

Government of NCT of Delhi
Directorate of Training & Technical Education
Munimaya Ram Marg Pitampura Delhi

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Date: 06/ 12 / 2025

To

1. Vice Chancellors DTU/NSUT/IGDTUW/DPSRU/DSEU/IIITD/NLU/AUD/GGSIPU
2. All Principals of Government, Government-Aided, and Pvt. Colleges affiliated to GGSIPU
3. All Principals of ITIs,

Subject: Implementation of the “Delhi AI Grind” Across Higher & Technical Education Institutions
– Mandatory Institutional Participation (University, College, Polytechnic & ITI Level)

1. It is hereby informed that the **Delhi AI Grind**, envisaged with ViSV a citywide Artificial Intelligence innovation and problem-solving initiative, has plan to implement Technical/Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in Delhi during December to March 2026, with follow-up activities thereafter, as required.
2. The initiative is undertaken in collaboration with the **ViSV Foundation** and industry partners, under the overall supervision of the **Grind Secretariat**. The objective is to strengthen **AI awareness, structured innovation capability, industry-linked problem-solving, and future-skills readiness** among students of universities, colleges, polytechnics, and ITIs.
3. The Delhi AI Grind shall include orientation sessions, institution-level Mini Grinds, a city-level showcase, and prescribed post-programme activities. Institutions shall identify faculty mentors, form student teams and submission as per schedule, and participate in review and selection processes.
4. All Higher/Technical Education and ITI institutions are requested to extend full cooperation at every stage of implementation, in accordance with the scope, timelines, and responsibilities outlined in **Annexure-1**.
5. **Dr. O. P. Shukla** (Joint Director, Email id jdtte.delhi@nic.in) has been designated as the **Nodal Officer** vide letter No. PS/Secy (TTE/HE)/2025/320-324 dated 17.11.2025 for coordination across Higher & Technical Education institutions. All institutions shall coordinate exclusively with the designated Nodal Officer for matters related to the Delhi AI Grind.

Encl- Annex 1,2,3

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(Dr O.P. Shukla)
Joint Director (TTE)

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1. P.S. to Secretary (TTE/HE)/Director (TTE/HE)
2. Registrar GGSIPU to coordinate with Pvt. Colleges
3. Dy. Director (HE) to coordinate with 12 funded colleges.

Annexure 1 - Campus / Institute Activity Plan and Time Allocation (November–March)

SNO	Particulars	Mode	Deadline / Window	Approx. Time Required	Coordination & Instructions
1	Campus / Institute Registration on the Delhi AI Grind Portal	Online Form	By 20 th Dec	15 mins	Registration Link available at www.delhiaigrind.com . Form Link also given in the next page.
2	Appointment of Campus / Institute Point of Contact (PoC) – (One PoC per Campus / Institute)	Internal Process	By 20 th Dec	NA	Campus / Institute Point of Contact (PoC) will be added to the Delhi AI Grind WhatsApp group for all updates. The designated PoC may also <u>scan the QR Code</u> on the next page.
3	Nomination up to Five Senior Faculties as Campus / Institute Level Mentors	Internal Process	By 20 th Dec	NA	Mentors are expected to guide student prototypes and support the evaluation and selection of the final submissions. Recommended Mentor Composition: 1.Campus/Institute Head / PoC 2.AI & Technology Expert 3.Business & Strategy Expert 4. Social Impact Expert 5. Design / Creative Expert
4	Nomination of Faculties for AI Training (Conducted by Google Education) No of faculties attending the training as decided by the Campus / Institute management	Online	From Dec onwards	3 hours per session	The Grind Secretariat will share the training schedule and joining links with Campus / Institute Point of Contact (PoC) based on the training mode.
5	Nominate up to 5 Student Campus Ambassadors per campus	Online Form	By 20 th Dec	None	Campus Ambassador registration link provided on the next page. Age group from 18+ yrs onwards
6	Campus / Institute Mentors & Campus Ambassadors Orientation on Mini Grind & Centralised Guidelines	Online (Live)	By 10 th Jan, 2026	30 mins	Joining link will be shared by the Secretariat with the PoC on WhatsApp as per the mutually agreed schedule between the Campus / Institute and the Grind Secretariat.
7	Innovators Registration Process starts	Online	By 10 th Jan, 2026	NA	Registration link will be shared by the Secretariat with the PoC and also registration link directly available on the form
8	Orientation for the Innovators, Campus Ambassadors & mentors	Physical/ Online	By 10 th Jan, 2026	30 mins	Joining link will be shared by the Secretariat with the PoC on WhatsApp as per the mutually agreed schedule between Campus / Institute Point of Contact (PoC) and the Grind Secretariat. Ensure students, mentors & campus ambassadors' participation.
9	Campus Level Selections & Internal Evaluation Evaluate all student applications internally	Physical /Online	Between 10 Jan – 31st Jan, 2026	10 Mins per applicant /based on no of final applications.	Campus / Institute to conduct the preliminary selections as per the centralised guidelines
10	Participation in District/State Level selections (only for selected students)	Online / Physical	Between 5 th Feb to 10 th Feb, 2026	Half Day/Full Day (case to case basis)	The district and state selection timelines, along with masterclasses, industry visits, and round-table session details, will be published on the portal and shared with the respective PoCs.

