

Invitation for submission on - compendium on the "75 Commendable Start-ups on Grassroot innovations"

We are excited to announce the upcoming **National Legislators Conference, Bharat** (<https://www.nlcbharat.org/>) an avenue for Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) and Members of Legislative Councils (MLCs) across the nation to gather for the first time ever at one place and exchange ideas. As we celebrate the आज़ादी का अमृत महोत्सव, during the NLC, Bharat conference we intend to release a compendium on the "**75 Commendable Start-ups on Grassroot Innovations**" and we would like you to encourage the start-ups at your Innovation Hub to submit their entry.

The compendium aims to highlight the commendable social innovations from around the country, thereby providing a platform to showcase your work, inspire others to create positive change and connect with the legislators across the country. Your participation would not only help us to achieve this goal but also offer you a chance for;

- A pan-India exposure and visibility amongst the Members of Legislative Assembly (MLA) and the Members of Legislative Council (MLC) across the nation.
- Networking opportunities for valuable partnerships and collaborations, in uncharted territories.
- Feedback and validation to gain credibility in the field.
- A source of inspiration and motivation, by being a part of a community of like-minded individuals.

We welcome entries from start-ups and social innovators of all backgrounds, working on a wide range of issues, from poverty alleviation to environmental sustainability, and beyond.

Please refer to the attached a letter of invitation for submission, format template of submission and a NLC, Bharat concept note. The deadline for submissions is **April 28th, 2023**. Please ensure to follow the template as a guideline for your submission, to ease the shortlisting of the start-ups by the scrutiny panel. For more information on how to submit your entry please call +91 77740 23699 and +91 75074 10908. Kindly send the mails on program.sopp@mitwpu.edu.in.

NATIONAL LEGISLATORS' CONFERENCE BHARAT (INDIA)

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Concept Note

15th, 16th & 17th June 2023

Jio World Convention Centre Mumbai, Maharashtra

The first and the largest platform for legislators of
Vidhan Sabhas and Vidhan Parishads of Bharat for

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National Legislators' Conference Bharat

National Legislators' Conference Bharat (NLC Bharat) is an avenue for Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) and Members of Legislative Councils (MLCs) across the nation to gather for the first time ever at one place and exchange ideas. NLC Bharat is taking place in Mumbai from 15th to 17th June 2023. MLAs and MLCs from across the political parties and from all the States and UTs would get a unique opportunity to interact with each other. The conference will be conducted with the objectives of cross-learning and enhancement of legislative effectiveness at its core. The legislators would have experiential learnings and thematic discussions through a mix of thoughtfully curated large-format plenary sessions, brainstorming parallel sessions amongst the legislators, a showcase of States' and UTs' pavilions and commendable practices, and extensive informal interactions amongst the legislators, party leaders and Business-Industry leaders. Sessions on strengthening democracy with participation of acclaimed national and global leaders would also take place during the conference. The conference would provide a platform to the MLAs and MLCs to creatively showcase the cultural flavour of their region. NLC Bharat would be a true celebration and reflection of democracy and its strength- its elected representatives!

VISION

NLC Bharat envisions a non-partisan ecosystem to promote education, training, skill development, and capacity enhancement, interstate and international cooperation of legislators and legislative staff to advance effectiveness and independence of legislative bodies by fostering democratic values and practices of good governance.

MISSION

The National Legislators' Conference in Bharat (India) aims to:

- Enhance the skills and capacities of legislative leaders, legislators, and legislative staff in the States and Union Territories of Bharat, to enhance their effectiveness, independence, and integrity in law-making and policy formulation.
- Improve the interconnectedness between State Legislatures and civil society, promoting cooperation, transparency, and participation.
- Support the research and evaluation of laws and policies being discussed and formulated by State Legislatures.
- Foster education and training through interstate cooperation by exchanging information, experiences, knowledge, and visits amongst the state legislative leaders, legislators, and legislative staff through the legislative bodies.
- Advance the cause of world peace by encouraging international cooperation with the state legislatures in democratic countries through the exchange of information, experiences, knowledge and visits amongst the state legislative leaders, legislators, and legislative staff of states in Bharat and states in other democratic countries.
- Create an institutional framework for sustained activities to empower the State legislatures, improve the connection between State Legislatures and civil society, conduct research and evaluation, and foster interstate and international cooperation amongst State Legislatures.



