

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

No. DTTE-G024/12/2025-JD(Plg)/TTE

Date: 06/ 12 / 2025

To

1. Vice Chancellors DTU/NSUT/IGDTUW/DPSRU/DSEU/IITD/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](mailto: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	<b>Campus / Institute Registration</b> on the Delhi AI Grind Portal	Online Form	By 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	15 mins	Registration Link available at <a href="http://www.delhiaigrind.com">www.delhiaigrind.com</a> . Form Link also given in the next page.
2	<b>Appointment of Campus / Institute Point of Contact (PoC)</b> – (One PoC per Campus / Institute)	Internal Process	By 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	NA	<b>Campus / Institute Point of Contact (PoC)</b> 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 <b>Senior Faculties as Campus / Institute Level Mentors</b>	Internal Process	By 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <b>training schedule and joining links</b> with <b>Campus / Institute Point of Contact (PoC)</b> based on the training mode.
5	Nominate up to 5 Student Campus Ambassadors per campus	Online Form	By 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	None	Campus Ambassador <b>registration link provided on the next page</b> . Age group from 18+ yrs onwards
6	<b>Campus / Institute Mentors&amp;Campus Ambassadors Orientation</b> on Mini Grind & Centralised Guidelines	Online (Live)	By 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2026	30 mins	<b>Joining link will be shared by the Secretariat with the PoC</b> on WhatsApp as per the mutually agreed schedule between the <b>Campus / Institute</b> and the Grind Secretariat.
7	<b>Innovators Registration Process starts</b>	Online	By 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2026	NA	<b>Registration link will be shared by the Secretariat with the PoC and also registration link directly available on the form</b>
8	Orientation for the Innovators, Campus Ambassadors & mentors	Physical/ Online	By 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2026	30 mins	<b>Joining link will be shared by the Secretariat with the PoC</b> on WhatsApp as per the mutually agreed schedule between <b>Campus / Institute Point of Contact (PoC)</b> and the Grind Secretariat. Ensure students, mentors & campus ambassadors' participation.
9	<b>Campus Level Selections &amp; Internal Evaluation</b> Evaluate all student applications internally	Physical /Online	Between 10 Jan – 31st Jan, 2026	10 Mins per applicant /based on no of final applications.	<b>Campus / Institute to conduct the preliminary selections as per the centralised guidelines</b>
10	Participation in District/State Level selections ( <b>only for selected students</b> )	Online / Physical	Between 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 10 <sup>th</sup> 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

