

Zone	Eligible States/UTs	Submissions Website	Eligibility	Themes & Categories	Prizes	Submissions Timeline
South Zone	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep	sevafirst.mic.gov.in/	School, ITI/Polytechnic, University	1. Swachh & Sustainable Bharat: Water, Waste & Circular Economy, Energy Efficiency, Pollution, Environment & Climate. 2. Samridhh Annadata, Samridhh Bharat: Agriculture, Rural Innovation, Livelihoods, MSMEs & Artisans. 3. Swasth & Samavesh Bharat: Health & Well-being,	First, Second, Third prizes in each of the three categories. 1st - ₹10,00,000 2nd - ₹5,00,000 3rd - ₹3,00,000	25 September – 24 October 2026
North Zone	Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir	sewafirsttryic.dtu.ac.in/	Students & Young Innovators, Aspiring Entrepreneurs, Startups & Founders, Researchers & Innovators, Educational Institutions, MSMEs & Other Ecosystem Stakeholders	1. National Level Innovation: Defence, Space & National Security, Disaster Management, AI & Robotics, Manufacturing, Energy, Environment, Infrastructure, Future Mobility. 2. Local Community Level Innovation: Agriculture & Rural Development, Education, Healthcare, Urban Problems, Environment, Sports, Employment & Livelihood, Women & Child Safety, Disaster Management, Transport, Energy, Tourism	₹2 crore	19 September - 1st October 2026
East Zone	West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand	sficeast.wb.gov.in/en	School students, ITI students & Polytechnic students, Undergraduate students, Graduates, Young professionals, Researchers, Early-stage startups, Independent innovators, Community	Community/real-world problems: 1. Village & Panchayat Innovation 2. Agriculture & Allied Sectors, 3. Education & Skill Development 4. Healthcare, 5. Urban & Civic Innovation 6. Environment & Sustainability 7. Employment, Livelihood & MSMEs 8. Women & Child Development	Not announced.	19 September 2026
West Zone	Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Daman & Diu	sevainnovationchallenge.in/	Individual Innovators, Students, Startups, Companies, Other Institutions	Themes are 1. Career & Entrepreneurship 2. Seva First Motto, 3. Problem-Solving Categories are 1. Agriculture, 2. Law & Order, 3. Women & Child 4. Urban Development, 5. Health & Medical 6. Defence, 7. Sustainability – Energy, Climate & Others 8. Infrastructure & Mobility 9. Emerging Technologies – AI, Blockchain & Others 10. Education & Employability	50 Awards across 10 sectors Each sector has 5 winners: 1 × Women Category 1 × Below-18 Category 3 × General Category Prize per winner: ₹10 lakh Therefore: 10 sectors × 5 winners × ₹10 lakh = ₹5 Crore	23 September - 17th October 2026
North - East Zone	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura	startup.assam.gov.in/nesfic26	Students & Young Innovators, Aspiring Entrepreneurs, Startups & Founders, Researchers & Innovators, Educational Institutions, MSMEs & Other Ecosystem Stakeholders	Ashtalakshmi for Viksit Bharat 50 real-world challenges (40 - Government Departments and 10 - Industry organisations) Categories are 1. Healthcare, 2. Flood Management 3. Agriculture, 4. Urban Drainage 5. AI, 6. Drones, 7. Satellite Technology 8. Other Government & Industry challenges	1. Idea-stage Grant: Up to ₹10L 2. MVP & Prototype Development Grant: Up to ₹20L 3. Deep Tech Grant: Up to ₹40L No mention of quantity. Probably, any number if they qualify.	25 September - 25th October

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Individual State	Gujarat	sfic.co.in/	School Students, ITI Students, College & University Students, Interdisciplinary Teams, Startups, Grassroot Innovators	Gujarat-specific problems in 1. Manufacturing, 2. Semiconductors 3. Industrial Innovation & Industry 4.0 4. Healthcare & Biotechnology 5. Clean Technology, 6. Agricultural Technology 7. Deep Tech, 8. AI / ML / AR / VR 9. Waste Management, 10. Design & Art 11.IT & ITeS, 12. Defence & Security 13. Space & Drone Tech, 14. FinTech 15. Climate Action, 16. Toy & Gaming 17. EdTech & HR Tech, 18. Food & Nutrition 19. FMCG / Supply Chain, 20. Social Enterprises	₹1 Crore	18 September – 17 October 2026
Individual State	Haryana	sevafirstinnovationchallenge.startupharyana.gov.in/	Students, Startup, Professional, Innovator, Researcher, Citizen, Others	Public & industrial challenges in 1. Agriculture & Rural Development 2. Healthcare & Biotechnology 3. Education & Skill Development 4. Environment & Sustainability 5. Smart Cities, 6. IT & Digital Transformation 7. Manufacturing, 8. FinTech, 9. Transportation 10. Tourism & Culture, 11. Social Innovation 12. Sports & Wellness 13. Defence & Disaster Management 14. Open Innovation	₹1,00,000 – One top performer from each district ₹5,00,000 each – Three best performers across all applicants	Dates are not available.