Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025

Nation-wide Event for School Level Innovators
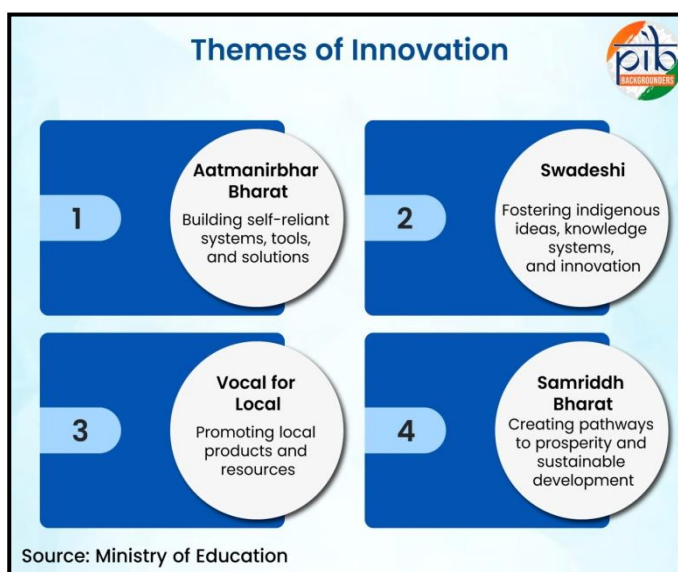
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Key Takeaways

- **India's largest school hackathon** engaging **1 crore students** (classes 6-12) to build prototypes on themes of **Swadeshi**, **Atmanirbhar Bharat**, **Vocal for Local**, and **Samriddh Bharat**.
- **Live nationwide event on Oct. 13, 2025:** Nationwide Synchronised Live Buildathon across all schools via live streaming
- **Awards Pool of Rs. 1 Crore**, with 10 National Level winners, 100 State level winners and 1000 District level winners.

Introduction

The **Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025** is a nationwide innovation movement being organised by the **Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL),** Ministry of Education, in collaboration with **Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog**.

This largest-ever school hackathon aims to strengthen the culture of innovation at the school level by encouraging students to ideate or build prototypes on four themes: **Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, Vocal for Local, and Samriddh**

Themes of Innovation

1 **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** — Building self-reliant systems, tools, and solutions

2 **Swadeshi** — Fostering indigenous ideas, knowledge systems, and innovation

3 **Vocal for Local** — Promoting local products and resources

4 **Samriddh Bharat** — Creating pathways to prosperity and sustainable development

Source: Ministry of Education

Bharat. The Buildathon aims to foster innovation, creativity, and problem-solving among our youth so that they become key drivers of a prosperous, developed, and self-reliant India.

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The Buildathon will provide hands-on, experiential learning in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Participation is inclusive with special focus on Aspirational Districts, Tribal and Remote Regions.

Buildathon 2025 Timeline

Source: Ministry of Education

- **Sept. 23, 2025**: Launch of Viksit Bharat Buildathon by Hon'ble Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- **Sept. 23 – Oct. 11**: Registrations for the event on the Portal
- **Oct. 11 – Oct. 12**: Preparatory activities including team formation, registration, mentoring, organising brainstorming sessions, idea camps, and innovation circles to help students prepare, select themes and build solutions
- **Oct. 13**: Nationwide Synchronised Live Buildathon across all schools via live streaming
- **Oct. 13 – Oct. 31**: Submission of entries by schools on the Portal
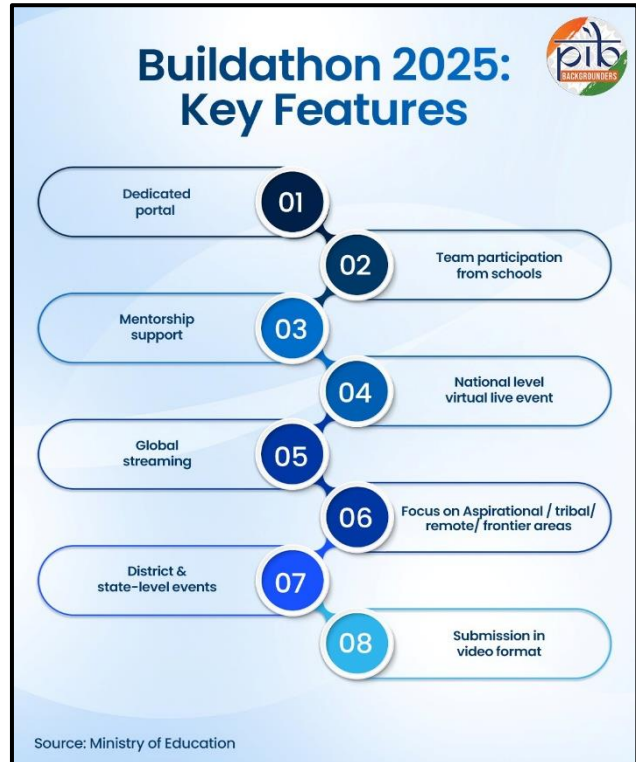- **Nov. 1 – Dec. 31**: Evaluation of entries by a panel of experts
- **Jan. 2026**: Announcement and felicitation of top teams

Key Features

- **Dedicated Portal**: There is a national portal for registration and submission of final entries (ideas or prototypes)

- **Mode of Participation**: A team of 3-5 students will participate in the Buildathon and submit entries (ideas/prototypes) 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**: National level virtual live streaming session will be organised, which shall be joined by all schools (6th to 12th standard).
- **Global Streaming**: The event will be streamed on nationwide news and media channels.
- **Inclusive Spotlight:** A Special spotlight will be given to schools from Aspirational Blocks, Tribal Regions, Frontier Villages, and Remote Areas.

- **District & State-Level Events**: Schools will conduct Innovation activities. States are encouraged to organise community level innovation events inviting multiple schools and dignitaries.
- **Submission of Entries**: Post-event, schools will submit videos of their innovation entries (Ideas or Prototypes).

How to Participate

- **Eligibility**: Participation is open to all school students from class 6-12, across India. Students must form a team of 3-5 members from same schools. Students can register with the help of their teachers. There is no restriction on the number of teams per school.
- **Registration of Team**: Schools/teachers have to encourage students to form teams and then register their teams on the official Buildathon portal after which a unique registration ID will be generated for each team. The Registration Link for schools for Viksit Bharat Buildathon is - **vbb.mic.gov.in**

- **Selection of Theme**: Each team will need to choose one out of the four Buildathon themes and identify any problem statement.
- **Brainstorm & Build**: The team will ideate to solve community problems.
- **Prepare for Submission**: Teams will be required to create a 2–5 minute video explaining the problem it is solving, the innovative solution/prototype they have created, how it works and its possible impact.
- **Submission**: The project video/ summaries have to be submitted on the Portal within the submission window of **Oct. 13 to Oct. 31, 2025**

Awards

A panel of experts will evaluate the entries, and the top student teams will be awarded prizes. These schools and students will receive long-term support through corporate adoption, mentorship, and resources to further strengthen their innovations.

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- Contact for any query: vbb.mic@aicte-india.org
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