

**PLUMBING SKILLS MAHOTSAV 2019**  
**ORGANISED BY INDIAN PLUMBING SKILLS COUNCIL**  
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**New Delhi, February 3, 2019** - The apex skilling body of the Indian Plumbing Industry, IPSC (Indian Plumbing Skills Council) organized the mega event, **“Plumbing Skills Mahotsav 2019”** which was inaugurated by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon’ble Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship today at Thyagaraj Stadium in New Delhi. The daylong event was attended by almost 12,000 plumbers from all parts of North India who were trained in the latest plumbing techniques and were also handed out participation certificates. Many who have already undergone skill training and assessment are also being felicitated with the IPSC-Skill India Certification. One of the biggest highlight of the event was the launch of Plumber Konnect – World’s 1<sup>st</sup> Mobile App which aims to bring certified plumbers closer to its users. Plumbing Skills Mahotsav also witnessed the best plumbers being handpicked for International and Domestic placements by the companies as a part of the Mega Job Fair. Over 27 Industry Partners of the Indian Plumbing Industry came together as supporters of the Mahotsav. Other excitement at the event included Lucky Draw including Motorcycles, TVs, Tool Kits, Prizes etc. The grand event also saw participation from senior members of the MSDE, NSDC & the Indian Plumbing Industry.

Indian Plumbing Skills Council (IPSC), the Plumbing Sector Skill Council, has been working continuously to engage the industry towards the Skill India Mission amongst important other activities pertaining to formalizing the skilling eco-system in the Indian Plumbing sector.

The Plumbing Skills Mahotsav 2019 organised by IPSC was implemented with the clear vision to advocate the objectives of IPSC, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) & Skill India Mission. It was a platform for plumbers to take a closer look at the latest products & technologies, thereby ‘Developing Excellence in Plumbing Skills’ and creating a high aspirational value & social status for our trade. IPSC is focussed towards skilling, certifying & providing more livelihood opportunities to the existing workforce engaged in Plumbing and the youth of our country, both in India and overseas. The Plumbing Skills Mahotsav 2019 successfully showcased to the industry and the Skilling Ecosystem, how the Plumbing World can come together on a single platform on various verticals.

The Plumbing Skills Mahotsav saw active participation from not just plumbers but also various stakeholders of the plumbing industry including Plumbing Product Manufacturers, Plumbing Consultants, Contractors, Real-Estate Developers and even Plumbing Students. This was the biggest platform for the participating plumbers to understand new products and technologies and undergo connect with employers for increased earning potential. This was also an opportunity for IPSC’s Training Partners and Assessment Agencies to also showcase their methodologies and approach for everyone to take a closer look at the skilling processes.

**Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon’ble Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship said,** “The plumbing industry has an important role in providing jobs and livelihoods to millions of people across the country. India has been blessed with demographic dividend with a potential to take us to great heights and it is our responsibility to work together towards reaping that potential”.

“With majority of the plumbing industry workforce in India informally trained, it is imperative for us to incorporate technological interventions to expand the horizon of skill training across our plumbing workforce to match with the global standards” **further added Pradhan.**

Speaking at the Plumbing Skills Mahotsav, **Dr. R.K. Somany, Chairman, Indian Plumbing Skills Council (IPSC) said,** “We at IPSC understand the value of plumbers. They are the first soldiers in the line of defence against issues such as water shortage, water-borne diseases and play a very vital role in keeping the society clean and safe. We have made a promise to the community and country to train a workforce of 12 Lakh by 2022, out of which we have already trained and certified more than 90,000 plumbers. IPSC, through its various activities, is putting Indian plumbers on a global platform”.

**Dr. Somany further elaborated,** "Plumbing Skills Mahotsav initiative is undertaken to advocate the public about the importance of plumbing and also educate our plumbers in India about the important work they undertake. It is very heartening to see women plumbers here today amongst us and this has only been possible owing to training and inclusivity offered by IPSC."

**Dr. Manish Kumar, MD & CEO, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) said,** “Given the growing demands of real estate, infrastructure and with it, the need for highly skilled Plumbers, I commend the Indian Plumbing Skills Council (IPSC) for the efforts they have been making for enhancing the skills of Plumbers across the Country. I congratulate them for undertaking initiatives such as ‘Plumbing Skills Mahotsav’ which aims to exhibit the latest of plumbing products and provide networking opportunities to all Stakeholders. I am also delighted to hear of the launch of 'Plumber Konnect' app which aims to bring trained Plumbers closer to its users. I believe that initiatives such as these will provide the necessary impetus to the need for becoming responsive to market demand and meeting consumer expectations”.

Plumbing Skills Mahotsav is a part of the larger ecosystem IPSC has envisaged and the launch of Mobile App, Plumber Konnect shall act as a catalyst in the perfect marriage of bringing technology and skills together to benefit the end consumer.

Plumber Konnect is an innovative app, where the user will get best service from a trained and certified plumber and genuine parts in minimum time on pre-approved costs. The app has also been seamlessly integrated to payment gateways.

**Mr Vinay Gupta, Vice Chairman, IPSC said,** “IPSC has been working continuously to engage the industry towards the Skill India Mission amongst important other activities pertaining to formalizing the skilling eco-system in the Indian Plumbing Sector. This is an event which is sure to be a milestone in the skilling ecosystem as it aspires to bring together the entire plumbing fraternity the Manufacturers, Consultants, Contractors, Developers, Workforce engaged in Plumbing along with the Skills Ecosystem comprising Ministry, NSDC, State Skill Missions, training and Assessment partner on one single platform. This is aimed towards fruitful interactions, value-addition to all the stakeholders involved and creation of an even more effective platform for the promotion of skill development in the plumbing sector”.

“Overseas employment for the plumbing workforce is yet another area in which IPSC has also been particularly active and has also been largely successful.

IPSC has also been trying to get notification issued by several agencies (private and public) so that the trained and certified plumbers are gainfully employed” added **Mr. Gupta**.

Plumbing Skills Mahotsav also showcased range of advanced products, mega plumbers meets, educational seminars and Job placement workshops by the international & domestic brand like **Hindware, Bathline, National Science Foundation (NSF), Watertec, Viega, Jain Plumbing, Ori-Plast, Hepco, Acquaviva, Rothenberger, Kitec, Parryware, Xylem, Ashirvad, Products Unlimited, Kranti Meters, George Ficher, Neoperl, Lubrizol, Jindal Stainless, Pidilite, etc.**

Following were some of the Key Highlights from the Mahotsav:

- Largest Congregation of Plumbers at one location in the World.
- 14,000 Plumber Registrations from Delhi/NCR & adjacent States/Cities for Mahotsav.
- 12,000 Approx. Plumbers Attended the Grand Function.
- 27 Industry Partners / Manufacturers at Industry Exhibition Zone.
- 19 Employers, 375 Jobs Openings at Career Zone.
- Launch of Mobile App – Plumber Konnect.
- Over 100 Gifts Distributed via Lucky Draw: Bikes, TVs, Mobiles, Cash Prizes etc.
- 8 MoUs exchanged with Universities & Corporates.
- Immense Coverage in Local Media.