World Academy of Higher Education and Development (W-AHEAD) and Indian Institute of Ecology and Environment (IIEE) Celebrate World Youth Skills Day 2026 and Seminar on

"Unlocking the Potential of Young India in the age of AI for Viksit Bharat@2047"

Wednesday, 15th July 2026, India International Centre, New Delhi

Minute to Minute Programme: 09:30am – 05:00pm

INAUGURAL SESSION (10:30am – 12:30pm)

09:00am : Registration of Invitees, Awardees and Guests

09:30am : Welcome Tea

10:00am : All participants, Awardees and Guests to be seated in the Multipurpose Hall

10.15am : W-AHEAD Skilling Anthem by the Cultural Team of Deep Public School, New Delhi

10:30am : Arrival of the Chief Guest Hon'ble Dr. Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Government of India

10:30am : Lighting of the Lamp and Release of W-AHEAD Newsletter "Horizons" July 2026 and the Book "Success Mantras for Progressive Teachers" & "Mantras for Success and Happiness" authored by Prof (Dr) E Balagurusamy

10:33am : Welcome address by Prof PB Sharma, President, W-AHEAD & Vice Chancellor AUH

10:38am : Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest

10:58am : Presentation of Awards and Fellowships by the Chief Guest :

Felicitation of Distinguished Guest of Honour Dr VK Saraswat, Former Member NITI Aayog, Government of India, and Former Director General DRDO

Presentation of Global Innovation/ Entrepreneurship Excellence Awards:

- IIT Roorkee: Innovation Team -I, Flabs- Redefining Diagnostics in India,
- IIT Roorkee: Innovation Team – II, Akashalabdhi Pvt. Ltd
- DTU, Unmanned Aerial Systems - (UAS-DTU)
- DTU, AI-integrated Bio-Solar Panel technology
- KIIT College of Engineering, Gurugram, TRIVOLT TILES
- Acropolis Institute of Technology and Research, Indore, MP, Innovation Team – I: Aarogya Jal
- Acropolis Institute of Technology and Research, Indore, MP, Innovation Team – II: TribalDesk
- Genvolve Pvt Ltd : Evolve with the Zen
- Jellyfish Technologies, Noida
- NAYAN Technologies, New Delhi
- Founder & CEO of the Raghuraj Peepal Man Foundation

Felicitation of Distinguished Academician Prof (Dr) E Balagurusamy, Former Member UPSC and Former Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai, Conferment of the Honour of Fellow of Eminence of W-AHEAD and Lifetime Achievement Award

Conferment of Fellowship of Eminence of W-AHEAD upon:

- Shri Raj Soin, Chairman Soin International, Dayton, Ohio, USA (In Absentia)
- Ambassador Shri Akhilesh Mishra
- Prof KK Pant, Director IIT Roorkee
- Prof. Manell E. Zakharia, President of the European Acoustics Association (In Absentia)
- Dr Mahavir Singh, Principal Director, KIIT, Former Chief Scientist, NPL, New Delhi
- Prof Marion Burgess, Former President of International Commission for Acoustics (In Absentia)

11:15am : Importance of WYS Day 2026 by Dr P R Trivedi, Executive Chairman, W-AHEAD

11:20am : Address by the Distinguished Guest of Honour Dr VK Saraswat, Former Member NITI Aayog, Government of India, Former Director General DRDO

11:30am : Address by Prof (Dr) E Balagurusamy, Former Member UPSC and Former Vice Chancellor, Anna University, Chennai, Conferment of the Honour of Fellow of Eminence of W-AHEAD and Lifetime Achievement Award

11:37am : Address by the Distinguished Guest of Honour Prof KK Pant, Director, IIT Roorkee

11:45am : Address by the Distinguished Guest of Honour Ambassador Shri Akhilesh Mishra

11:55am : Address by the Distinguished Guest of Honour Dr Mahavir Singh, Principal Director, KIIT, Gurugram, and Former Chief Scientist, NPL, New Delhi

12:05pm : Special Address by Mr Dao Khai Minh, Vietnamis Research Scholar in Buddhist Studies, Delhi University

12:10pm : Vote of Thanks by Dr HRP Yadav, Secretary General, W-AHEAD

Panel – I (12:15pm – 01:25pm)

Skilling in the Age of AI, Up-Skilling and Lifelong Learning

12:15pm : Chair : Prof RK Khandal, Former Vice Chancellor, UPTU & President R&D, Glycol

Moderator : Dr HRP Yadav, Former Director General, The Institution of Engineers (India)

12:15pm : Speakers:

- Prof Mahesh Verma, Vice Chancellor, GGSIPU
- Prof KK Pant, Director IIT Roorkee
- Er VK Yadav, Former Chairman, Railway Board
- Er Pradeep Chaturvedi, Vice President, INAE
- Prof Sanjna Vij, Director AASC, AUH
- Dr Mahavir Singh, Principal Director, KIIT, Former Chief Scientist, NPL New Delhi
- Dr AK Tandon, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Technology, Delhi University

01:10pm : Concluding Remarks by Session Chair

01:15pm : Awards to the Principal, Officials and Students of Deep Public School, Vasant Kunj

01:25pm : Lunch (Venue: Foyer Multipurpose Hall, IIC New Delhi)

Panel – II (02:15pm – 03:15pm)

Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the New Age

02:15pm : Opening Remarks by Dr PR Trivedi, Chairman, IIEE and Executive Chairman, W-AHEAD

02:20pm : Chair: Dr Dinesh Kumar, Vice Chancellor, Vishwakarma Skill University, Haryana

Co-Chair : Dr Prateek Sharma, Vice Chancellor, DTU

Moderator : Dr MN Hooda, Director, Bharati Vidyapeeth's Institute of Computer Applications and Management (BVICAM)

02:25pm : Speakers:

- Mr Aurbind Sharma, CTO, TED Consulting
- Dr SC Sharma, Director, Acropolis Group of Institutions
- Prof S Indu, Professor & Chief Mentor, UAS-DTU
- Mr Vivek Dhawan, Founder & CEO, Smriti Netcom
- Mr Yash Chaudhary, Founder and CEO Flabs, IIT Roorkee

03:00pm : Open House Discussion and Q&A

03:10pm : Concluding Remarks by Session Chair

Valedictory Function: (03:30pm – 04:30pm)

03:30pm : Speakers:

- Dr PR Trivedi, Founder IIEE and Executive Chairman, W-AHEAD
- Dr V Suresh, Former CMD, HUDCO
- Er RN Rajpoot, Former Chairman, IE(I) Delhi Centre

04:00pm : Arrival of Chief Guest Prof (Dr) Murli Manohar Joshi, Hon'ble Former Minister of HRD

04:00pm : Opening Remarks by Prof PB Sharma, President, W-AHEAD

04:05pm : Brief on the World Youth Skills Day 2026 by Dr PR Trivedi, Executive Chairman, W-AHEAD

04:10pm : Felicitation of Chief Guest by Prof PR Trivedi and Prof PB Sharma

04:15pm : Address by the Chief Guest Dr Murli Manohar Joshi, Hon'ble Former Minister of HRD

04:35pm : Presentation of Awards and Certificates to the Participants from Colleges

04:45pm : New Delhi Declaration on Youth Skilling by Chancellor Dr P R Trivedi, W-AHEAD

04:50pm : Vote of Thanks by Dr Avinash Chiranjeev, IIEE, New Delhi

05:00pm : Networking Tea