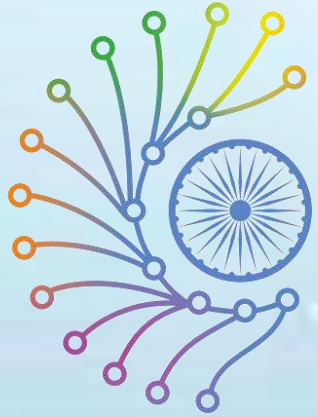




AI
IMPACT
SUMMIT
भारत 2026 INDIA

सर्वजन हिताय | सर्वजन सुखाय
WELFARE FOR ALL | HAPPINESS OF ALL

YUVAi: Global Youth Challenge

AI Impact Summit to be held next in India continuing the series of Global AI summits



Hon'ble Prime Minister to inaugurate the summit, envisioned as the year's leading global AI forum, to drive inclusive, impactful, and action-oriented AI through global collaboration

Three flagship global challenges planned for the AI Impact Summit



AI for ALL

Global challenge to identify leading AI solutions across sectors turning vision into impact



AI by HER

Promoting the scaling and adoption of women-led AI solutions to enable social impact



YUVAi

Innovation program for young innovators (13-21 years) to design impactful AI solutions

~INR 6 Crores¹ in awards, *Global Showcase* at the AI Impact Summit and other benefits

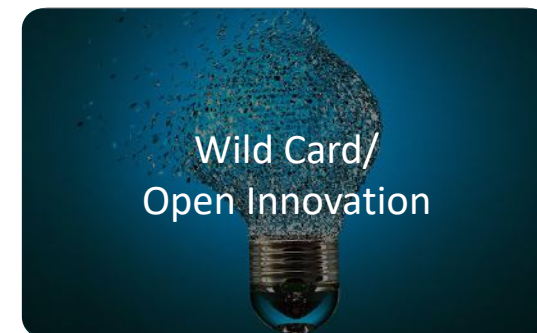
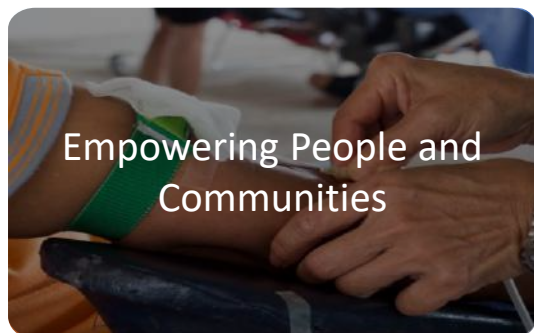
1. INR 5.85 Crores (approximately)

YUVAi: Global Youth Challenge

Overview

To empower youth with foundational AI skills to foster problem-solving and innovation for social good

