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Tailor-made in Gurgaon: India's Bhutto goes to Skills Olympics

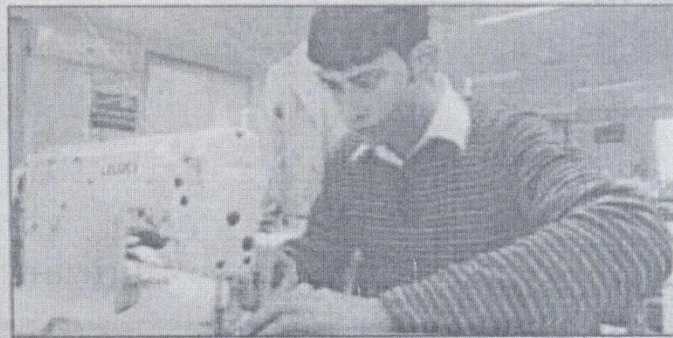
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Gurgaon: When he enrolled himself as a textile designing student at Apparel Training and Design Centre (ATDC), Gurgaon, little did he know that his passion for stitching would one day help him represent India at the international level.

Meet Julferkar Ali Bhutto, the 20-year-old son of a humble tailor from Sant Kabir Nagar in UP, who has been selected to represent India at the 43rd World Skills Competition, the largest international vocational skills competition, also known as Skills Olympics, to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in August 2015.

This was after he recently bagged the top position in the national competitions on fashion technology. Bhutto, who wanted to be a driver but ended up joining ATDC as a textile designing student, says that tailoring is in his DNA. "I learnt tailoring from my father. Though I have always been keen on tailoring, I wanted to do something different in this field. Somebody in my village told me about



RIISING STAR: Julferkar will represent India at the 43rd World Skills Competition to be held in Sao Paulo in 2015

textile designing course at ATDC. The one-year training course is a stepping stone to firm up my skills in tailoring," Bhutto says.

He adds: "Participation in the national competitions has opened another chapter of my life." His teachers believe that Bhutto's achievement has not swept him off his feet. "He is focused and down-to-earth. He is one of those students who still follow 'Guru-Shishya' tradition. He respect his mentors and make it a point to prove himself," says Gurpreet, his mentor at ATDC.

Talking about his edge

over other candidates in the competition, Gurpreet says, "His work is flawless. He gives a proper finish to pieces. A student is judged on the basis of 42 criteria in the competition. More than designing skills, jury at the competition look for perfection and flawlessness." Congratulating Bhutto, the director general of ATDC, Darlie O Koshy, said, "We are proud to have students like Bhutto. We indeed have many Bhuttos in the country. There is a need to give more focus on skills development so that they can come forward and lead India in the world of fashion."