

Empowering Youth for a Developed India: Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue

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Abstract

The youth are the primary drivers of India's Viksit Bharat @2047 vision, which aims to develop India by the year 2047. They play the role of innovators, change agents, and beneficiaries, and they contribute to the vision by participating in social initiatives, digital campaigns, skill development, and policy input. The aim of the vision is to achieve national goals by focusing on sustainability, innovation, and good governance. The vitality and innovative views that they provide are essential for driving advancement in sectors like as green technology, digital literacy, and community upliftment. They bridge the gap between education and employment, which is necessary for India to become self-sufficient. A lively and active generation, is driving the aim of making India a developed nation by the year 2047. India's youth represent the country's greatest strength, and they are the driving force behind this vision. But getting there this lofty objective will not be easy; there will be obstacles along the way. The National Youth Festival has been redesigned as the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue by the Ministry of Youth Affairs. This is in accordance with the government's request for increased youth participation in the process of determining the future of the nation. This revolutionary project intends to harness the collective potential of India's youth, giving them the ability to contribute to the development of the country in a holistic manner.

1. Introduction

The Viksit Bharat @2047 program envisions India as a developed nation by the centennial of its independence in 2047. This revolutionary framework prioritizes inclusive development, sustainable advancement, and efficient governance. The active involvement of India's youth is vital to this transformation, since they are considered the primary catalysts of change. Prime Minister emphasized their significance, asserting, "Youth power is both the catalyst for change and the recipients of change." The project aims to harness the creativity, energy, and ideas of the youth through venues such as the Voice of Youth, linking their aspirations with national development objectives and promoting a future characterized by innovation, progress, and self-sufficiency. A significant announcement has been made to actualize the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

The Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, a reinvented National Youth Festival 2025, was announced on November 18, 2024. The program seeks to discover and develop young talent by providing a forum for them to express their ideas for a Viksit Bharat, which is in line with the Prime Minister's vision for more youth involvement in determining India's future. This national event is scheduled for January 11–12, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

There is no nation in which the youth population is not the most dynamic and significant sector of the population. According to the statistics, developing nations that have a large number of young people have the potential to experience significant growth in all areas of their economy if they make investments in the education and health of

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their young people, as well as safeguard and ensure their rights. It is commonly held that the young brains of today and the leaders of tomorrow are the ones who are capable of creating, building, and innovating.

To ensure that young people are able to become effective leaders, inventors, and innovators, it is necessary to give them with assistance and ensure that they have access to education, training, and excellent health. When the youth of the country are able to find employment and make money for themselves, rather than being dependent on anybody else, the economy of the country will become more robust.

Currently, half of the global population is under 25 years of age, with 1.8 billion individuals aged 11 to 25. This is regarded as the most substantial youth generation in history. Numerous nations, including Sweden, Japan, and Germany, have been benefiting from the youth by offering them chances across various sectors. Over 80 years have elapsed since the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. Any nation would be profoundly affected by the loss of life and destruction incurred during that period; but, Japan persevered. Over the decades, the Japanese government has invested in its youth, and the investments made during that time are now yielding significant returns. Over 80% of the youth in Japan contribute to the nation's economic growth. The Manga and Anime industries include 90% of youth, earning annual revenue of 1.3 billion for the country. This illustrates the influence that youth can exert on the nation's development. This article discusses the role of youth in national development.

In spite of the fact that it is the largest democracy in the world, India is still not making progress in terms of both economic and sociopolitical development. The two things that our freedom fighters battled for were freedom and the growth of the country, and after all those years, we have not been able to attain either of those goals. For seventy-two years, we have been unsuccessful in our efforts to combat issues such as unemployment, poverty, corruption, illiteracy, and violence in our nation. The rankings of India in the main development indexes have not increased significantly during the past few years. As an illustration, India is ranked 116th on the Human Capital Index, 126th on the World Happiness Index, 132nd on the Human Development Index, and 108th on the Gender Development Index. Our nation is currently in a state that is demonstrated by this. In order for India to achieve its goal of improving all of these indices, it is incumbent upon the youth of the country to step forward and assume responsibility for combating the numerous inequities that exist and making a contribution to the growth of the nation.

