



Online registrations for Yuva Sangam (Phase VI) commences from 2nd March, 2026

Ministry of Education invites participation of youth from across the Nation

22 Higher Education Institutions to lead nationwide youth exchange program under “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”

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The Ministry of Education today launched the online registration portal for **Yuva Sangam – Phase VI** under the *Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB)* initiative.

“**Yuva Sangam**” is a flagship Youth Exchange Programme of the Department of Higher Education, Government of India, aimed at strengthening emotional bonds and fostering mutual understanding among young citizens from different States and Union Territories. The initiative promotes the spirit of “*Unity in Diversity*” by facilitating structured exposure visits between paired States/UTs.

Interested youth in the age group of 18–30 years, including students of Higher Education Institutions, NSS/NYKS volunteers, and young professionals, are eligible to apply through the official portal at: <https://ebsb.aicte-india.org> and <https://ekbharat.gov.in>

The previous Yuva Sangam Phase-V witnessed remarkable participation, with more than 46,000 registrations received from across the country. Since its launch, more than 6,000 youth and coordinators have taken part in immersive tours across various phases of Yuva Sangam (including the pilot phase in 2022), hosted by leading Higher Education Institutions nationwide, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for experiential learning and national integration.

In Yuva Sangam Phase-VI, 22 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) have been identified as nodal institutions across the country. Selected participants will undertake five to seven-day educational and cultural tours (excluding travel days) to their paired States/UTs.

The programme is structured around the five thematic pillars — the 5 Ps: Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions & Culture), Pragati (Development & Governance), Paraspar Sampark (People-to-People Connect), and Prodyogiki (Technology & Innovation).

Through these pillars, participants gain first-hand exposure to cultural heritage, development initiatives, technological advancements, local communities, and educational institutions, aligning with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Yuva Sangam is implemented

through a collaborative “Whole of Government” approach with support from participating Ministries/Departments/Agencies, State Governments, and nodal HEIs.

Pairing of States/UTs and HEIs for Yuva Sangam Phase - VI

| No. | State / UT (Sender) | Institution Name | Paired State / UT (Receiver) | Paired Institute Name |
|-----|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | IIT Tirupati | Maharashtra | IISER Pune |
| 2 | Delhi | IIT Delhi | Chhattisgarh | IIT Bhilai |
| 3 | Karnataka | IIIT Dharwad | Rajasthan | MNIT Jaipur |
| 4 | Punjab | IIT Ropar | Bihar | IIT Patna |
| 5 | Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh | IIM Jammu | Kerala & Lakshadweep | IIM Kozhikode |
| 6 | Meghalaya | IIM Shillong | Telangana | NIT Warangal |
| 7 | Madhya Pradesh | IIT Indore | Jharkhand | IIT Dhanbad |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | CU of Himachal Pradesh | Puducherry | NIT Puducherry |
| 9 | Arunachal Pradesh | NERIST | Uttar Pradesh | IIM Lucknow |
| 10 | Haryana | NIT Kurukshetra | Tripura | NIT Agartala |
| 11 | Gujarat & DNH & DD | IIM Ahmedabad | Odisha | NIT Rourkela |

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