally benchmarked, and innovation-driven remains central to our vision."

The medal winners will now move forward in the IndiaSkills ecosystem as part of India's national talent pipeline, with the potential to represent the country at WorldSkills and other international platforms. The results reflect strong and growing skilling ecosystem in western states.

The ongoing IndiaSkills Competition 2025–26 cycle has recorded one of its broadest participation footprints so far, with 3.65 lakh candidates registering from 35 States and Union Territories across 63 skill categories through the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH).

The IndiaSkills Regional Competition is a critical part of this skill development architecture, serving as a talent identification pipeline for the country's best young professionals. The collaboration between the central government, state governments, Sector Skill Councils, academic institutions, and industry partners makes IndiaSkills truly impactful.

With strong participation, high-quality competition, and impressive outcomes, the event reaffirmed the western states' growing contribution to India's journey towards becoming a global hub for skilled talent.

Aligned with national priorities such as Skill India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, and Viksit Bharat, the IndiaSkills initiative reinforces the importance of inclusive, decentralised, and future-oriented growth. The western region, with its emerging talent and institutional capabilities, plays a vital role in this vision.

Medal Winners – IndiaSkills Regional Competition 2025–26 (West Region)

Gold Medal Winners (59)

Skill Name	Name	State Name
Industrial Mechanics	Yash Ashok Modi	Gujarat
Welding	Sanket Vichare	Maharashtra
Software Testing	Prajyot Garade	Maharashtra
Wall and Floor Tiling	Nepal Singh	Madhya Pradesh
Autobody Repair	Onkar Kare	Maharashtra
Aircraft Maintenance	Durvesh Karki	Maharashtra
Plumbing and Heating	Yash Shilkar	Goa
Electronics	Kavita	Rajasthan
Web Technologies	Neekhil	Rajasthan
Electrical Installations	Kirtan Dhaker	Rajasthan
Industrial Control	Omkar Thakar	Maharashtra
ICT Network Infrastructure	Shubham Kumawat	Rajasthan
Bricklaying	Ajay Ahirwar	Madhya Pradesh
Painting and Decorating	Laxmi Kushawah	Madhya Pradesh
Autonomous Mobile Robotics	Om Gunjal and Shreeya Suresh	Maharashtra
Cabinetmaking	Mistri Sumit	Gujarat
Joinery	Prakash Suthar	Gujarat
Carpentry	Vaja Jayantibhai	Gujarat

Jewellery	Vishal Soni	Rajasthan
Floristry	Purvi Chouhan	Madhya Pradesh
Hairdressing	Jui Sapke	Gujarat
Beauty Therapy	Pratistha Ayonna	Maharashtra
Fashion Technology	Vidhi Suthar	Gujarat
Patisserie and Confectionery	Jolan Fernandes	Goa
Automobile Technology	DHARMIK SURESHBHAI PATEL	Gujarat
Cooking	Rajveer Bakshi	Gujarat
Restaurant Service	Satyam Vishvakarma	Maharashtra
Car Painting	Thakor Dashrathbhai	Gujarat
Landscape Gardening	Goldi Mali and Shubham	Madhya Pradesh
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	Shah Dipakbhai	Gujarat
IT Network Systems Administration	Khushraj Rathod	Maharashtra
Mechatronics	Param Shailesh Parekh and Chauhan Minal Rajeshbhai	Gujarat
Graphic Design Technology	Taruna Shrivastava	Madhya Pradesh
Health and Social Care	Vaniya Vasantbhai	Gujarat
Retail Sales	Sejpal Pareshbhai	Gujarat
Visual Merchandising	Ranu Patidar	Madhya Pradesh
Digital Interactive Media	Kovid Gangrade	Maharashtra
Bakery	Deeptesh Naik	Goa
Industry 4.0	Manasi Anilrao Shelke / Vishv Thakkar	Gujarat
Heavy Vehicle Technology	Kartik Bhargava	Madhya Pradesh
Mechanical Engineering CAD	Vakaliya Gulamrasul	Gujarat
3D Digital Game Art	Harsh Pawar	Maharashtra
Logistics and Freight Forwarding	Soham Phadke	Maharashtra
Chemical Laboratory Technology	Sampada Desai	Maharashtra
Cloud Computing	Aaron Joyce	Maharashtra
Cyber Security	Rikvender Rajawat / Kartik Prajapati	Rajasthan
Water Technology	Piyush verma	Madhya Pradesh
Hotel Reception	Dheeraj Bairwa	Rajasthan
Additive Manufacturing	Chaurasia Aman	Gujarat
Digital Construction	Gandrothu Isaac	Maharashtra
Industrial Design Technology	Pingla More	Madhya Pradesh
CNC Turning	Ankit Prajapati	Madhya Pradesh

