

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR,
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Sub:-Samagra Shiksha – Conduct of Skill Competitions for Vocational Education enrolled students – Instructions - Issued.

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The attention of the Additional Project Coordinators / District Educational Officers in the State is invited to the subject cited and informed that, the Samagra Shiksha, Andhra Pradesh is conducting the Skill Competitions to the students enrolled in Vocational Education to recognize and encourage excellence in various skill areas among the students. These competitions are designed to provide students with a platform to demonstrate their practical competencies, promote hands-on learning, and foster a spirit of healthy competition. They aim to encourage skill proficiency and innovation among school students while nurturing teamwork and entrepreneurial thinking. Furthermore, these competitions help identify talented students for further support, recognition, and participation in higher-level events.

The Skill Competitions are planned to conduct at three levels, i.e., School level, District level and State level. The scheduled dates are as follows

1. School Level – 03-11-2025
2. District Level – 07-11-2025
3. State Level – 14-11-2025

Therefore, the Additional Project Coordinators / District Educational Officers in the State are hereby instructed to issue necessary instructions along with the SoP to the concerned Headmasters/ Principals to conduct the Skill Competitions to the Vocational Education enrolled students from 9th to 12th classes.

Encl:- SOP

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To

All the Additional Project Coordinators in the State for taking necessary action.

All the District Educational Officers in the State for taking necessary action.

All the concerned Head Masters/ Principals of the Vocational Education offering school.

Copy submitted to the Director of School Education, Andhra Pradesh for kind information.

Skill Competition - SOP

1. Introduction:

Samagra Shiksha, Government of Andhra Pradesh, is committed to ensuring holistic education by integrating Vocational Education into the mainstream school curriculum. Under this initiative, Vocational Education is being implemented across **1,378 schools** in the state, encompassing **10 trades** — Agriculture, Apparel, Automotive, Beauty and Wellness, Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI), Electronics, Food Processing, Healthcare, Information Technology/ITeS, and Retail. These sectors have been carefully selected based on their relevance to local industry needs and employment potential, enabling students from Classes IX to XII to acquire practical, hands-on skills alongside academic learning.

To strengthen this initiative and nurture a culture of excellence in skill-based learning, **Skill Competitions** are being introduced as an annual event across all participating schools. These competitions will be organized at **three progressive levels — School, District, and State**, ensuring inclusivity, transparency, and equal opportunity for all vocational students. They aim to recognize and reward innovation, creativity, and technical proficiency while motivating students to apply their classroom knowledge in real-world contexts.

The Skill Competitions are designed to align with the vision of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** and the **National Credit Framework (NCrF) 2023**, which emphasize experiential learning, competency-based assessment, and employability enhancement. By providing students with a platform to showcase their abilities, the initiative aspires to promote entrepreneurial mindsets, strengthen industry-academia linkages, and prepare a future-ready workforce equipped with 21st-century skills essential for sustainable livelihoods and national development.

2. Objectives:

The Skill Competitions aim to:

- Encourage hands-on learning and skill proficiency among school students.
- Provide a platform for showcasing talent in various vocational trades.
- Promote a spirit of innovation, teamwork, and entrepreneurship.
- Identify skilled students for further support, recognition, and participation in higher-level competitions (State, Regional, National).
- Enhance the visibility and importance of Skill Education in schools.

3. Structure of the Competitions:

The Skill Competitions will be conducted in a three-tier structure — School Level, District Level, and State Level — ensuring inclusivity, transparency, and uniformity in the selection of talented students across all trades. This structure provides students from all schools with an equal opportunity to participate and progressively advance based on merit and skill performance.

