

Viksit Bharat @2047

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Viksit Bharat 2047 is the vision to transform India into a developed nation by 2047, the 100th year of independence. Over the past few years, the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision has been the prime focus of PM Modi's speeches. The prime minister has outlined his government's action plan to transform India into a developed country by 2047.

The roadmap for "Viksit Bharat" is a result of more than two years of intensive preparation and involved a "whole of government" approach involving all ministries and wide-ranging consultations with state governments, academia, industry bodies, civil society, scientific organizations and mobilization of youths for inputs.

The vision encompasses various aspects of development, including economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability, and good governance, among others. PM Modi has previously told the nation to take a pledge, "Whatever I do should be for a developed India".

India is at a turning point in its history. The 21st century will be India's century, as the country pole-vaults into the future confident of its capabilities. It is the 5th largest economy in the world today and will be the world's 3rd largest economy by 2027, as its GDP crosses US\$ 5 trillion (IMF estimates). By 2047, India is poised to be a US\$ 30 trillion economy with all the attributes of a developed nation. It will be a Viksit Bharat.

Importance of Transformative Moments

In the histories of nations, there comes a turning point, when a nation grabs the moment and achieves rapid growth. Some of these are:

1. **Japan:** Post World War II, Japan underwent a remarkable transformation in the 1950s and 60s, a period of rapid economic growth never seen before, often referred to as the 'Japanese Post-War Economic Miracle'. This era propelled Japan into a leading world economy and established it as a global economic powerhouse.
2. **Germany:** Germany's economic trajectory changed in the 1950s, 60s and 70s, also known as the Wirtschaftswunder or 'economic miracle', a period of rapid

economic growth and rising living standards. Germany has since remained among the largest and most competitive economies globally, known for its strong manufacturing base and technological prowess.

3. **Singapore:** From being a developing country, Singapore transformed itself in the 1960s and 70s, becoming one of the richest nations in the world, and one of Asia's economic powerhouses which is technologically sophisticated.
4. **South Korea:** From being a war-torn, agrarian and impoverished country in ruins, South Korea transformed its economy dramatically from the 1960s to 90s, a period referred to as the 'Miracle on the Han River' with world leading companies.

These are nations which knew the importance of a turning point and used that occasion to become economic giants. India too is at the cusp of such an opportunity.

India's Opportunity – Its Turning Point

This is India's Amrit Kaal. India has been transformed on many fronts and is ready for take-off. There has been a massive expansion in social and economic infrastructure through policies and schemes in past years such as Samagra Shiksha and expansion of Universities, IITs, IIMs, Medical and Nursing Colleges, Skilling (Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana), and many more.

In the last decade, the number of universities and colleges have increased manifold, and the Indian higher education system today boasts 1,113 Universities/University-level Institutions, 43,796 Colleges, and 11,296 stand-alone Institutions with 4.33 crore students. The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education has steadily increased to 28.4.

Similarly, the healthcare sector has expanded massively on all fronts. In 2022, there were 1,56,000 Ayushman Bharat centers, providing primary health care services to communities closer to their homes. The vast network of nearly 13.97 lakh Anganwadi centers covers almost 10 crore children with Early Childhood Care & Education. Various health indicators such as Infant Mortality Rate (IMR), Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR), and percentage of children underweight have fallen dramatically. Over 10 crore women and children are covered under the Poshan Mission launched in 2018. Full immunisation coverage has risen from 62% to 81% due to strengthened immunisation programmes under Mission Indradhanush. Going forward, we need to raise healthcare to global levels.

Rural India too is transforming. We are close to achieving or have already achieved universal coverage in electricity, drinking water, bank accounts, roads, mobile connectivity and many more. Rural India is now starting to have the same benefits of Urban India. We have also strengthened and avoided distress for the poor through Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana and MNREGA. Pradhan Mantri Awas

Yojana is providing housing for all. Progress has been phenomenal on other fronts as well. Mobile phone and internet penetration is massive.

