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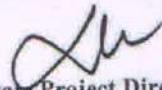
Subject : Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025

Sir/Madam,

In reference to the D.O No. 4-3/2025-ATL Dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 from Sh dheeraj Sahu Additional Secretary Ministry of Education Department of School Education and Literacy Government Of India (Copy Enclosed), you are hereby informed that, to inspire young minds to ideate, design and build prototypes on themes of Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, Vocal for Local and Samridh Bharat Government of Ministry of Education in collabotaion with NITI Aayog and Atal Innovation Mission is organizing Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

In view of the above you are hereby requested to inform all the school heads under your control to participate as per the detailed guidelines (Enclosed Concept Note). Your personal attention, participation and support would help to realize the full potential of this great endeavor.

Yours faithfully,

  
State Project Director (SS)  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

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1. Secretary Education to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh for information please.
2. Director of School Education HP for information and request to inform all Dy Directors for further necessary action please.
3. All Dy Director of School Education for n/a please.

  
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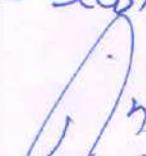
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Copy to:-

All the Principals/HM's of GSSS/GHS/Pvt. schools  
in Distt. Kangra are directed to go through the  
guidelines of Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 and  
register your team well before the last date.

Encls:- Guidelines.

  
Dy. Director of School Education (Sec.)  
Kangra at Dharamshala.

# Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025

## Concept Note

**Announcement Date – 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

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

## 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 Samridh 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.

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**Dheeraj Sahu, IAS**  
Additional Secretary



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Ministry of Education  
Department of School Education & Literacy

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18<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

Madam/Sir,

In today's fast-evolving world, innovation stands as a vital catalyst for transforming India into a developed and self-reliant nation. The ability to innovate empowers our youth to address complex challenges, drive sustainable development and elevate India's position globally as a hub of creativity and technological progress, eventually contributing to the spirit and making of a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

2. In line with this vision, the **Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education**, in collaboration with the **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog**, is organizing **Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025** on 13th October 2025. This nationwide innovation movement will engage over 1 crore students from 1.5 lakh+ schools.

3. This historic initiative will inspire young minds to ideate, design and build prototypes on themes of **Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, Vocal for Local and Samridhh Bharat**. The Buildathon aims to nurture spirit of creativity, problem-solving and self-reliance among youth, while projecting India as a Global Innovation Capital through the world's largest synchronized innovation activity. This aligns with the National Education Policy, 2020 vision and mandate.

4. The **Hon'ble Education Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, will **launch** this Buildathon on **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 02:00 pm in hybrid mode**, with the unveiling of the official logo.

5. Your leadership is crucial for the successful implementation of this initiative in all the districts of your State/UT. Accordingly, your support is solicited for the following:

1. Nominate the State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, as the State Nodal Officer for the Buildathon to act as the primary liaison with the Ministry and AIM.
2. Advise the DMs/DCs and DEOs/ BEOs to mobilize all schools comprising of students from Classes 6 to 12 (with or without ATLS), including government, aided and private, to attend and participate in the virtual launch on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 and subsequent activities with full enthusiasm.

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3. The district/block/BRC/CRC officials may be encouraged to participate in the celebrations at the school level on the day of the event, as such engagement is expected to significantly enhance enthusiasm and participation on the ground.
4. Amplify publicity and outreach efforts via state education portals, local media and social media platforms during run up to the event to ensure maximum awareness and engagement among students, teachers and mentors.
6. Your own presence at any one school would serve as a strong message of encouragement to students, educators and the wider community.
7. The live link for the announcement on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 is as follows:  
<https://youtube.com/live/Wlc7PgTZnS4?feature=share>.
8. Your personal attention, participation and support would help us realize the full potential of this grand endeavour.
9. We look forward to your valuable cooperation in fostering a vibrant innovation ecosystem within your State/UT, showcasing the immense creative talents of our young learners.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely,

  
(Dheeraj Sahu)

To,

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (School Education) of All States/UTs



**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Education**



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**Viksit**  **Bharat**

**Buildathon 2025**

आत्मनिर्भर भारत का आह्वान, विकसित भारत का निर्माण

**NATION-WIDE EVENT FOR INNOVATORS**

# A Nationwide Innovation Movement

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# Choose Your Theme, Build Your Dream