Indicative Themes



Target participants

Global coverage

Applicants: 13 - 21 years of age

PoC / working prototype/ deployable solutions



Evaluation Panel

AI experts and Industry leaders

Mentors, sectoral experts

DFIs, Philanthropies and Govt. stakeholders



Awards and Support

First Prize (Top 3): INR 15 Lacs each

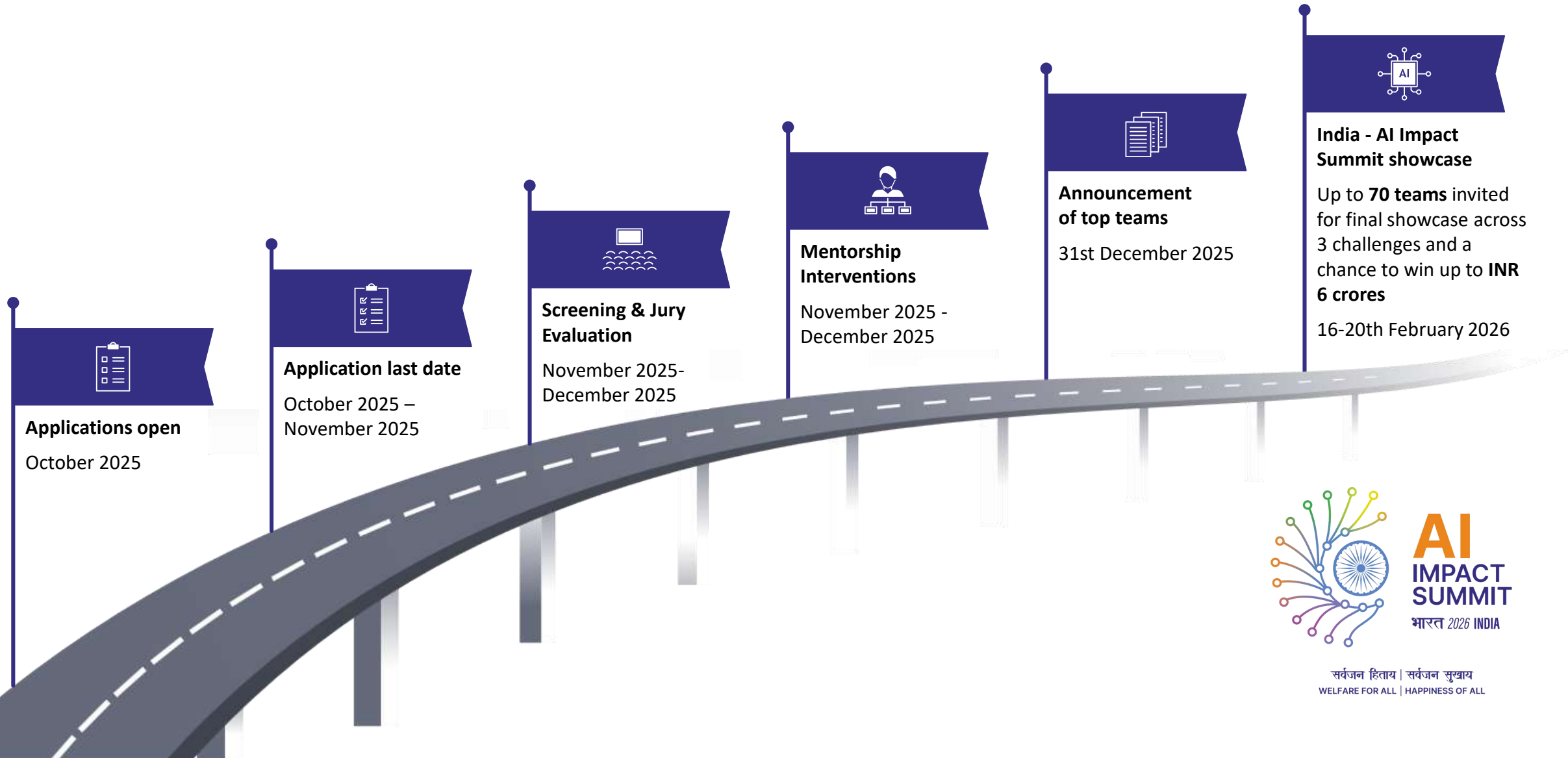
Second Prize (Next 3): INR 10 Lacs each

2 special recognition awards : INR 5 Lacs

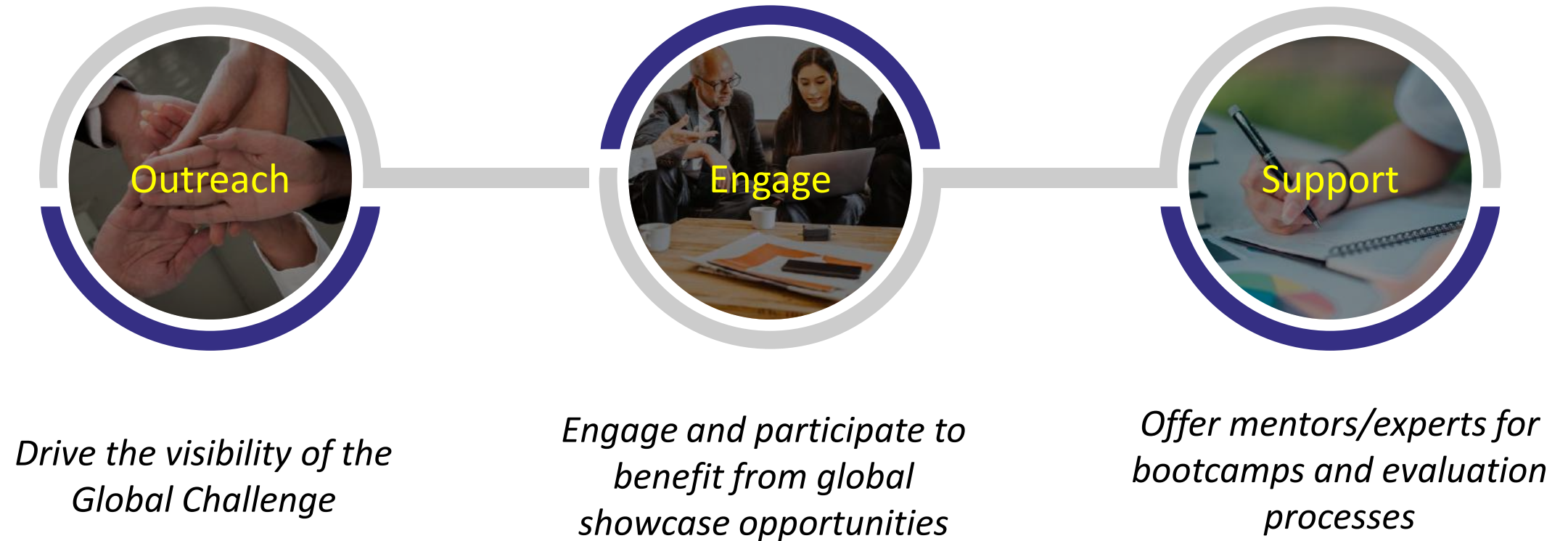
Travel Support for top 20 teams to attend the India – AI Impact Summit 2026

Mentorship, incentives and giveaways

Global Impact Challenges – Tentative Timelines



Engage with us to drive one of the biggest platform for AI Innovation



A Global Movement for Youth-Led AI Innovation

The YUVAi Global Youth Challenge brings together young minds from across the world to harness AI for social impact. This groundbreaking initiative empowers youth aged 21 and under to identify real-world challenges, develop AI-powered solutions, and showcase their innovations on a global stage.

Through technical mentorship, hands-on bootcamps, and international collaboration—with special focus on the Global South—we're building a generation of responsible AI innovators ready to tackle humanity's most pressing challenges.

20+

Countries Engaged

1000+

Expected Applications

Top 20

Finalists at Summit

8

Winners to be awarded

Partners

- **Lead Partner:** NIELIT, MyBharat (Min of Youth Affairs),
- **Platform Partner:** MyGov platform
- **Knowledge Partners (Potential):** Intel, WHO, UN Women, UNESCO, NCERT, Atal Innovation Mission, Education Councils and Autonomous Institutions (CBSE, ICSE, JNV, and others), and other Industry Partners

Expected Impact for India:

Leading nation role towards creating generation of AI-ready youth equipped with both technical and ethical AI competencies