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



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

<b>WEBSITE</b>	:	<a href="http://www.delhiaigrind.com">www.delhiaigrind.com</a>
<b>FACEBOOK</b>	:	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/share/1JaMJdXr1S/?mibextid=wwXIfr">https://www.facebook.com/share/1JaMJdXr1S/?mibextid=wwXIfr</a>
<b>X</b>	:	<a href="https://x.com/dilliaigrind?s=21">https://x.com/dilliaigrind?s=21</a>
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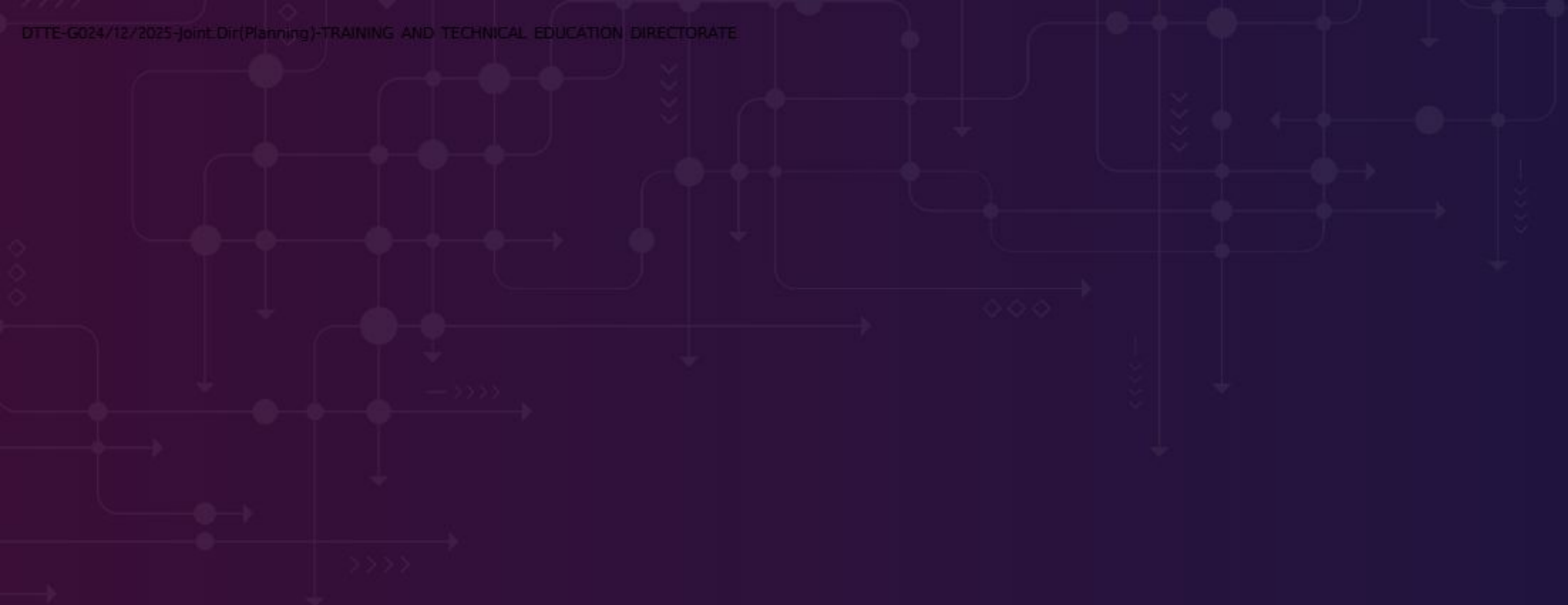
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(NOVEMBER 2025 – MARCH 2026)

