

Report on YUGM Innovation Conclave

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YUGM (meaning “confluence” in Sanskrit) was a first-of-its-kind strategic conclave convening leaders from government, academia, industry, and the innovation ecosystem. It was intended to India’s innovation journey, driven by a collaborative project of around Rs 1,400 crore with joint investment from the Wadhvani Foundation and Government Institutions.

Various key projects Superhubs at IIT Kanpur (AI & Intelligent Systems) and IIT Bombay (Biosciences, Biotechnology, Health & Medicine); Wadhvani Innovation Network (WIN) Centers at top research institutions to drive research commercialization; and partnership with Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) for jointly funding late-stage translation projects and promoting research and innovation was the main theme.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the YUGM (Youth, Government, Academia, and Industry Working Together) Innovation Conclave, emphasizing the collaborative spirit needed to advance future technologies for a developed India. The event witnessed a significant gathering of government officials, academics, and science and research professionals, highlighting the synergy aimed at propelling India's deep-tech capabilities.

Key Highlights of the Prime Minister's Address:

- **YUGM as a Confluence:** Shri Modi underscored the importance of the convergence of youth, government, academia, and industry as "YUGM," a unified effort to drive technological advancements for a developed India.
- **Boosting Innovation and Deep-Tech:** The Prime Minister expressed confidence that the conclave would provide momentum to enhance India's innovation capacity and its role in deep technology.
- **Inauguration of Super Hubs:** He announced the inauguration of super hubs at IIT Kanpur and IIT Bombay, focusing on critical areas such as Artificial Intelligence, intelligent systems, biosciences, biotechnology, health, and medicine.
- **Launch of Wadhvani Innovation Network:** Shri Modi mentioned the launch of the Wadhvani Innovation Network, a collaborative initiative with the National Research Foundation, reaffirming the commitment to advancing research. He lauded the Wadhvani Foundation and its founder, Shri Romesh Wadhvani, for their dedication to fostering positive changes in India's education system through public-private partnerships.
- **Modernizing the Education System:** Highlighting the crucial role of youth in the nation's future, the Prime Minister emphasized the efforts to modernize India's education system to meet 21st-century needs. He mentioned the introduction of the New National Education Policy, the development of the National Curriculum Framework, and new textbooks in multiple Indian languages through platforms like 'One Nation, One Digital Education Infrastructure' under PM e-Vidya and DIKSHA.

Overall Message:

Prime Minister Modi's address at the YUGM Innovation Conclave conveyed a strong commitment to fostering a robust innovation ecosystem in India. He emphasized the importance of collaboration between various stakeholders, the need to leverage science and technology for the benefit of society, and the critical role of modernizing the education system to prepare the youth for the future. The initiatives launched and the appreciation extended to organizations like the Wadhvani Foundation signal a focused approach towards enhancing India's technological capabilities and achieving the vision of a developed India.



Visual representation capturing a memorable movement

Prof Shweta Yadav

Participant as Nominated Member