



CIRCULAR

Participation in Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue (VBYLD) 2027

To: All Deans/Heads/Principals/Incharges/students

Subject: To Encourage maximum student participation in **Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue (VBYLD) 2027**

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, through MY Bharat portal, is organizing VBYLD 2027. **Eligible youth aged 15–29 years as on 17 August 2026** are invited to participate in the various tracks. All Heads of Departments/Schools/Colleges are requested to ensure wide dissemination and facilitate participation of every eligible student in at least one suitable activity, wherever feasible.

Key Tracks – VBYLD-2027:

- **Youth Parliament** - Fosters dialogue, leadership, and civic participation among youth.
- **Viksit Bharat Challenge** - Quiz + Essay + Presentation across 10 Regional Clusters.
- **Cultural Track** - Folk Dance, Folk Song, Painting, Nukad Natak & Poetry writing.
- **Innovate for Bharat:**
 - **Youth Entrepreneurs Challenge** - A new track was introduced for startup ideas aligned with Viksit Bharat @2047.
 - **Hack for Social Cause** - Tech prototypes for social impact, judged by an expert jury for functionality.
 - **Design for Bharat** - National design challenge; top 3-member team per State/UT advances to the national level.

Key Schedule – Viksit Bharat Challenge

Stage / Activity	Mode	Schedule
Stage I – Quiz	Digital	17 Aug – 30 Sep 2026
Stage II – Essay	Digital	5 – 15 Oct 2026
Stage III – District Championship (PPT)	District	27 Oct – 16 Nov 2026
Stage IV – State VBYLD	State	17 Nov – 7 Dec 2026
Stage V – National Dialogue	New Delhi	10 – 12 Jan 2027

Action requested from Heads/Principals/Incharges/Departments/Colleges/Schools: Inform all eligible students; encourage participation across disciplines; identify suitable students/teams; facilitate registration and submissions through MY Bharat Portal; monitor deadlines; and maintain participation records. Students are advised to follow the prescribed schedule and participate according to their region and chosen track.

Note: All the Heads/Principals/Incharges are hereby informed to maintain student participation records and send a copy to Nodal Officer, MANUU, so as to submit the data and the report to University Administration / Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as and when desired.



Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Program



ANNEXURE – I

VBULD 2027 – Region-wise Themes for Viksit Bharat Challenge

Region	States / UTs Covered	Challenge Track Theme
1. National Capital Region (Niti Nagar)	Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh	Future Governance, Urban Transformation & Citizen Services
2. Himalayan Frontier Region (Himavant Jagriti)	J&K, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand	Climate Security, Borders & Sustainable Mountain Development
3. Ganga Growth Belt	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar	Demographic Dividend, Human Capital Development & Youth Development
4. Eastern Transformation Region	West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand	Sustainable Industrialisation, Resource-led Growth & Promoting Sustainability
5. North East Frontier Region (Purvodaya)	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Manipur, Sikkim, Tripura	Act East, Cultural Leadership & Enhancing Connectivity
6. Golden West Region	Gujarat, Rajasthan, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	Manufacturing, Entrepreneurship & Green Growth
7. Central Bharat Heartland	Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh	Tribal Leadership, Natural Resources & Inclusive Development
8. Konkan Financial & Creative Economy Region	Maharashtra, Goa	Innovation Economy, Tourism & Creative Industries
9. Southern Gateway: Technology & Innovation Region	Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh	Technology, Innovation, Future Readiness & Creating Employability
10. Deccan Maritime & Human Development Region	Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Blue Economy, Human Capital & Global Competitiveness

Note: 1) The Headquarters, MANUU Hyderabad Heads/Principals/Incharges and the Offcampuses Heads/ Principals/Incharges are requested to ensure Participation of theirs students according to ANNEXURE-I by checking proper region , state/UTs and challenge Track Theme.

