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**Yenepoya (Deemed to be University)**

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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**ICONYOUTH 2025**

*Envisioning India's Future: Youth as Changemakers*

**May 15th - May 16th, 2025**

**Yendurance Zone  
Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), Mangalore,  
Karnataka**

## About the Conference

This conference aims to empower youth to actively contribute to nation-building by driving innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and social development. Through engaging discussions and expert insights, we will explore strategies to harness the potential of young minds for a progressive and inclusive India

## SUB-THEMES

### **1 Youth Entrepreneurship: Opportunities for Indian Startups**

- ☐ Startup ecosystem in India: Opportunities & Challenges
- ☐ Government policies & funding for young entrepreneurs
- ☐ Role of technology and innovation in youth-led startups
- ☐ Case studies of successful youth-led ventures

### **2 Women at the Heart of Development: Enhancing Social and Economic Indicators**

- ☐ Women entrepreneurs and their impact on the economy
- ☐ Education and skill development for young women
- ☐ Breaking barriers: Gender equality in leadership roles
- ☐ Government schemes & initiatives for women empowerment

### **3 Opportunities for Youth in Space Research and Innovation**

- ☐ ISRO, NASA, and private sector opportunities for students
- ☐ Role of AI, robotics, and coding in space exploration
- ☐ Space entrepreneurship: The rise of space-tech startups

### **4 Empowering Youth for a Sustainable Future**

- ☐ Climate action and youth-led sustainability initiatives
- ☐ Green startups and innovation in environmental conservation
- ☐ Role of youth in promoting sustainable consumption

### **5 Empowering Youth for Viksit Bharat: Innovation, Leadership, and Nation-Building**

- ☐ Youth in governance and policy-making
- ☐ Leadership development for a self-reliant India
- ☐ Skill development and employment opportunities
- ☐ Role of young changemakers in rural and urban development

## **6 Youth in the Digital Age: Driving Technology & Innovation**

- ☐ AI, blockchain, and emerging tech: Career opportunities for youth
- ☐ Cybersecurity, data ethics, and responsible digital citizenship
- ☐ Digital governance and civic engagement
- ☐ The future of work: Preparing youth for digital transformation

### **PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Topic:** Harnessing Youth Power for India's Future: Innovation, Leadership, and Transformation

**Panelists:** 4-6 experts from various fields (startups, space, sustainability, digital tech, women's leadership).

**Duration:** 90 minutes

### **PROGRAMME SCHEDULE:**

<b>Time</b>	<b>AGENDA</b>
<b>Day 1 (Arrival)</b>	
09.00AM --12.00 PM	Arrival of delegates and check in
01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Lunch at respective places of stay
04:00 PM – 06:00 PM	Ice Breaking Session for all the delegates
08:00 PM – 09:00 PM	Group Dinner
<b>Day 2(Event day 1)</b>	
9.00 AM-10.00AM	"Innovative Horizons: Ideathon for Transformative Startups POSTER PRESENTATIONS
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM	Inaugural Session
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	"Youth Entrepreneurship: Opportunities for Indian Startups"
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	"Women at the Heart of Development: Enhancing Social and Economic Indicators"
01.00PM - 02.00PM	Lunch Break
02:00 PM – 03:00 PM	"Empowering Youth for a Sustainable Future"
03:15 PM - 05:15 PM	Panel Discussion 1
05:30 PM - 06:30 PM	Tour of campus
06:30 PM- 08.00PM	Cultural Performance followed by the dinner
<b>Day 3(Event day 2)</b>	
10:00 AM- 11:00 AM	"Opportunities for Youth in Space Research and Innovation"
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	"Empowering Youth for Viksit Bharat: Innovation, Leadership, and Nation-Building"
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	Youth in the Digital Age: Driving Innovation, Leadership, and Transformation"
01.00PM - 02.00PM	LUNCH
02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Youth as Catalysts: Driving Community Development