Note for Campus / Institute: This table provides the broad operational roadmap. Any updates will be shared through the official **Campus / Institute PoC WhatsApp group/website**. **For queries, please contact Ms. Anushika, Campus / Institute Coordinator – 80906 21745, Delhi AI Grind Secretariat.**

Annexure 2 – Links and QR Codes

- CAMPUS / INSTITUTE REGISTRATION LINK** - <https://forms.gle/kW2winnWHJ5q8kiZ8> (new form needs to be created and link to be updated here)
- WHATSAPP GROUP QR/ LINK FOR CAMPUS / INSTITUTE POC'S** - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BbtkibsMEXQ47UZqB3sKiL>



- CAMPUS AMBASSADORS JOINING FORM LINK** - <https://forms.gle/vx1ycwaMCxSh9B8t8>
- FOLLOW THE SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS FOR MORE UPDATES ON THE GRIND**

WEBSITE	:	www.delhiaigrind.com
FACEBOOK	:	https://www.facebook.com/share/1JaMJdXr1S/?mibextid=wwXIfr
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(NOVEMBER 2025 – MARCH 2026)

Delhi AI Grind – Department of Higher & Technical Education Briefing (For Vice Chancellors, Principals & Heads of Higher Education Institutions)

First-of-its-kind, city-centric AI innovation movement in India— an industry-backed, people-powered initiative that celebrates ideas, imagination, and the problem-solving spirit of Delhi's youth.

SECTION 1 • BACKGROUND & CONTEXT



India's AI Decade – The National Momentum

India isn't just embracing AI – it's architecting its future with it.



NATIONAL AI MISSION

₹10,000 crore initiative to drive AI research, innovation & startups across key sectors.

EDUCATION & SKILLING DISRUPTION

SOAR Programme and 20,000+ AI Labs transforming how India learns and thinks.

PM'S VISION FOR THE AI DECADE

Positioning India as a global hub for inclusive & responsible AI leadership.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION

Partnerships with tech giants & academia building India's AI infrastructure.

CITY-LEVEL INNOVATION ENGINES

AI pilots in health, mobility & governance powering city-centric transformation.

NATIONAL SHOWCASE & SUMMIT

India AI Impact Summit 2026 – where India presents its AI leadership to the world.



WHY DELHI & WHY NOW?



Story of India's AI Decade

begins here – in Delhi.

The Capital is the natural launchpad for India's AI decade.

Delhi has India's highest concentration of universities, research bodies and DeepTech talent.

Solutions built in Delhi scale nationally because Delhi reflects India's urban reality.

As the host city of India AI Impact Summit 2026, Delhi must demonstrate AI leadership.

When Delhi sets a model, it becomes the national standard.

Delhi's startup density, global presence, and academic talent create a unique testbed where prototypes can rapidly become citywide pilots.

THE DELHI ADVANTAGE



National Education Powerhouse

25 + universities and research hubs (IIT Delhi, IIIT Delhi, AIIMS, NSUT, DTU) – India's strongest concentration of tech talent and AI research.

Young & Skilled Workforce

45+ lakh students and professionals engaged in science, engineering & digital sectors – largest per capita innovation talent pool in the country.

Digital-Ready Capital

100 % Smart City coverage, 1,000 + public Wi-Fi zones – an ideal testbed for AI deployments and data-driven governance.

Thriving Innovation Ecosystem

6500+ startups, 50+ accelerators & incubators, and growing DeepTech clusters, ready to scale student innovations into enterprise solutions.

Global Engagement Potential

Home to 175+ foreign missions, 25+ global conferences annually – a natural magnet for international collaboration and AI diplomacy.