Statistics demonstrate that India has an advantage over other countries due to the fact that 62% of the population is comprised of young people. It is well known that young minds are creative and very hard-working, both of which will contribute to the growth and development of the nation. To be able to make a difference in the country, young people need to be provided with the appropriate chances in a variety of sectors. Every member of our society has been instructed to pursue a profession in either the field of engineering or the field of medical science. The pressure that comes from the family or the tendency that is prevalent in society could be the reason of this. This has emerged as a significant factor contributing to the decline of the youth. A statistical report reveals that approximately fifty-five percent of young people in engineering are currently without jobs because they do not possess the necessary abilities to secure employment. It is possible for young people to bring about societal change if they decide to pursue careers in a variety of sectors, such as politics and the arts. If the youth are provided with the appropriate possibilities to express their thoughts in domains such as politics, then we can anticipate a significant shift in the development of the nation under consideration. Motivating young minds to participate in politics and assume prominent positions such as education minister, finance minister, bureaucrats, and even the Prime Minister is something that should be encouraged.

Young people have the ability to bring about change. They are able to raise their voices and demand justice. Some of the examples of the strength of the youth are, for instance, a major demonstration by the youth in Delhi against the CAA bill or a huge protest by the youth in Delhi demanding justice for the Nirbhaya cases. Both of these events are examples of the resilience of the youth. The Youth are the ultimate power of the country now that the TRO has been implemented, and educational programs should be designed with the goal of teaching young people, beginning at the school level, the significance of their role in the country and the impact they may have on it. Education should be provided to them regarding the functioning of the nation and the ways in which it can play a key role in the growth of the nation. It is important to encourage young people to become interested in a variety of job paths, including politics, which can ultimately contribute to the management of the nation.

Our country has been dealing with a great deal of issues, and youngsters have the ability to fix the majority of these issues. All that the youth of today require is the opportunity to demonstrate their worth. It has been demonstrated to us that young people have the ability to bring together people of all ethnic backgrounds via the numerous demonstrations that have taken place against rape and corruption against women. Racism and Islamophobia are only two of the numerous issues that the globe has been dealing with recently. The complexion of their skin color or the faith to which they belong are two of the most common factors that cause people to quarrel with one another. Political leaders and other powerful individuals are the ones who instigate these conflicts within the youth population. They do this because they are aware that the only way they can overcome the strength of the youth is if we are deeply split. We need young people to be involved in politics because they have the ability to persuade their peers to live in peace and harmony. This is the reason why we need young people to be in politics. As a result of the divisions and all of these difficulties, the youth should not be allowed to become divided. As an alternative to concentrating on these distinctions, youth leaders should take the initiative and assist the majority in concentrating on the issues that truly matter, such as poverty, violence against women, unemployment, and a great deal of other problems. The youth have the potential to bring about revolutionary change in the nation.

The Youth Empowerment Program is a strategic project that fosters skills and innovation among young people in order to minimize inequities. The goal of this program is to harness the tremendous potential that lies within India's young population. Through the provision of skills that are prepared for the future, the promotion of entrepreneurial thinking, and the encouragement of innovation, the program aims to alleviate economic and social disparities that exist between different communities and regions. It places an emphasis on offering equal chances by means of high-quality education, vocational training, digital literacy, mentorship, and access to resources that foster talent and innovation. Not only does empowering young people drive inclusive growth, but it also increases the nation's competitiveness in what is becoming an increasingly global economy. Through this initiative, the goal is to cultivate a new generation of young citizens who are self-assured, capable, and socially responsible, and who are capable of guiding India toward a successful and equitable future.

2. Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Catalyzing Economic Expansion:

In accordance with the Viksit Bharat vision, the twin engines that are driving economic growth are innovation and entrepreneurialism. Taking into account the opportunities for transformation of these components, Viksit Bharat focuses a significant amount of emphasis on the development of an environment that is favorable to the establishment of innovative initiatives and entrepreneurial businesses. The goal of Viksit Bharat is to unleash a wave of innovation and dynamism that drives economic progress and prosperity. This will be accomplished by encouraging individuals to take chances, explore their ideas, and create new businesses. Viksit Bharat's goal is to cultivate a new generation of entrepreneurs who are equipped with the tools, resources, and support necessary to be successful in the competitive business landscape. This will be accomplished through programs such as start-up incubation, access to funding, and skill development programs. In addition, Viksit Bharat intends to encourage technical advancement, boost productivity, and drive job creation by encouraging innovation across all industries and providing incentives for research & development. In the end, Viksit Bharat sees a future in which India emerges as a global hub of creativity, ingenuity, and economic vitality, driving sustained progress and prosperity for all of its residents. This will be accomplished by harnessing the potential of entrepreneurship and innovation.

3. Governmental initiatives and policies that promote your development:

In accordance with the Viksit Bharat vision, the policies and efforts of the government that are geared towards the development of young people play a crucial part in determining the destiny of the nation. Having observed recognizing the significance of empowering young people, Viksit Bharat places a primary emphasis on the implementation of certain initiatives that aim to improve the youth's capabilities, opportunities, and general well-being. Education, employment, the development of skills, and social welfare are some of the areas that are covered by the policies that the government implements under the Viksit Bharat program. Initiatives such as Skill India, Make in India, and Digital India strive to provide young individuals with the required skills and knowledge to thrive in the modern economy. In addition, programs such as Start-up India and Stand-Up India give aspiring business owners access to financial

resources, mentorship, and assistance, which helps to cultivate a culture of creativity and entrepreneurship among young people. It is also important to note that Viksit Bharat places a high priority on social welfare programs that are aimed at vulnerable youth groups, like as those who come from marginalized areas or who have impairments. This helps to ensure that everyone is included and offered equal chances. Viksit Bharat is a program that aims to harness the potential of the youth as agents of change, thereby propelling India towards a brighter and more prosperous future. This is accomplished through the implementation of various policies and projects. Skill India, which aims to provide skill training to youth across various sectors in order to enhance their employability and entrepreneurship opportunities, Start-up India, Stand-Up India, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Digital India, and many other initiatives are among the schemes that the Indian government has implemented in order to demonstrate the vision of Vikasit Bharat.

4. Conclusion

The role that youth play in the construction of a nation is of utmost significance. They have the potential to be a constructive force in society and to solve problems by presenting ideas that are both unique and effective, which will only contribute to the improvement of the nation through their contributions. They are gifted with the capacity to fashion an identity for oneself, which will be of great assistance in making an impression. The only thing that the young people require is the support of their family and friends, and I can guarantee that they have the potential to make our nation a great place. The transformation of the National Youth Festival into the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue is an important step towards enabling the younger generation of India to actively participate in the development of the nation. This project corresponds with the Prime Minister's vision of a developed India since it encourages participation in political processes, promotes participation based on merit, and establishes a platform for innovation and leadership. Young people are given the opportunity to showcase their ideas and share their thoughts on a national platform through events such as the Viksit Bharat Challenge. This places it in a position to be a significant driver in the process of creating the future of the country.

In order to realize the Viksit Bharat goal of creating a vibrant India by the year 2047, the role that young professionals play is of the utmost importance. Young professionals, who are the torchbearers of innovation, creativity, and desire, are the ones who hold the key to unlocking India's full potential and propelling it towards becoming a developed nation. They have the ability to drive radical change across a variety of areas, including technology and business, governance and social development, thanks to their dynamism, entrepreneurial spirit, and devotion to excellence.

In the process of working towards the vision of Viksit Bharat, it is of the utmost importance to acknowledge and strengthen the capabilities of young professionals by providing them with the resources, opportunities, and support they require to flourish. It is possible for us to create a future in which India is recognized as a leading example of growth, creativity, and wealth on the international arena if we are able to harness their energy and talent. Through their collective efforts, young professionals have the potential to create a more promising future for India, so realizing the goals of the Viksit Bharat initiative and assuring a prosperous future for future generations.

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