



WHERE WE **SKILL** & HELP YOU **SPEED AND SCALE**

From the Chairperson's desk



Mrs. Vandana Luthra

I write this to you in the backdrop of the just announced Union Budget which has once again underlined the Government's tremendous commitment to the cause of skill development to ensure better futures for our youth.

The launch of the National Skill Mission and its alignment with the 'Make in India' theme will lay a very strong foundation for India to emerge as the 'Skills Capital' of the world by 2022, the 75th year of our independence.

The decision to rationalize various legacy skill development schemes under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and the recognition that Sector Skill Councils would form the fulcrum for all skill development-related initiatives will enable our young boys and girls to receive industry-oriented training that will help them to find jobs or become self-employed.

The proposed MUDRA Bank will go a long way in fostering the entrepreneurship culture in India. From the perspective of the Beauty & Wellness Sector Skill Council, the establishment of the MUDRA Bank presents us with a fantastic opportunity to ensure that the youth we train could go on to receive funding for starting their own set-ups and become job-givers in future. We will explore this prospect in greater detail in the days ahead.

Moving on from the Budget to how our Council contributed in February to improving the country's skills landscape, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that we successfully co-organized the Final Selections for WorldSkills at Delhi's Pragati Maidan from February 26-28 to choose who would represent India at the biennial global skills event in Brazil this August.

In the Beauty Therapy category, it will be Mumbai-based Neha Chande who will be carrying the hopes and aspirations of a billion-plus Indians at WorldSkills 2015. In the Hair Dressing discipline, it would be Pradeep Vaid from Udaipur on whom we will be banking to make the India flag fly high at Sao Paulo. I would like to congratulate both Neha and Pradeep for their achievements so far and wish them the very best for the coming global meet. The Beauty & Wellness Sector Skill Council will be actively involved in the training of the chosen Indian candidates in our domain for WorldSkills.

A few words on WorldSkills may not be out of place here. WorldSkills is a biennial global competition which provides an excellent platform for youth to showcase their vocational skills and benchmark themselves against their peers worldwide. Seen from the prism of developing a vibrant and sustainable skills ecosystem in India, events like WorldSkills help negate some of the wrong perceptions around vocational qualifications and, in turn, motivate youth to voluntarily enroll for skill-related courses.

Some of the other activities that the Beauty & Wellness Sector Skill Council undertook in February included organizing a Train-the-Trainer project as part of which 9 trainers were trained in the Qualification Packs developed for the job roles of Assistant Beautician and Assistant Hair Stylist, and participation in a workshop organized by the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) on Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

In addition to these, as part of our stakeholder engagement efforts, the Beauty & Wellness Sector Skill Council took part in a discussion with the Indian Railways on how the latter's infrastructure could be used for skill development. We also participated in a discussion on how we could provide employable skills in beauty and wellness to people with disabilities.

In conclusion, I would like to state that February was a continuation of a process we had set in motion last June. I hope to share more good news with you in the days to come.

Vandana Luthra

Initiative

- Beauty and Wellness Sector Skill Council participated in the workshop organised by NSDA on RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning). The workshop was an effort to standardize the RPL procedure and imbibe the best practices to implement at the field level.
- Association with PWD Sector Skill Council – PWD (Person with Disability) is a new Sector Skill Council set up to encourage people with disabilities to get them skilled and employable. B&WSSC is one of the Sector Skill Council associating with this body in skilling people with not only visual and sensory impairment but also with orthopaedic disability.
- Meeting with Railway Ministry - To contribute to the government Skill India Mission, Ministry of Railways had invited all the Sector Skill Council to utilize its unused resource platforms, schools, hospitals and compartments in the skilling drive. B&WSSC was one of the Skill Councils invited by the Ministry to participate in this initiative.
- Train-the-Trainers - Second Train the Trainer programme was conducted in Delhi/ NCR. Nine Trainer from our training partners participated in this programme. The training was conducted in two Qualification Pack that of Assistant Beautician & Assistant Hair Stylist.



- Mumbai-based **Neha Chande** emerged as the winner in the Final Selections for the **Beauty Therapy** category for WorldSkills 2015. Neha scored the highest points among the 5 candidates who were in the fray to **represent India in the Beauty Therapy** discipline at the coming WorldSkills event to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, this August.



- Udaipur-based **Pradeep Ved** emerged as the winner in the Final Selections for the **Hair Dressing module** for WorldSkills 2015. Pradeep scored the highest rank among three contestants who were in the fray to **represent India in the Hair-Dressing** discipline at the coming WorldSkills event to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



Workshop organized by AIBHA

A workshop on Gents' fashion and technical training was organized by AIBHA in Mumbai from February 14-19 to train its 21 participants for the forthcoming Asia Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. OMC World Champion Mr. Andrzej Matracki was invited to train the participants in four categories - Progressive cut, Progressive styling, Classic Cut & Style, and Creative Cut Color & Style.



Intercoiffure Mondial India Event

The 1st Edition of the Intercoiffure Mondial India Chapter of 2015 saw the showcasing of the latest international trends in Hair, Skin and Make up followed by a dazzling hair show by industry stalwarts. Dr. Blossom Kochhar, Chairperson, Blossom Kochhar Group of Companies, and current President, Intercoiffure Mondial (ICD) India, introduced and presented

ICD India to the audience on the opening day. Renowned Intercoiffure Mondial artist from Germany, Frank Brormann, performed an exclusive demo-seminar on his own signature calligraphy cut and created and showcased the four themes of Intercoiffure Mondial collection of 2015 – one styling and three cuts on the Models. The looks comprised of the styling session of Fjord Fusion and the cuts comprised of the Indigo Tribe, Northern Lights and White Night.



WorldSkills 2015 Final Selections

The Final Selection of Indian contestants for the World Skill 2015 competition was held in Delhi's Pragati Maidan from the 26th to the 28th of February. The winners in their respective categories at the Final Selections will represent the country at the coming WorldSkills event which will be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The Final Selections received wide support from industry, including in the form of sponsorship. In the beauty and wellness domain, the products for face and body used in the Final Selections were sponsored by Aroma Magic, make-up products by Kryolan, make up set up by Make-Up Studio, and the rest of the consumables and others products by VLCC.



- 1 Our Chairperson Mrs. Vandana Luthra with the esteemed Jury Members 2 Our Governing Council Members Ms. Maya Paranjpye and Dr Blossom Kochhar
 3 The Jury panel Ms Maya Paranjpye, Dr Blossom Kochhar, Ms Hina Khan, Ms Neeta Mehta and Ms Madhumita Saikia
 4 The Expert briefing the participants before the start of the competition 5 Our Chairperson Mrs Vandana Luthra offering advice to the participants
 6 The Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Sri Rajiv Pratap Rudy with the BeautyTherapy contestants 7 The Hair Dressing category contestants with their creations and Jury members 8 The BeautyTherapy competitors going about their tasks

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