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## Powering the Next Telecom Revolution

India is poised for a bold leap forward as the **Draft National Telecom Policy 2025** charts the country's telecom transformation. With a target of creating 1 million jobs and unlocking unprecedented opportunities for its young workforce, this policy paves the way for a future shaped by growth, innovation, and sustainability.

### Six Pillars of NTP 2025

1. **Universal Connectivity** – 100% 4G, 90% 5G, wider broadband.
2. **Innovation** – Global 6G leadership, 500 startups, R&D hubs.
3. **Domestic Manufacturing** – Boost local production, cut imports.
4. **Secure Networks** – Quantum-safe, AI-driven threat detection.
5. **Ease of Business** – Faster processes, unified compliance.
6. **Sustainability** – 30% renewable-powered telecom infrastructure.



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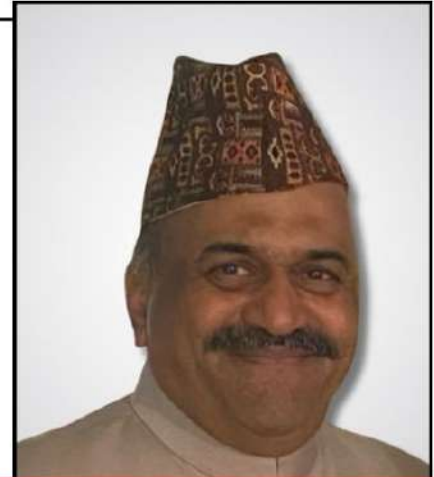
# TSSC | About the CEO

We at TSSC are proud to welcome Lt Gen Kulbhushan H Gawas, PVSM, VSM (Retd.) as the Chief Executive Officer of Telecom Sector Skill Council.

Lt Gen Kulbhushan H Gawas PVSM, VSM (Retd.), superannuated from the Indian Army in November 2024 after an illustrious career spanning 39 years. During his tenure, he played a pivotal role in advancing critical domains such as telecommunications, Artificial Intelligence, 5G, Cybersecurity, Quantum Computing, and Electronic Warfare.

A distinguished officer from the Corps of Signals, he held several key leadership positions, including Additional Director General of Signals, Chief Signals Officer, and Commandant at the prestigious Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE).

His extensive contributions significantly shaped the Indian Army's communications and training ecosystem.



Lt Gen Kulbhushan H Gawas,  
PVSM, VSM (retd)  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In recognition of his exemplary service, Lt Gen Kulbhushan H Gawas, PVSM, VSM (retd) has been honoured with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) and the Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM).

## Lt Gen Kulbhushan H Gawas, PVSM, VSM (retd) Leadership Vision



"I am honored to step into the role of CEO at the Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC), bringing nearly four decades of experience across telecommunications, AI, 5G, cybersecurity, and quantum computing. Having worked extensively on building and transforming telecom ecosystems, I am committed to steering TSSC towards strengthening India's position in the global digital economy and preparing our workforce for the demands of tomorrow's connected world.

With the upcoming Draft National Telecom Policy (NTP) 2025 setting ambitious goals for universal connectivity, 6G leadership, secure networks, and job creation, TSSC's mission is more critical than ever. We aim to empower India's telecom workforce with cutting-edge skills, both in current demand and in emerging domains, to accelerate innovation and digital inclusion. My vision is to design and deliver specialized training programs in collaboration with leading telecom companies and academic institutions, offering hands-on certification courses, online modules, and simulation-based workshops in areas such as 5G deployment, AI-driven network management, and quantum-secure systems.

By emphasizing practical, industry-aligned learning, we will bridge the digital divide, foster self-reliance, and prepare over 1 million skilled professionals in line with NTP-25's targets. Together with our partners, we will drive sustainable, inclusive growth, enabling India to emerge as a global telecom powerhouse by 2030."

# TSSC | New Governing Council Member

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We welcome **Rishikesh Patankar** as a member of TSSC Governing Council.

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With over 25 years of experience in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Rishikesh has been at the forefront of large-scale digital transformation and skilling initiatives in India. He has led some of the world's largest Digital Literacy, Legal Literacy, and Financial Literacy programmes, and currently serves as Vice President at the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), where he drives the implementation of key government skilling initiatives.

His career spans academia, government, and the corporate sector, marked by a deep commitment to public service and innovation. Rishikesh has played a pivotal role in national initiatives across multiple Central and State Ministries, contributed to global collaborations with the Digital India Corporation, CSCSPV, and top-tier universities in China and India, and began his professional journey with the Indian Navy.



**Rishikesh Patankar**  
Vice President, Government  
Programs, Industry & Academia  
Collaboration  
NSDC



On July 22, 2025, **Bharat SkillNXT** lit up Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, celebrating 10 years of the Skill India Mission with bold new moves for a future-ready workforce.

Key launches included SOAR: Skilling for AI Readiness to build the world's largest network of AI-skilled school students in just six months, the KaushalVerse digital enterprise hub, the new IndiaSkills 2025–26 registration portal and an upgraded Apprenticeship Training Portal.

From the Skill Impact Bond to game-changing reports on semiconductors and employability, along with global tie-ups with France, IITs and industry leaders, the event showcased an AI-ready, digital and globally connected India.

# TSSC | Events & Happenings



**Telecom Sector Skill Council participated in Swachhata Pakhwada**, an initiative by the Government of India to promote cleanliness and sanitation across various sectors of society.