- Promotion of multi-lateral approach to innovation through cross-country engagement and institutional support
- Development of youth-led AI innovations with tangible social impact, inspiring a broader movement for responsible tech use at a global scale (AI for Good)
- Top solutions to be presented on AI Impact Summit – enabling opportunities for pilot and adoption
- Stronger domestic youth innovation ecosystem with exposure to global learnings, mentorship support and competitive opportunities. Successful domestic solutions may be made available on AIKosh for potential scaling and adoption.

Transformative Opportunities for Youth



Technical Bootcamp

10-day virtual intensive with certified AI coaches, global experts, and IndiaAI mentors providing hands-on training in AI modeling, Python programming, and cutting-edge AI domains



Global Collaboration

Cross-country partnerships and knowledge exchange with youth innovators worldwide, emphasizing Global South representation and shared learning



International Demo Day

Showcase solutions at the AI Impact Summit in February 2026 to global leaders, investors, and policymakers at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi



Recognition & Prizes

Winners receive up to ₹15 lakh prize money, certificates, and investor pitch opportunities for high-potential solutions ready to scale

Innovation Themes: AI for Social Good

Participants are encouraged to combine innovation, ethics, and inclusion in developing AI solutions across four key domains:

Empowering People & Communities

Solutions supporting elderly care, youth mental wellbeing, nutrition, equitable education access, and empowerment for people with disabilities

Transforming Core Sectors

AI-driven sustainable agriculture, greener manufacturing and logistics, industrial transformation, and waste-to-wealth innovations