2) Last date to participate through registration is 30th September 2026 using below MY Bharat Portal: mybharat.gov.in



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VIKSIT BHARAT
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VIKSIT BHARAT **YOUNG LEADERS** **DIALOGUE** 2027

10TH - 12TH JANUARY | BHARAT MANDAPAM, NEW
DELHI



Introduction & Background

1

Legacy of the National Youth Festival

Since 1995, held on every National Youth Day (12 Jan) to mark **Swami Vivekananda's** birth anniversary.

2

Evolution into VBYLD

In 2025, NYF was transformed into VBYLD to align with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

3

Building on the Success of VBYLD

In VBYLD-2026 **50+ lakh participants** and **3,000 finalists**
VBYLD-2027 engages youth aged 15–29 across six tracks

1995



National Youth
Festival begins

2025



Transformed
into VBYLD

2026



50+ Lakh youth ·
3,000 finalists

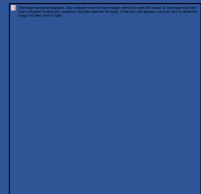
2027



VBYLD 2027
National Dialogue
New Delhi, 10–12 Jan

MY Bharat - Empowering Youth for Viksit Bharat

The Digital Backbone of VBYLD 2027



MY Bharat Portal

- Youth Registration
- Online Quiz
- Essay Submission
- Participant Tracking
- Certificate Generation
- Communication & Notifications

Objectives of VBYLD 2027



Unity

National integration across cultural, regional & social backgrounds.



Leadership

Structured pathway from District → State → National dialogue with the PM.



Innovation

Youth-led, tech-enabled solutions for Viksit Bharat @2047.



Youth Participation

Six thematic tracks widen access, incl. Entrepreneurs Challenge & Youth Parliament.



Viksit Bharat

Merit-based selection mentoring India's future policymakers & nation-builders.

