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Creativity, Inclusion & Technology in Youth Innovation



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Background

In a rapidly transforming world driven by technology, innovation, and cultural exchange, it is essential that young minds actively participate in shaping equitable and future-ready societies. The Department of Youth Affairs (DoYA), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, has launched a series of International Seminars to empower youth with global exposure, academic exchange, and leadership development. As part of this initiative, the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, is organising the seminar on the thematic focus: **“Designing the Future (ISDF) 2026: Creativity, Inclusion & Technology in Youth Innovation”**. The ISDF 2026 aims to bring together youth innovators, researchers, practitioners, designers, technologists, and policymakers from India and abroad to collaboratively reimagine inclusive futures through creativity, culture, design, and technological advancement.

Theme Rationale

Design today is no longer limited to aesthetics or form; it shapes social behaviour, accessibility, identity, environment, and collective well-being. Youth are at the forefront of experimenting with new models of creative expression, ethical technology, entrepreneurship, and sustainable solutions that directly impact everyday life.

This seminar explores how creativity, inclusion, and technology can converge to build:

- Accessible urban environments
- Ethical AI and digital cultures
- Community-driven innovation ecosystems
- Sustainable and regenerative design practices
- Youth-centred frameworks in policy and governance

Objective

The seminar seeks to:

- Facilitate dialogue between youth and global experts on inclusive and future-oriented design.
- Encourage cross-cultural collaboration in creative and technology-led communities.
- Strengthen global networks among universities, youth-led organisations, and innovation ecosystems.
- Support youth research and publication through a peer-reviewed paper compendium.

- Create a platform for youth to voice perspectives in public discourse on design, identity, and technology.

The International seminar highly encourages the youth (between 18 and 35 years of age), including early-stage entrepreneurs, designers, research scholars, and academicians. The seminar highly encourages professionals not only in design, architecture, planning, textile, AI, robotics, and creative industries, but also community leaders, activists, and youth organisations, including student delegates at the national and international level. The themes for the ISDF 2026 are,

- **Inclusive Design for Social Futures**

Session chair and panellist: Prof. (Dr) Rachana Khare, Dr. Sandeep Arora

This track will examine how design can create equitable, accessible, and socially responsive futures. Contributions may explore frameworks, methods, technologies, and case studies that foreground inclusion and justice in built and digital environments.

- **Creative Cultures & Identity**

Session chair and panellist: Shri. Vijay Tangroti, Ms. Payal Jain

This theme explores how creativity intersects with identity, heritage, and cultural expression. Youth play a transformative role in shaping contemporary cultural ecosystems through art, craft, media, design, and hybrid creative practices.

- **Technology for Transformation**

Session chair and panellist: Dr. Rohan Paul, Suprio Bhattacharjee

This track focuses on how emerging technologies can reshape social experiences, governance systems, economies, and urban futures. It emphasises ethical, sustainable, and people-centric technological development.

- **Youth Leadership & Social Entrepreneurship**

Session chair and panellist: Ar. Sourabh Gupta, ARCHOHM Delhi

This theme explores youth-driven leadership models, social enterprises, and bottom-up innovation ecosystems that address societal challenges, livelihood needs, and community resilience.

- **Creative Education & Future Learning Systems**

Session chair and panellist: Prof. (Dr) Utpal Sharma

- **Sustainability, Climate Resilience & Ecological Futures**

Session chair and panellist: Ar. Priyam Ballav Goswami

Important Dates & Eligibility for Paper / Article Submission

Eligibility: Open to Youth Researchers, Scholars, and Practitioners (below 35 Years)

Short Article / Full Paper Submission Deadline: 20th February, 2026

Notification of Acceptance: 1st March, 2026

Registration and Submission of Presentation: 10th March, 2026

Note: All Accepted Papers will be published in an edited book with ISBN Number. Selected Papers will be published in a Scopus Indexed Edited Book.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

DAY 01 | Wednesday, 18 March 2026

INAUGURAL SESSION

9:00 am to 9:30 am	Registration of the participants
9:30 am to 10:00 am	Receiving the Chief guest and expert panellists
10:00 am to 10:10 am	Inauguration and welcoming of all the guests
10:10 am to 10:20 am	Address by the Chief Guest
10:20 am to 10:25 am	Introducing the Seminar and the Keynote Speaker
10:25 am to 11:05 am	Keynote Session by Martin Duplantier, MDA Architectes
11:05 am to 11:20	Tea/Coffee Break
11:20 am (Panellist 1)	Youth Leadership & Social Entrepreneurship
11:40 am (Panellist 2)	Creative Cultures & Identity
12:00 noon (Panellist 3)	Technology for Transformation
12:20 pm (Panellist 4)	Youth Leadership & Social Entrepreneurship
12:40 am (Panellist 5)	Creative Education and Future Learning System
1:00 am to 1:30 pm	Panel Discussion
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm - Lunch break	
PAPER PRESENTATIONS - Breakup Sessions 1 to 4	
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm	Parallel sessions 1 & 2
3:30 pm to 3:40 pm	Tea/Coffee Break
3:40 pm to 4:40 pm	Parallel sessions 3 & 4
Gala Dinner 7:30 pm onwards	

DAY 02 | Thursday, 19 March 2026

PAPER PRESENTATION

9:00 am to 10:40 am	Session 5
10:40 am to 11:00 am	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Session 6
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - Lunch break	
2:00 pm to 3:20 pm	Session 7
3:20 pm to 3:40 pm	Tea/Coffee Break
3:40 pm to 4:40 pm	Session 8

DAY 03 | Friday, 20 March 2026

Heritage walk followed by the Valedictory Session at the SPA, New Delhi.
Concluding the Seminar with High Tea (<i>Detailed schedule to be shared shortly</i>)

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