

Winning without web help

Nishant Jain, a finalist at the WorldSkills competition being held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, is gearing up to clinch the prize.

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Nishant Jain is trying to keep calm but is excited about his impending trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil in August. "I want to win the gold for India," says the B.E. Computer Science student from MNM Jain Engineering College, Chennai. Nishant has been chosen as a finalist for the WorldSkills competition, an initiative of the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which has been



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leading India's participation at WorldSkills International competitions. "I came to know about the competition from NIIT, where I was chosen to participate. The nationals

were held in Delhi between November 28 and December 1 last year, in which four candidates were shortlisted for the finals in February. The major objective of the competition was to build a software solution based on the project description in the given timeframe, without using the Internet," says Nishant. The candidates were evaluated on their problem-solving and vocational skills.

For the nationals, Nishant was asked to make an online ticket booking application in six hours. "It was difficult to pull it off without the internet but the training and support I had from NIIT helped me do this easily," he says.

"The final phase was a three-day long competition in Delhi where we had to build six software modules. Again, it was rather challenging but a great experience overall," he adds.

Nishant says that the competition helped him broaden his knowledge and gave him enough experience to work in a Rapid Application Development Mode. "It also taught me how to manage time and stress levels," says Nishant. "Currently, I am undergoing training with NIIT and working on different technologies to gain knowledge about various dimensions of technologies. This is how I'm preparing for the finals," he says.