Future-Ready Infrastructure

Smart cities with sustainable mobility, clean environments, affordable renewable energy, and improved public service delivery

Wild Card Innovation

Open track for novel cross-sector AI solutions with transformative potential for unprecedented scale and social impact

Three-Phase Journey to Global Recognition

Phase 1: Application & Screening



October 2025 • Global call for applications with orientation sessions • Submit AI solutions with demo video and impact assessment • Top 200 applicants advance to bootcamp phase

Phase 2: AI Bootcamp & Enhancement



November–December 2025 • 10-day intensive virtual training with expert mentors • Refine prototypes with hands-on technical guidance • Top 30 solutions selected for final presentation round

Phase 3: Final Selection & Summit



December 2025–February 2026 • Virtual interviews and solution presentations • Top 20 finalists invited to International Demo Day • Winners announced at AI Impact Summit 2026

Phase 1: Launch Your Innovation



October 2025

01

Application Opens

Global outreach campaign launches across national and international platforms, inviting youth innovators to participate

03

Submit Your Solution

Present your innovative AI solution with problem statement, 120-second demo video, team details, and impact assessment

02

Learn & Develop

Attend orientation webinars covering project development, solution enhancement, and effective presentation strategies



Submission Deadline: October 31st, 2025. All submissions must be in English.

Phase 1: Rigorous Selection Process

Evaluation Criteria

Expert evaluators assess each submission using comprehensive rubrics that examine multiple dimensions of excellence:

- **Innovation:** Originality and creativity of the AI approach
- **Design:** User experience and interface quality
- **Technology:** Technical sophistication and implementation
- **Feasibility:** Realistic path to deployment
- **Social Impact:** Potential to address real-world challenges

Top applicants— representing at least 20% of submissions— advance to the intensive AI Bootcamp phase.





Phase 2: AI Bootcamp Excellence

November – December 2025



Python Programming

Master the essential coding language for AI development with hands-on exercises



AI Modeling

Learn to build, train, and optimize machine learning models for real applications



Expert Mentorship

Work directly with certified AI coaches and IndiaAI mentors to refine your project

This intensive 10-day virtual bootcamp transforms promising ideas into sophisticated AI solutions through expert guidance and practical skill development.