SECTION 2 • ABOUT THE INITIATIVE



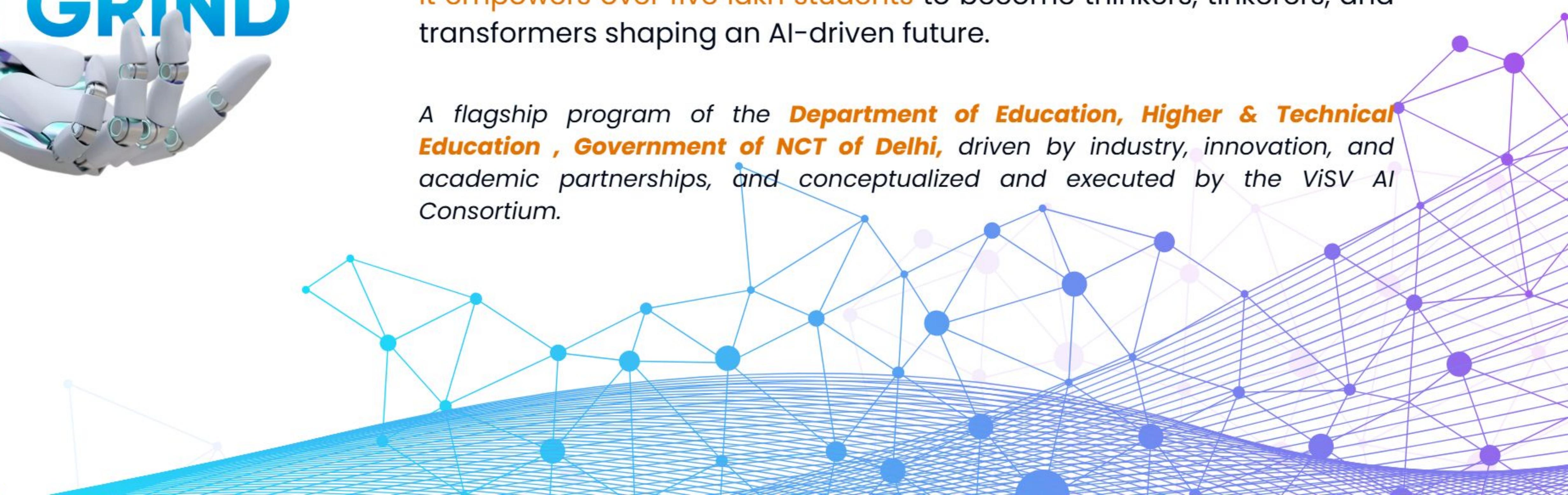
ABOUT DELHI AI GRIND



Delhi AI Grind — India's First City-Centric AI Innovation Engine

DelhiAI Grind is India's first city-centric AI innovation engine of this scale and design — a six-month movement that connects classrooms, communities, and industries through geography-locked and problem-locked challenges. **Powered by art, empathy, and algorithms, it empowers over five lakh students** to become thinkers, tinkerers, and transformers shaping an AI-driven future.

A flagship program of the **Department of Education, Higher & Technical Education, Government of NCT of Delhi**, driven by industry, innovation, and academic partnerships, and conceptualized and executed by the ViSV AI Consortium.



GRIND OBJECTIVES

Build a Problem-Solving Society from the Ground Up- Sensitize Delhi's youth to their own city – its challenges, opportunities, systems, and possibilities.

Move education beyond marks to meaning, using AI Grind as a platform to make **every learner a conscious citizen, every classroom a civic lab, and every idea a contribution** to the city's progress



Unlock Delhi's Youth Intelligence at Scale

Mobilize 5 lakh young innovators across schools, colleges, and ITIs to transform Delhi's demographic strength into an innovation engine for the knowledge economy.



Turn Delhi into a Living Laboratory of Governance

Channel student-led AI innovation into 10 key city sectors – from health and education to climate and mobility – making Delhi's governance ecosystem a testbed for real-world problem solving.



Institutionalize the Delhi Youth AI Network

Build a permanent innovation infrastructure – connecting students, startups, mentors, and government departments – ensuring a continuous pipeline from awareness → application → acceleration → adoption.



Position Delhi as India's Knowledge & AI Capital

Establish Delhi as the national benchmark for city-led innovation, showcasing outcomes at the Delhi AI Impact Summit 2026 and shaping a model replicable across India and the Global South.

These are not program goals – they're city transformation levers.

FOCUSSED SECTORS



TRANSPORT &
MOBILITY



EDUCATION &
FUTURE SKILLS



SUPPLY CHAIN &
URBAN
LOGISTICS



EMPLOYEMENT,
MSME &
STARTUPS



SMART CITY &
CIVIC SERVICES



TOURISM,
CULTURE AND
FOOD SYSTEMS



PUBLIC SAFETY &
GOVERNANCE

AIR QUALITY &
CLIMATE CHANGE



HEALTH &
WELLBEING



TARGET DEMOGRAPHY*

Category	Age Group	Target Share (%)	Profile & Institutions	Focus & Outcomes
1. School Innovators	10–18 years	60%	Students from government and private schools (Classes 6–12)	Early exposure to AI & design thinking; build curiosity, creativity, and civic responsibility.
2. Higher Education Institutions	18–25 years	39%	Students from universities, colleges and ITI's	Core innovation engine – prototype development, venture ideas, interdisciplinary collaboration.
3. Open & Wildcard Innovators	10+ years	1%	Independent innovators, dropouts, freelancers, and self-learners	Unconventional talent; creative tech ideas; inclusion beyond formal education.

