



MY Bharat Budget Quest 2026 Reaches Grand Culmination Across 17 Zones

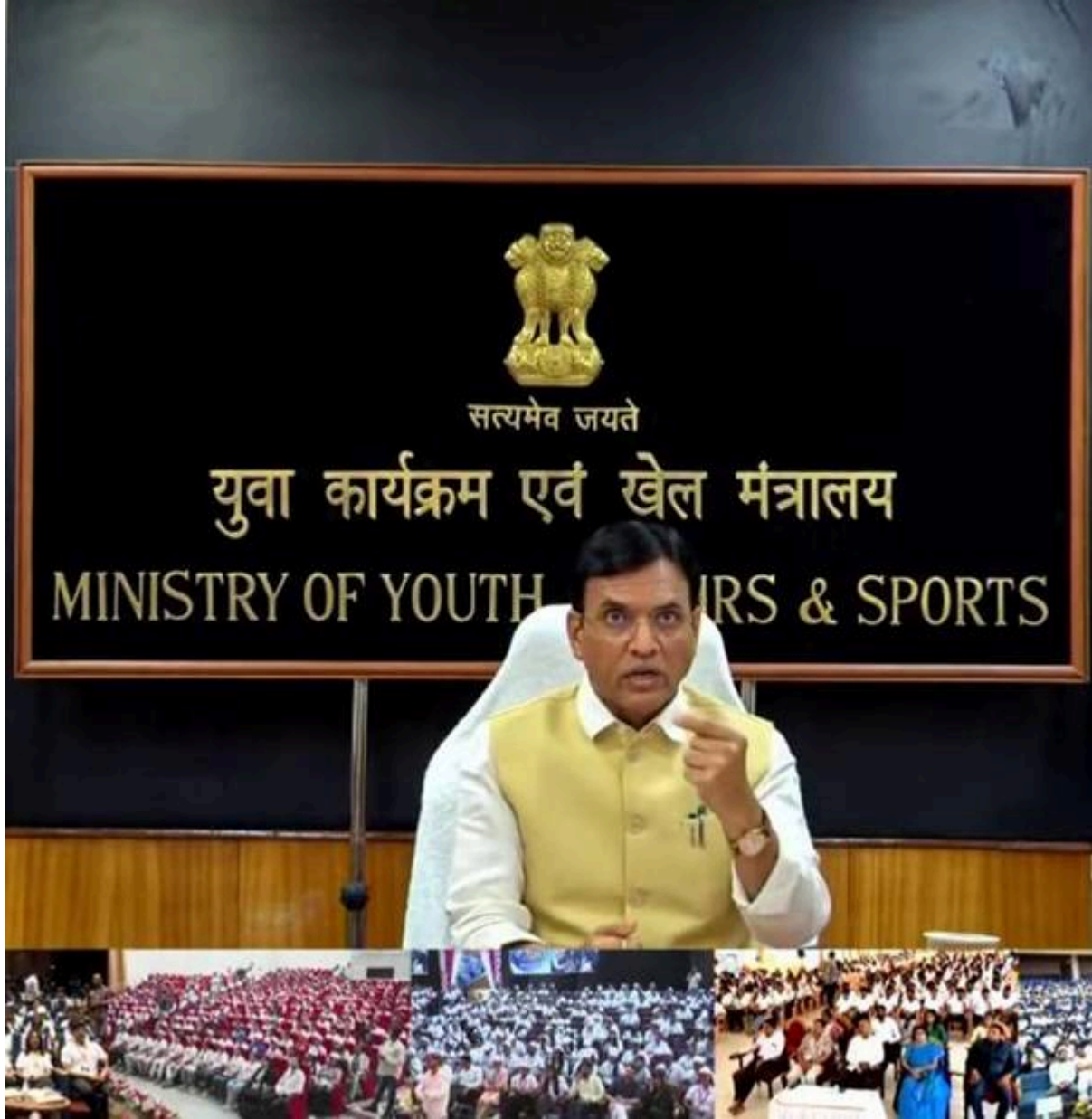
Platforms Like Budget Quest Unlock Youth Potential Says Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi In His Message For The Youth

“Youth Must Lead in Strengthening Democracy with Nation First and Kartavya” — Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya

Over 7,000 Young Women Lead Democratic Dialogue in Nari Shakti Youth Parliament

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Launched as a transformative initiative to deepen youth participation in policymaking, **MY Bharat Budget Quest 2026** was conceptualised as a national platform to connect young citizens with governance processes and the Union Budget. The initiative draws inspiration from the consultative spirit of the **Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2026**, where youth voices contributed meaningfully to national priorities, with several ideas finding reflection in the Union Budget 2026. Building on this foundation, Budget Quest has emerged as a structured mechanism to channel youth aspirations into policy discourse



As a part of this nationwide initiative, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), organised the **Nari Shakti Youth Parliament** on **12 April 2026**, which culminated across **17 zones nationwide**, marking a significant milestone in the Budget Quest journey. Anchored in the theme “**Nari Shakti: Viksit Bharat Ki Awaaz, Strengthening Inclusive Democracy**”, the initiative brought together **over 7,000 young women** in an unprecedented exercise of democratic engagement and policy dialogue.