	Forward"
03:00 PM – 05.00 PM	Panel Discussion 2
05:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Cultural Program, followed by gala dinner
<b>Day 4</b>	
7:00 AM- 04:00 PM	Local Excursion
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break
04.00 PM onwards Departure of delegates	

## **Meet the Experts: Our Resource Persons and Panelists"**

## **POSTER PRESENTATION-GUIDELINES**

### **"Innovative Horizons: Ideathon for Transformative Startups"**

#### **Call for Poster Presentations: Innovation, Startups, and Social Impact**

We are pleased to invite young innovators, startups, and youth-led initiatives to participate in the Poster Presentation competition under the themes of Innovation, Startups, and Social Impact. This is a great opportunity for you to showcase your creative ideas, entrepreneurial ventures, and impactful projects to a wider audience.

#### **Categories for Poster Presentations:**

1. **Innovation in Technology**  
Explore how technology can be harnessed to create innovative solutions across industries.
2. **Startup Ecosystem and Entrepreneurship**  
Highlight the role of startups in driving economic growth, creating jobs, and addressing challenges in the business landscape.
3. **Social Impact and Community Development**  
Showcase projects aimed at creating positive change within local or global communities, with a focus on social good.
4. **Public Health and Wellness**  
Present innovative solutions to challenges in public health, wellness, and healthcare.
5. **Environmental Sustainability**  
Display solutions or projects designed to promote sustainable practices, conserve natural resources, or combat climate change.

#### **Eligibility:**

- The competition is open to young innovators, startups, and youth-led initiatives (ages 15–30).
- Participants can submit posters that represent their work, idea, or innovation under any of the specified categories.
- Teams and individual submissions are welcome.
- Participants should ensure their work aligns with one of the given categories for presentation.

#### **Poster Presentation Guidelines:**

1. **Poster Content:**
  - The poster should effectively communicate the key ideas, innovation, or impact of your project.
  - It should be visually engaging, using clear graphics, charts, and concise text.
  - The poster should include:
    - A title that reflects the essence of your project.
    - An introduction to the problem or challenge.
    - A brief explanation of your solution, technology, or innovation.
    - Results, impact, or outcomes.

- A conclusion or call to action.
  - 2. **Poster Dimensions:**
    - The maximum poster size should be.....).
    - Posters should be printed and displayed on boards provided by the organizers.
  - 3. **Presentation Format:**
    - Each presenter will be allotted a time slot to stand by their poster and explain it to the judges and audience.
    - Presenters should be ready to discuss their projects, answer questions, and provide further details on their work during the presentation.
  - 4. **Submission Process:**
    - Interested participants must register online and submit a brief abstract (maximum 300 words) of their poster.
    - The abstract should describe the content of the poster, your approach, and any relevant impact.
    - Once accepted, you will receive further instructions on how to print and set up your poster at the venue.
  - 5. **Evaluation Criteria:**
    - **Innovation & Creativity:** Originality of the idea or approach.
    - **Impact:** Potential or proven social, environmental, or economic impact.
    - **Clarity:** Effectiveness of the visual and written communication.
    - **Relevance:** Alignment with the theme/category of the competition.
  - 6. **Awards and Recognition:**
    - Top posters will receive recognition and prizes.
    - Selected posters may also be featured in, social media platforms, and exhibitions, providing wider visibility to your work.
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#### **How to Submit:**

- Submit an abstract (300 words maximum) to [iconyouthposter@yenepoya.edu.in](mailto:iconyouthposter@yenepoya.edu.in)
- Once accepted, you will receive confirmation and further instructions for submitting your physical poster.

**Deadline for Submission:** The final date for submitting your abstract April 30<sup>th</sup> 2025

**JOIN US AS WE SHAPE THE FUTURE TOGETHER!**

**For More Information & Registration:**

**Register for free with Google link: <https://forms.gle/e8fcjDwPmeHkHB6x7>**

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