Inclusivity Focus : Minimum 50% participation from government schools and community institutions. Strong representation of girls and first-generation learners across all categories.

INNOVATION FUNNEL



MINI-GRINDS
5,00,000 STUDENTS

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ACROSS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

EVERY INSTITUTION CONDUCTS ITS OWN AI MINI-GRIND;
ONLY TOP 1000-1200 PROTOTYPES SELECTED FOR DISTRICTS



DISTRICT GRINDS
(11 DISTRICTS)

1,000-1,200 PROTOTYPES |
10 SECTORS

DISTRICT-LEVEL HACKATHONS SELECT 100
BEST PROTOTYPES.



CITY FINALS
(THE DELHI 100)

100 PROTOTYPES |
10 PER SECTOR

EVALUATED FOR INNOVATION, FEASIBILITY, AND CIVIC
IMPACT. 50 PROTOTYPES WILL BE SHORTLISTED



THE DELHI 50

50 AI AMBASSADORS/
PROTOTYPES

STORIES PUBLISHED IN COFFEE TABLE BOOK,
FEATURED AT DELHI AI IMPACT SUMMIT.



THE DELHI 15

15 ADOPTABLE
PROJECTS

INTEGRATED WITH GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENTS AND CIVIC SYSTEMS.

TARGET GEOGRAPHY

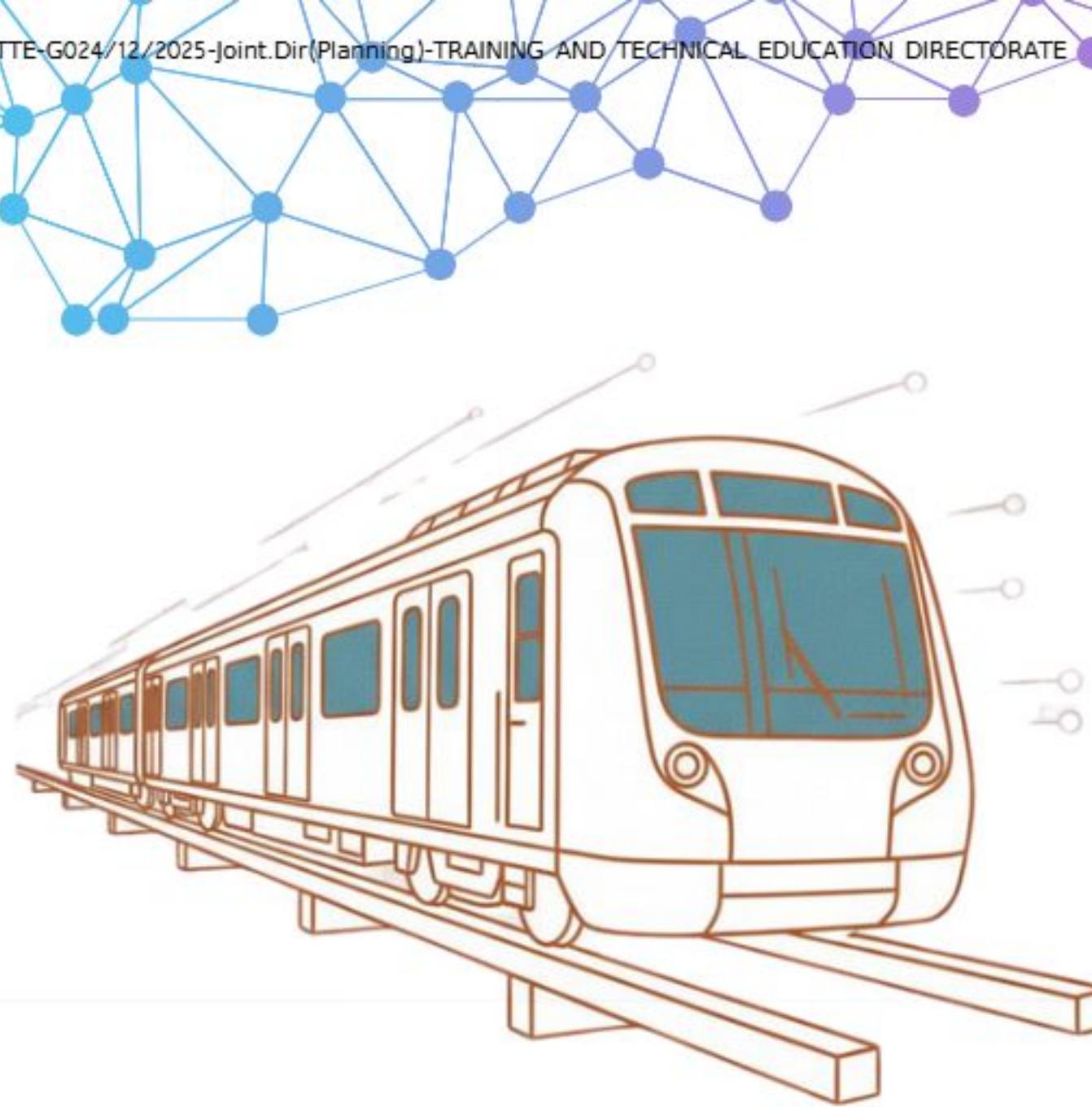
NCT OF DELHI (11 DISTRICTS)