India has 120 crore mobile phone users and 80 crore internet users. India has 30 crore Unified Payment Interface (UPI) users with 1,000 crore transactions per month. Over 40% of all digital transactions are on UPI. There has been a massive expansion of the Highway network with Expressways also coming up.

Railways have improved both capacity and bringing new trains such as Vande Bharat speeding up travel in a better environment. Air travel has expanded and is breaking records. In Science & Technology too, we have set new milestones through Chandrayaan and other space missions.

Our Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) is the envy of the world with Aadhaar, UPI, AA Stack, COWIN platform, GeM, and many more. In Industry, we are on our way to becoming a manufacturing hub for the world.

In Services, where we are very strong, our IT and non-IT sectors are becoming global. Young India's creativity and potential for innovation coupled with supportive government policies like Digital India and Startup India are enabling youth to become job creators.

India is home to over 100 unicorns with a total valuation upwards of US\$ 340 billion and has emerged as the world's 3rd largest startup ecosystem.

While all these point to the takeoff moment we are in now, the most important is our demographic dividend. With a population of 144 crores, India is one of the youngest nations with a median age of 29 years. It accounts for nearly 20% of the world's total young population. This is an enormous opportunity, likely to last till 2047. Using this dividend well, we can propel India into a Viksit Bharat.

The Themes of Viksit Bharat @2047

There are 5 themes of Viksit Bharat, which are as follows:

1. Empowered Indians (Health, Education, Nari Shakti, Sports, Culture, Caring Society)
2. Thriving and Sustainable Economy (Industry, Energy, Agriculture, Infrastructure, Services, Green Economy, Cities)
3. Innovation, Science and Technology (Research and Development, Startups, Digital)
4. Good Governance and Security
5. India in the World

The Goals of the "Viksit Bharat @2047" Initiative

"Viksit Bharat @2047" isn't just about economic prosperity. It envisions a multi-dimensional development for India, encompassing four key aspects:

1. **Economic Development:** This is the foundation for a developed nation. The initiative aims for significant GDP growth, robust industrial development, and increased job creation. It emphasizes building strong infrastructure like transportation networks, energy grids, and communication systems to facilitate economic activity.
2. **Social Development:** Economic growth alone doesn't guarantee a "developed" nation. "Viksit Bharat @2047" focuses on social progress through initiatives like:
 - **Education for All:** Ensuring access to quality education, regardless of background, is crucial for skilling the workforce and driving future economic growth.
 - **Improved Healthcare:** Making quality healthcare affordable and accessible for all citizens is essential for a healthy and productive population.
 - **Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment:** Providing equal opportunities for women in education, employment, and political participation unlocks their potential and fuels social progress.
 - **Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth:** Uplifting the underprivileged through targeted programs and ensuring equitable distribution of wealth creates a more just and prosperous society.
3. **Environmental Sustainability:** Development shouldn't come at the cost of the environment. The initiative recognizes the importance of:
 - **Sustainable Development:** Balancing economic growth with environmental protection is key. This involves adopting practices that minimize pollution and resource depletion.
 - **Renewable Energy Adoption:** Shifting from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources like solar and wind power is crucial for combating climate change and ensuring energy security.
 - **Environmental Conservation:** Protecting India's rich biodiversity and natural resources is essential for a healthy ecosystem and a sustainable future.
4. **Good Governance:** A well-functioning democracy is vital for a developed nation. The initiative strives for:
 - **Transparent and Accountable Government:** This means eliminating corruption and ensuring efficient delivery of public services.
 - **Rule of Law and Citizen Participation:** Upholding the rule of law and empowering citizens to participate in decision-making processes strengthens the democracy.
 - **Strong Institutions:** Building strong and independent institutions like the judiciary and law enforcement agencies fosters trust and ensures a just society.

The Importance of "Viksit Bharat @2047" for India's Future

A developed India by 2047, envisioned in "Viksit Bharat", holds immense potential benefits for students and future generations in several ways.

