

## National Youth Festival 2026 showcases transformative digital education initiatives at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

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The National Youth Festival (NYF) 2026 is currently being held from 9th to 12th January 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, celebrating the spirit, innovation, and aspirations of India's youth. The festival is serving as a vibrant platform to showcase key education and skill-development initiatives of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, aligned with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020.



A major highlight of NYF 2026 is the Rashtriya e-Pustakalaya, which is providing youth with access to a rich digital repository of books and learning resources. DIKSHA, along with Virtual Labs and Augmented Reality (AR) solutions, is demonstrating immersive, technology-enabled learning experiences that enhance conceptual understanding and practical skills.

The PM eVidya initiative is being showcased as an integrated digital education platform that ensures equitable access to quality learning through online/on-air, digital, and broadcast modes. Career readiness and skill development are being promoted through digital initiatives, the My Career Advisor app, which guides youth towards informed career choices and employability.



The festival also emphasizes lifelong learning through ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society), encouraging adult education through community involvement. Foundational learning is being strengthened through e-Jaadui Pitara, which offers joyful, play-based digital content for caregivers of young learners at the Foundational stage.

Additionally, Vidyanjali - the online school volunteer initiative of the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, is being showcased as a key platform for youth, school alumni, professionals, institutions, and the community to actively participate as volunteers and contribute to enhancing learning in government schools. Vidyanjali portal enables volunteers to connect to government schools and share their skills, knowledge, and resources in strengthening school education through community participation, CSR involvement, and mentorship.

Through these initiatives, NYF 2026 is actively reinforcing India's commitment to inclusive, technology-driven, and future-ready education for its youth and helping to realize the goals of NEP-2020.

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