Optoelectronic Technology	Neha Aggarwal	Gujarat
Renewable Energy	Vishnu Prajapat	Rajasthan
Robot Systems Integration	Baraiya Vitthalbhai / Indrajit Gohel	Gujarat
Unmanned Aerial Systems	Prajwal Dupargude	Maharashtra
CNC Milling	Padhiyar Kailashbhai	Maharashtra
Mobile Applications Development	Viraj Ravani	Maharashtra
Software Application Development	Vishal Bhutekar	Maharashtra

Silver medal winners (59)

Skill Name	Name	State Name
Industrial Mechanics	Abhishek Jatav	Gujarat
Welding	Kuldeep	Madhya Pradesh
Software Testing	Hanshika Solanki	Madhya Pradesh
Wall and Floor Tiling	Arun Singh	Madhya Pradesh
Autobody Repair	Rajveer Prajapati	Rajasthan
Aircraft Maintenance	Ankush Supekar	Maharashtra
Plumbing and Heating	Saiyad Kutbuddin	Gujarat
Electronics	Yash Mane	Maharashtra
Web Technologies	Aaditya Prajapat	Rajasthan
Electrical Installations	Shreyas Narale	Maharashtra
Industrial Control	Shinde Govind Mohanrao	Maharashtra
ICT Network Infrastructure	Tarun Rinait	Maharashtra
Bricklaying	Neeraj kumar kumawat	Rajasthan
Painting and Decorating	Arti More	Maharashtra
Autonomous Mobile Robotics	Vaibhavi Darda and VAISHNAVI Rajurkar	Maharashtra
Cabinetmaking	Vinit Sharma	Madhya Pradesh
Joinery	Sakirali Suthar	Gujarat
Carpentry	Aditya Jangid	Rajasthan
Jewellery	Tanvi Chhuchhar	Maharashtra
Floristry	Aayush Ivane	Madhya Pradesh
Hairdressing	Nimesh Takke	Maharashtra
Beauty Therapy	Madhura Shelar	Maharashtra
Fashion Technology	Irshika Makwana	Gujarat
Patisserie and Confectionery	Riona Coelho	Goa
Automobile Technology	Amit Gothankar	Maharashtra

Cooking	Shaurya Yadav	Madhya Pradesh
Restaurant Service	Dushyant Tiwari	Rajasthan
Car Painting	Tapesh Meena	Rajasthan
Landscape Gardening	Shreyash Mane and Nikita Kolekar	Maharashtra
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	Piyush Rane	Madhya Pradesh
IT Network Systems Administration	Aayush Barsena	Madhya Pradesh
Mechatronics	Hrishikesh Jagtap and Omkar Parkhe	Maharashtra
Graphic Design Technology	Ayush Dholakiya	Gujarat
Health and Social Care	Liji Biju	Gujarat
Retail Sales	Sarthak Jamdade	Maharashtra
Visual Merchandising	Mrudula Jeewan Tayade	Gujarat
Digital Interactive Media	Disha Thakur	Maharashtra
Bakery	Swara Lawande	Maharashtra
Industry 4.0	Mohammed Zain / Utkarsh Singh	Gujarat
Heavy Vehicle Technology	Vegda Yuvraj Kishorbhai	Gujarat
Mechanical Engineering CAD	Chhaniyara Dineshbhai	Gujarat
3D Digital Game Art	Jainam Parmar	Maharashtra
Logistics and Freight Forwarding	Shrishty Dabi	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
Chemical Laboratory Technology	Preet Patel	Gujarat
Cloud Computing	SUNIL Saini	Rajasthan
Cyber Security	Shrishailya Keskar / Chhayashree Desai	Maharashtra
Water Technology	Ankit Choudhary	Maharashtra
Hotel Reception	Dheer Nimit Vora	Gujarat
Additive Manufacturing	Purva Wagh	Maharashtra
Digital Construction	Pranami Himanshukumar Kishanbhai	Gujarat
Industrial Design Technology	Shruti Pawar	Maharashtra
CNC Turning	Harsh Rameshbhai Patel	Gujarat
Optoelectronic Technology	Devatade Tarun	Gujarat
Renewable Energy	Usha Kumari	Maharashtra
Robot Systems Integration	Ruturaj Fartade / Yogiraj Bhimanavaru	Maharashtra
Unmanned Aerial Systems	Himanshu Ghatode	Madhya Pradesh
CNC Milling	Banti Jangid	Rajasthan

Mobile Applications Development	Rachhadiya Hit	Rajasthan
Software Application Development	Atharva Shah	Maharashtra

Bronze medal winners (42)

