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IndiaSkills 2024 kicked off with a spectacular opening ceremony on 15th May 2024 in Delhi. The five-day event was a shining example of our nation's unwavering commitment to skill development as well as excellence.

IndiaSkills 2024 was a grand celebration of skills, innovation, and passion. Held at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, Delhi from May 15th to 19th, the event kicked off with a spectacular opening ceremony that highlighted the rich cultural heritage of India, consequently setting the stage for an unforgettable journey.



Over 900 candidates, including 170+ women, participated, showcasing their skills from 30+ states. IndiaSkills 2024 achieved an extraordinary milestone with 74 Gold, 67 Silver, and 73 Bronze medalists, demonstrating exceptional talent.

The Beauty & Wellness Sector Skill Council, the nodal agency for developing and imparting skills in the Beauty & Wellness industry, managed the competition in three skills: Beauty Therapy, Hairdressing, and Yoga.

In Beauty Therapy, 20 states and UTs participated. Additionally, two wild card entries from Assam and Odisha brought the total participation to 22. Pritisha Barman from Assam won the Gold, Rojalin Brahma from Odisha took the Silver. Also, Tahesin Sutarr from Maharashtra earned the bronze medal.



The beauty and hair competitions featured eminent personalities like Disha Meher, Manisha Chopra, Harshada Takke, Blossom Kochhar, Gurpreet Sebel, Arpita Das, Leena Khandekar and many more as jurors.

Ms Monica Bahl, CEO-B&WSSC, was elated with the brilliant performance put forward by all the competitors of Beauty Therapy, Hair Dressing & Yoga during the India Skills Competition 2024. In a candid chat with Professional Beauty India, she said, "Congratulations to all the winners on their outstanding achievement. It just goes to show that hard work, passion, and a "never give up" attitude really goes a long way. They all have put their time, heart, and soul into this, and their perseverance has paid off.



She further added, "I am so happy for each one of them. They are paving the way to a bright and accomplished future. And I am looking forward to seeing what lies ahead for them in our Industry. No matter what they do next, I know they will do it with enthusiasm as well as determination."

In Hairdressing, Yash Chavan from Maharashtra secured Gold and Aryan Sen from Rajasthan claimed Silver. Furthermore, Avni Sharma from Odisha and Karishma Das from Bihar tied for Bronze.



In Yoga, Elanthendral MS from Tamil Nadu bagged the Gold Medal. Three winners tied for the Silver Medal: Madhu Mohan from Karnataka, Ayush Mishra from Chhattisgarh, and Pranav Aher from Maharashtra. Also, Pranshu Gahlot from Rajasthan won the Bronze Medal.

Chief experts in respective skills will now train the gold medal winners in Beauty Therapy and Hairdressing. They will also get to learn from top industry leaders and experts. They will then represent India at WorldSkills 2024 in Lyon, France, from September 10th to 15th, 2024.