



PRAJATANTRA 2026

NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

HOUSING THE FUTURE: BUILDING CITIES FOR ALL

Dear Madam/Sir,

Greetings from Prajatantra 2026!

It gives us immense pleasure to invite your institution to participate in Prajatantra 2026 – **National Youth Festival**, India's premier platform for young citizens to engage with the future of city governance and democracy. Co-organised by **Praja Foundation**, the **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)**, and **UN-Habitat India**, with support from **Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies** and the **Madhu Mehta Foundation**.

Over the past seven years, Prajatantra has evolved into a vibrant national movement that empowers young people to engage with public policy, governance, and civic leadership. The festival has brought together changemakers representing **194 cities** across **28 states** and **8 Union Territories**.

Prajatantra has also gained national recognition through its association with events organised during **India's G20 Presidency**. The previous edition was attended by eminent elected representatives and leaders, including **Adv. Aashish Shelar**, Minister for Information Technology and Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra; **Rahul Narvekar**, Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly; **Aditya Thackeray**, Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly; **Amit Satam**, Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly; **Yogesh Sagar**, Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly; and **Manglesh Kumar Srivastava**, Mayor of Gorakhpur Municipal Corporation.

Building on this remarkable journey, we are excited to launch **Prajatantra 2026** around the theme: **'Housing the Future: Building Cities for All'**. We invite your institution to nominate **teams of four to eight students** to represent your college at this national festival.

Festival Timeline

- **Qualifying Round (Online)** – 4th, 5th & 6th September 2026
- **Semi-Final Round (Online)** – 19th & 20th September 2026
- **Grand Finale (In-Person, Bengaluru)** – 24th & 25th October 2026

Detailed Concept Note and link to the registration form are attached.

We sincerely look forward to hosting you at Prajatantra 2026.

On behalf of Prajatantra Team,

Priyanka Sharma

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