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## The Viksit Bharat Youth Leadership Dialogue (VBYLD) 2026

The Viksit Bharat Youth Leadership Dialogue (VBYLD) 2026, the second edition of the reimagined National Youth Festival, was organized to engage young leaders in contributing toward the vision of “Viksit Bharat @2047.” The program brought together youth from across India to present ideas, exchange perspectives, and interact with policymakers, experts, and national leaders, serving as a platform for leadership development, innovation, and policy oriented dialogue.



Yogesh Kumar, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Year **NSS Volunteer from the College of Veterinary Science & A.H., Kamdhenu University, Navsari** was selected to represent Gujarat state in the Challenge Track. The journey began with a nationwide selection process conducted on the MY Bharat platform. He first qualified through a national level quiz among more than 50 lakh participants, followed by essay submission, state level



presentations at Gandhinagar, and an interview with a Ministry expert. 45 participants were selected after rigorous process. The theme of the challenge track was “Making India the Startup Capital of the World.” A major highlight of participation was that one of the ideas of presentation i.e., **Diaspora Mentorship**, was fully selected for the Final Master Presentation in the gracious presence of the Hon’ble Prime Minister, while another, **the Community Based Incubation Model**, was partially selected.

The event was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026, beginning with a formal flag off ceremony in Gujarat led by the Hon'ble Governor. Upon arrival in New Delhi, all participant attended an orientation session by the Ministry of Youth Affairs, and were guided as per their thematic tracks. In every track, teams from various states presented their ideas in front of a jury of industry experts, innovators, and academicians, with discussions focusing on strengthening grassroots entrepreneurship, incubation support, and entrepreneurial education.



The program also included meaningful interactions with national level dignitaries and domain experts, inspiring sessions by astronauts from India's Gaganyaan mission and by NSA Ajit Doval, and a cultural program titled **“Colors of Viksit Bharat”** that showcased the diversity and unity of the country. On the final day, track-wise presentations were held before a panel of Hon'ble Union Ministers, followed by the final master presentations in the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister. In his address, he encouraged youth to continue working on their ideas, share them widely, and actively contribute for nation building, while also emphasizing the importance of similar dialogues at the state level.



Overall, VBYLD 2026 was a deeply enriching and transformative experience. It provided an opportunity to represent the state on a national stage, present ideas before policymakers, and engage in meaningful discussions on India's future. The selection of one idea in full and another in part for presentation in front of the Hon'ble Prime Minister stands as a defining achievement of this journey and reflects the potential of youth driven innovation in shaping the vision of a developed India by 2047.