SECTION 3 • IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPTS

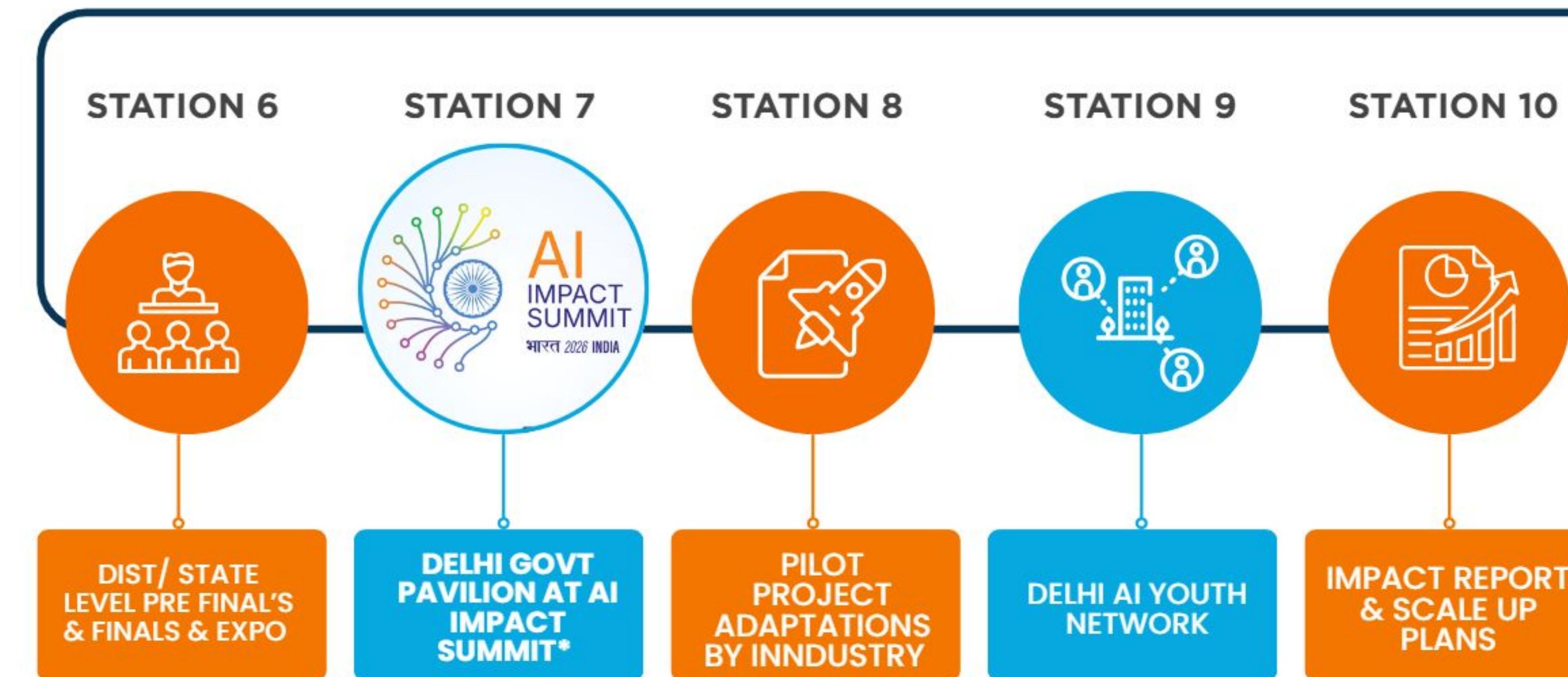
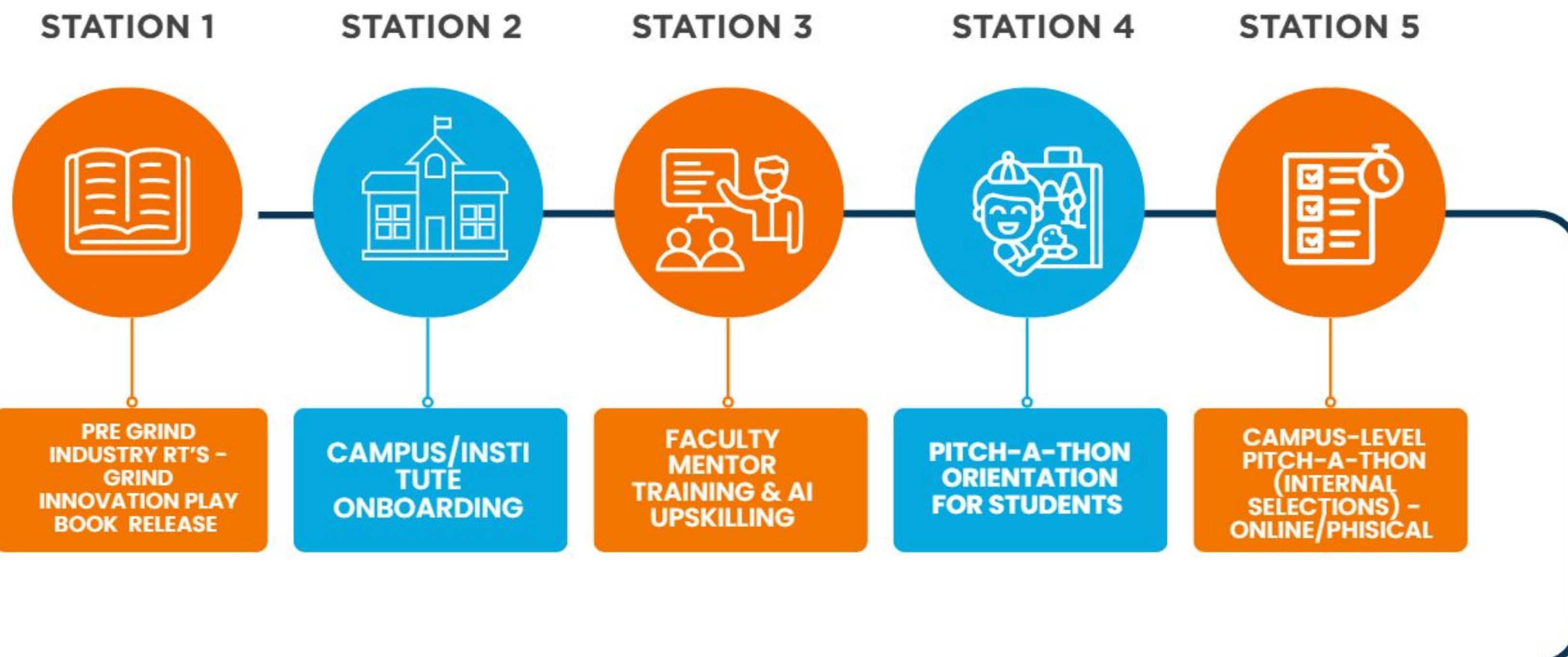


10-STATION DELHI AI GRIND – IMPLEMENTATION JOURNEY



A 10-Station **higher-education innovation journey**

– from campus orientation to Pitch-A-Thons, from district rounds to city showcases, from prototypes to pilots – building Delhi's future-ready talent engine.



CORE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

1. Appoint an Institutional Nodal Officer (PoC)

For all coordination with the Delhi AI Grind Secretariat.

2. Nominate Faculty Mentors

Mentors to guide student teams and attend the mentor orientation.

3. Appoint Campus / Student Ambassadors

Ambassadors to support outreach, registrations, and smooth execution of Pitch-A-Thons.

4. Conduct Campus Orientation Sessions

Brief students about challenge themes, guidelines, and participation process.

5. Organise the Campus Pitch-A-Thon (Online/Offline)

Select the best student teams for district-level rounds as per the centralised guidelines shared by the Grind team.

6. Submit Entries & Facilitate Next-Level Participation

Upload selected entries and ensure teams attend district rounds, masterclasses, and the finals and showcase events.