✓ Objectives of NLC Bharat, 2023

The main objectives of the mega conclave of NLC Bharat on 15th to 17th June 2023 at Mumbai, Maharashtra are as follows:

- To bring the members of all State and UT legislatures on a single platform for experiential cross-learning and exchanging ideas.
- To accelerate the capacity enhancement and skill-building initiatives for legislators
- To showcase innovative ideas and commendable practices in legislative business, constituency development, and governance.
- To create an educational database, research reports, and case studies on the legislators and legislatures' commendable practices.
- To develop and facilitate national and international study visits and cultural exchanges amongst the members of the State Legislatures.

✓ Expected Outcomes

The NLC Bharat conclave on 15th to 17th June 2023 at Mumbai is expected to deliver on the following:

- Projection of Bharat as a pillar of democracy in the world and increased interaction between legislators in Bharat and legislators from other democratic countries.
- Replication and scaling up of commendable practices, commendable innovation, and commendable technologies by the legislators in their areas.
- Substantial channels of exchanges and interaction between civil society and legislators, and legislative bodies.
- Creation of a permanent non-partisan institution of legislators at the national level for cross-learning.
- Developing a common agenda for Bharat@2047 cutting across parties and States/UTs.

A Grand Celebration of Democracy, for the world, from the leaders of Bharat

Congregation of all MLAs & MLCs of Bharat for co-creation





FOUNDATION OF NLC: A LEGACY OF LAST TWO DECADES

NLC Bharat is the first non-partisan organization of State Legislators. As a high-level forum, NLC Bharat aspires to train, exchange ideas, build connections and capacity, and elevate the voices of the legislators of all the States and Union Territories.

Shri. Rahul V. Karad is an initiator of the idea of NLC Bharat. He is an enterprising educationist at the forefront of MAEER'S MIT Group of Institutions. He is committed to channelizing the power of youth, women, teachers, grassroot leaders, and policymakers by facilitating their engagement with each other in multiple fashions. Not affiliated with any political organization, his commitments are non-partisan and approach is inclusive and patriotic. This has resulted in the founding of the **MIT School of Government (MIT-SOG)** in 2005, the first institute of its kind in Asia which is committed to strengthening the fabric of Indian Democratic Leadership. His underlying belief in the democratic process and his faith in the youth of the country have led him to initiate a leading national platform for students interested in politics and the development of the country, the **BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD (BCS)**. Today MITSOG and BCS have become a fountainhead of the practice of model parliament in several states and universities.

Understanding that no culture or civilization can prosper without the active participation of women as equals in the legislative and corporate spheres, Rahul is the Founder & Convener of the **National Women's Parliament (NWP)**, a common platform for women from diverse backgrounds like politics, industry, arts, and judiciary. To further the cause of nation-building, he has created the **National Teachers' Congress (NTC)**, a platform for teachers of Higher Education (undergraduate and postgraduate colleges) from across the nation. He is also the Founder of **Rashtriya Sarpanch Sansad**, a unique initiative to bring together Sarpanchs from different villages, Government, Media, and Experts with a long-term Vision of Rural Development. All these unique initiatives are driven by a nationalistic vision. The deliberations on these platforms as well as a firm belief that education needs a strong connection with leadership pervades our work culminating in initiating NLC - Bharat.

In 2022, 4 former speakers of Lok Sabha – Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Dr. Meira Kumar, Shri. Manohar Joshi and Shri. Shivraj Patil and incumbent speakers of State Legislative Assemblies and Chairpersons of State Legislative Councils were invited to envision a single national organization to support, defend and strengthen state legislatures. A conceptual exercise was held in Pune, Maharashtra on the 16th of September 2022, and a visioning exercise was organized in New Delhi on the 7th of November 2022 for the formation of the **National Legislators' Conference Bharat** in June 2023. A planning workshop was organized in Pune on 6th December 2022 to give the final shape to the conference. The NLC Bharat is supported by various state Legislatures, respected senior bureaucrats, and members of civil societies. MIT School of Government, Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, and Atulya Bharat Nirman Foundation are sharing the responsibilities to organize the **NLC Bharat from 15th to 17th June 2023 at Mumbai.**



NATIONAL LEGISLATORS' CONFERENCE BHARAT (INDIA)

