

Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025

Concept Note

Announcement Date – 23rd September 2025

Event Date – 13th October 2025

India is moving steadily towards the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047—a developed, self-reliant, and globally leading nation. To achieve this ambitious goal, it is essential to foster innovation, creativity, and problem-solving among our youth. Schools, being the foundation of learning, are the ideal space to inculcate these values early on.

The **Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025** is a nationwide innovation movement by the **Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education** and **Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog**, which will mobilise 1 crore students across more than 1.5 lakh schools. The initiative is envisaged as a key instrument for advancing the objectives of the **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** and **Samagra Shiksha**, particularly in promoting innovation, experiential learning and problem-solving among school students.

The **NEP 2020** provides a strong foundation for this innovation-driven approach by emphasizing that "education must move towards less content, and more towards learning about how to think critically and solve problems, how to be creative and multidisciplinary, and how to innovate, adapt, and absorb new material in novel and changing fields." Furthermore, NEP 2020 promotes experiential learning, including hands-on learning and encourages activities involving the integration of contemporary subjects to develop critical 21st-century skills in students.

Through this endeavour, students will ideate, design, and develop prototypes (STEM and non-STEM) under four themes of national importance: Vocal for Local, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, and Samridh Bharat.

The Buildathon will strengthen innovation culture among students and align their creative energies with India's developmental priorities. It will also set the stage for the upcoming

50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) announced by the Ministry of Education in the Union Budget.

Objectives

- To inspire 1 crore students to think creatively and build solutions for national development.
- To create a culture of innovation based on experiential learning.
- To promote the values of self-reliance, indigenous innovation based on local felt need and sustainable growth.
- To engage schools across India in a synchronized, hands-on innovation activity for common goals.
- Project India as the global capital for innovation through a world record.
- To provide a national and global platform for celebrating student innovators and young problem-solvers.

Themes

1. **Vocal for Local** – promoting local products, crafts, and resources.
2. **Atmanirbhar Bharat** – building self-reliant systems, tools, and solutions.
3. **Swadeshi** – fostering indigenous ideas, knowledge systems, and innovation.
4. **Samriddh Bharat** – creating pathways to prosperity and sustainable development.

Target Audience

- **Primary Audience:** Students of Grades 6–12 from 1.5 lakh+ schools across India, principals, headmasters, mentors and teachers.
- **Secondary Audience:** Parents and school leaders.
- **Stakeholders:** Ministry of Education, NITI Aayog, Atal Innovation Mission, State Education Departments, CBSE/NCERT, Indian Embassies abroad and corporate partners supporting innovation.

Key Features

- **Dedicated Portal:** A national portal will host learning resources, handbooks, toolkits, and supportive videos to guide schools.
- **Mode of Participation:** A team of 5-7 students will participate in the Buildathon and submit entries in the form of videos. There will be no limit on the number of teams from a school.
- **Mentorship Support:** Dedicated support will be provided by volunteers and mentors from Incubation Centres, Mentor of Change Network, Higher Education Institutions, and Corporates to help students build their projects at the school level.
- **National Live Event:** On 13th October 2025, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India will inaugurate the Viksit Bharat Buildathon at Vigyan Bhawan, in the presence of 400 school students and dignitaries.
- **Global Streaming:** The event will be streamed on news and media channels worldwide, YouTube, and webinar platforms (Zoom/Webex).
- **Inclusive Spotlight:** A Special spotlight will be given to schools from Aspirational Blocks, Tribal Regions, Frontier Villages, and Remote Areas.
- **District & State-Level Events:** Parallel activities will be organized at district, state, and national levels, with participation from Chief Ministers, Education Ministers, Secretaries, District Magistrates, and other dignitaries.
- **Global Participation:** Schools from across the world will join the Buildathon through Indian Embassies abroad, further amplifying India's innovation spirit globally.
- **Innovation Contest:** Post-event, schools will submit photos and videos of their innovation activities. A panel of evaluators onboarded by the Ministry of Education will select the Top 10,000 entries for national prizes. National Bodies like NCERT, State Education Departments, School Innovation Council by MIC and others are encouraged to recognize these top teams.
- **Corporate Adoption:** Top schools will be adopted by corporate partners to promote innovation through mentoring, resources, and long-term support.

Timeline

Phase	Activity	Date
Phase 1	Launch of Viksit Bharat Buildathon by Hon'ble Education Minister	23rd September 2025
Phase 2	School-level innovation activities across 1.5 lakh+ schools (with mentor support)	23rd Sept – 12th Oct 2025
Phase 3	National Live Buildathon inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister at Vigyan Bhawan with 400 students; simultaneous innovation by 1 crore students nationwide	13th October 2025
Phase 4	Submission of entries (photos & videos) by schools on the portal	14th – 31st October 2025
Phase 5	Evaluation of entries by a panel of experts	November 2025
Phase 6	Announcement of Top 10,000 winners and corporate adoption of top schools	December 2025

Expected Outcomes

- Engagement of 1 crore students in the world's largest live innovation activity.
- Development of lakhs of grassroots prototypes aligned with national priorities.
- Strengthening of hands-on, experiential learning in line with NEP 2020.
- Projecting India as a Global Innovation Capital.

- Empowerment of schools from aspirational and underserved regions through national and global spotlight.
- Enhanced mentor-student partnerships connecting schools with incubators, higher education institutions, and corporates.
- Corporate-school partnerships to sustain innovation at the grassroots.
- Setting momentum for the establishment of 50,000 new ATLs across India.

Communication & Outreach Strategy

- National-level campaign led by the Ministry of Education and Atal Innovation Mission.
- Awareness through circulars, a dedicated portal, toolkits and resource material for schools.
- Media coverage through National Media, news outlets and social media campaigns.
- Storytelling to highlight student innovations from diverse geographies, including tribal, remote and frontier regions.

The **Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025** will be a historic innovation movement, mobilizing 1 crore students in one synchronized activity across India and the world. With its focus on Vocal for Local, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, and Samriddh Bharat, the initiative will nurture innovation, celebrate creativity and reinforce India's march towards Viksit Bharat @2047.

This Buildathon will not only showcase India's young innovators but will also create a global record-setting platform for innovation, self-reliance, and national pride.
