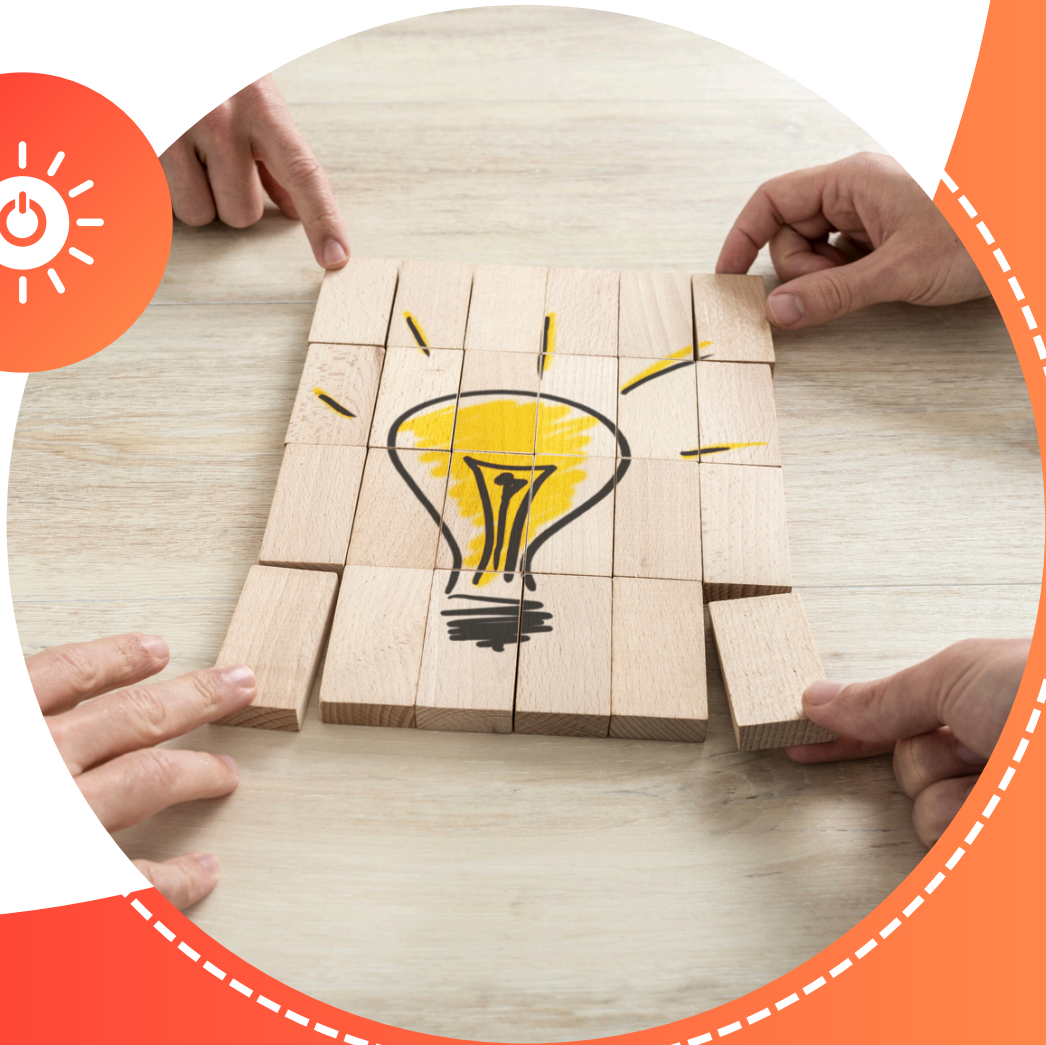




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INTRODUCTION

India, with its vast educational infrastructure and ecosystem, stands as one of the world's largest hubs for learning. Despite more than a 10 Lac government schools, 3000 Colleges and 500 Universities, the country often finds itself lagging on the innovation index. One key factor contributing to this gap is the challenge faced by thousands of government institutions in igniting a spirit of innovation among students. The traditional education system tends to prioritize rote learning over critical thinking, hindering the development of innovative skills.

To address this issue, a transformative approach involves promoting internships at the school and college levels within government institutions. By providing hands-on experience and exposure to real-world challenges, internships can cultivate a culture of innovation among students. This shift towards practical learning not only enhances their problem-solving abilities but also bridges the gap between theoretical knowledge and its practical applications.



