What is the JuniorSkills?

JuniorSkills is a skill championship being organised to provide school children an opportunity to explore skills, technical and vocational education (TVET) and make informed career choices in a rapidly changing world, so that they can contribute to India’s growth through their skills.

NSDC, in collaboration with CBSE, is pleased to introduce ‘JuniorSkills’, a first of its kind skill championship for students studying in standard VI - XII. With standards at par with IndiaSkills and WorldSkills, JuniorSkills 2021 is envisaged to build and strengthen the aspirations of the youth towards vocational education.

Why participate in the JuniorSkills?

➢ Opportunity to participate in India’s 1st JuniorSkills Championship
➢ National recognition – certificate of participation
➢ Exposure for students from standard VI-XII, to help them make informed career choices
➢ Benchmark skills to international standards and assessment norms – exposure to IndiaSkills competition
➢ Create role models among youth to strengthen skills aspirations in the country.
➢ A step towards creating future-ready skilled workforce
➢ Promoting awareness about ‘Traditional Skills’ and opportunities in the emerging job market in the current and future scenario
➢ Cash rewards
➢ Opportunity to travel to WorldSkills International, which is considered to be ‘Olympics of Skills’

Who can participate in JuniorSkills?

Students from schools within India from standard VI-XII can participate in the championship.

What is the selection process and how to participate?
Potential competitors can register through our online registration portal - www.worldskillsindia.co.in/juniorskills2021 to participate in JuniorSkills 2021. The screening and selection will be done by NSDC in partnership with academic and industry partners, and its associated Sector Skill Councils in four selection rounds. Sector Skill Councils are autonomous industry bodies. The students who clear the first three selection rounds will showcase their skills at the JuniorSkills finals.

What is the format of the rounds?

Each round of the JuniorSkills Championship and subsequent webinars, designed to prepare participants for the next qualifying round, will be held online. The final round will be held on-ground. For further information in the format of JuniorSkills 2021, click here.

How will the assessment of questions take place?

Assessment at JuniorSkills 2021 (after the initial screening round, consisting of MCQs without negative marking for incorrect answers) falls under two types, for which explicit benchmark is essential, namely – Measurement and Judgment. Measurement is used to assess accuracy, precision etc. and is marked as a binary – ‘YES/NO’ or against a pre-determined scale of conformity to a given benchmark. Judgement is used to assess the quality of performance. There might be small difference in view when applying external benchmarks. It is marked independently by experts and then collated.

In the event of unethical conduct on the part of participants, final decisions will be in the hands of the Jury and Competition Committee. For more information on the marking system for the championship, including the test project, click here.

How will students get to know about the next round?

The names of the participants going through to the next round of the championship will be displayed on the website. They can be seen here.
Q. Will finalists have to bear the cost for travelling to the JuniorSkills finals?

A. Logistics for the JuniorSkills final will be borne by NSDC.

Q. What is the role of NSDC?

A. The role of the National Skill Development Corporation:

- National Skill Development Corporation is a Public-Private-Partnership organisation established under Companies Act. It has 49% equity held by the Government through Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and 51% by private organisations.
- NSDC acts as the Secretariat of JuniorSkills, IndiaSkills and WorldSkills in India.
- Establishes linkages and contact with various stakeholders of the industry to promote skilling competitions.
- Provide support and synergy for the efforts of WorldSkills India through its skill development initiatives.

Q. What is WorldSkills International?

A. WorldSkills International (WSI), established in 1950, is an organisation of 85 member countries. The WorldSkills International Competition is the largest skill competition in the world, organised once every two years in one of the member countries. More than 1300+ contestants below the age of 23 compete for gold, silver, and bronze medals in over 50 skills. The competition is held over a span of four days.

Q. What is WorldSkills India?

A.
WorldSkills India is an initiative of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), in partnership with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. This organisation has been leading India’s participation at WorldSkills International competitions since 2011.

WorldSkills India is responsible for the selection, development, management and participation of Team India in the WorldSkills International Competitions and other international competitions.

WorldSkills India makes the final decisions about any issues regarding every stage of the international competition journey and selection processes. To know more, visit www.worldskills.co.in

Q. How many participants can register from School?
A. There is no limit of number of participants.

Q. Can Students participate in Group?
A. This is not a Group Competition. All Students need to participate individually.

Q. What are the differences between two types of registrations i.e., Individual Registration and School Registrations?
A. No differences. Only two separate ways of registration

Q. Where all 4 rounds of Competition will be conducted?
A. First 3 rounds will be online and 4th round i.e. Final will be in a Physical venue

Q. Can the projects be done for PC in place of mobile?
A. Only the first round, which will comprise of MCQs can be taken on a mobile. For Round 2
& Round 3, taking the test on a PC is recommended.

Q. Can you please provide us the further details regarding webinars?

A. Webinar (Overview & Skill specific) with School Principals & Teachers already Conducted. You can check recorded version in website. Webinar of registered participants will be scheduled at a later stage. For Schedule, please visit JuniorSkills website: https://worldskillsindia.co.in/juniorskills2021/

Q. We are unable to understand the rules and specifications of the competition. Can you elaborate?

A. Kindly visit JuniorSkills Website for details. For individual skill specific information, you may go through the resources and Sample paper available in JuniorSkills website. https://worldskillsindia.co.in/juniorskills2021/ where we have PPTs and videos on each individual skill and skill competition, and on how the championship will proceed as well.

You can download Competition rulebook from below link. https://worldskillsindia.co.in/juniorskills2021/frontend/important-links/Competition_rule_book_JuniorSkills.pdf

Q. I have registered but not received acknowledgement Email and registration details. I do not know my registration done or not.

A. Please do a fresh registration with correct details.

Q. What is the timing and number of Participants in Round 1?

A. Round 1 will be based on multiple choice questions (Max 60 questions & duration up to 1 hour). There is no limit to number of participants in Round 1.
Q. If student’s does not have Photoshop and Illustrator. Can that student be allowed to use any other software like Canova?
A. It cannot be done on downloaded software like Canova. Students need to work on Adobe photoshop, illustrator or coral draw.

Q. We are unable to do bulk upload/ Error in Bulk upload.
A. Issues might come due to high traffic. Please try again later.

Please follow below instructions while uploading:
- Use a PC/Laptop with updated/Latest version of MS Office installed
- Don’t Copy and paste in template.
- Select Gender, Class, Skill from dropdown list only.
- individual registration option is also there, and students can register themselves individually as well.

Note. Please select all the values from dropdown only for Gender, Class, Skill, Title etc.

Queries related to IT Software Solutions for Business (ITSSB) Skill

Q. Are there any requirements of webcam or any software of that sort to reduce cheating?
A. From Round-3 onwards, the participants will be monitored remotely to ensure no unfair means used. For this, the student must have webcam in their system (Laptop/Desktop).
In Technical requirement, it is required to use "Android Studio". Could we use plugins in that software or Android with no changes whatsoever?

There will be a list of plugins which will be allowed to use in each round. This list may vary with each round. This list will be shared with all the participants during the orientation webinars.

In 4th round i.e., physical round, do we have to bring our own systems, or would it be provided at spot?

For Round – 4, Systems will be provided at the venue only. Participants do not have to bring their own systems. Also, the students will be informed with the list of tools that they can bring with themselves as per their wish such as keyboard, mouse.

If systems are provided, can we install plugins and themes in Android Studio for better app development.

All the software, plugins, and themes (allowed in the competition) will be installed & configured in the provided systems. The students will get time to ensure if these are properly configured into their respective systems.