Policy
BootCamp

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Vision India Foundation is a non-profit initiative in the domains of Public Policy and Governance and an ecosystem for aspiring public leaders. It was founded by faculty and alumni of various IITs in 2014. Our mission is to bring systemic reforms in India which align with the nation's current aspirations and ethos, while also using the past to inform the present.

For this, we groom bright and passionate young minds for future leadership of the nation. Since our establishment, we have worked with various government and non-government partners on a wide range of projects. Our field teams and research teams work in tandem to put thought into action.

We don't just study innovative educational practices

but also create institutional mechanisms to implement them.

We don't just identify best practices in governance

but also help bureaucrats to replicate them.

We don't just conduct leadership training

but also enable young people to go out and lead.

Because thought & action go together.
We think & do.

Policy BootCamp

Policy BootCamp is a 21-day residential program focused on public policy, social leadership and nation- building. 150 delegates from around the country and the world come together and stay in one campus.

The program is graced by 50+ speakers including union ministers, bureaucrats, parliamentarians, grassroots reformers, social leaders, academicians, impact investors and young achievers.

Highlights

📅 21-day immersive residential program in Delhi/NCR

⛓ Engage with politicians, bureaucrats, academicians, social workers, thinkers, policy entrepreneurs and more. Experience the spirit of India with workshops, community interactions, group exercises, ideation workshops, and field work.

💡 Learn from India's leading minds through seminars, interactive discussions, one-to-one interactions and implementation modeling.

🧭 Connect with future co-workers, peers, ground workers, policymakers, and various stakeholders of democracy.

I came here with massive expectations and have got more than what my appetite could allow me. Along with learning, there was also a lot of rethinking about our entrenched notions.

Alina Alam
Founder, Mitti Cafe | Azim Premji Foundation

Deepening Democracry & Gearing-up Governance

Map depicts VIF Alumni's presence across India

Field Visits

The delegates are taken through some models of local governance and public systems in the second week of the BootCamp. This element brings in an immersive experience and hence creates room for empathetic community interaction.

Case Studies

Towards the end of the second week of the BootCamp, the delegates are divided into smaller groups of 10 members each, to work on case studies. This gives an opportunity to apply the learning in real life scenarios and to develop problem solving skills.

Keynote Lectures

These are attended by all 150 delegates in an auditorium setting. Average duration is 2 hours, including 45 minutes for Q/A. The session is delivered by subject experts and is planned with the curriculum coordinator at VIF keeping the flow of the BootCamp and delegation profile in mind.

Video Making

The delegates are divided into groups of 10 members each and are asked to prepare a short video on a particular topic within 72 hrs. This activity takes place in the first week of the BootCamp. It brings a good mix of creativity and rigorous team work, and hence has been observed to be an effective ice-breaker. The videos are then screened in front of all 150 delegates, who vote for the best video based on various parameters.

Peer-to-peer Sessions

When 150 delegates from diverse backgrounds come together; there is immense knowledge to be shared. Various peer-to-peer sessions are scheduled during the course of the BootCamp.

The topics can range across the spectrum. Slotting is based on relevance of the topic to the cohort, expertise of the delegate on the subject, structure of session. They are reviewed by the curriculum coordinator at VIF.

Yoga/Meditation

The day at Policy BootCamp begins with a short yoga and meditation session. This aligns the body and mind to enhance learning experience, reflect with mindfulness, and make optimum use of their time at the Policy BootCamp. In the first week of the BootCamp, a self-awareness workshop is organized focusing on tools to optimize energy and make the best use of the Policy BootCamp.

Debriefing in Classrooms

The entire cohort of 150 delegates is divided into 4 classrooms keeping a balanced representation of gender, educational backgrounds and interest areas. Each classroom is assigned a moderator from VIF. The classrooms meet once a day to reflect on the various sessions, to discuss different viewpoints, and to incorporate learnings into personal journeys.

Electives

Apart from the core content that is delivered at the Policy BootCamp, several electives are also offered. Each elective spans itself over four sessions of 1-hour each. The delegates can pick up to three electives. The topics of electives keep evolving in every edition depending upon the flow of curriculum.

Idea Haat

In the final week of the Policy BootCamp, the delegates are asked to brainstorm on ideas towards which they would want to commit themselves. They have to capture the 'Why, What, How and When' of these ideas. The ideas can once again range across the spectrum - right from entrepreneurial ideas to academic projects, from grassroots intervention to policy changes at the macro level.

The essence is for the delegates to be able to articulate their ideas, align career trajectories with life goals, as well as identify the different stakeholders.

Evening Games

A range of group evening games are organized to stimulate the energy levels of the delegates. These games are organized to facilitate physical activity, to inculcate team spirit and to develop a level of belongingness among delegates from different backgrounds, gender and age. Lesser known games from Indian grassroots have been very successful in the previous editions.

Recruitment Opportunities

The Policy BootCamp provides opportunities to various public as well as private organizations working in relevant areas to recruit delegates from the BootCamp. VIF has also partnered with various state governments in the past to engage delegates on projects post the program. The recruitment sessions take place in the last week of the Policy BootCamp.

Mentorship Sessions

During the second half of the Policy BootCamp, various slots are provided where the delegates can approach members of the VIF team on a one-to-one basis or as a group for mentorship sessions on career and life trajectories, as well as to explore possible support and collaboration. Members from the VIF team may also engage some delegates with relevant people, in its network.

