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GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 06.07.2026
NCIE – Viksit Bharat 2047 Innovation Leadership Programmes

Academic Year: 2026–2027

These Guidelines are issued for the implementation of the **NCIE – Viksit Bharat 2047 Innovation Leadership Programmes** in Higher Educational Institutions across India.

The Guidelines shall be applicable to the following institutions and academic streams:

- Engineering Colleges (B.E. / B.Tech.)
- Pharmacy Colleges (B.Pharm., Pharm.D., M.Pharm.)
- Polytechnic / Diploma Institutions
- Degree Colleges
- All Undergraduate (UG) Programmes
- All Postgraduate (PG) Programmes
- Universities, Autonomous Colleges, and Affiliated Institutions

The objective of these Guidelines is to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, research, start-up culture, industry collaboration, skill development, incubation, intellectual property awareness, leadership, and nation-building initiatives in alignment with the vision of **Viksit Bharat 2047**.

These Guidelines shall be implemented by the National Council for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (**NCIE**) through its approved State, District, Institutional, and Nodal Implementing Agencies in collaboration with educational institutions, government departments, industry partners, incubation centres, and other stakeholders.

NCIE – Viksit Bharat 2047 Innovation Leadership Programme

Programme Guidelines (Academic Year 2026–27)

The **National Council for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (NCIE)** introduces the **Viksit Bharat 2047 Innovation Leadership Programme**, a **60-Day National Level Certification Programme** designed to promote **Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Leadership, Design Thinking, Startup Culture, Problem Solving, and Industry Readiness** among students.

Programme Details

- **Programme Name:** NCIE – Viksit Bharat 2047 Innovation Leadership Programme
- **Duration:** 60 Days
- **Mode of Delivery:** Hybrid (Online + Offline)
- **Eligibility:** Students of Engineering, Pharmacy, Polytechnic (Diploma), Degree Colleges, and all Undergraduate (UG) & Postgraduate (PG) programmes.
- **Programme Fee:** ₹700/- per student
- **Certification:** National Level Certificate issued by the National Council for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (NCIE), subject to successful completion of the programme requirements.

Programme Components

The programme includes:

- Live Expert Sessions
- Hybrid Learning Classes
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship Workshops
- Design Thinking and Problem-Solving Activities
- Startup Awareness Sessions
- Project-Based Learning
- Team Innovation Projects
- Mentor Guidance
- Assessments and Assignments
- Final Project Presentation
- National Level Certification

Objectives

The programme aims to:

- Foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among students.

- Encourage creative thinking and problem-solving skills.
- Develop leadership and entrepreneurial competencies.
- Support students in converting innovative ideas into practical solutions and startup opportunities.
- Promote self-employment, innovation-driven enterprises, and nation-building in alignment with the vision of **Viksit Bharat 2047**.

Students who successfully complete the course, submit the required assignments and project work, and satisfy the evaluation criteria shall be eligible to receive the **National Level Certification** issued by the **National Council for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (NCIE)**.

Post-Programme Opportunity

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Startup Validation Program

Upon successful completion of the **NCIE – Viksit Bharat 2047 Innovation Leadership Programme**, eligible students may participate in the **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Startup Validation Program**, a National-Level Startup Validation Initiative conducted by the **National Council for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (NCIE)**.

The programme is designed to identify, validate, mentor, and support innovative student startup ideas developed within their respective colleges, universities, and institutions.

Programme Objectives

- Validate innovative startup ideas.
- Provide expert mentoring and incubation support.
- Assess business feasibility and market potential.
- Prepare startups for incubation, investment, grants, and commercialization.
- Promote student-led innovation and entrepreneurship.

Eligibility

- Students who have successfully completed the **60-Day NCIE – Viksit Bharat 2047 Innovation Leadership Programme**.
- Individual innovators or student startup teams.
- Startup ideas developed within the participating institution.

Startup Grant Support

Startups that successfully complete the validation process and satisfy the prescribed evaluation criteria **may be recommended or considered** for **Student Startup Grant/Seed Funding support of up to ₹5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakh)** through eligible government schemes, CSR initiatives, incubators, innovation partners, investors,

or other approved funding mechanisms, subject to the availability of funds and the respective funding agency's policies.

The proposed funding is intended to support early-stage startup development. Unless otherwise specified by the funding provider, such grant support is generally intended to be **non-equity** in nature and does not require the startup founders to transfer ownership or shares to NCIE.

Implementation

- The Startup Validation Program shall be conducted **only through participating Colleges, Universities, and Higher Educational Institutions**.
- Startup idea screening, mentoring, and evaluation shall be coordinated by the Institutional Innovation Cell/NCIE Nodal Coordinator.
- Final validation shall be carried out by an Expert Evaluation Committee constituted by NCIE.

Institutional Participation

To conduct the **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Startup Validation Program**, participating institutions are expected to have substantial student participation in the **NCIE – Viksit Bharat 2047 Innovation Leadership Programme**. Institutions are encouraged to enroll **at least 70% of eligible students** to create a strong innovation ecosystem and maximize the impact of the programme.

Registration Notice

All students are required to register for the **NCIE – Viksit Bharat 2047 Innovation Leadership Programme** only through the **official registration channels** notified by the **National Council for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (NCIE)** or through their respective participating Colleges/Universities.

Students are advised **not to register through any unauthorized individuals, third-party websites, or unofficial platforms**. NCIE shall not be responsible for any registrations or payments made through unauthorized sources.

For authentic information, programme updates, and registration details, students should visit the **official NCIE communication channels** or contact their Institutional NCIE Coordinator.