Education and Skill Development

- **Improved Infrastructure and Resources:** Better funding for educational institutions could lead to improved infrastructure, updated learning materials, and access to cutting-edge technology in classrooms.
- **Enhanced Skill Development Programs:** A focus on building a skilled workforce could translate to more robust skill development programs, making students job-ready and competitive in the global market.
- **Increased Research Opportunities:** A stronger economy could lead to more funding for research and development, opening doors for students to participate in groundbreaking projects and contribute to scientific advancements.

Employment and Career Prospects

- **Wider Range of Job Opportunities:** A booming economy creates a demand for skilled professionals across diverse sectors. This translates to a wider range of job opportunities for students, allowing them to pursue careers that match their interests and qualifications.
- **Improved Job Security and Salaries:** A developed economy often leads to greater job security and potentially higher salaries. This allows students to plan their futures with more stability and pursue their dreams with greater financial freedom.
- **Entrepreneurial Ecosystem:** A supportive environment for innovation and entrepreneurship could pave the way for students to launch their own businesses, create jobs, and contribute to the economic growth.

Improved Quality of Life

- **Enhanced Infrastructure:** Upgraded infrastructure like transportation networks, sanitation systems, and reliable power supply can significantly improve the overall quality of life for students and future generations.
- **Better Access to Healthcare:** A developed nation prioritizes healthcare, potentially leading to improved healthcare facilities, advanced medical technologies, and affordable medical care for all.
- **Higher Standard of Living:** A stronger economy generally translates to a higher standard of living. This could mean better housing, access to essential goods and services, and improved overall well-being for students and future generations.

Global Recognition and Influence

- **Increased International Standing:** A developed India will command greater respect on the world stage. This can benefit students by opening doors for international study opportunities, collaborations with renowned institutions, and participation in global events.
- **Stronger Voice in International Affairs:** A developed India can have a more significant impact on global issues like climate change, trade agreements, and international security. This allows students to be part of a nation that shapes the world for the better.

Thus, they will have access to better education, more career opportunities, a higher standard of living, and the chance to be part of a nation that is a leader on the global stage.

Remember, you are not just students, but the architects of this future. By actively participating in initiatives like "Viksit Bharat @2047," you can turn this vision into reality. A developed India doesn't just improve your lives; it empowers you to make a difference for generations to come.

Imagine this: you've just graduated from university in a "Viksit Bharat" – a developed India by 2047. Here's how your life and opportunities could be transformed:

Education & Career Launch

- **Cutting-edge classrooms:** Gone are the days of outdated textbooks. You'll have access to interactive learning tools, virtual reality experiences, and the latest technology in your classrooms, making education more engaging and effective.
- **Skilled for the future:** Your university will offer robust skill development programs aligned with the needs of a developed India. You'll graduate job-ready, with in-demand skills that make you competitive in the global market.
- **Dream job, not just a job:** A booming economy creates a wider range of job opportunities. You won't be limited by options. Pursue your passion, whether it's becoming a leading scientist, a groundbreaking entrepreneur, or a social changemaker.

Financial Security & Freedom

- **Competitive salaries:** The economic boom translates to better salaries. You'll be able to plan your future with financial security, allowing you to focus on your dreams and passions.
- **Entrepreneurial opportunities:** A developed India fosters innovation. If you have a brilliant idea, you'll have access to resources, funding, and a supportive ecosystem to launch your own business and become a job creator.

Improved Quality of Life

- **Smarter cities:** Imagine efficient transportation systems, clean air, and reliable power supply. Your daily life will be more convenient and enjoyable.
- **Healthcare for all:** Access to top-notch healthcare facilities with advanced technologies will ensure your well-being.
- **Higher standard of living:** A stronger economy leads to a higher standard of living. Think better housing, access to essential services, and more leisure time to pursue your hobbies.

Global Recognition & Impact

- **Study abroad made easier:** A developed India commands international respect. Studying abroad could become easier, opening doors to world-renowned universities and global collaborations.
- **Stronger voice on the world stage:** Be part of a nation that shapes the future. Your ideas and contributions towards global issues like climate change will have a greater impact.

