

Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue

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The Prime Minister of India announced the 'Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue' (VBYLD) to be held in January in Delhi, coinciding with <u>Swami Vivekananda's 162nd birth anniversary</u>, and highlighted the <u>National Cadet Corps (NCC)</u> role in <u>youth development</u>.

- **VBYLD:** It aims to engage young minds from across India with no political background in politics, marking a significant initiative for youth empowerment.
 - The event will host 2,000 selected youth, with the PM engaging them alongside national and international experts to present innovative ideas for the nation's progress, helping to create a roadmap for India's future.
- NCC: The NCC was established in 1948 (on the recommendation of H. N. Kunzru
 Committee-1946), under the NCC Act of 1948, with the aim to develop character, comradeship,
 leadership, and service ideals in the youth.
 - It also seeks to stimulate interest in national defence and build a reserve for the Armed Forces in emergencies.
 - The NCC was preceded by the University Corps (1917), later evolving into the University Training Corps (UTC) in 1920, and the University Officers Training Corps (UOTC) in 1942.
 - NCC is headed by a Director General, an Army Officer of the rank of Lieutenant General, who oversees its operations from the NCC Headquarters in Delhi.

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