**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.

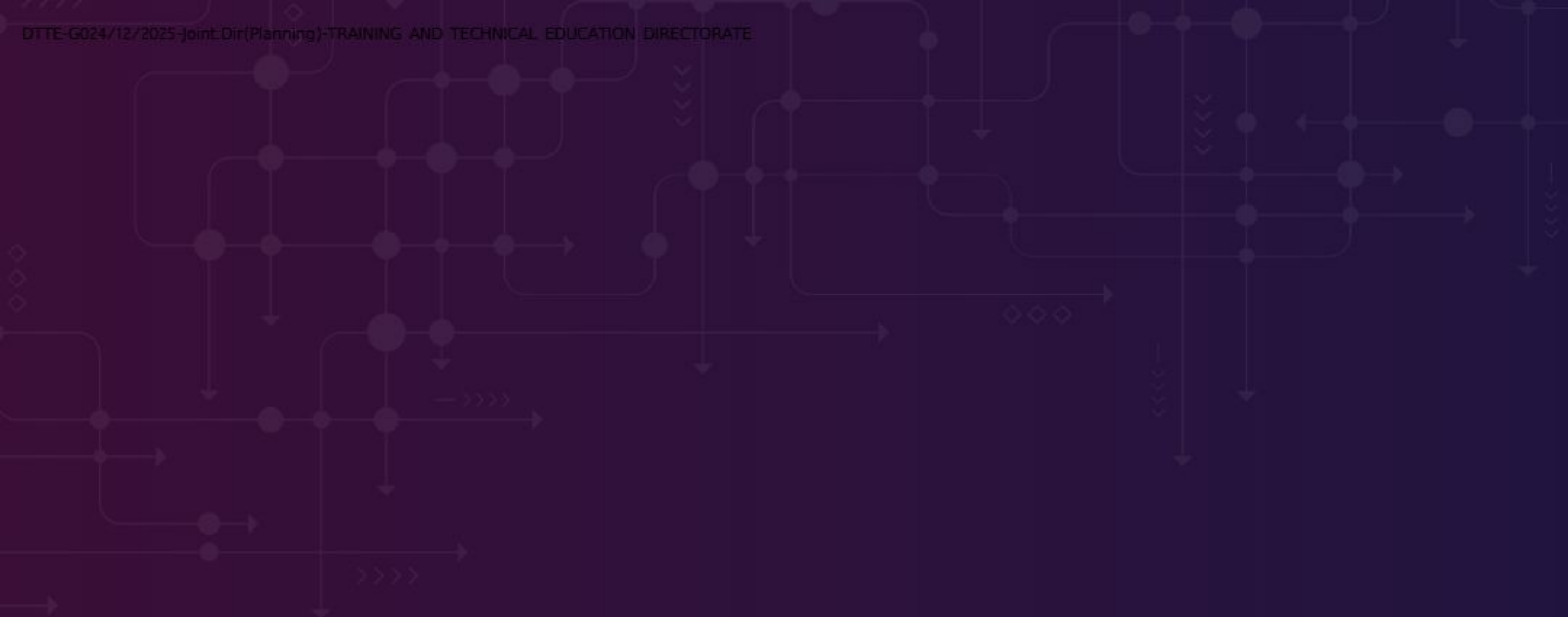
## **Thriving Innovation Ecosystem**

**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



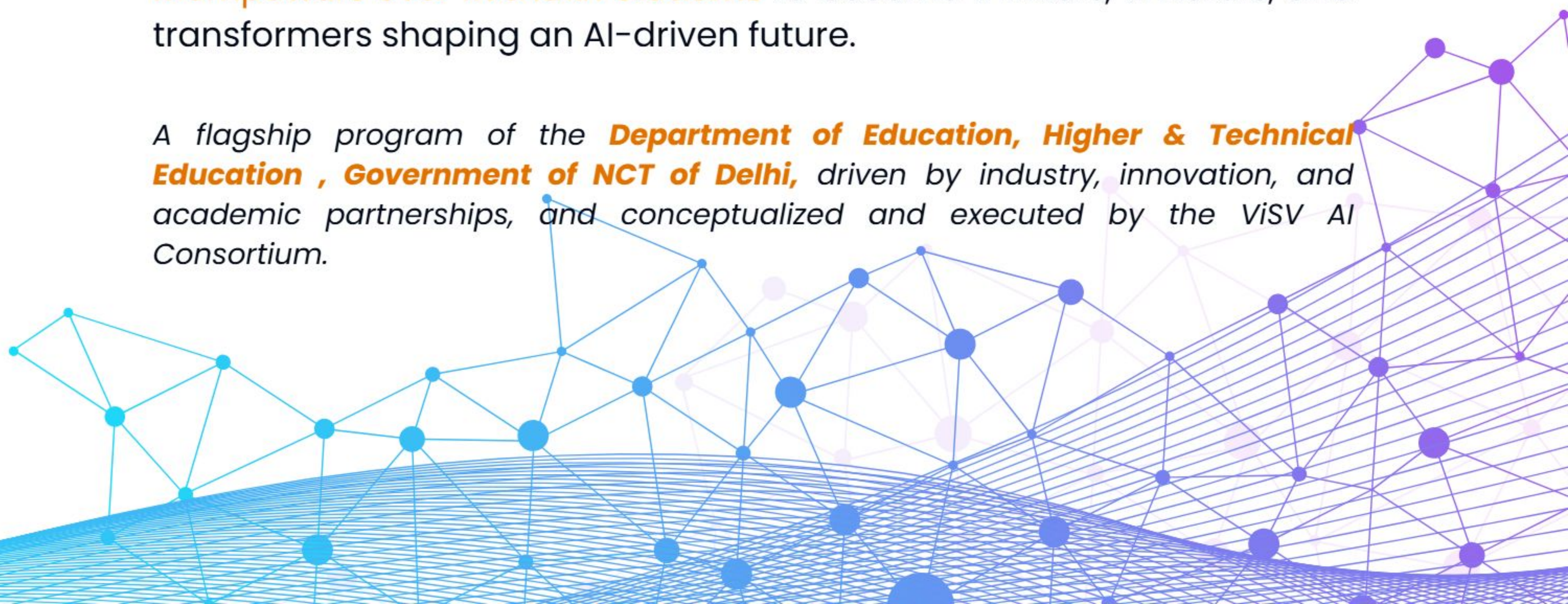


# ABOUT **DELHI AI GRIND**

## **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.**



# FOCUSED SECTORS



**EDUCATION &  
FUTURE SKILLS**



**POWER &  
ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY**



**PUBLIC SAFETY &  
GOVERNANCE**



**AIR QUALITY &  
CLIMATE CHANGE**



