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NIT SRINAGAR JOINED HANDS WITH J&K State Skill Development Mission (JKSSDM) for the program "India Skills Competition, 2018 & TALAASH- Grassroots Innovators & Entrepreneurs Conclave".

In a first of its kind, under India Skills Competition - J&K, 2018, J&K State Skill Development Mission (JKSSDM) and National Institute of Technology Srinagar have joined hands to prepare candidates for participation in the World Skill Competition to be held in Kazan, Russia in 2019. JKSSDM, apart from providing training to the candidates will be organizing cluster level and state level skill competitions in the month of March and April 2018 respectively. Shortlisted candidates from the state level competition will participate in regional and national level skill competition to be held in May and June- July, 2018. The winners of the national level skill competition will be further trained and mentored for competing at World Skills Competition which is to be held at Kazan, Russia in 2019. National Institute of Technology (NIT) has offered services as **academic partner** for organizing the conclave by offering **infrastructure, technical expertise for training and guiding the candidates for the skill competition in the skill-set of Mechanical CAD, Automobile and carpentry from time to time between February till end of April, 2018.**

Besides, JKSSDM, under its program "Talaash – *Grassroots Innovators & Entrepreneurs Conclave*" has already started mapping grass roots innovators & entrepreneurs in J&K. Talaash program is aimed at providing a platform to the innovators and entrepreneurs to showcase their innovation/product and connect them with venture capitalists and corporates. JKSSDM has already received a good number of applications from the innovators & entrepreneurs.

In order to ensure quality participation of candidates in the State Skill Competition, JKSSDM has clubbed together its program Talaash and State Level Skill Competition. It will also present an opportunity to assess the quality standards of innovators and entrepreneurs in J&K. Pertinently, a two day Talaash Conclave along with the valedictory ceremony of the winners of the State Skill Competition will be held at Srinagar in the month of April, 2018.

The selected candidates from the state level skill competition will acts as our brand ambassadors and they will represent our state firstly in regional, then National level skill competitions and hopefully at the international level in Russia. In last year's, World Skills Competition held at Abu Dhabi, India bagged one silver, one bronze and 9 medallions of excellence and this has directly raised the level of promotion and awareness about the competition in India. Recently, the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship also felicitated the winners of the competition and disbursed rupees 50 lacs among the winners and their respective trainers for participating in the competition. The scale and the prestige of the competition and the wide publicity associated with it will definitely enhance the brand and profile of the organizations involved with the program.