Phase 2: From Concept to Prototype



Build Your Solution

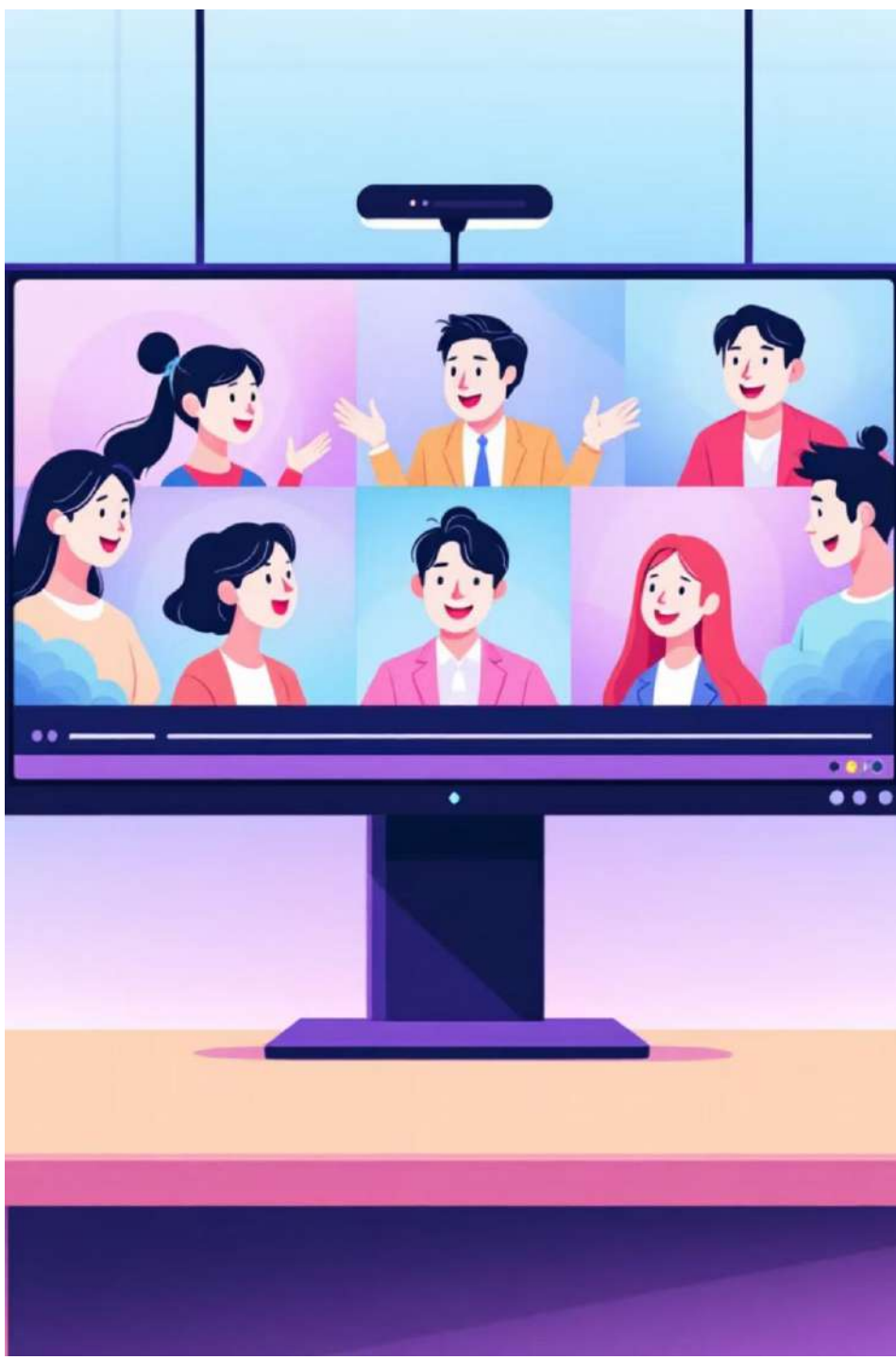
Following the bootcamp, participants develop functional AI prototypes that demonstrate their solution's viability and impact potential.

Teams leverage their new skills in AI modeling, programming, and design thinking to create polished, presentation-ready innovations.

Refined Submission

Enhanced solutions with updated documentation are submitted by **December 7th, 2025**, showcasing significant progress and technical advancement.

- Approximately 30 top solutions advance to Phase 3 based on innovation progress, technical readiness, user journey, and measurable social impact.



Phase 3: Virtual Finals

December 2025

1

Presentation Preparation

Selected teams prepare comprehensive presentations showcasing their AI solutions

2

Judge Interaction

Virtual interviews with expert panel to demonstrate innovation and answer technical questions

3

Final Selection

Top 20 finalists chosen to present at the International Demo Day in New Delhi

This pivotal round allows innovators to articulate their vision, defend their technical choices, and demonstrate the transformative potential of their solutions to distinguished judges.



International Demo Day

February 18, 2026 | Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

The top 20 finalist teams are invited to New Delhi to showcase their groundbreaking AI solutions to a global audience of technical experts, venture capitalists, investors, and philanthropic leaders.

Live Demonstrations

Present your AI innovation on an international stage with live product demonstrations

Networking Opportunities

Connect with industry leaders, potential investors, and fellow innovators from around the world

Global Recognition

Gain visibility for your solution and team among international media and technology communities



Up to 2 team members plus 1 adult guardian (for minors) will receive travel and accommodation support.

Awards & Recognition

February 19-20, 2026 | AI Impact Summit, Bharat Mandapam

₹15L

First Prize

Top 3 solutions receive prestigious recognition and substantial funding

₹10L

Second Prize

Next 3 exceptional solutions honored for their innovation and impact

₹5L

Special Recognition

Two additional awards celebrating unique contributions and achievements

Winners will be celebrated by distinguished guests and dignitaries at the AI Impact Summit, gaining recognition on the world stage. All intellectual property rights remain with the participants, ensuring young innovators maintain ownership of their groundbreaking solutions.