In addition, the VIF team also conducts a separate session on possible career trajectories in the nation building space. The mentorship sessions help the delegates gain clarity and exposure on the same.

I don't think there is anything similar to this, in India, at the moment. If you're planning to sign up, do not hesitate irrespective of whether you're coming from the public policy space or not. It really is a 'BootCamp' in all of it's 21 days.

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Highlights

Purva Paksha
Model of Debating

To nudge and inculcate a learning environment at BootCamp, the delegates were introduced to Purva Paksha model of learning. This model requires one party to articulate the thoughts of another, in their own words, before stating their point of veiw, whether in agreement or disagreement.

This workshop included hands-on exercises to practice listening, absorbing, and finally, articulating the other's perspective in their own words. The key rationale agreements and disagreements that define their conversation.

Stay engaged with
trans-domain networks

Staying in Touch with a vast and ever-growing network is challenging, especially when one wants to create lasting bonds that can change the future of our contry to achieve its highest potential. VIF presented its engagement graph, on how to make the best use of the VIF ecosystem and play a role in nation-building movement, based on their time commitment and local networks.

We demarcate a comfort zone for ourselves and stay put. All one needs is push to break out of that cocoon and drive towards the 'magic', which is semigly far away.

And this push is exactly that BootCamp gave to me. It's a perfect launchpad, an eyeopener. The kind of exposure one gets at the PBC is unlike any other.

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Ravi Kapoor
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Highlights

Careers in Public Policy

VIF presented it's unique 3-D career matrix that considers career decisions to be hinged on four dimensions: nature, market needs, skill and finances, and presents the delegates with a framework to analyze their future careers and understand the policy ecosystem.

Fun-Nights

A casual fun-night where the delegates don the hats of the VIF team, organise a talent evening, complete with dance performances, music,and songs, with a theme of their choice.

P.S. The only event in the PBC to which the VIF organisaing team is 'invited' to. The VIF executive them, then, graciously agrees to sit and the hot seat(s) for any questions (as candid as can be) about each person in the team, that the delegate wants to know.

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📅 **3 weeks**   📑 **9 electives**

Isms and Ideologies:
A Toolkit for the Critical Thinker
by Raghav Krishna

Education models in
Contemporary India
by Naman Bansal and Rovin Pushp

Technology in Governance &
Future Policy Challenges
by Shobhit Mathur

Emerging trends in
India's International Relations
by Arunima Gupta and Kamal Madishetty

Prakruti Kendrita Samagra Vikasa
by Sanjeev Sirnoorkar

Understanding Civilisational India: Society & institutions
by Shyam Krishnakumar

Indic lenses for Modern life
by Shyam Krishnakumar

Gramonmukh, Samagra gram-vikas ki aur
by Suryabhan Jadhav and Supriya Patil

Case Studies in Good Governance
by Kumar Subham

Speakers

Sh. Jayant Sinha
Hon'able Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation

Sh. Sumitra Mahajan
Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha

Sh. Amb. Asoke Mukerji
IFS (Retd.); Former Permanent Representative
of India to the United Nations

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Founder, Lok Satta Party & Foundation for Democratic
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Co-Founder and Mentor, VIF

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Hon'able MP, Rajya Sabha
Vice President, Bharatiya Janatha Party
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PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM; Retd. Military
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Kare Samiti

Sh. Popat Rao Pawar
Former Sarpanch, Hiware baazar

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Former Chief Election Commissioner

Sh. Adinarayanan Venkatachalam
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Officer on Special Duty to the Hon'able Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation

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Social Media Strategist, Aam Aadmi Party

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Sh. Devdip Ganguli
Teacher, Sri Aurobindo International
Center of Education

Sh. Dilip Chenoy
Secretary General, FICCI

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I have had the opporunity to meet so many people from diverse backgrounds with everyone having their own story to share. This has impacted and influenced me in so many different ways.

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Policy BootCamp is the perfect way to enhance your learning. Whether dawn or suk, you're always left wanting for more. Kudos to the optimism that runs in the corridors of the BootCamp. I am truly grateful for this experience & inspired each one of us to take a step forwards nation building.

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Language Policy Expert; Entrepreneur

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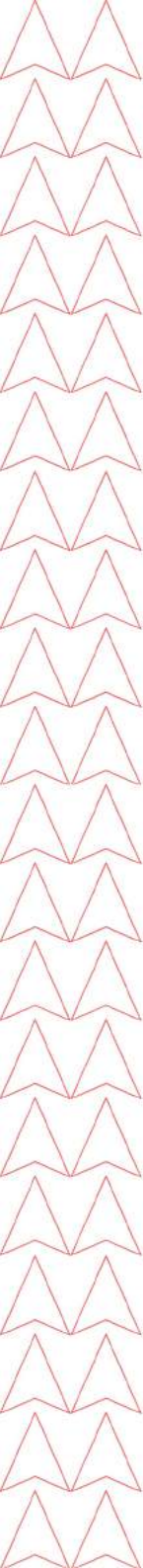
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"Infinite power of the spirit, brought to bear upon matter evolves material development, made to act upon thought evolves intellectuality, and made to act upon itself makes of man a God. First, let us be Gods, and then help other to be Gods. Be and Make. Let this be our motto."
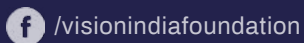
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