AT A GLANCE

AGE GROUP

15–29 years
as on 17 Aug 2026

EXECUTING AGENCY

MY Bharat

Ministry of Youth Affairs
& Sports, Govt. of India

PLATFORM

mybharat.gov.in
single-window portal

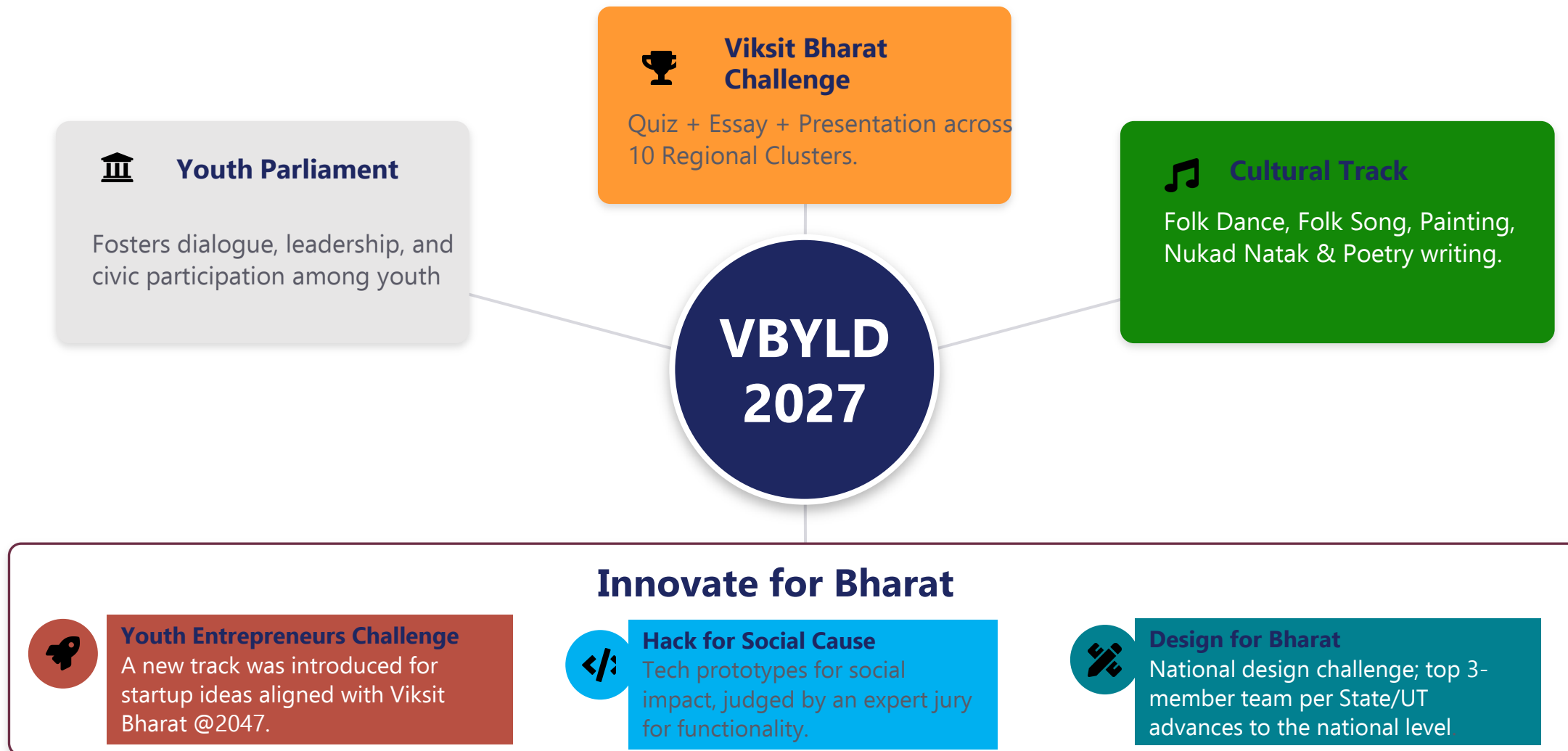
SCHEME

NPYAD

Promotion of National
Integration

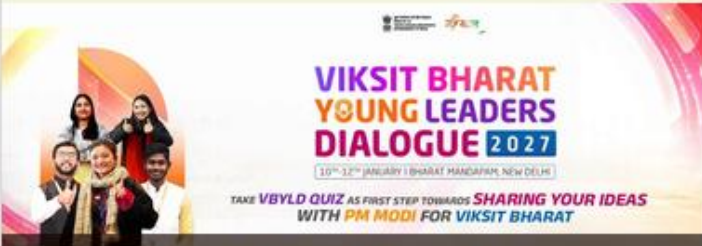
Structure & Key Tracks of VBYLD 2027

Six thematic tracks run concurrently at the State level and converge in the National Dialogue at New Delhi.



VBYLD 2027 QUIZ





**VIKSIT BHARAT
YOUNG LEADERS
DIALOGUE 2027**
10th-12th JANUARY | BHARAT MANDIRAM, NEW DELHI

TAKE VBYLD QUIZ AS FIRST STEP TOWARDS SHARING YOUR IDEAS
WITH PM MODI FOR VIKSIT BHARAT

Expiry Date: 30 Sep, 2026

Viksit Bharat Young Leader...

 Start Date
17 Aug, 2026

End Date
30 Sep, 2026

 Total Score

20

20
Questions

00:10
Hours

Start Quiz

Department of Youth Affairs

Language Covered

22 LANGUAGES

**English | Hindi |
Marathi | Bengali |
Gujarati | Kannada**

- These 6 languages had the highest number of quiz attempts in VBYLD 2026.

