

# Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launches Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025, to ignite Innovation among school students across the country

Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 will spark an innovation renaissance and empower young innovators as drivers of Atmanirbhar Bharat - Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Buildathon to culminate in January 2026 with results and felicitation of over 1,000 winners

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Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan today launched the Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025, a groundbreaking nationwide innovation movement set to engage students across schools throughout India. 'Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025' is being organised by the Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education, in collaboration with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog, and AICTE. During the event, the Minister launched the jingle and the logo of Viksit Bharat Buildathon.



Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Shri Sanjay Kumar; Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau, Shri Dharendra Ojha; Chairman, AICTE, Prof. T G Sitharam; Vice Chairman,

AICTE, Dr. Abhay Jere; Mission Director, AIM, NITI Aayog, Shri Deepak Bagla; Additional Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shri Dhiraj Sahu; senior officials of the Ministry, KVS, and NVS were present on the occasion.



Speaking on the occasion, the Minister stated that the largest-ever school hackathon, Viksit Bharat Buildathon, would further strengthen the culture of innovation at the grassroots by encouraging students to ideate and build products on four themes: 'Vocal for Local, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, and Samridhi.' He further said that the initiative would celebrate student innovations, engineer an innovation renaissance in the country, and ensure that the young generations become key drivers of Samridhi, Viksit, and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Secretary, Shri Sanjay Kumar presented a comprehensive overview, setting the stage for the Buildathon and highlighting its significance in fostering student innovation across India.

The Buildathon aims to inspire creative thinking for national development, promote self-reliance and sustainable growth, engage schools in synchronized innovation, project India as a global innovation capital through a potential world record, and celebrate young problem-solvers on national and global platforms. It builds on the success of the School Innovation Marathon 2024, which led to programs like the Student Innovator Programme (SIP) and Student Entrepreneurship Programme (SEP), along with patents and startup ventures from Atal Tinkering Labs.

The journey of Viksit Bharat Buildathon begins today, on September 23. Students will have a window from September 23 to October 6 to register on the Viksit Bharat Buildathon portal (<https://vbb.mic.gov.in/>). This will be followed by a preparation period for schools, from October 6 to October 13, in which teachers will guide student teams through the registration process on the portal. Students will then submit their ideas and prototypes on the portal. The core of the Buildathon, the Live Synchronized Innovation Event, will be held on October 13. Following the event, students will submit their final entries from October 13 to October 31. A panel of experts will then evaluate the submissions over a two-month period, from November 1 to December 31. The culmination of the Buildathon will be in January 2026 with the announcement of the results and the felicitation of the top 1,000+ winners.

A video on the Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 was screened, highlighting its themes and objectives.

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