

June to December 2025: A Report

Pan-Southasia Youth Platform — Distilled Highlights and Proposed Actions

About Doyens of Peace

Doyens of Peace is a pan-South Asia Platform bringing together youth, civil society organisations and educational institutions from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. The platform enables youth-led dialogue, cross-border collaboration, and practical action for peace, regional cooperation, and sustainable development.

Inaugural Event — 12 August 2025 (International Youth Day)

Theme: *“My Vision for Southasia if I am the President / Prime Minister”* — an online event with submissions from youth (15–25 years) across eight South Asian countries. 198 youth submitted 2 to 5 minute videos; 16 top videos (two per country) were livestreamed followed by a panel discussion featuring 8 youth leaders under 30. The Program celebrated youth creativity and practical policy blueprints for regional cooperation and peace.

For the Live Streaming and Videos on YouTube Please Click:

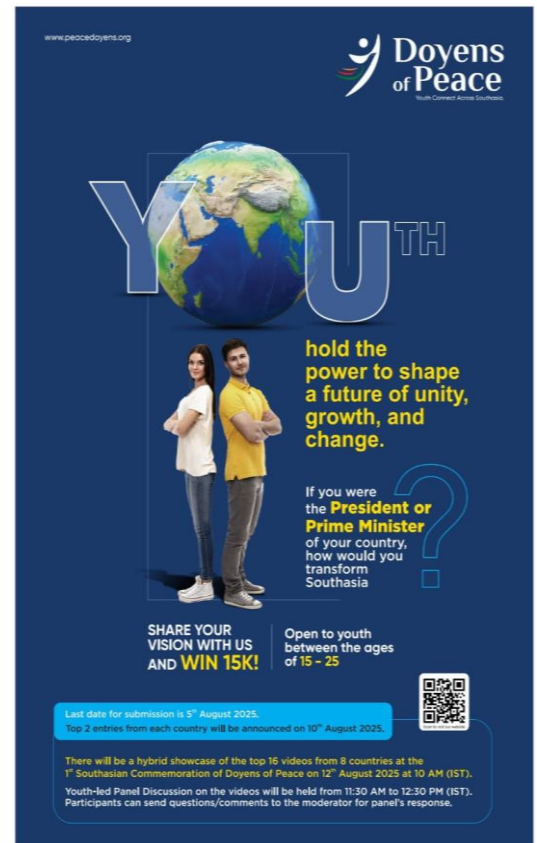
<https://youtube.com/live/hjb5ijczXmc>

Key Themes from Youth Visions

Youths advocated for: cross-border education and virtual campuses; people-to-people diplomacy; regional employment and native institutions; joint river and emission reduction programs; soft-border trade linkages; reinvigorating SAARC as a platform for cooperation. The collective Vision document articulates a long-term economic and ecological integration led by an educated, connected youth generation.

Immediate Outcomes

The first Southasian Commemoration of Doyens of Peace honoured three eminent peace practitioners whose lifelong contributions shaped people-to-people engagement and regional solidarity in South Asia, while foregrounding youth visions for the region’s future. Please Visit: www.peacedoyens.org



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Doyens of Peace
Youth Connect Across South Asia

YOUTH

hold the power to shape a future of unity, growth, and change.

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

SHARE YOUR VISION WITH US AND **WIN 15K!**

Open to youth between the ages of 15 – 25

Last date for submission is 5th August 2025.
Top 2 entries from each country will be announced on 10th August 2025.

There will be a hybrid showcase of the top 16 videos from 8 countries at the 1st Southasian Commemoration of Doyens of Peace on 12th August 2025 at 10 AM (IST).
Youth-led Panel Discussion on the videos will be held from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM (IST).
Participants can send questions/comments to the moderator for panel’s response.



Admiral Ramdas

Peace Advocate, India
Former Chief of the Indian Navy who has worked tirelessly to build bridges between India and Pakistan through citizen diplomacy.

“Youth must be the architects of a new South Asia built on mutual respect and cooperation.”



Karamat Ali

Peace Activist, Pakistan
Founder of the Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research, dedicated to promoting peace and regional cooperation.

“Cross-border collaboration is not just beneficial; it is essential for our shared future.”



Tapan Bose

Human Rights Defender, India
Documentary filmmaker and activist who has consistently advocated for peaceful resolution of conflicts in South Asia.

“We must see beyond borders to recognize our shared heritage and common humanity.”

SAARC Charter Day — Short Videos Project - 8 December 2025

Videos invited from youth (15–25 years) across Southasia on: *How can Youth Collaborate to Reduce Poverty and Promote Peace?*

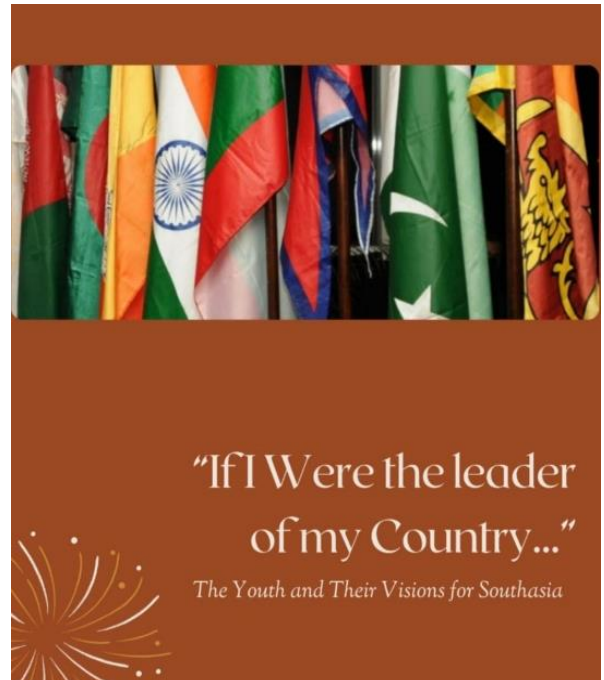
223 videos (2–5 minutes) were received from youth across Southasia; 14 top videos were livestreamed with a panel discussion. Participants collectively proposed a 9-Point Strategic Youth Blueprint to transform regional cooperation and tackle fragmentation through youth-led initiatives.

Please Click the Link for the Livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/hr8gRwzXVAw>

9-Point Strategic Youth Blueprint

1. South Asian Youth Peace Network
2. Music Unites: Cross-Border Cultural Diplomacy
3. Social Media & AI for Peace and Collaboration
4. Virtual Campuses / Open Southasian Universities: Education Without Borders
5. Regional Youth Innovation Hub
6. Youth-Led Cross-Border Trade Bridges
7. Green Energy Grid Initiative
8. Joint Environmental and Resource Programs
9. Disaster Response as a Unifying Force



From Blueprint to Action

The blueprint proposes creating Dedicated Thematic Communities- using the WhatsApp Platform- for each Strategic Point to develop concrete project plans. The first three Thematic Communities (Climate Change, Culture Connect, Social Media & AI) will pilot collaborations on WhatsApp and scale to broader platforms.

For Overview- Engagement - Action

Please Visit the Doyens of Peace Website:

www.peacedoyens.org

For The Concept- Program- Implementation Mechanism- Partners-Live Streams- Videos-Reports- Media Coverage – To Enlist as Partners- Engage with Thematic Communities- Collaborate for Programs and Activities!!

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SAARC Charter Day 8th December 2025- Live Streaming