## SWADESHI

Fostering indigenous ideas,  
knowledge systems,  
and innovation



## AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

Building self-reliant systems,  
tools, and solutions



## VOCAL FOR LOCAL

Promoting local products,  
crafts, and resources



## SAMRIDDH BHARAT

Creating pathways to  
prosperity and sustainable  
development

# Timeline

**23 Sep**

Launch by the  
Hon'ble Minister  
for Education

Launch

**23 Sep - 6 Oct**

Students register  
for the event  
on the portal

Registration

**6 Oct- 13 Oct**

Pre - event  
preparation

Pre-Event

**13 Oct**

Participate in  
synchronized  
national buildathon  
via live streaming

Event Day

**13 Oct- 31 Oct**

Submission of entries  
in the portal

Submission

**1 Nov - 31 Dec**

Evaluation of entries  
by a panel of experts

Evaluation

**Jan 2026**

Announcement and  
felicitation of top  
teams

Result



# Participation

**For Schools. For Students. For India**

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- Open to all school students across India.
- Both ATL (Atal Tinkering Lab) schools and non-ATL schools are equally encouraged to join.
- Students must form a team of 3-5 members from same schools. There is no restriction on the number of teams per school.

## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

### **1. Register Your Team**

- a. Schools/teachers register their teams on the official Buildathon portal [www.vbb.mic.gov.in](http://www.vbb.mic.gov.in)
- b. A unique registration ID will be generated for each team.

### **2. Pick a Theme**

- a. Choose one of the Buildathon theme and identify a problem statement.

### **3. Brainstorm & Build**

- a. Ideate to solve community problems.

### **4. Prepare Your Submission**

- a. Create a 2–5 minute video explaining:
  - i. the problem you are solving,
  - ii. your innovative solution/prototype,
  - iii. how it works,
  - iv. its possible impact.

### **5. Submission: Submit your project video within submission window (13<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> october ).**



# Awards



**Awards Pool of  
₹1 Crore**



**National Level  
10 Winners**



**State Level  
100 Winners**



**District Level  
1000 Winners**



# Role of Schools

Schools are the driving force behind the success of this nationwide movement. We invite every school to actively engage students, celebrate their creativity, and showcase their innovation.

## Pre-Event Activities (06th - 13th Oct)

- **Encourage Participation:** Motivate students to form teams and register for the Buildathon.
- **Host School-Level Activities:** Organize brainstorming sessions, idea camps, and innovation circles to help students prepare.
- **Provide Guidance:** Teachers and mentors to guide teams in selecting themes and building solutions.
- **Awareness Campaign:** Display posters, share notices, and use morning assemblies to spread excitement about the Buildathon.

**Remote Participation:** Encourage students and staff to join the National Live Event on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 via live stream.

## Post-Event Activities (13th - 31st Oct)

- **Celebrate Innovation:** Organize a “Wall of Fame” in school to showcase student teams and their projects.
- **Capture & Share:** Post photos, videos, and reels of student activities on school social media handles using #ViksitBharatBuildathon.
- **Spread Inspiration:** Share stories of student innovators with parents, alumni, and local media.

**Submit Entries:** Upload team submissions (videos, and summaries) on the national portal within the timeline. Submit your idea/prototypes on the portal.



**Registration Link for schools for  
Viksit Bharat Buildathon - [vbb.mic.gov.in](http://vbb.mic.gov.in)**

**Scan Here**



**To Register**

**Registration link for mentors for  
Viksit Bharat Buildathon**

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**To Register**

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Innovation

Swadeshi Team

Viksit Bharat

Samriddh Bharat Solution

Ideas Ideation

Vocal for Local Creativity  
Future

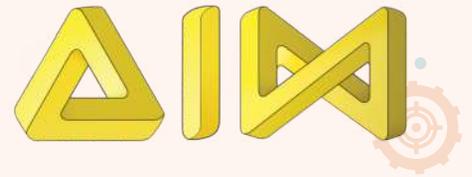
Prototypes

Aatmanirbhar Bharat





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