Global Outreach & Engagement Strategy

Official Government Channels

Domestic: MeitY coordinates with education ministries, CBSE, KVS, and autonomous institutions nationwide

International: Engagement through Indian Embassies, foreign missions, and global networks including WHO, UNESCO, UNDP, and OECD

Partner Networks

Knowledge partners leverage industry, academic, and implementation networks, with targeted focus on Global South participation

Local chapters organize info sessions and mentoring across diverse geographies and school systems

Digital Campaigns

Sustained multi-platform outreach featuring countdown reminders, judge spotlights, student testimonials, and mentor profiles

Targeted campaigns via MyGov, social media, and partner channels ensure maximum youth engagement

Join the Movement

Shape Tomorrow's AI Landscape Today

The YUVAi Global Youth Challenge is not just a competition— it's a launchpad for the next generation of responsible AI innovators. With comprehensive support, global exposure, and pathways to real-world impact, we're empowering youth to turn bold ideas into solutions that matter.

Applications open October 2025

1 For Youth Innovators

Ready to make your mark? Prepare your AI solution and join thousands of peers solving global challenges

2 For Partners & Mentors

Join us in nurturing the next generation of AI leaders through mentorship and institutional support

3 For Policymakers

Witness youth-led innovation that demonstrates AI's potential for transformative social good

Annexure 1: Roles & Responsibilities (R&R) Matrix YUVAi: Global Youth Challenge – Start Young, Think Big

Function	IndiaAI Mission (MeitY)	Lead Partners	Knowledge Partners
Program Governance & Oversight	- Provide strategic direction and oversight - Final authority on program structure, jury composition, challenge partners, and awards	Coordinate operational execution	Support visibility and credibility through strategic institutional linkages
Concept Note & Challenge Design	Lead author of concept note.	Provide supporting materials and execution feasibility inputs.	Provide feedback on thematic relevance and community-level resonance.
Jury & Evaluation Process	- Authorize formation of evaluation committees - Co-define evaluation criteria with lead partners - Authorize identification of top 20 teams and winning solutions - Support lead partners in convening of evaluation committee meetings	- Support application screening and evaluation process through jury nomination, and expert and technical support - Operationalize jury logistics and evaluation committee meetings for timely completion of processes - Co-define evaluation criteria with IndiaAI	- Support application screening and evaluation process through jury nomination, and expert and technical support - Inputs for evaluation criteria
Platform & Application Workflow	- Approve structure of application form and backend workflow. - Coordinate for submission portal - Handle form queries, backend technology, and workflow integrity.	Encourage applicant submissions and facilitate info sessions in priority regions.	Encourage applicant submissions and facilitate info sessions in priority regions.

Outreach & Communications	- Official communication to government agencies – domestic and global - Outreach to international organizations and knowledge partners - Define branding guidelines - Support campaign launch - Design and execute digital campaign, including creative design, launch banners, press releases, social media, and mailers – (IndiaAI communication team)	- Disseminate call through institutional networks and partners. - Execute digital campaign, including press releases, social media, and mailers	- Disseminate call through institutional networks and partners. - Execute digital campaign, including press releases, social media, and mailers
Local Chapters	- Define chapter guidelines and branding use - Support local chapters, as applicable	Support local chapters, as applicable	- Execute local chapters (e.g. info sessions, mentoring days) in diverse geographies/ schools etc. - Identify chapter partners globally and in India - Support execution of local chapters
Pre-Summit Enablement	- Support partners in execution of AI Bootcamps - Support speaker and technical expert participation in AI bootcamps	- Amplify bootcamp participation and mentorship offerings. - Nominate technical experts and speakers for AI bootcamp. - Support hybrid execution of bootcamp (as applicable)	- Furnish learning modules for self-learning to be made available along with call for application - Design, coordinate and execute 10 days virtual AI Bootcamp - Secure speakers and advisors for AI bootcamp
Summit Week Activities	- Facilitate travel, logistics and showcase for top 20 teams - Certificates, awards and giveaways for winning applicants	- Support demo day activities – outreach and communication - Coordinate logistics for winners' attendance at Summit.	- Support demo day activities – outreach and communication - Giveaways for winning applicants
Reporting & Final Documentation	Approve final reporting metrics and outputs (e.g., solution briefs, compendium).	Assist in packaging outcomes for dissemination to international fora	Assist in packaging outcomes for dissemination to international fora

NIELIT INITIATIVE

Empowering India's youth to innovate with AI for social good through the YUVAi Global Youth Challenge

The YUVAi Initiative

What is YUVAi?