Level	Organized by	Participants	Output
School Level	School Principal & Vocational Trainer	All VE students (IX–XII)	Top 2 groups/trade for district level
District Level	District APC Office	Top school-level groups	1 winning group/trade for state level
State Level	Samagra Shiksha (GCDO Section)	District-level winners	State toppers across 10 trades

3.1. School-Level Competitions

- **Organizing Authority:** The school-level competitions shall be organized by the Vocational Trainer (VT) under the supervision of the School Principal / Headmaster, with support from the Vocational Coordinator (VC) or GCDO (Girl Child Development Officer).
- **Participants:** All students enrolled in any of the Vocational Education subject from Classes IX to XII are eligible to participate. Students has to participate in a group of more than 2 students and less than 4 students. It can be a mix of different classes from 9th to 12th.
- **Competition Design:** Each participating group shall have present one working model from their concerned trade/sector. Evaluation will focus on hands on performance, safety, innovation, and understanding of concepts.
- **Selection Criteria:** The top two performer groups per trade from each school will be nominated for the District-Level Competition.
- **Reporting:** Schools must submit the details of students selected for district level competition to the District APC Office along with the photographs within two days of completion in the **Annexure-I**.
- **Financial Provisions:** For smooth conduct of the school-level competitions, a financial provision of ₹5,000 per trade is allotted to cover consumables, preparation materials, banners, facilitation, and student refreshments. This amount will be spent by concern VTPs and submit the corresponding invoices to the Samagra Shiksha office for reimbursement of the same within the 15 days of the completion of the program.

3.2. District-Level Competitions:

- **Organizing Authority:** The District APC Office shall coordinate and conduct the district-level competitions in collaboration with GCDOs, District Vocational Coordinators, and host institutions (Polytechnics, ITIs, or Vocational Junior Colleges).
- **Participants:** Top two selected groups per trade from each school (as nominated from the school-level competitions).

Competitions will be conducted in total 10 trades.

- **Competition Format:** The students' groups will present the working models related to their trades. Each working model shall consist of Practical Skill Test (80%), Innovation / Problem-Solving Task (10%) and Presentation (10%).
- **Evaluation Committee:** Each district-level competition must have a three-member jury panel:
 - District Science Officer
 - Lecturer from Polytechnic College/ ITI (from relevant trade)
 - Senior Vocational Trainer

The jury will collectively assess students based on standardized evaluation sheets as per Annexure-II.

- **Selection Criteria:** The top one students' group per trade per district will be selected for the State-Level Competition.
- **Logistics:** The District Office shall identify suitable place for organizing the Competitions. Materials and consumables required for competitions shall be arranged by Principals / Head Masters of concerned schools in coordination with the VTPs under approved financial provisions. Travel allowance also will be bear by the concerned VTPs under approved financial provisions.
- **Reporting:** Each district shall submit a comprehensive report (Annexure III) to the State Samagra Shiksha Office within five days of completion, enclosing:
 - Trade wise selected students' detail for state level competition
 - Photographic documentation
- **Financial Provisions:** For smooth conduct of the school-level competitions, financial provisions as below is allotted.

Item	Amount	Responsibility
Model prep/travel (₹5,000 per trade)	₹1,35,80,000	Concerned HMs & VTPs
Food arrangements (₹50,000/district)	₹13,00,000	District APC
Venue/stalls/tents (₹1,00,000/district)	₹26,00,000	District APC
Certificates, prizes, refreshments (₹1,00,000/district)	₹26,00,000	District APC

Note:- The amount for model preparation materials and travel of students to district from school will be borne by the concern VTPs and submit the corresponding invoices to the Samagra Shiksha office for reimbursement of the same within the 15 days of the completion of the program.

3.3. State-Level Competition

- **Organizing Authority:** The State GCDO section, *Samagra Shiksha, Andhra Pradesh*, will organize the State-Level Competition in collaboration with Technical Education Department, Board of Intermediate and sectoral industry partners.
- **Participants:** District-level toppers (One group per trade per district).
- **Competition Format:** The students' groups will present the working models related to their trades. Each working model shall consist of Hands-on Project (70%), Trade-related Problem Solving (10%), Presentation & Viva (10%), Soft Skills / Employability Skills Assessment (10%).
- **Evaluation and Jury Composition:** The Evaluation jury will have below members:
 - Industry Expert
 - Senior Faculty / Technical Officer from Polytechnic / ITI
 - State VE Cell Representative

3.4. **Awards and Recognition:** Three groups from each trade at state level and District level will be selected as winners based on the recommendations of Jury members. Each group member will receive a certificate, mementos and Cash awards for group. All the participated students will receive a participation certificate at District Level and State Level.

4. Schedule :

School Level	03-11-2025
District Level	07-11-2025
State Level	14-11-2025

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