**HEALTH &  
WELLBEING**



**TRANSPORT &  
MOBILITY**



**SUPPLY CHAIN &  
URBAN  
LOGISTICS**



**EMPLOYEMENT,  
MSME &  
STARTUPS**



**SMART CITY &  
CIVIC SERVICES**



**TOURISM,  
CULTURE AND  
FOOD SYSTEMS**



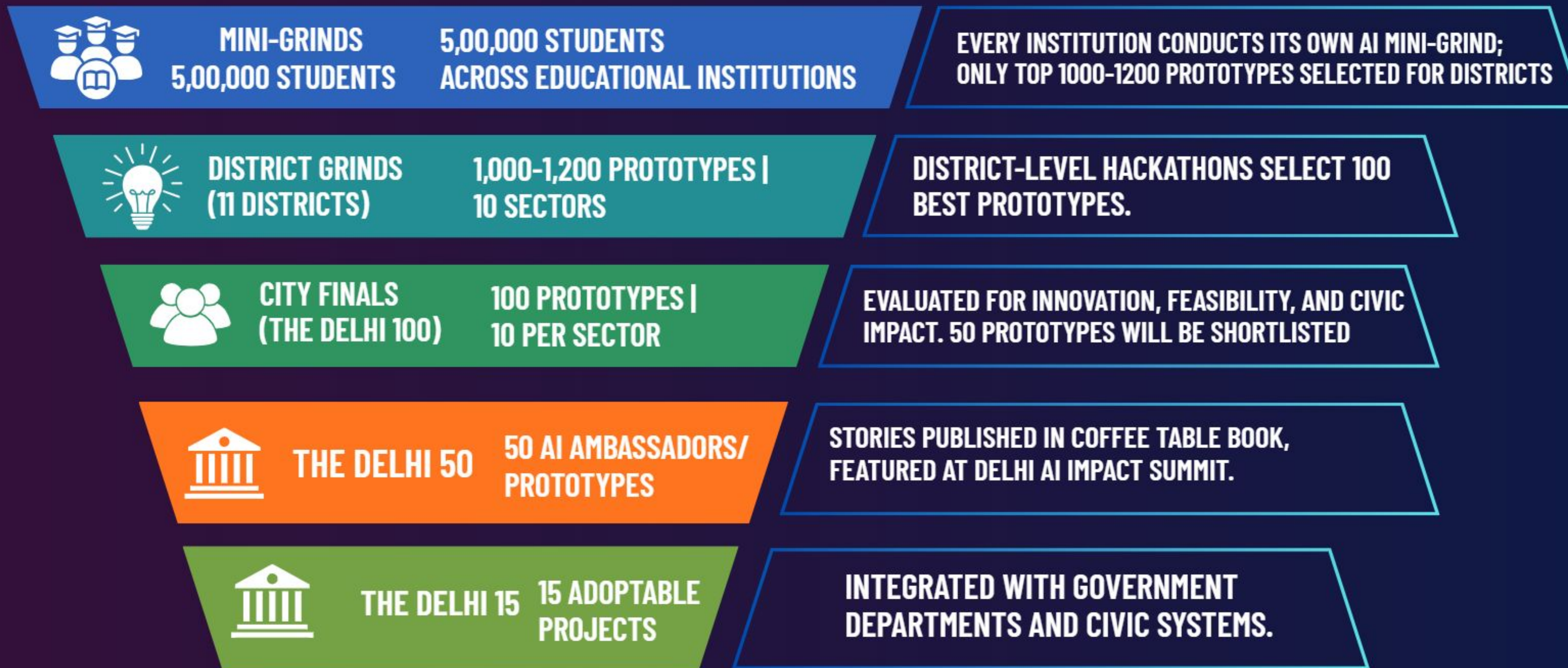
# TARGET DEMOGRAPHY\*

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	<b>Core innovation engine – prototype development, venture ideas, interdisciplinary collaboration.</b>
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