Proposed Programme Schedule of 15th, 16th & 17th June 2023

Day 1 | Thursday, 15th June 2023

- 14:00 – 17:00 — Registration and Sessions' Confirmation Procedure at Programme Venue (Jio World Convention Centre)
- 17:30 – 18:30 — **मिलाप** - Welcome by Host State's Leadership
- 18:30 – 19:30 — Infotainment
- 19:30 – 20:30 — Dinner
- 20:30 – 21:00 — Departure to Hotel

Day 2 | Friday, 16th June 2023

- 08:30 – 10:30 — **मिलन** - MLAs and MLCs of all the States and UTs converging for Interaction and Networking over Tea/Coffee
- 11:00-13:00 — **संगम** - Inaugural Function
- 13:15 – 14:15 — Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:30 — 40 Parallel Thematic Participatory Sessions of MLAs and MLCs
- Each Session chaired by Legislative Assembly Speaker/
Legislative Council Chairperson/Parliamentary Affairs Minister/
Leader of Opposition
Round Table Discussion of
- All Political Parties
- Business-Industry Leaders
- 16:45 – 18:15 — **मिलन** - MLAs and MLCs of all the States and UTs converging for Interaction and Networking over High Tea
- 18:30 – 19:30 — Ramp of Democracy
- 19:30 – 20:30 — Dinner

Day 3 | Saturday, 17th June 2023

- 08:30 – 09:45 — **मिलन** - MLAs and MLCs of all the States and UTs converging for Interaction and Networking over Tea/Coffee
- 10:00 – 11:30 — **Plenary Session**
Tale of the Tall - Global to Local
- 11:30 – 12:00 — **Tea/Coffee**
- 12:00 – 13:45 — **40 Parallel Thematic Participatory Sessions of MLAs and MLCs**
- Each Session chaired by Legislative Assembly Speaker/
Legislative Council Chairperson/Parliamentary Affairs Minister/
Leader of Opposition
Round Table Discussion of All Political Parties
- 14:00 – 15:00 — **Lunch**
- 15:15 – 17:15 — **मंथन** - Valedictory
- 17:30 – 18:00 — **High Tea**
- 18:00 – 18:45 — **Cultural Programme**
- 18:45 – 20:00 — **Dinner**
- 20:00 — **Departure**

Video Recordings of Leadership Journey
of MLAs and MLCs on all three days of programme as per their convenience
at the special rooms at the programme venue

MLAs and MLCs to visit Exhibitions at Programme Venue
as per their convenience

- Various States and UT governments are sponsoring different sections of the 3-days NLC programme
- This is a tentative programme structure. Final schedule will be conveyed a month before the programme dates

**Venue: Jio World Convention Centre
Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai**

The 75 Commendable Start-ups for Grassroot Development

(Editable template to be used for data submission)

Dear Innovator and Entrepreneur,

Please submit the following details in brief about your Start-ups for Grassroot Development for the compendium. The following template provides a guideline to ensure that your submission is clear, concise, and comprehensive, so as to ease the shortlisting of the start-ups by the scrutiny panel.

The compendium offers the opportunity for you to take your work to the Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) and Members of Legislative Councils (MLCs) across the nation, thereby opening new prospects of growth.

Looking forward to receiving the submissions.

Thank You.

Details for Submission:

1. Name of the Start-up

2. Name of Leader/Founder

3. Overview:

Briefly describe the social innovation practice that your start-up is engaged in, the social change intended and the target customer segment.

4. Solution:

Describe in brief the solution that your innovation offers to the identified social challenge.

5. Impact on Grassroot development:

Provide evidence of the impact of your social innovation practice and explain how your innovation has made a positive difference in the lives of the intended beneficiaries.

6. Implementation and challenges:

Explain any challenges that your start-up faced during the implementation of your innovation and describe how you overcame these challenges and lessons learned. Also, please bring out any innovative ways the start-up took to address these challenges and successfully addressed.

7. Performance:

Mention in brief on the indicative pointers which direct the relation on performance, revenue generation and sustainability of your start-up.

8. Sustainability and Future plans:

Detail the steps that your start-up has taken or plans to take to ensure the sustainability of your social innovation practice. Describe in brief the future plan for the start-up, including any plans for scaling up the innovation or expanding into new areas.

9. Associations & Capacity Building:

Associations with civil society organisation, women self-help groups, farmer producer organisation (FPO) etc. for social transformation and grassroots development.

10. Awards & Photographs

Mention of accolades and recognition's, photos to depict the same.

11. Contact Information:

- *Address*
- *Email Address*
- *Contact Number*
- *Website*
- *LinkedIn Profile.*