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Subject: YUVAi – Global Youth AI Challenge-reg.

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As you are aware, the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) is organising the India-AI Impact Summit 2026 on 19–20 February, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Summit will convene Heads of State, global leaders, policymakers, researchers, industry experts, and innovators to explore AI's impact across three key pillars: People, Planet, and Progress. It aims to foster collaboration and chart a roadmap for leveraging AI for social good and value creation.


As a lead-up initiative, the Hon'ble Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw has launched the YUVAi – Global Youth Challenge to inspire youth (aged 13–21 years) to develop AI-based solutions for sustainability and social impact. Selected entries will be showcased at the Summit. Participants will engage in virtual boot camps and workshops, culminating in the presentation of winning solutions to a global audience.

A brief concept note is enclosed for reference. For further queries, Mr. Kartik Suri, GM–Future Skills, IndiaAI Mission (gm-futureskills@indiaai.gov.in), may be contacted.

All Higher Education Institutions are requested to disseminate this initiative among eligible students and encourage active participation in the YUVAi – Global Youth Challenge.

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India - AI Impact Summit | YUVAi: Global Youth Challenge – Start Young, Think Big

Overview:

The YUVAi - Global Youth Challenge aims to empower youth with foundational AI skills to foster problem-solving and innovation for social good. It will enable youth to identify real-world challenges, develop AI-based solutions, receive technical mentorship, and explore opportunity to showcase their solutions at a global platform, thereby promoting innovation in youth.

Objective & Expected Impact:

Objective:

- **Provide opportunities for youth** to engage with global AI experts through workshops and mentorships, offering applied learning experience to develop practical and scalable AI solutions for social good
- **Organize 10 day virtual bootcamps** for shortlisted applicants, equipping them with skills, tools, and knowledge to strengthen their AI solutions
- **Create a platform** for young innovators to showcase their work to a global audience, exchange ideas with peers worldwide, and gain invaluable exposure
- **Offer awards, credits, and opportunities** to scale the most promising solutions

Expected Impact for India:

- Promotion of multi-lateral approach to innovation through cross-country engagement and institutional support
- Leading nation role towards creating generation of AI-ready youth equipped with both technical and ethical AI competencies
- Stronger domestic youth innovation ecosystem with exposure to global learnings, mentorship support and competitive opportunities.

Suggestive Themes:

- **Empowering people and communities:** AI solutions to support elderly care, enhance youth mental wellbeing and physical fitness, promote nutrition and holistic growth, ensure equitable access to education across demographics, and empower students with disabilities.
- **Transforming core sectors:** AI solutions to drive sustainable agricultural production, enable greener manufacturing, transportation, and logistics, support industrial transformation for societal good, and foster waste-to-wealth innovations.
- **Future-ready infrastructure and smart ecosystems:** AI solutions to enable safe and smart cities with sustainable infrastructure and mobility, advance clean and green environments, provide affordable clean energy, and improve last-mile public service delivery.
- **Wild Card/Open Innovation:** An open track for novel cross-sector AI solutions with transformative potential for scale and impact.

Applicants are encouraged to combine innovation, ethics, and inclusion in shaping AI for social good

Participant Profile:

Applicants in the age group 13 – 21 years will be eligible to participate in the challenge, as:

- Youth individuals (1 member, <=21 years old)
- Youth teams (up to 3 members, <= 21 years old)

Awards & Support

- Total prizes worth ₹85 lakhs
 - First Prize: ₹15 lakh (Top 3 solutions)
 - Second prize: ₹10 lakh each (Next 3 solutions)
 - Special Recognition Awards: 2 awards of ₹5 lakh each
- Certificates for all participants, and exclusive credits/giveaways for winners
- Summit Showcase:
 - Top 20 shortlisted teams (up to 2 members and 1 adult guardian, in case of minor applicants) to receive fully sponsored travel and accommodation to the India-AI Impact Summit in New Delhi for international demo day and innovation showcase.
 - Top solutions with highest deployment potential, and intent for scaling to present their solutions to investors at Impact Summit investor showcase.
- Mentorship & Training: 10 days virtual bootcamps to support solution enhancement, demonstration and enhance student innovation potential.
- Post-Summit Opportunities:
 - Investment Opportunity: Top solutions with highest deployment potential, and intent for scaling to present their solutions at Impact Summit investor showcase
 - Permanent showcase: Top 20 solutions featured on the Summit website
 - AI Innovation Compendium: Winning solutions published in a summit report
 - Scaling with impact: Select national winners (Indian) may receive mentorship from premier institutions for real-world deployment
- IP Arrangement: All Intellectual Property (IP) remains with the innovator or team.

Key Timelines:

- Applications open: 1st October 2025 (proposed)
- Application last date: 31st October 2025
- Screening & Jury Evaluation: November, 2025
- Workshops & Mentorship Bootcamps (Virtual): November, 2025
- Stage 2 Submission Deadline: 7th December, 2025
- Interviews & presentations (Virtual): December, 2025
- Announcement of top 20 finalist: 31st December 2025
- AI Impact Summit showcase and winner announcement: 16-20th February 2026