

## Stage 2

### VBULD - Essay Rounds - Concept Note

#### A. Overview

1. **The winners of Quiz will be announced on 6th November, 2025.** 10% of the Participants (not more than 3 lakh) selected from the Quiz round will proceed to stage II Essay round.
2. After qualifying through the **Viksit Bharat quiz**, participants will submit a 500-1000 word essay on one of the **10 key themes of the Viksit Bharat Challenge**. Essay writing will be hosted on MY Bharat portal.
3. The Themes for Viksit Bharat Challenge Round are:
  - a. Youth in Democracy and Government for Viksit Bharat
  - b. Women Led Development: The Key to Viksit Bharat
  - c. Fit Bharat Hit Bharat
  - d. Making India the Start Up Capital of the World
  - e. Bharat's Soft Power: Cultural Diplomacy and Global Influence for Viksit Bharat
  - f. Innovation with Tradition: Building a Modern Bharat
  - g. Aatmanirbhar Bharat: Make in India, Make for the World
  - h. Enhancing Productivity through Smart and Sustainable Agriculture
  - i. Building a Sustainable and Green Viksit Bharat
  - j. Building a future ready work force for Viksit Bharat
4. Once chosen the theme cannot be changed for the subsequent rounds. The Essay evaluation will be done from **21st November, 2025 - 27th November, 2025** at a venue determined by the State / UT Government.
5. In order to encourage participation of youth from rural and remote areas, the participants shall be encouraged to utilize the facility of **Common Services Centre** under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for taking part in Viksit Bharat Essay (Stage II), apart from the quiz.
6. The results of the Viksit Bharat Essay Round will be announced on **28th November, 2025**. The top **10% of essay submissions from each State/UT**, across all 10 tracks, will be selected to move forward to the State Championship round. A **maximum of 500 participants, up to 50 from each track**, will be shortlisted for this round.
7. Evaluation of Essays will be done by domain experts at designated University centres determined by the State / UT Government. The Assessment Matrix for Essay evaluation is at Annexure-A

#### B. Overview of Timeline

Sl. No.	Particulars	Dates
1.	Start of Viksit Bharat Essay Round	6th November, 2025
2.	End of Viksit Bharat Essay Round	20th November, 2025

3.	Viksit Bharat Essay Evaluation	From 21st to 27th November, 2025
4.	Announcement of Viksit Bharat Essay Results	28th November, 2025
5.	State Championship - PPT Challenge	29th November, 2025 to 12th December, 2025

### C. Annexure A - Assessment Matrix for Essays on Viksit Bharat

Dimension	Criteria	Weightage
Content Quality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Clear understanding of the theme of "Viksit Bharat" as chosen</li><li>2. Depth of ideas and insights</li><li>3. Relevance to the theme.</li></ol>	30
Structure & Organization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Logical flow of ideas.</li><li>2. Clear introduction, body, and conclusion.</li><li>3. Effective use of subheadings and transitions.</li></ol>	20
Originality & Creativity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Unique perspectives or innovative ideas.</li><li>2. Fresh take on the topic beyond common arguments.</li><li>3. Use of compelling examples.</li></ol>	15
Clarity & Language	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Grammar, spelling, and punctuation.</li><li>2. Clarity and coherence in sentence construction.</li><li>3. Use of formal and engaging language.</li></ol>	15
Use of Evidence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Citing relevant data, facts, or examples (e.g., government initiatives, statistics, global comparisons).</li><li>2. Effective integration of sources.</li></ol>	10
Conclusion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Summarizes key points effectively. - Presents actionable suggestions or a strong closing thought.</li><li>2. Leaves a lasting impression.</li></ol>	10

## D. Annexure B - Scoring Rubric for Viksit Bharat Essays and Implementation of Scoring

### 1. Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Satisfactory (3)	Needs Improvement (2)	Poor (1)
<b>Content Quality</b>	Comprehensive, insightful, and highly relevant; addresses the theme with depth and strong examples.	Well-researched and mostly relevant; some depth but minor gaps in exploration.	Adequate coverage with limited depth; ideas may lack strong relevance or clarity.	Superficial or unfocused; lacks depth and relevance to the theme.	Off-topic, incoherent, or severely lacking in content.
<b>Structure &amp; Organization</b>	Well-organized with a clear introduction, logical flow, cohesive paragraphs, and a strong conclusion.	Mostly well-organized; minor lapses in logical transitions or paragraph structure.	Some structure is evident, but transitions are unclear or paragraphs lack cohesion.	Poor organization; ideas seem scattered or disconnected.	Lacks structure; random or disorganized presentation of ideas.
<b>Originality &amp; Creativity</b>	Highly original; presents innovative ideas and perspectives; uses compelling	Shows creativity with a few unique ideas; examples are appropriate but not	Limited originality; relies on common arguments or examples.	Little to no originality; ideas are generic and lack innovation.	Completely unoriginal; plagiarized or fully derivative content.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Excellent (5)</b>	<b>Good (4)</b>	<b>Satisfactory (3)</b>	<b>Needs Improvement (2)</b>	<b>Poor (1)</b>
	examples effectively.	exceptional .			
<b>Clarity &amp; Language</b>	Exceptionally clear, fluent, and free of grammatical errors; language is engaging and formal.	Mostly clear with few errors; language is appropriate and easy to follow.	Somewhat clear; moderate grammatical errors or awkward phrasing.	Difficult to follow; many errors that affect readability.	Poorly written; frequent errors and unclear language severely impact comprehension.
<b>Use of Evidence</b>	Strong use of facts, data, and examples; sources are highly relevant and well-integrated.	Good use of evidence; most examples are relevant, though integration could be stronger.	Some evidence is used but lacks variety, depth, or relevance.	Limited use of evidence; examples may be irrelevant or poorly explained.	No evidence or examples provided; completely unsupported arguments.