Launched under the Swachh Bharat Mission, this campaign was observed by ministries, departments, and organizations across India to emphasize the importance of hygiene and environmental responsibility.

Here are glimpses from the initiative. The Swachhata Pledge was taken at both TSSC Headquarters and PMKVY Centre Techzaz, Kachi Chawni, Jammu. Additionally, TSSC training candidates actively participated by planting trees, reinforcing the message of sustainability and environmental care.

TSSC reaffirmed its commitment to empowering youth through skill development in environments that were not just innovative, but also clean, safe, and sustainable — because building a skilled India starts with building a cleaner one.



**Telecom Sector Skill Council was thrilled to be part of the #KaushalKaDashak celebrations – marking an incredible 10 years of the Skill India Mission**, launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in 2015.

On 15th July 2025, the energy was high at our PMKVY Centre, Techzaz, as Optical Fiber Technician trainees wowed everyone with live, hands-on demos of their skills. They also shared powerful stories of how Skill India has opened doors to opportunities, boosted their confidence, and prepared them to excel in today's fast-paced job market.

This milestone is not just about the past decade — it's about the future we're building together. Here's to empowering India's youth, strengthening our workforce, and driving the nation toward a skilled, self-reliant tomorrow.

Congratulations, Skill India, on a decade of impact and nation-building!

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## IndiaSkills Competition 2025

IndiaSkills Competition 2025, organized by NSDC under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, is the nation's biggest skill competition that celebrates talent in vocational education and skill development.

Whether you're a tech enthusiast or a networking whiz – this is the moment to step up and shine.

### Key Telecom & ICT Skill Categories:

- ◆ IT Network System Administration
- ◆ ICT Network Infrastructure

Winners will get a chance to represent India at the prestigious WorldSkills 2026, competing among top talent across 60+ skill categories worldwide.

## Glimpses from Past Editions of IndiaSkills



**Amit Kumar**  
**Champion: India Skills 2024**  
 Category: **Information Network Cabling**  
*Trained under TSSC's industry ecosystem*



**Divya Umesh Godse**  
**Champion: World Skills Kazan 2019**  
 Category: **Information Network Cabling**



**Dr. Shashank Dwivedi, Project Manager at the Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC), recently participated in the Vi Partners Meet held at the Vodafone Idea office in New Delhi.** Representing TSSC, Dr. Dwivedi delivered an insightful presentation on how the Council is empowering women through its state-of-the-art Centre of Excellence (CoE) at the Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW), Kashmiri Gate, New Delhi.

The CoE focuses on equipping women with cutting-edge skills in the Internet of Things (IoT), enabling them to become job-ready and self-reliant in an increasingly technology-driven world.



**Srikanth B., State Head for Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Karnataka at the Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC),** recently participated in a panel discussion organized by AISECT.

The session centered on bridging the gap between academia and employment through initiatives such as the National Education Policy (NEP), skill development programs, internships, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) interventions.

The panel explored strategies to align academic curricula with employability skills, ensuring that students are better prepared to meet evolving industry requirements and contribute effectively to the workforce.

# TSSC | Important Events



TELECOM SECTOR SKILL COUNCIL

13 AUG 25

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

WEBINAR

## Enhancing Employability through Quality Apprenticeship through **NAPS**



**NAPS**  
On the job skilling



**CELESTINE SHAUKAT**  
General Manager, HR  
Digitido



**SRIJITA DUTTA**  
Manager  
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# INDIA MOBILE CONGRESS™

## 8-11 October 2025

Yashobhoomi, Dwarka,  
New Delhi



The Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC) is proud to return as the Skilling Partner for India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025, continuing a tradition upheld for the past few years. Our presence at IMC reflects our commitment to empowering India's telecom workforce with future-ready skills and bridging the talent gap in this rapidly evolving industry.

IMC, organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), is Asia's largest technology and innovation platform, bringing together global leaders from the Telecom, Media, Technology and ICT sectors.

As Skilling Partner, TSSC will showcase telecom skill development, host interactive sessions, and engage with industry stakeholders to shape the workforce of tomorrow.



**The Union Cabinet has approved a ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) scheme** to drive progress in sunrise sectors, delivering a strong boost to the telecom industry. With the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) planning close collaboration with startups, this marks a pivotal step toward innovation, economic security, and self-reliance.



India is on a mission to **empower 10 lakh individuals with AI skills under the ambitious #IndiaAI initiative, with ₹10,371.92 crore already approved by PM Modi**. As part of this, over 5.5 lakh Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) across 90% of India's villages will get access to free AI training, enabling them to deliver smarter digital services locally.



**India is set to extend subsidized broadband access to 1.5 crore rural households under Bharatnet Phase 3**. With a substantial investment of USD 18 billion (₹1.4 lakh crore), the project will add connectivity to 40,000 new Gram Panchayats and ensure upkeep for the existing 2.18 lakh village connections.



**The Government of India has unveiled the draft National Telecom Policy 2025 (NTP-25)**, setting forth ambitious goals to transform the country's digital and telecom landscape by 2030. The policy aims to **create 1 million new jobs in the telecom sector and reskill an additional 1 million workers**.

It also targets universal 4G coverage and achieving **90% 5G penetration across the nation**. As part of its infrastructure push, the policy envisions the deployment of 1 million public Wi-Fi hotspots and aims to connect 100 million households with fixed broadband.

Additionally, it seeks to drive **₹1 lakh crore (approximately \$12 billion) in annual telecom investment** while promoting self-reliant manufacturing and boosting telecom exports.

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