



NSS Unit Cell

My Bharat Budget Quest 2026

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Introduction:

My Bharat Budget Quest 2026 is a nationwide initiative organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through 'Mera Yuva Bharat' to enhance youth participation in policymaking and governance. The programme aims to connect young citizens with the Union Budget and national development priorities and is inspired by the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2026.

The initiative witnessed massive participation from youth across the country through a structured multi-level selection process. In the first stage, over 12 lakh participants took part through registrations and initial engagement activities on the My Bharat platform, reflecting widespread interest and awareness among young citizens.

In the second stage, around 2 lakh participants were shortlisted based on their understanding of governance, policy awareness, and active participation. This phase helped identify individuals with a stronger grasp of civic and administrative processes.

Further, nearly 25,000 participants qualified for zonal-level discussions conducted across different regions of the country. These discussions allowed for deeper engagement on key national issues and policy perspectives.

Finally, over 7,000 participants were selected for the final round held across 17 zones in India, making it one of the largest youth engagement platforms in policymaking. This multi-stage process ensured representation from diverse academic and regional backgrounds, providing a strong platform for youth to contribute meaningfully to democratic dialogue and national development.

Activities Conducted:

- Nari Shakti Youth Parliament (Parliamentary-style discussion)
- Panel discussions on national development themes
- Policy-based debates and deliberations
- Resolution drafting and adoption
- Youth engagement in governance and policymaking

Key Discussion Topics:

The discussions were structured around major national priorities, including:

- Human Capital Development
- Agriculture and Rural Economy
- Future Economy
- Women-led Development
- Sustainable Growth

Event Description (12th and 13th April 2026):

The Nari Shakti Youth Parliament was conducted simultaneously across 17 major cities including Bengaluru, Delhi, Mumbai, and Hyderabad, showcasing nationwide participation and inclusivity. The event commenced with a tribute (Malarpan) to Swami Vivekananda, symbolising inspiration from his vision of youth empowerment. This was followed by the collective singing of “Vande Mataram,” promoting unity and national pride.

Participants engaged in structured parliamentary discussions, presenting their ideas and viewpoints on various policy matters. A major outcome of the event was the adoption of a formal resolution proposing the expansion of Lok Sabha seats and increased representation for women in governance. Distinguished dignitaries, including governors, chief ministers, and policymakers, addressed the participants and emphasised the importance of youth and women in nation-building.

Narendra Modi conveyed a message appreciating the initiative, highlighting that such platforms unlock the creative potential of youth and strengthen participatory governance. Mansukh Mandaviya emphasised the importance of “Nation First” and “Kartavya,” encouraging youth to actively contribute to democracy and national development.

Conclusion:

The My Bharat Budget Quest 2026 and Nari Shakti Youth Parliament provided a powerful platform for youth engagement in governance and democratic processes. The initiative successfully encouraged young citizens, especially women, to actively participate in policymaking and national development.

By fostering informed discussions, leadership skills, and civic responsibility, the programme contributed to the vision of a developed India. It highlighted the importance of youth-driven innovation and participation in achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat @ 2047. NSS Programme Officer Mr. Hanamant Yaragudri, Registrar Mr.H.N. Suryaprakash, and Principal Dr. Manjunatha appreciated and congratulated NSS volunteer Vivek Y for his active participation.

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