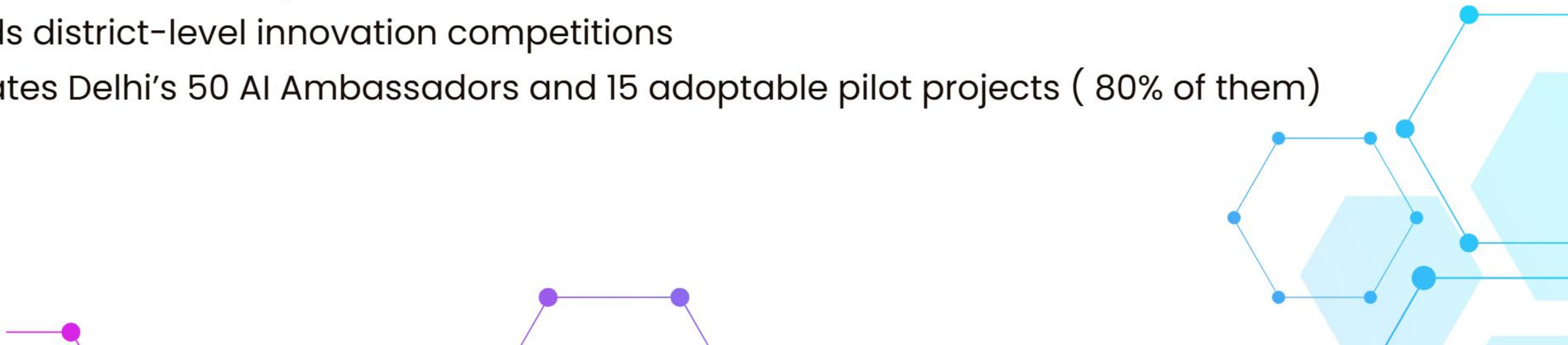


WHY HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION IS CENTRAL TO THE DELHI AI GRIND?

- While the Grind mobilises 5 lakh students across Delhi, **the core innovation engine is NOT schools – it is universities, colleges, polytechnics and ITIs.**
- 39% of total impact, driving prototype development and interdisciplinary innovation.)

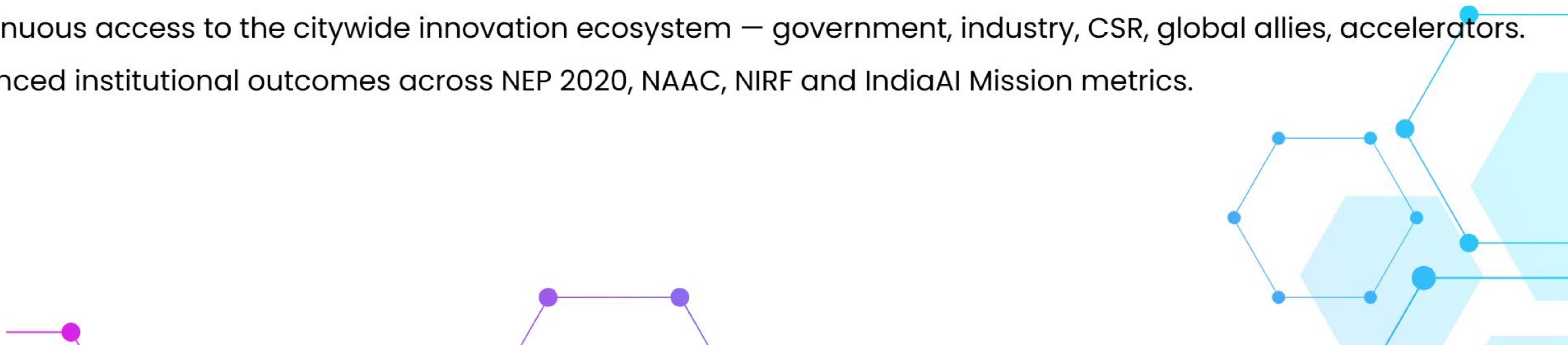
This is the category that:

- Builds real prototypes (hardware + software)
- Works on deep-tech, policy-tech, civic-tech
- Interacts with industry mentors
- Leads district-level innovation competitions
- Creates Delhi's 50 AI Ambassadors and 15 adoptable pilot projects (80% of them)



WHAT DELHI AI GRIND MEANS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

- Campus becomes an official Innovation Partner for **city-level problem solving**.
- **Direct access to 100+ industry partners across 10 sectors**.
- Opportunity to **onboard Professors of Practice and senior industry mentors**.
- **Access to a 100+ jury and mentorship pool** for guidance, evaluation, and collaboration.
- Institutional logo visibility across Grind events, kits, website, posters, and district showcases.
- Chance to host district hackathons, jury rounds, and innovation meets. (as sub events under India AI decade)
- Students gain startup readiness, employability skills, and real portfolios through global frameworks.
- Top teams and institutions get featured in the **“AI for Delhi – 50 Stories of Change”** Coffee Table Book.
- Continuous access to the citywide innovation ecosystem – government, industry, CSR, global allies, accelerators.
- Enhanced institutional outcomes across NEP 2020, NAAC, NIRF and IndiaAI Mission metrics.