Achieving the "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision isn't just about personal benefits and a better life for yourselves. It's deeply connected to national pride and India's position in the world. Here's how:

- **Global Recognition:** Imagine an India that's a leader in innovation, technology, and sustainable development. The world will look at India with respect and admiration. You'll be part of a nation that commands a powerful voice on the global stage, shaping international policies and solutions. This fills you with a sense of national pride – you belong to a country that's a force for good in the world.
- **Legacy for Future Generations:** By contributing to "Viksit Bharat," you're not just building a better future for yourselves, but for generations to come. You'll leave a legacy of a strong, prosperous, and equitable India – a nation your children and grandchildren will be proud to call home.
- **Showcasing India's Potential:** The world often overlooks India's rich potential. A "Viksit Bharat" will showcase India's capabilities to the world. You'll be part of a nation that's not just rich in culture and history, but also a leader in science, technology, and innovation. This global recognition fosters national pride – you're part of a nation that's proving its potential to the world.
- **Building on India's Rich Heritage:** India's glorious past is a source of immense pride. "Viksit Bharat" builds upon that heritage. You'll be carrying forward the legacy of your ancestors while propelling India towards a brighter future. This connection to your heritage strengthens your national pride.

Remember, national pride isn't just blind patriotism. It's about belonging to a nation that's making a positive impact on the world. By contributing to "Viksit Bharat @2047," you're not just securing your own future, but also India's place as a global leader. You'll be part of the generation that fulfils the dreams of our freedom fighters and takes India to even greater heights. This, in itself, is a source of immense national pride.

How Can Students Contribute?

The "Ideas for Youth" platform on MyGov [Innovate India] is a fantastic opportunity for students like yourselves to contribute to the "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision. Here's how it works:

- **The Platform:** MyGov [Innovate India] is a government initiative that allows citizens to participate in the nation-building process. The "Ideas for Youth" section specifically focuses on gathering ideas from young minds like yours.
- **Contribution Process:** The platform provides themes or topics related to different aspects of "Viksit Bharat." These could be broad topics like education, healthcare, or sustainable development, or more specific ones like waste management or rural development.
- **Submitting Your Ideas:** Once you've chosen a theme, you can submit your ideas online. The platform allows you to articulate your vision for a developed India in those specific areas. Be clear, concise, and creative in your approach.

Here's how students can participate effectively:

- **Brainstorming & Teamwork:** Get together with your classmates or friends and brainstorm ideas. Working in a group can spark new perspectives and help you develop more comprehensive solutions.
- **Think Outside the Box:** Don't be afraid to come up with innovative and unconventional solutions. The platform values fresh ideas and new approaches to tackle existing challenges.
- **Focus on Feasibility:** While creativity is important, ensure your ideas are practical and can be implemented within the framework of "Viksit Bharat."
- **Research & Evidence:** Back up your ideas with relevant data, research, or examples. This strengthens your proposal and demonstrates the potential impact of your suggestion.
- **Clear Communication:** Present your ideas clearly, concisely, and professionally. Ensure your writing is grammatically correct and easy to understand.

Remember, every idea counts! The "Ideas for Youth" platform is a way for your voice to be heard. Don't hesitate to share your thoughts and contribute to shaping the future of India.

Beyond the "Ideas for Youth" platform, students have a multitude of ways to contribute to the "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision. Here are some exciting avenues to explore:

Innovation Challenges

- **Hackathons:** Participate in hackathons focused on themes related to "Viksit Bharat." These events bring together students with diverse skill sets to work collaboratively on innovative solutions to real-world challenges. From developing apps for rural education to creating sustainable energy solutions, hackathons allow you to showcase your skills and contribute to national development.
- **Innovation Competitions:** Look for innovation competitions organized by government agencies, NGOs, or private institutions. These competitions often have specific themes aligned with "Viksit Bharat" goals. Participating allows you to develop innovative products, prototypes, or business plans that can make a tangible impact.