Framework Reference: Eric Ries – “The Lean Startup” (Build–Measure–Learn Model) / Agile Governance (OECD 2020).  
STAGE-GATE MODEL (ROBERT G. COOPER)

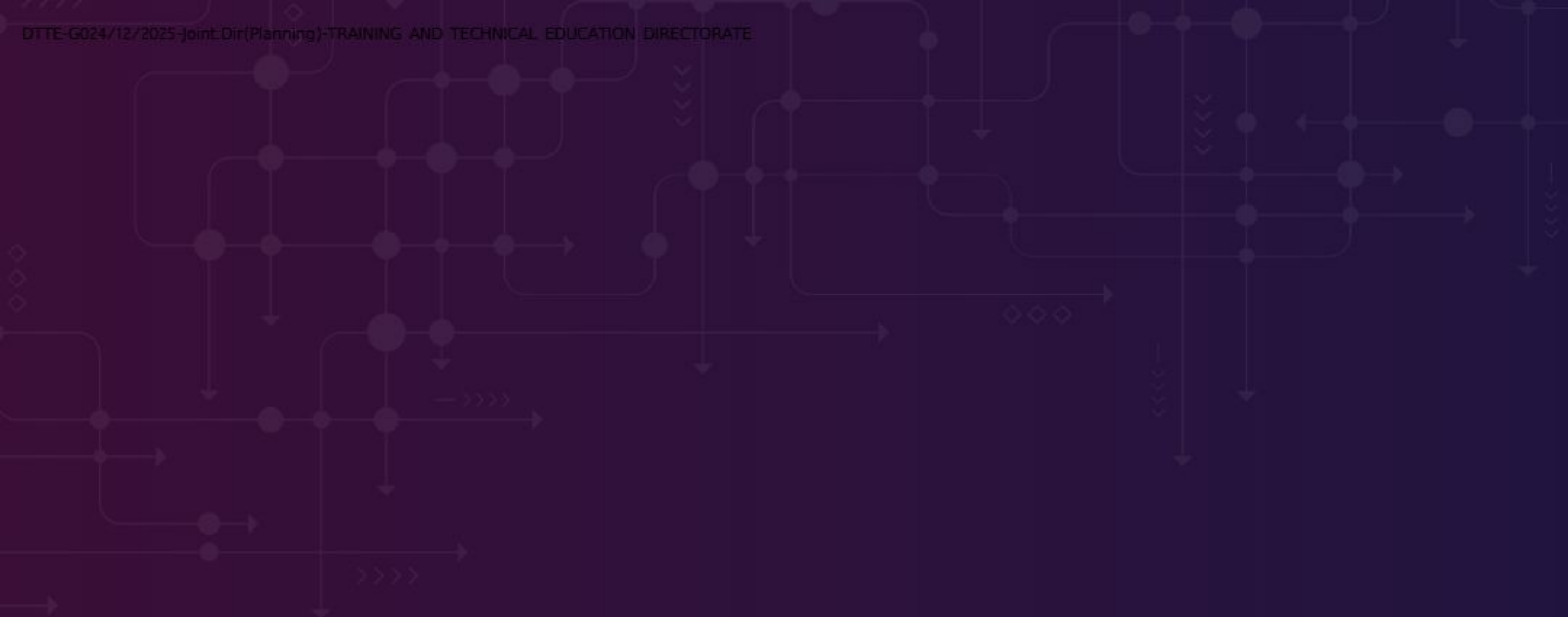


# TARGET GEOGRAPHY

## NCT OF DELHI (11 DISTRICTS)