WHAT YOUR STUDENTS GAIN

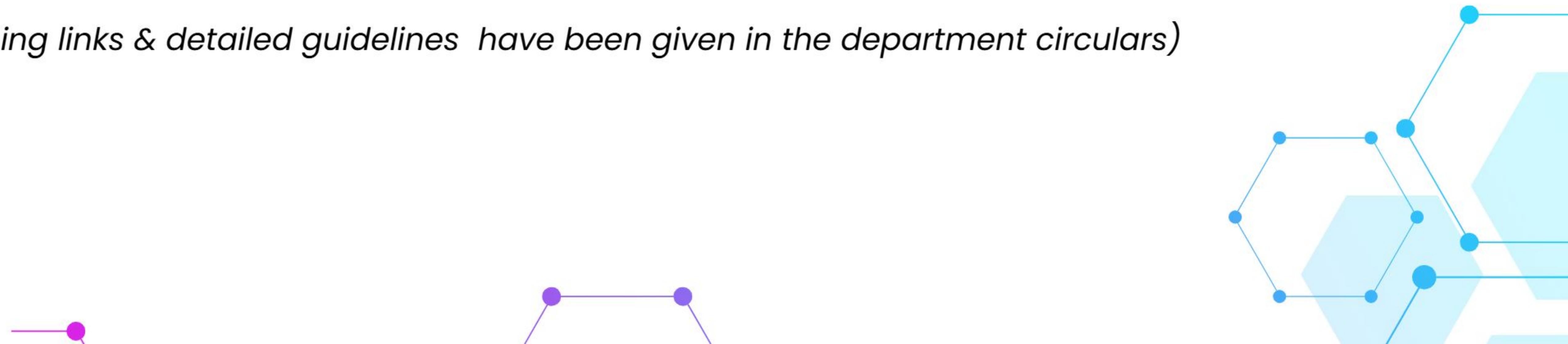
1. **Work on real problems across 10 major sectors** like health, mobility, climate, governance, and startups.
2. **Get internships and apprenticeships** directly from industry and CSR partners.
3. **Gain visibility to top recruiters and hiring networks.**
4. **Chance to become an AI Youth Ambassador** of Delhi.
5. Learn entrepreneurship skills through global innovation frameworks.
6. Build venture ideas **aligned to real sector needs.**
7. Get featured in the **AI for Delhi Coffee Table Book.**
8. Access **national and international exposure** through global partners.



GRIND TIMELINES

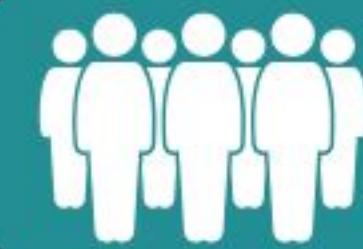
- **Nov-(Early):** Onboard institution + appoint Nodal Officer + appoint faculty mentors & campus ambassadors
- **Dec (Full Month):** conduct orientations + Pitch-o-thons (Online + Physical)
- **Jan (Full Month):** District selections + State selections + masterclasses + jury rounds
- **End of Jan:** Release final shortlisted teams (**Delhi 100 to Delhi 50 window**)
- **Feb-Mar:** City-level showcase prep + Ambassador mentoring + coffee table book launch
- **After March:** Continuous engagement, pilots, Youth Network, Innovation Lab onboarding

(The joining links & detailed guidelines have been given in the department circulars)



POST-GRIND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

FOLLOWING UP ON THE GRIND



JOIN DELHI AI YOUTH NETWORK

Stay connected year-round through updates, newsletters, and community activities.



ATTEND DISTRICT/CITY FINALS

Gain exposure by observing live jury sessions, mentors, and prototypes.



JOIN AI MASTERCLASSES

Participate in monthly online sessions to upskill and stay inspired.



LEARN & REAPPLY

Improve and resubmit projects in the next Grind cycle.



YOUTH CLUB

Form small innovation groups in schools to keep grassroots creativity alive.

THE DELHI SIGNATURE

Delhi is **not building another tech project.**

It is building a vibrant ecosystem where institutions think together and progress together.

A model built for ripple-effect impact – benefiting students, faculty, industry, and the city at once.

This is India's first learning city model –
Designed in Delhi, scalable across the nation, and
Aligned with the India AI Decade vision.

Thank You

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