Spanning the country, the Youth Parliament was conducted simultaneously across **Mumbai, Amaravati, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Raipur, Bhubaneswar, Hisar, Delhi, Chandigarh, Shillong, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Ranchi, Lucknow, Patna, and Srinagar**, reflecting the scale, diversity, and inclusiveness of the programme. Participants from varied academic, social, and regional backgrounds engaged in structured parliamentary-style discussions, demonstrating informed perspectives and a deep commitment to Janbhagidari.

In alignment with the objectives of Budget Quest 2026, panel discussions across all zones were organised on key thematic pillars such as **human capital development, agriculture and rural economy, future economy, women-led development, and sustainable growth**, enabling participants to engage meaningfully with national priorities.

A key outcome of these deliberations was the adoption of a formal resolution across all 17 zones, collectively endorsing the **Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2026**, proposing expansion of Lok Sabha seats from **543 to 816**, with **33% reservation for women**. The resolution also emphasised the timely

implementation of the **Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023** from the **2029 General Elections**, while advocating for delinking implementation from delimitation constraints to ensure effective and immediate realisation of women's political representation.

The proceedings across all zones reflected a strong spirit of nation-building, commencing with **'Malarpan' to Swami Vivekananda**, symbolising inspiration from his vision of youth-led transformation, and resonating with the collective rendition of **"Vande Mataram"**, reinforcing unity and national pride.

The events were graced by distinguished dignitaries, including Hon'ble Governors, Chief Ministers, and public representatives across states, who highlighted the transformative role of Nari Shakti as leaders and decision-makers in India's development journey.



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Prime Minister

MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to learn about the organisation of a national-level dialogue by MY Bharat Portal, as a part of Budget Quest 2026. Heartiest greetings and best wishes to the Department of Youth Affairs, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, as well as all the participants.

A platform for young people to share their innovative ideas, on-the-ground experiences and their thoughts on the budget, MY Budget Quest 2026 marks a step forward. Recognised as the architects of tomorrow, the ideas, energy and engagement of youth are critical in shaping India's growth trajectory.

The widespread participation of youth from across the nation is most heartening. By actively engaging young minds, this dialogue unlocks a vast reservoir of ideas, harnessing their creativity to drive the making of a stronger, more forward-looking nation for generations to come.

Such dialogues deepen the understanding of the youth on the Union Budget 2026 and encourage their structured and wholesome participation in dialogues on national policy. Such efforts are transforming young participants from being a passive audience to becoming part of a larger vision for the nation and the world.

The Union Budget 2026 places people and their potential at the very core of policy and planning. With focused investments in education, skill development and employment, it sets a clear trajectory towards Viksit Bharat, a nation driven by growth, investment and modern infrastructure. Youth-driven, women-led, inclusive development is a key pillar of sustainable progress.

Alongside reforms to improve ease of doing business that strengthen India's economic ecosystem, the Budget prioritises infrastructure, manufacturing and capital expenditure to position India as a global entrepreneurship hub.

In a rapidly evolving global landscape, it aligns India's aspirations with global trends, ensuring resilience, competitiveness and a forward-looking growth path.

Our efforts have always been to make governance more participative and responsive. Involving the people at every level of policymaking, be it in seeking their ideas, or empowering mass movements for transformation, has been a game-changer in the past few years for India's growth.

I am confident that this national-level dialogue will succeed as an important milestone in our endeavour of making governance truly participative.

(Narendra Modi)

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Further emphasising the significance of the initiative, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in a message, stated that such dialogues are essential for governance, while sports and physical education play a vital role in the holistic development of youth.

Addressing the participants, Union Minister Shri Anurag Thakur, Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, and Minister of Panchayats, highlighted the importance of strengthening democratic participation and leadership among the youth.

In line with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of the **Panch Pran**, he called upon young citizens to actively live and embody the resolve of a **Viksit Bharat**, and to build the India of their dreams through informed participation and responsible leadership.

Highlighting the future roadmap for youth engagement, the Union Minister announced that the **Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD)** will, from this year onwards, adopt a **decentralised format**, beginning with **State-level editions and quizzes**, with winning participants progressing to the national level. This marks a shift from the earlier centralised format, enabling wider participation and deeper grassroots engagement of youth across the country.

He further noted that such initiatives are not merely platforms for dialogue, but instruments to nurture a generation of responsible citizens who contribute actively to governance and nation-building.

Complementing this nationwide policy engagement, the Ministry also organised **"Sundays on Cycle"** across multiple locations, promoting environmental awareness, fitness, and sustainable living, thereby presenting a holistic model of youth mobilisation.

The successful culmination of the Nari Shakti Youth Parliament across 17 zones stands as a testament to MY Bharat's institutional capacity to mobilise youth at scale, translating national priorities into meaningful grassroots engagement.

As India advances towards the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, this initiative reflects the emergence of a generation that is informed, articulate, and action-oriented, where **Nari Shakti is not only participating in governance, but actively shaping the nation's future**.

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