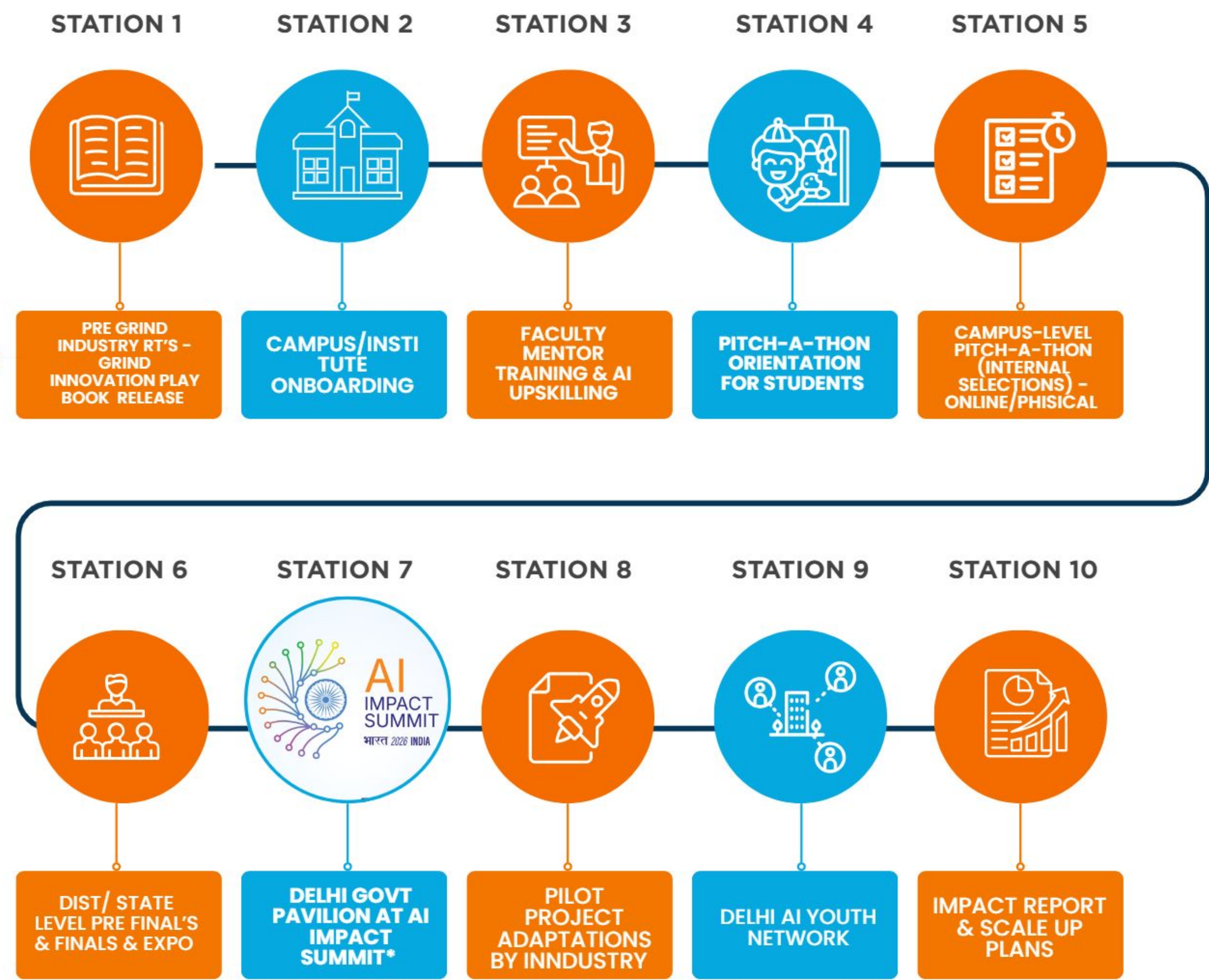
## **SECTION 3 - IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR HIGHER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPTS**







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.



