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MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
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National Youth Festival

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Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which the Ministry ensures inclusivity in the National Youth Festival, particularly for youth from marginalized communities, remote areas and those with disabilities;
- (b) whether the Ministry implemented a hybrid model for the National Youth Festival 2025, allowing virtual participation and ensuring wider engagement; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) National Youth Festival (NYF) is one of the major programmes of National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD) Scheme. This year, NYF had been restructured and called Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD). VBYLD-2025 was an effort to broaden the NYF platform and engage with youth more intensively. It was an effort to align with the Prime Minister's Independence Day vision of engaging 1 lakh youth in public affairs, providing them with a national platform to create a meaningful sphere of national development and leadership for a developed India. In the dialogue, youth were encouraged to write about various aspects of Viksit Bharat. The dialogue encouraged them to dream big and work towards the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

VBYLD-2025 brought together 30 lakh motivated youth nationwide; a total of around 2500 dynamic youth have been selected to participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025, through a merit-based, multi-stage process, representing India's most vibrant demographic of youth aged 15-29. The presentations emerging out of the dialogue were made

before Hon'ble Prime Minister himself. The VBYLD-2025 emerged as a landmark event, fostering the next generation of leaders, innovators and thinkers who will drive India's growth.

A total of around 2500 youth including selected participants of Viksit Bharat Track and Traditional Track, young innovators, volunteers, etc. became part of VBYLD 2025. Additionally, over 6 Crore youth and others witnessed the event through various social media platforms.

(b) Yes, the National Youth Festival, 2025 was conducted in hybrid mode.

(c) Viksit Bharat Challenge, a four-stage competition was conducted for the participation of Youth in the National Youth Festival. First two stages of the Viksit Bharat Challenge i.e. Stage 1: Viksit Bharat Quiz which was held from 25th November to 10th December 2024 and Stage 2: Viksit Bharat Essay Challenge held from 10th December to 17th December 2024 were conducted through the MyGov Portal (virtual mode). Later two stages of the Viksit Bharat Challenge i.e. Stage 3: Viksit Bharat PPT Challenge, State level held from 22nd December to 30th December 2024 and Stage 4: Viksit Bharat Championship at National Youth Festival held from 10th January to 12th January 2025 were conducted in physical mode. In addition to this, physical participations were also facilitated from various States/UTs selected through State Youth Festivals. Youth from different States and Union Territories participated in various traditional track events as well as Viksit Bharat Challenge. More than 3 Crore youth and others engaged themselves through various social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram during Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue.