Skill Name	Name	State Name
Industrial Mechanics	Abhishek Vamane	Maharashtra
Welding	Jirewar Champati	Maharashtra
Software Testing	Adarsh Lilhare	Maharashtra
Autobody Repair	Kori Ravikant Ramubhai	Gujarat
Plumbing and Heating	Suraj Narote	Maharashtra
Electronics	Shashank Lokhande	Maharashtra
Web Technologies	Dhairya Minocha	Madhya Pradesh
Electrical Installations	Vinod	Rajasthan
ICT Network Infrastructure	Manisha Prajapat	Rajasthan
Bricklaying	Ujjwal Khaire	Maharashtra
Painting and Decorating	Vidhan Shrivastava	Madhya Pradesh
Carpentry	Prabhakar Viswakarma	Madhya Pradesh
Jewellery	Umashankar Prajapat	Rajasthan
Hairdressing	Dhandhukiya Ayushi	Gujarat
Beauty Therapy	Dhanvani Bhuvika	Gujarat
Fashion Technology	Callista Pereira	Goa
Patisserie and Confectionery	Sayee Joshi	Maharashtra
Automobile Technology	Deepak	Rajasthan
Automobile Technology	Mayankkumar Ramprakash Gupta	Gujarat
Cooking	Kashish Chaudhary	Rajasthan
Restaurant Service	Krishna Saroj	Goa
Car Painting	Surbhi Khude	Maharashtra
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	Praveen Sharma	Rajasthan
IT Network Systems Administration	SUNIL Kumawat	Rajasthan
Graphic Design Technology	Bhakti Furia	Maharashtra
Health and Social Care	Kajal Wadekar	Maharashtra
Retail Sales	Vijayakumar S	Maharashtra
Digital Interactive Media	Bhagiya Hareshbhai	Gujarat
Bakery	Aman Kushwaha	Madhya Pradesh

Industry 4.0	Pratik Awad / Tejaswini Shyamkuwar	Maharashtra
Mechanical Engineering CAD	Samarpan Parichha	Maharashtra
3D Digital Game Art	Simran Soni	Gujarat
Chemical Laboratory Technology	Viraj Pusadkar	Maharashtra
Cloud Computing	Deepak Gangwani	Rajasthan
Hotel Reception	Lawrence George	Madhya Pradesh
Additive Manufacturing	Saiprem Kadlur	Maharashtra
CNC Turning	Rahul Singh	Rajasthan
Renewable Energy	Jatin Jangid	Rajasthan
Robot Systems Integration	Rohit Jaat / Patel Rohitbhai	Gujarat
CNC Milling	Akash Aher	Madhya Pradesh
Mobile Applications Development	Pranav Dubey	Madhya Pradesh
Software Application Development	Prajapati Mayur	Gujarat

Medallion of Excellence (33)

Skill Name	Name	State Name
Welding	Sahil Sharnagat	Madhya Pradesh
Welding	Parmar Vishal	Gujarat
Autobody Repair	Shravan Govindbhai Parmar	Gujarat
Plumbing and Heating	Rahul Gayri	Rajasthan
Plumbing and Heating	Sonu Prajapati	Madhya Pradesh
Web Technologies	Mahesh Thombare	Maharashtra
Electrical Installations	Prince Shakya	Madhya Pradesh
ICT Network Infrastructure	Ansari Mansoor Akhtar	Maharashtra
Bricklaying	Ajay dewasi	Rajasthan
Painting and Decorating	Om Jadhav	Maharashtra
Carpentry	Amit Billore	Maharashtra
Hairdressing	Prasad Bhor	Maharashtra
Beauty Therapy	Rashmi Vaishya	Madhya Pradesh
Beauty Therapy	Clianna Pereira	Goa
Fashion Technology	Shyash Maheshwari	Madhya Pradesh
Fashion Technology	Nikita Kuri	Rajasthan
Cooking	Shivam Sharma	Rajasthan
Cooking	Joshua Ribeiro	Goa

Restaurant Service	Priyanshi Rajput	Madhya Pradesh
Car Painting	Surendra Sharma	Rajasthan
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	Aman Sharma	Goa
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning	Ritesh Balpande	Maharashtra
IT Network Systems Administration	Makwana Hitesh Jagdishbhai	Gujarat
Graphic Design Technology	Sunil Soni	Madhya Pradesh
Health and Social Care	Bhumika Mahawar	Rajasthan
Retail Sales	Anosh Raoji	Madhya Pradesh
Bakery	Shravani Deshpande	Maharashtra
Mechanical Engineering CAD	Shubham Jaiswal	Rajasthan
Chemical Laboratory Technology	Shivraj Devda	Madhya Pradesh
Hotel Reception	Varsha Sharma	Rajasthan
Additive Manufacturing	Nihal Nigam	Madhya Pradesh
CNC Turning	Prakhar Namdeo	Madhya Pradesh
Software Application Development	Aishwarya Vishwakarma	Madhya Pradesh

IndiaSkills West Region —State-wise Awards Table

State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Medallion for excellence	Total Awards
Maharashtra	19	24	15	7	65
Gujarat	18	15	8	3	44
Madhya Pradesh	11	9	7	12	39
Rajasthan	8	9	10	8	35
Goa	3	1	2	3	9
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	0	1	0	0	1