# DELHI AI GRIND - 10-STATION IMPLEMENTATION JOURNEY



# 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

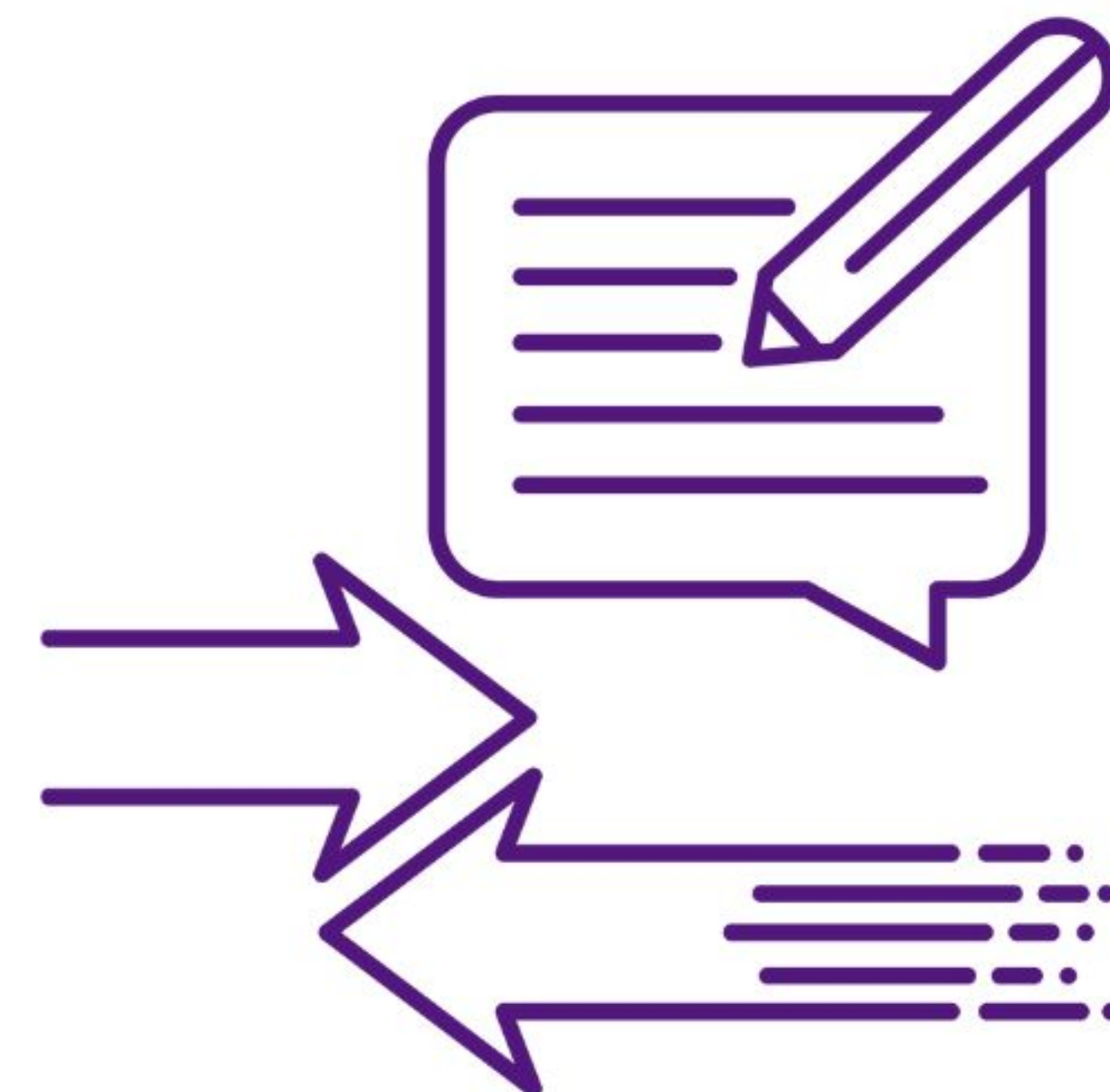
Brief students about challenge themes, guidelines, and participation process.

## 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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