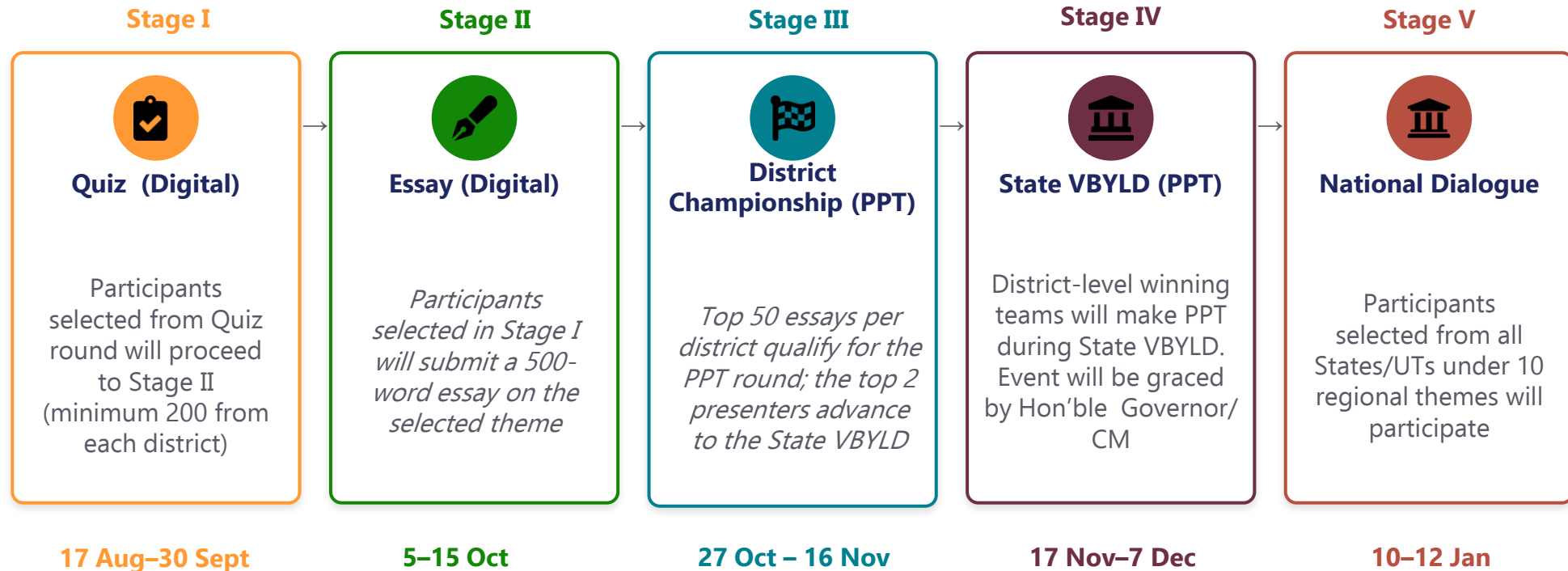
74
LAKH+
Quiz
Attempts

QUIZ THEMES (10 BROAD DOMAINS)

- 1** Govt Schemes, Policies & National Initiatives
- 2** India's Technological Advancement
- 3** Art, Culture, Heritage & Geography
- 4** Environment, Sustainability & Climate Action
- 5** Economy & Science-Tech
- 6** Space & Defence
- 7** History
- 8** Constitution, Government & Civics
- 9** Sports
- 10** Current Affairs

A. VIKSIT BHARAT CHALLENGE

Selection Process & Timeline



NATIONAL CONTINGENT

12 teams of 3 members
= 36 per state
Total : 1,008
States

9 teams of 3 members
= 27 per UT
Total : 216
UTs

1,224
Total Participants



A. VIKSIT BHARAT CHALLENGE

Detailed Table

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VBYLD2026 : KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2026

Union Budget-2026 was a [Yuva Shakti-driven Budget](#), taking inspiration from VYBLD 2026

Youth Participation: Over 50 lakh youth engaged nationwide; 3000 youth selected (age 15–29) through a merit-based, multi-stage process.