Through a concerted effort to integrate internships into the education system, India has the potential to metamorphose into a 'Viksit Bharat' or a developed nation. Empowering students with practical skills early in their academic journey can pave the way for a more innovative and dynamic workforce, positioning India as a global leader in various fields.

Utsav Foundation, is a non-profit organization dedicated to uplifting the underprivileged youth through education and skill development for a dignified living and livelihood. For last 8 years, Utsav Foundation has been actively engaged in philanthropic work, focusing on providing education and vocational training to underprivileged youths in Haryana. Our organization envisions a society where every individual, regardless of their socio-economic background, has access to quality education and the skills necessary for sustainable livelihoods. In our relentless pursuit of this vision, we have successfully implemented various projects that have positively impacted the lives of numerous underprivileged youths. Our commitment to social enablement and empowerment aligns with the state's developmental goals

To take this effort to a next level and engage across the nation, Utsav Foundation has developed Viksit Bharat Innovation Program. The details of the program/scheme are given below:

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Empowering students, youths and communities in Government Schools, ITI, Colleges to ideate, innovate, learn and apply skills that shapes our nations journey towards becoming Viksit Bharat





OBJECTIVE

To create an Innovation Fund for VISION that seeks to support and promote innovative, technology-enabled projects by students. This initiative aims to foster creativity, enhance technical skills, and contribute to positive societal impact besides driving technological advancements, and empowering the next generation.

Key Objectives

1. Promoting Innovation: Encourage students to develop and implement innovative projects that address societal challenges through technology.
2. Skill Enhancement: Provide a platform for students to enhance their technical and entrepreneurial skills, preparing them for future endeavors.
3. Community Impact: Support projects with the potential to create a positive impact on local communities, aligning with the social responsibility goals of our organization.
4. Network and collaboration: Provide opportunity to work in teams and learn through teams for solving problems and making decisions.
5. Industry and Expert Mentorship: Connect students with mentors who can guide them on their projects and help learn through industry experts.

Categories for Grant Sanction



Technology Solutions

Grants will support projects developing innovative tools, apps, or platforms aimed at improving the quality of education, especially in government schools and underserved communities.



Healthtech Innovations

Funding will be allocated to projects focusing on technological solutions for healthcare challenges, with an emphasis on accessibility, affordability, and community impact.



Environmental Sustainability

Grants will support projects addressing environmental issues through technology, such as solutions for waste management, renewable energy, or climate monitoring. Projects that are innovative and support progress through Science and Engineering besides spiritual sciences can also be considered.



Agricultural Advancements

Funding will be directed towards projects leveraging ideas or technology to enhance agricultural practices, improve yields, and uplift rural communities.



Community Empowerment

Grants will support initiatives that bridge the digital divide, providing technology access and education to underserved communities.

**All project submissions in the above categories must have clearly specified the skills involved and expected learning outcomes.*



Application Evaluation & Selection Process

● **Project Proposal Submission:**

Students affiliated with Technology Enabled Viksit Bharat can submit detailed project proposals outlining objectives, project category, methodology, budget, timelines, team details and expected outcomes. The proposal must be submitted through the Head of the institution (Principal/Headmaster/Registrar/Vice Chancellor)

● **Initial Screening:**

Applications will undergo an initial screening to ensure they meet eligibility criteria and align with the fund's objectives.

● **Expert Committee Review:**

A dedicated committee comprising industry experts, academics, and community representatives will evaluate proposals based on innovation, feasibility, and potential impact.

● **Pitch Presentation:**

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to present their projects to the committee, providing additional insights and addressing any queries.

● **Final Selection:**

The expert committee, will make the final recommendation to Utsav Foundation and selection of grant recipients shall be made based on the evaluation of final results and availability of funds.

Grant Disbursement

Based on the recommendation of the committee and the merit of the project proposed, a maximum grant up to 2 lac can be sanctioned.

Grants will be disbursed in 3 installments, tied to project milestones. The first instalment shall be 50% of the total approved grant and shall be released at the time of the project approval by Utsav foundation and terms accepted by the receiving institution. The second installment, 30%, shall be released on the completion of the project. The completion be intimated to Utsav along with request to release the second installment. The third and final installment, 20%, shall be released on submission of project report, presentation, and video. A complete grant Utilization Certificate shall be provided to Utsav Foundation, before release of the final milestone grant duly signed by project team, faculty chairperson and attested by the Head of the institution.

