



South Asian youth invited to share their vision for International Youth Day

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A first-of-its-kind youth competition has been launched across South Asia, inviting young people aged 15 to 25 from the eight SAARC nations to submit five-minute videos on the theme 'My Vision for South Asia as President/Prime Minister of My Country'. The initiative, organised by Doyens of Peace, is part of the 1st SAARC Civil Society Commemoration being held on August 12, marking International Youth Day. The commemoration will also honour peace activists Admiral L. Ramdas, Karamat Ali and Tapan Bose for their enduring contributions to peacebuilding in the region, said a release.

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If you were the **President or Prime Minister** of your country, how would you transform Southasia

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Open to youth between the ages of 15 - 25

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Youth aged 15 to 25 from South Asian countries and the diaspora have been invited to participate in a regional video contest 'My Vision for South Asia as President / Prime Minister of My Country'. The selected videos will be screened during the first Civil Society Commemoration of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) on August 12, marking International Youth Day.

The deadline for video submissions is July 25. All participants will receive citations, while selected entries will be awarded cash prizes. Details on submissions and participation are available at www.peacedoyens.org.

Organised by Doyens of Peace, a South Asia-wide collective of NGOs, academic institutions, youth groups, and professional bodies, the contest is part of a new annual event to honour former Chief of Naval Staff, the late Admiral L. Ramdas, Urdu poet and critic Karamat Ali, and documentary filmmaker and rights activist Tapan Bose for their work in promoting peace in the region. The selected videos will be livecast online and through hybrid events hosted in various South Asian cities and diaspora locations. Organisers said the platform aims to bring youth into conversations about regional issues and cooperation.

Unique Opportunity for South Asian Youth: Submit Your Vision for the Region and Get Featured Across 8 Countries

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Hyderabad: In a remarkable initiative to inspire cross-border dialogue and promote peace across South Asia, the **Doyens of Peace**, a pan-Southasian network of NGOs, youth groups, educational institutions, unions, and professional bodies, has announced a unique video competition for youth aged **15 to 25 years** from South Asia or of South Asian origin.

“My Vision for South Asia” – A Youth-Led Call to Action

The competition invites young people to submit **5-minute videos** on the theme: **“My Vision for South Asia if I am the President / Prime Minister of my Country”**. This includes participants from the eight SAARC countries – **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka**.

The initiative is being launched as part of the **1st SAARC Civil Society Commemoration** scheduled for **12th August 2025**, aligning with the **International Youth Day**. The event will also pay tribute to the legendary peace champions **Admiral L. Ramdas (India), Karamat Ali (Pakistan), and Tapan Bose (India)**, who dedicated their lives to fostering harmony across the region.

Video Submission and Recognition



- **Last Date to Submit Entries: 25th July 2025**
- **Submission**
Link: <https://www.peacedoyens.org/videos-submission>
- **Event Date: 12th August 2025**
- **Event Mode:** Online Live Cast and Hybrid Gatherings in Multiple Locations Across South Asia and Beyond
- **Eligibility:** Youth aged 15–25 years from South Asia or of South Asian origin
- **Recognition:** All entries will receive **citations**, and **selected videos will be awarded cash prizes** and featured during the live event.

The selected video entries from each country will be showcased online and at hybrid events organized across various cities in the region and internationally.

Fostering a Shared South Asian Identity

This initiative is not just a competition but an evolving **platform for regional collaboration and expression**. Through this event and the broader **Peace Doyens network**, youth will have ongoing opportunities to:

- Join virtual cross-border events and campaigns
- Receive fortnightly newsletters with updates from partner organizations
- Contribute to shared platforms that promote peace, understanding, and regional cooperation

In a region often marked by political and cultural divides, this initiative aims to **empower the next generation** to engage with **common regional concerns**, from climate change and unemployment to education and gender equity, and offer **collective solutions**.

Speaking about the campaign, **Mazher Hussain** of **COVA Peace Network** stated,

“This is a call for youth to imagine beyond borders and take ownership of the region’s future. South Asia needs young leaders who can think regionally while acting locally.”

For further information, partnership opportunities, and video submission guidelines, interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to visit the official website: www.peacedoyens.org