Viksit Bharat Challenge Track

- ❑ Multi-stage process: Quiz → Essay (10 Theme's) → State Championship → National Championship
- ❑ Young leaders presented ideas before the Hon'ble PM at Bharat Mandapam.



Traditional Track

- ❑ Celebrated India's folk music, dance, poetry, painting, and declamation.
- ❑ Winners at the state level advanced to perform at the National stage.



Hack for Social Cause Track

- ❑ Technology-driven solutions for social issues anchored by IIT Bombay with structured mentorship.
- ❑ 1,819 registrations, 126 submissions, 24 finalists presented prototypes



"Design for Bharat" Track

- ❑ College students developed implementable design solutions anchored by SPA New Delhi
- ❑ 3,482 registrations, 429 submissions, 24 finalists showcased at the national level.

B. INNOVATE FOR BHARAT 2027

An Innovations track under Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue (VBYLD) 2027

DESIGN *for* BHARAT

	Focus	Design-led solutions
	Participants	Youth 18–29 years
	Who	College & University students
	Knowledge Partner	School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi
	Outcome	Tangible products, systems, working models & structures

Hack *for* Social Cause

	Focus	Technology-led solutions
	Participants	Students 18–29 years
	Who	College & university students
	Knowledge Partner	IIT Bombay
	Outcome	Tech-enabled social solutions

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS CHALLENGE YEC

2027

	Focus	Start-Ups
	Participants	Youth 18–35 years
	Who	Startups & working professionals
	Knowledge Partner	IIT Kanpur
	Outcome	Scalable / industry-ready solutions

Last date for Submission for Innovate for Bharat is 15th October 2026



A National Design track under Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue (VBYLD) 2027

Design for Bharat (DFB) is a flagship innovation track, aimed at fostering **design-led innovation** among India's youth to address real-world socio-economic challenges with SPA, New Delhi, as knowledge partner.

Challenge 1: DFB Open Challenge

Tangible design solutions for real-world challenges

Key Features

-  **Participation:** Indian citizens aged 18–29 years (college & university students)
-  **Team Size:** Individual or teams of up to 3 members
-  **Scope:** Tangible products, systems, working models and structures
-  **Exclusions:** Apps, software or purely digital concepts not eligible
-  **Thematic Areas:** 7 national priority areas

State 1: Launch & Submission of entries

Stage 2: State-Level Competition in 3 Phases

Stage 3: National Level (VBYLD), 1 design per state

Challenge 2: Graduation Challenge

Showcase academic design project for societal impact

Key Features

-  **Participation:** Indian citizens aged 18–29 years (recent design graduates)
-  **Eligibility:** Graduation/academic thesis projects (2025–26)
-  **Scope:** Original, socially relevant and implementable design solutions
-  **Focus:** Transforming academic research into real-world impact
-  **Selection:** Top 40 projects → final 20 for national showcase

State 1: Launch & Submission of entries

Stage 2: Evaluation by SPA, Delhi in 2 phases

Stage 3: National Level (VBYLD)

Hack for Social Cause



A National Hackathon under Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue (VBYLD) 2027

Hack for Social Cause is VBYLD's flagship innovation initiative. Aims to harness the creativity and problem-solving capabilities of India's youth to address pressing social challenges through technology-driven and scalable solutions. Provides a platform for college students to develop innovative solutions aligned with Viksit Bharat @2047's vision.

Key Features



National Knowledge Partner: IIT Bombay



Participation: College & University students (18–29 years)



Multi-stage competition:

Registration → State Evaluation → National Showcase



National Showcase:

Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, during VBYLD

11 Thematic Areas

Ideas for an Inclusive, Innovative & Viksit Bharat



Rural Development
& Livelihoods



Education &
Skill Development



Healthcare, Wellbeing
& Service Delivery



Elderly Care &
Healthy Ageing



Governance &
Civic Technology



Digital
Inclusion



Digital Safety &
Cyber Fraud Awareness



Environment &
Sustainability



AI, GIS &
Emerging Technologies



Assistive Technology
& Accessibility



Disaster Mitigation
& Resilience

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Youth Entrepreneurs Challenge 2027

A National Start-Up challenge under Viksit Bharat Young Leaders' Dialogue (VBYLD)



Knowledge Partner IIT Kanpur

Guiding and mentoring
young entrepreneurs



Participants

Youth aged 18–35 years

- Start-Ups
- Working Professionals

With a registered
company



Region-wise Model

The country will be
divided into five regions
for wider outreach
and participation.