The project proposal must specify the milestones for receiving grants. Regular progress assessments will be conducted to ensure accountability and success.

All Grants shall be released to the institution or to the account verified by head of institution for receiving grants, while submitting the project proposal.

The proposals must be addressed to President, Utsav Foundation.

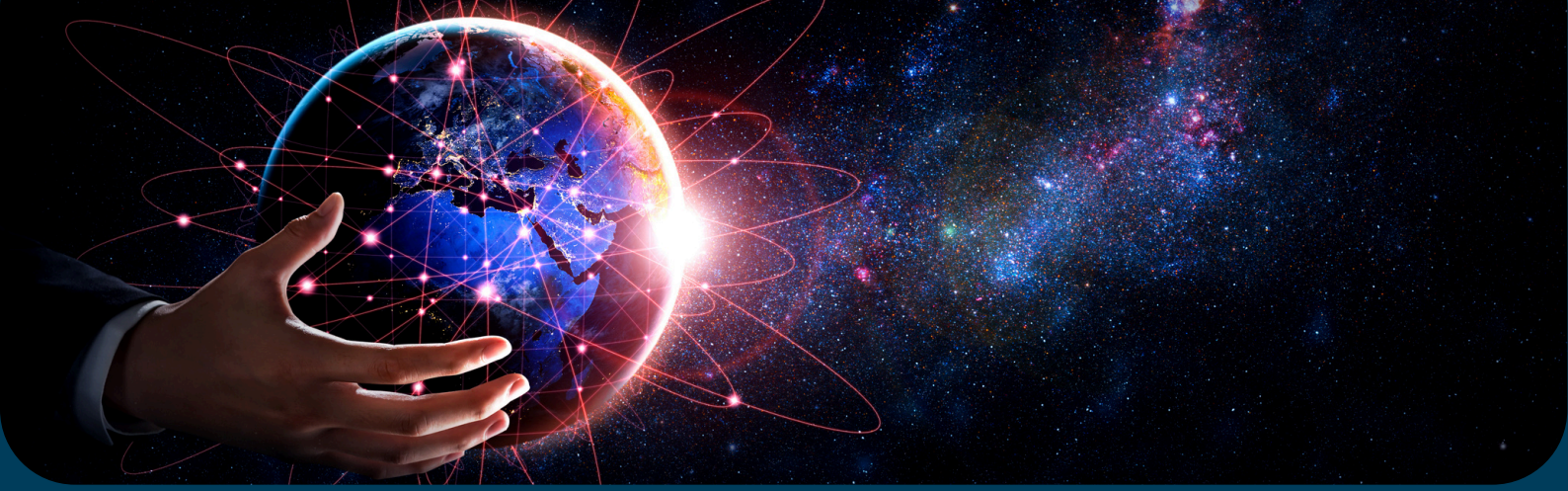
Mentorship & Support

Utsav foundation encourages to engage industry experts as Mentors and will also try to facilitate mentorship and guidance throughout the project implementation to maximize their chances of success.

Showcasing Success

Successful projects will be showcased through various channels to highlight the impact of the Innovation Fund, encouraging further participation and collaboration. The project teams will submit the final project report, presentation and a short video not more than 3 minutes on completion of the project.

This comprehensive scheme aims to empower students, promote innovation, and contribute to the development of solutions that address real-world challenges, aligning with the broader goals of corporate social responsibility.



FUND STRUCTURE

The proposed fund will be managed by the Utsav Foundation, ensuring transparency and accountability. Students under this scheme can submit project proposals, and a dedicated committee will review and select projects based on their innovation, feasibility, and potential impact.

The funds for this initiative shall be sponsored by Corporates, Institutions, Individuals who show a deep desire to help facilitate students, individuals and communities preferably in government institutions, who in absence of financial resources are not able to promote skill development through internship projects.