A MeitY initiative under the IndiaAI Mission celebrating AI innovation among youth worldwide. The program empowers students aged ≤ 21 years with foundational AI skills to foster problem-solving for social good.

NIELIT's Role

As Lead Partner, NIELIT operates 50+ centres across India, each serving as a hub for digital skilling and innovation. We're organizing awareness events to mobilize participation and nurture responsible AI innovation.





Our Mission



Popularize YUVAi

Spread awareness among students, schools, and youth organizations nationwide



Inspire Innovation

Showcase AI for social good and motivate youth through success stories



Mentor Participants

Identify and guide potential participants for national and global challenge submissions

Event Activities

01

Awareness Seminar

Orientation introducing YUVAi objectives, timelines, and participation process

02

AI for Social Good Workshop

Half-day session on AI basics, problem identification, and idea generation using real-life examples

03

Innovation Showcase

Display of successful AI projects from NIELIT students/alumni to inspire participation

04

Mentorship & Ideation Camp

Shortlisting promising student ideas for guidance toward YUVAi submission

05

Promotional Outreach

Press releases, social media, and school outreach with district education offices



Event Format & Reach

Duration

1–2 days at each
NIELIT Centre

Mode

Physical events with
hybrid session
options

Participants

100–500 students
per centre

Target Audience

- Students aged ≤ 21 years (school and undergraduate level)
- Faculty mentors and institutional representatives
- Youth innovators, start-up enthusiasts, and AI learners



Expected Impact

10000+

Students Engaged

Across 50 centres in
awareness activities

1000+

Quality
Applications

Submitted to YUVAi
Global Youth Challenge

10-40

Per NIELIT Centre

Quality applications
mentored from each
NIELIT Centre

Creating a pipeline of AI-ready youth innovators and strengthening NIELIT's position as a national facilitator of AI skilling in partnership with MeitY.

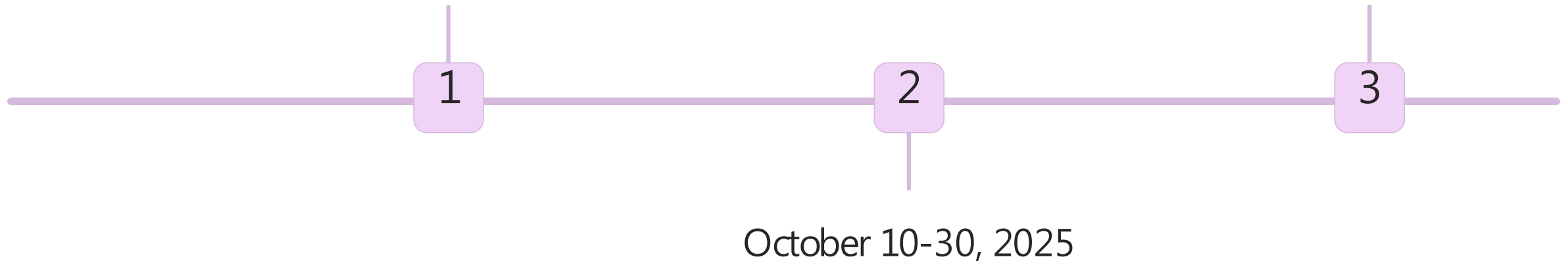
Timeline & Execution

October 10, 2025

Centre-level awareness events begin across all 50 NIELIT centres

October 30, 2025

Events conclude; centres submit reports with participant lists and mentored teams



Submission support and mentoring activities run concurrently

Reporting Requirements

Each NIELIT Centre will submit participant lists, photos/videos, session summaries, and mentored team details. Reports will be compiled into a national summary for MeitY and others.



Join the Movement

NIELIT HQ Team

- Pankaj Shukla
- Ripunjai Dinanath Singh
- Himanshu Mohan
- Deepam Dubey

Centre Coordination

Nodal AI Coordinator to be appointed by ED /Director/Director
In-charge at each participating centre

Start Young, Think Big — Together, we're building India's next generation of AI innovators for social good.



इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स एवं
सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF
ELECTRONICS AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

THANK YOU