Multi-stage Selection Process

Participants will progress
through regional rounds
to a National Showcase.



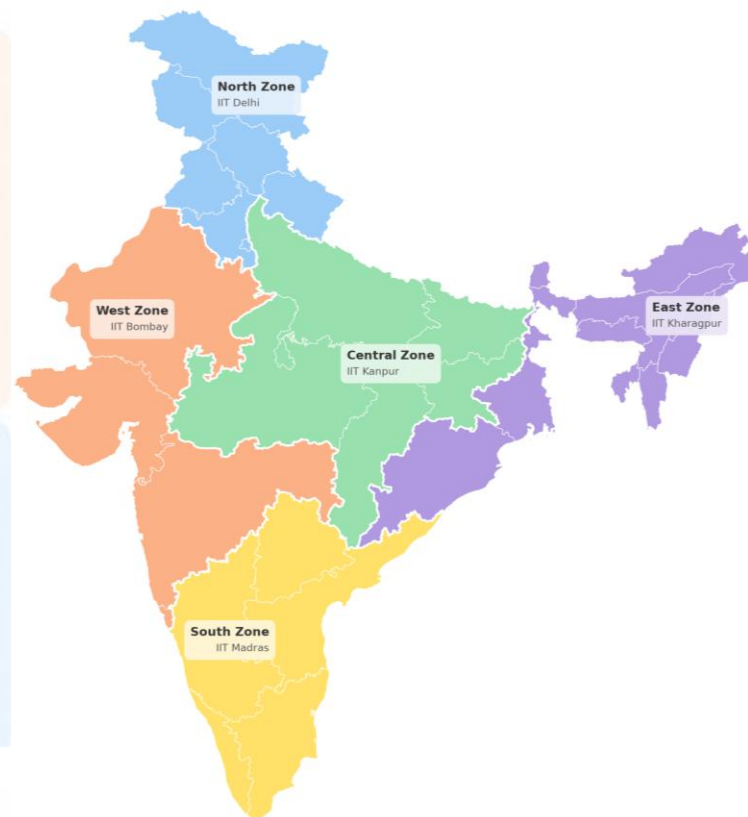
National Showcase

The best innovations
will be presented during
VBYLD 2027, before
national stakeholders.



Mentoring

In-person mentoring of a
national finalist at the IIT
Kanpur incubation center



North Zone – IIT Delhi
Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh,
Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh

East Zone – IIT Kharagpur
West Bengal, Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam,
Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim,
Tripura

West Zone – IIT Bombay
Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Goa,
Dadra Nagar Haveli / Daman and Diu

South Zone – IIT Madras
Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh,
Telangana, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry,
Andaman & Nicobar

Central Zone – IIT Kanpur
Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh,
Madhya Pradesh

Competition Journey



1. Outreach
& Registration



2. Regional
Screening



3. Regional
Rounds



4. National
Finalists



5. Mentoring
& Support



6. National
Showcase
(VBYLD 2027)

Key Highlights of DFB & HSC 2026

DESIGN for BHARAT



Registrations Received **3,482 Teams**



Final Submission **429 Teams**



National Showcasing **26 Teams**



Innovations Showcased before PM **3**



Hack for Social Cause



Registrations Received **1,819 Teams**



Final Submission **126 Teams**



National Showcasing **24 Teams**



Innovations Showcased before PM **4**



C. CULTURAL TRACK

The Cultural Track of Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2027 will be organised in three progressive stages (District, State and National levels) in physical mode, ensuring grassroots participation and culminating in a Grand National celebration in Delhi