BENEFITS

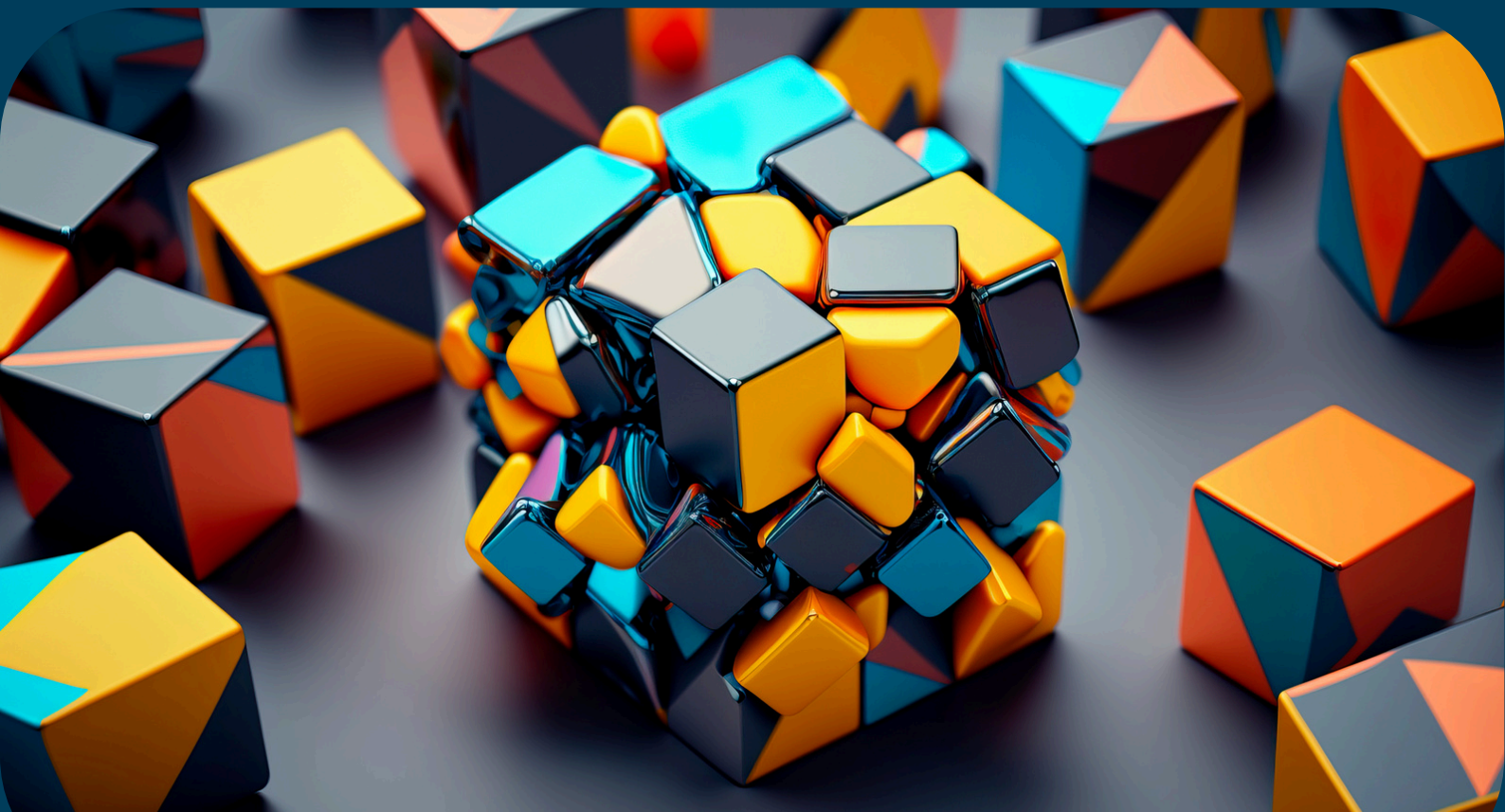
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AUDITS

Utsav foundation will get the entire program audited by an external agency annually and present a report to all the stake holders.

CONCLUSION

Utsav foundation will create awareness amongst institutions, students, teachers and orient them towards their role in the VISION. Agenda Aligning perspectives and actions of the youth with the national development goals by educating them on national priorities and encourage dialogue on goals that can contribute to the larger vision. Gather Ideas from Youth for a Developed India. Engaging with the youth in the ideation process by soliciting their ideas and perspectives to harness their creativity and innovation for national development projects. Identify the Youth's focused Sectors Identifying which sectors (technology, education, healthcare, environment sustainability etc.) the youth are most interested in to channelize the policies in their most preferred areas. Seek Commitment from Youth, Teachers, and Institutions towards Nation Building. Seeking the commitment and participation from youth, teachers, and institutions in national develop. Utsav Foundation will reach out to local government officials, Secretaries to take this mission forward.