Social Initiatives

- **Volunteer with NGOs:** Many NGOs work on issues crucial to "Viksit Bharat" like poverty alleviation, environmental conservation, or women's empowerment. Volunteering your time and skills with these organizations allows you to make a direct difference in your local community.
- **Start Your Own Initiative:** Identify a cause related to "Viksit Bharat" that you're passionate about. It could be anything from promoting digital literacy in rural areas to organizing cleanliness drives. Rally your classmates and friends, create awareness, and take action to address the issue.

Skill Development

- **Focus on Relevant Skills:** While academics are important, hone skills relevant to the needs of a developed India. This could include data science, artificial intelligence, renewable energy technologies, or social entrepreneurship. These skills will not only make you more employable but also equip you to contribute effectively to national development.
- **Online Courses & Workshops:** Take advantage of online courses and workshops offered by government institutions or private platforms. These courses can help you develop specialized skills and knowledge that align with "Viksit Bharat" goals.

Additionally

- **Spread Awareness:** Talk to your family, friends, and community members about "Viksit Bharat @2047." Organize awareness campaigns or discussions to generate enthusiasm and inspire others to participate.

- **Become a Social Media Advocate:** Use social media platforms to share information about "Viksit Bharat" and encourage others to contribute. Follow relevant hashtags and participate in online discussions about the initiative.

Remember, contribution doesn't require grand gestures. Every action, big or small, counts. By actively engaging in these activities, you'll not only develop valuable skills and gain experience, but also become a key player in shaping the future of a "Viksit Bharat."

Your ideas, skills, and enthusiasm are important in achieving "Viksit Bharat @2047":

1. Fresh Ideas and Untapped Potential

- You, the students, are brimming with fresh ideas and a unique perspective. You haven't been constrained by traditional thinking, allowing you to come up with innovative solutions to complex challenges. "Viksit Bharat" needs this fresh blood!
- Don't underestimate the power of your ideas. Your innovative thinking can spark breakthroughs in various fields, from tackling environmental issues with new technologies to revolutionizing education with engaging learning methods.

2. Skill Development - Building the Workforce of Tomorrow

- The skills you're developing now will be crucial for building a "Viksit Bharat." Focus on acquiring skills relevant to areas like data analysis, artificial intelligence, renewable energy, or social entrepreneurship. These are the skills that will drive the future Indian economy and address critical national challenges.
- Remember, skill development isn't just about getting a job. It's about equipping yourself with the tools to contribute meaningfully to national development.

3. Enthusiasm - The Fuel for Transformation

- Your youthful energy and enthusiasm are contagious! This passion is what will drive the change needed to achieve "Viksit Bharat." Don't let it fade!
- Let your enthusiasm fuel your participation in innovation challenges, social initiatives, or even just spreading awareness. Your passion will inspire others to join the movement and contribute their own ideas and skills.

Here's an analogy: Imagine "Viksit Bharat" as a grand building project. Your ideas are the blueprints, your skills are the tools, and your enthusiasm is the energy that powers the construction. All three are equally important for a successful outcome.

Together, your ideas, skills, and enthusiasm can be a potent force in shaping the future of India. Don't be afraid to use them!

The Challenges that India Faces in Achieving this Vision

It's important to acknowledge that achieving "Viksit Bharat" by 2047 is no small feat. Here are some of the key challenges India faces:

- **Rapid Population Growth:** India's ever-growing population puts a strain on resources and infrastructure development.
- **Poverty and Inequality:** A significant portion of the population still lives below the poverty line. Reducing income inequality is crucial for inclusive growth.
- **Infrastructure Bottlenecks:** India needs significant investment in infrastructure like transportation networks, energy grids, and sanitation systems to support a developed economy.
- **Skill Development Gap:** Bridging the gap between the skills employers need and the skills the workforce possesses is vital for a knowledge-based economy.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Balancing economic growth with environmental protection remains a major challenge. Combating climate change and ensuring sustainable resource use is crucial.

Despite these challenges, India's potential is immense. By leveraging the ideas, skills, and enthusiasm of its young population, India can overcome these hurdles and transform itself into a "Viksit Bharat."