Folk Dance
7+3



Painting
2



Folk Song
7+3



Poetry Writing
1



Nukkad Natak
10

□ **District Youth Festival**
1 September – 31 October 2026

□□ **State VBYLD**
17 November – 7 December 2026

National VBYLD
10–12 January 2027

District



State



National

1188
National Participants from 28 States
and 8 UTs

State VBYLD

Key Highlights

Two-day State-level event integrating **VBYLD tracks**.

District-level winners compete at the State Round for selection to the National VBYLD.

Hon'ble Governor and Hon'ble Chief Minister to preside over the inaugural and valedictory sessions.

Union and State Ministers to interact with participants and gather youth perspectives relevant to their Ministries.

Top-performing teams from each category will qualify for the **National Round**.

National VBYLD

Key Highlights

About **3000 participants** attends the National VBYLD.

National event to be held on **10-12 Jan, 2027 at Bharat Mandapam**, New Delhi.

Selected Youth make a presentation before the **Union Minister and Secretaries of relevant Ministries** and give their suggestions on policy issues.

Hon'ble PM attends the event on 12th January; interaction with young participants and curated prototype projects

Selected Young leaders present ideas on Viksit Bharat; PM shares reflections and guidance on civic duty & innovation.



A nationwide youth engagement platform around a drug-free India and Viksit Bharat@2047

Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat

Connecting young citizens with Viksit Bharat@2047 through awareness, participation and action.

623

Districts in the programme coverage framework

15–25

Primary youth age group

6,230

Program engagements envisaged

Programs are envisaged in one college in every district on a weekly basis

Core institutional platform

- Universities, colleges, and other participating institutions
- Youth Icons, including VBYLD champions, Youth Parliament winners, and awardees
- MY Bharat portal-based registration, quiz participation and sustained engagement
- Rural, urban, and tribal youth participation

Programme promise

Awareness → Expression → Digital Participation → Pledge → Institutionalisation

Objectives

From awareness to responsible youth participation

01

Connect youth with Viksit Bharat@2047 through structured engagement and civic participation.

02

Create awareness on the social, physical, psychological and economic impact of substance abuse.

03

Provide a creative platform for youth commitment through multiple theme-based Competition.

04

Encourage youth to support the national mission of building a Nasha Mukta Bharat.

05

Promote digital participation and onboarding on the MY Bharat Portal.

06

Strengthen volunteerism and build a nationwide network of socially responsible youth.

Outcome orientation: a drug-free youth constituency actively contributing to nation-building.

Hon'ble PM Urges Yuva Shakti to Use Creativity for a Nasha Mukh Bharat

Following the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat message, four creative events went live on MY Bharat on 14 September 2026.

Express Your Voice for a Drug-Free India

Showcase your creativity through quizzes, essays, posters, street plays, and other competitions that inspire awareness and positive change.

01

Song on Nasha Mukh - Sing for a Drug-Free India

Create a powerful song that spreads awareness, inspires young minds and celebrates the vision of a Nasha Mukh Bharat.

02

Essay - Imagine a Nasha Mukh Future

Share your ideas on how India's youth can contribute to building a Nasha Mukh Bharat over the next 100 weeks.

03

Slogan Writing - Powerful Words for a Drug-Free India

Turn your thoughts into powerful words and inspire others to join the Nasha Mukh Bharat movement.

04

Nukkad Natak - Stories of impact, recovery and hope

Take the message to the streets, engage your community and spread awareness about a drug-free India.

- Similar competitions will be posted on the MY Bharat portal every month for 15 days.
- The best entries shall be felicitated at the district level
- University Youth are requested to participate in these events as the entries may motivate others for a larger cause of “Drug Free India”

Last date to participate is 30th September 2026



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