Criteria	Excellent (5)	Good (4)	Satisfactory (3)	Needs Improvement (2)	Poor (1)
<b>Conclusion</b>	Powerful and memorable; effectively summarizes key points and provides actionable insights or a lasting impression.	Strong conclusion with minor gaps in summarization or impact.	Basic conclusion that summarizes ideas but lacks depth or impact.	Weak conclusion that fails to tie together ideas or leave an impression.	No conclusion or completely ineffective; abrupt or incomplete ending.

## 2. Implementation of Scoring

- a. **Weightage:** Assign points based on your assessment matrix (e.g., Content Quality: 30%, Structure: 20%, etc.).
- b. **Total Points:** Multiply rubric scores (1-5) by corresponding weightage for each criterion.
- c. **Example:** If an essay scores:
  - i. Content Quality: 4/5 → 24/30
  - ii. Structure: 3/5 → 12/20
  - iii. Originality: 5/5 → 15/15
  - iv. Clarity: 4/5 → 12/15
  - v. Evidence: 3/5 → 6/10
  - vi. Conclusion: 5/5 → 10/10
  - vii. **Total: 79/100**

## **E. Annexure C - Eligibility Criteria For Evaluators**

1. The following outlines the eligibility criteria for evaluators assessing essays in Stage 2 of the *Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, 2026*.
2. Evaluators should meet one or more of the criteria mentioned below.
3. However, the state government may take appropriate decisions in this regard. The suggestions made are indicative.
4. Educational Qualifications
  - a. A Master's degree or higher in any of the following domains:
    - i. Inclusive Growth through Heritage, Youth, and Social Empowerment
    - ii. Innovation and Sustainability for a Future-Ready India
    - iii. Entrepreneurship and Smart Infrastructure for Economic Growth
    - iv. Progressive Policies and Partnerships for Nation-Building
    - v. Sustainability, Wellness, and Equality for Holistic Development

### **5. Educational Qualifications**

- a. Academicians: Applicable to *Knowledge for Nation-Building*
- b. Policy Experts: Applicable to *Policy Innovation for Inclusive Growth*.
- c. Industry Experts: Applicable to *Driving Development through Innovation and Enterprise*.
- d. Development Professionals: Applicable to *Empowering Communities for Sustainable Progress*.
- e. Domain Specialists: Expertise for Excellence and Innovation

### **6. Experience Requirements**

- a. 5–10 years of relevant professional experience in one or more of the following areas:
  - i. Innovating for a Smarter, Sustainable solutions for India
  - ii. Empowering People through Action and Impact
  - iii. Shaping Policies for a Developed Nation
  - iv. Preserving Heritage, Progressing Together
  - v. Leading Growth through Enterprise and Execution

## **7. Contributions to Relevant Domains**

- a.** Individuals who have made measurable contributions through:
- b.** Publications, patents, or innovations in relevant fields.
- c.** Impactful projects, programs, or policies aligning with the track themes.
- d.** Advocacy, capacity building, or grassroots initiatives.

## **8. Desirable Qualifications**

- a.** Recognition or awards in relevant fields for exceptional contributions. Applicable for all themes
- b.** Participation in national or international programs related to development, innovation, or public welfare. Applicable for all themes.
- c.** Experience in Mentorship for Empowerment and Holistic Growth.



## F. Annexure D - Sample Score sheet

<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Last Name</b>	
<b>Mobile Number</b>	
<b>Email ID</b>	
<b>Track</b>	

Score Sheet For Essay Rounds			
Particulars	Score Secured by Participant	Maximum Marks	Remarks
Content Quality		30	
Structure & Organization		20	
Originality & Creativity		15	
Clarity & Language		15	
Use of Evidence		10	
Conclusion		10	
Total Score		100	

**Name of Evaluator:**

**Signature of Evaluator:**