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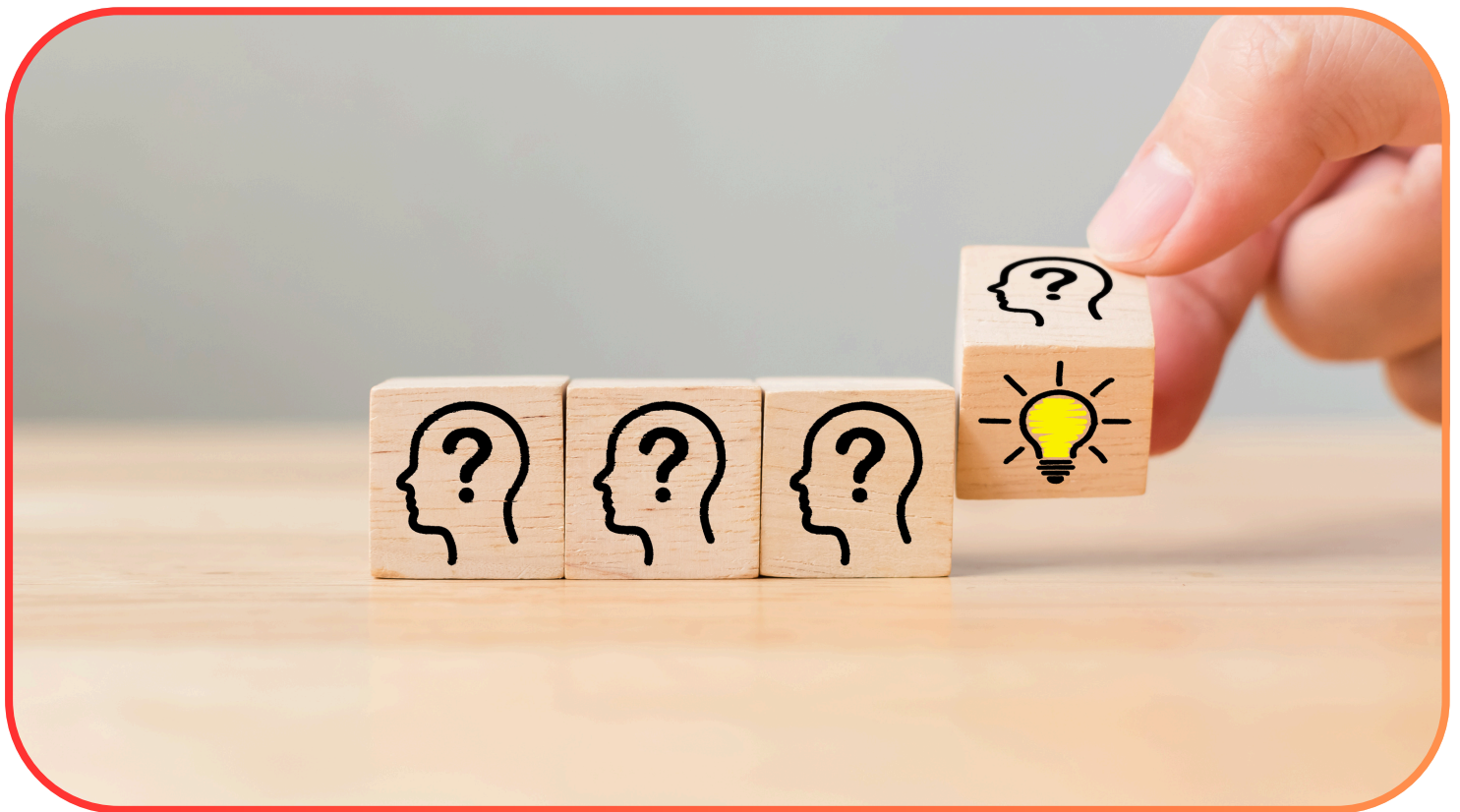
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