

# Skills In-Sight

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## Prologue:

**Skills In-sight:** This is an initiative launched during the 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Furniture and Fittings Skill Council (FFSC) to provide insights into the skill ecosystem in short bytes and keep stakeholders updated. The weekly update will share the major activities and initiatives which the council has initiated in the week.

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## FFSC's Achievements



**60+** Industries & Associations as Members

**22** Industry Recognised Job Roles

**35+** Associated Training Partners

**210+** Associated Trainers Pan-India

**155+** Associated Assessors Pan-India

**170000+** Certified under Recognition of Learning (RPL) Program

**19000+** Certified under Short Term Training (STT) Program

**200+** Enrolled as Apprentices

**250+** Participants competed in WorldSkills Competition 2019

**Over 189000+** Benefitted & Counting

## News from Skill Ecosystem

### NIRDPR releases Kaushal Aapti app for rural youth to discover their vocational interest

National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has released Kaushal Aapti, an app for youth to discover their vocational interest and aptitude, at an online Conclave of the CEOs of the State Rural Livelihood Missions held on 09 April 2021.



Kaushal Aapti was developed in-house through research, consultations with experts in academics and industry and was tested with end-users to improve its functionalities. The Conclave has also paved the way for launching a training program on “Vocational Guidance and Counselling rural youth” for training the counselors of Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY).

The App will enable youth to respond to a series of activities and discover their skill interest and aptitude. It has multiple language features and will also provide a national level, state-wise, and district-wise skill interest inventory of our rural youth.

**Source:** National Skills Network – For the full article [Click Here](#)

## Engagement

### HOMAG joins Furniture & Fittings Skill Council as Industry Member



**HOMAG**



Homag has Joined Furniture & Fittings Skill Council as Industry Member. Established in 2002, HOMAG's India branch provides the solutions and machines for the woodworking and furniture industry. With head office in Bangalore, they have Sales and Service offices across India. The branch offices are located in Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Cochin, Kolkata, Mysore, Nagpur, Pune, and Srilanka.

They have a manufacturing facility in Bangalore since 2011 and have been manufacturing machines to cater to both local and export markets including Asia, Japan, Australia, and Europe.

Homag will be represented by Mr. Venkataramana Gorti, Managing Director & Country Head, Homag.

We would like to welcome the Homag Team onboard and wish active participation in all the skill development initiatives of FFSC.

Standards Development

## Training and Assessments

### Skills in schools: How NSDC facilitates vocational education at the school level

In India, since the colonial era, there has been a gap between academicians and skilled workers. India is a degree-driven country. However, this conception is slowly moving towards the importance of developing a skilled workforce. This is because we have been struggling to bridge the gap between industry and academia. National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) has further strengthened the need for skills in schools. Earlier too, the Ministry of Education introduced vocational education at the school level.

No matter in which field you are in, you will need certain skillsets. Life skills, financial literacy are skills that will never fade away. These skills are incorporated by Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) in each course that is offered. This will essentially help the trainees in the long term.



Unlike short-term courses which are offered at any point of time in a year, vocational courses take a long time to implement. While we talk about vocationalisation of school education, embedding the content along with regular education, in this one of the subjects is getting replaced. This is deciding the promotion and future of the student as well.

Employers also said that students who have taken vocational courses were more open to learning, and were faster learners, had more confidence and their acceptability rate and growth rate were also high.

**Source:** National Skills Network – For the full article [Click Here](#)

## Projects

### MoSJE Projects – Ongoing Training Projects

Please find below the summary of the ongoing training batches under the schemes of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE):

Job Role Name	Scheme Name	District	State
Lead Carpenter	NBCFDC	Barpeta	Assam
Lead Carpenter	NSKFDC	Sambhal	Uttar Pradesh
Assistant Carpenter	NBCFDC	Daarang	Assam
Assistant Carpenter	NBCFDC	Dhubri	Assam

A lot of training batches have been put on hold given the COVID-19 second wave and the guidelines issued by the local authorities.

#### Glimpses of the Training Sessions:



## Career Management

### NSDC collaborates with Apna app to provide professional networking platform to blue-collar workers

National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has collaborated with Apna to provide a first-of-its-kind professional networking platform dedicated to the blue and grey collared workers. The partnership aims to give access to the frontline workforce to avenues of skill development, training, and community collaboration in the language preferred by them.



The partnership will enable the two organisations to reach out and benefit from an expansive pool of blue and grey collared candidates present across India. The candidates will be encouraged and mobilized to utilize the skill development resources available on the Apna app. The platform will also give them access to free online sessions on 'professional networking' and targeted interest-based courses.

It will be open to all candidates undergoing training through NSDC's fee-based programs and/or trainees enrolled under government schemes such as PMKVY, being implemented by NSDC. Likewise, the collaboration will also enable the existing users of Apna to explore courses offered by NSDC affiliated training providers.

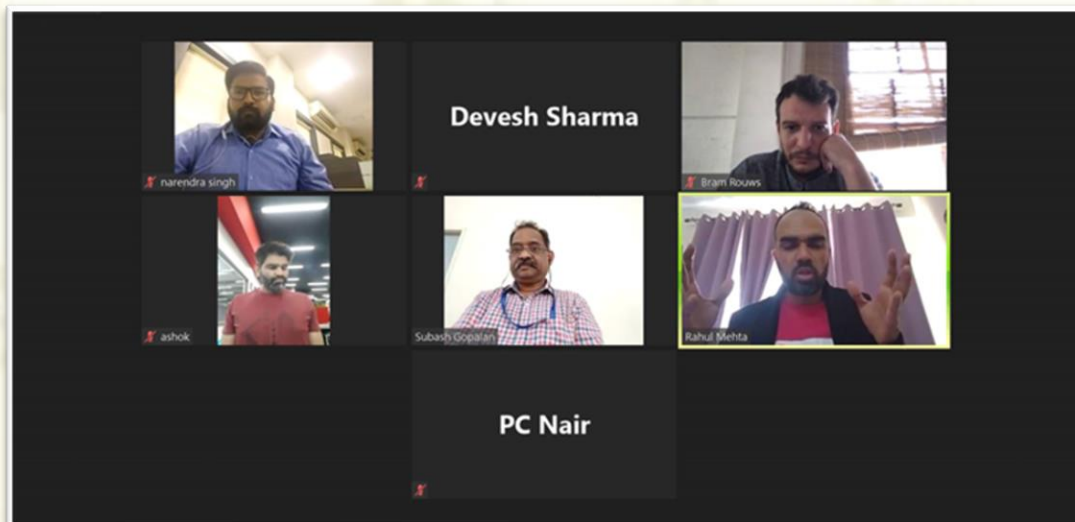
The partnership will be facilitated through a portal that will be used to onboard NSDC affiliated candidates. The users will be able to build their digital profiles on Apna app and can these profiles as virtual Apna Visiting Cards. Basis the professional categories selected, they will gain access to Apna's vertical-specific professional community.

**Source:** National Skills Network – For the full article [Click Here](#)

## WorldSkills Competition

### 3<sup>rd</sup> WorldSkills Sub-Committee Meeting of FFSC

3<sup>rd</sup> WorldSkills Competition Sub-Committee meeting of FFSC took place on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom Video Conferencing.



#### Key Points Discussed were:

1. The role which FFSC going to play in conducting the skill competitions at various levels, looking at the current pandemic situation
2. Organizing Training of Trainer program for State Trainers and Industry Trainers over WorldSkills Standards
3. Test Projects development for National Skill Competition
4. Boot Camp Training Programs for State Level Winners and Regional level Winners
5. FFSC's Skill Pavilion Concept

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