

Youth Co:Lab

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Youth Co:Lab Latest News

Six youth-led startups from across the country won the 8th edition of the Youth Co-Lab National Innovation Challenge 2026.

About Youth Co:Lab

- It is co-led by the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** India and **Citi Foundation**, in partnership with **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**.
- **Genesis of Youth Co:Lab:**
 - It was **co-created in 2017** by the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and the **Citi Foundation**.
 - **In India**, Youth Co: Lab was launched **in 2019** in collaboration with **Atal Innovation Mission**
- It aims to establish a common agenda for **countries in the Asia-Pacific region** to empower and **invest in youth** so that they can accelerate the implementation of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** through leadership, social innovation, and entrepreneurship.

- It is implemented by **T-Hub Foundation**.
- It has emerged as a key platform for promoting **youth-led innovation** and accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

Key facts about Atal Innovation Mission(AIM)

- It is a flagship initiative set up by the **NITI Aayog in 2016**.
- **Objective:** To create and encourage an environment of innovation and entrepreneurship across schools, educational organisations, research institutes, and industries, including MSMEs.
- **Functions**
 - Promote entrepreneurship by encouraging innovators to become entrepreneurs through financial support as well as mentorship.
 - Promote innovation by creating a platform where ideas are generated through like-minded individuals.
 - AIM has created **four programs to support these functions:** Atal Tinkering Labs, Atal Incubation Centres, Atal New India Challenges and Atal Grand Challenges.

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