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PAIR SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMIT 2026

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THE HARVARD PAIR SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMIT 2026

The Harvard PAIR Sustainability Impact Summit (HSIS) 2026 is a three-day sustainability and policy-making challenge for high school students, hosted by MU20 School of Opportunity in partnership with the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR).

At HSIS, participants take on the role of young innovators, analysts, and changemakers, addressing global sustainability concerns through research, design thinking, and policy formulation. Across SDG-aligned

tracks, they explore real-world challenges, build data-driven policy frameworks, and propose practical pathways for measurable impact.

The summit blends academic rigor with experiential learning, featuring structured deliberations, expert guidance, and specialized sessions led by students from Harvard University. Through this, HSIS cultivates a generation of leaders capable of turning ideas into action.





MU20 Knowledge Festival

A Platform for Early Skill Development and Global Exposure

The MU20 Knowledge Festival is an initiative by the MU20 School of Opportunity designed to help students build essential real-world skills early in their academic journey without bearing the trouble of travelling abroad. In collaboration with FLAME University, Pune, the festival brings two globally recognised learning platforms to students in India, giving them access to international opportunities at a young age.

Two Independent Learning Experiences



OxfordMUN
INDIA 2026



HARVARD
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Get a chance to attend the

HPAIR CONFERENCE AT THE

HARVARD

UNIVERSITY



This scholarship stands as the highest recognition of excellence at HSIS. Awardees join an international cohort of emerging changemakers, participate in sustainability and policy discussions with peers from around the world, and gain exposure to the intellectual environment that defines Harvard.

So far, 32 exceptional students have earned this scholarship through HSIS, carrying their work from FLAME University to the global stage and representing India at HPAIR with distinction.

The top-performing teams of HSIS 2026 will earn a

**100%
SCHOLARSHIP**

on the registration fee for the next HPAIR Conference at Harvard University, an opportunity to engage with global leaders, innovators, and scholars at one of the world's most influential academic institutions.



Letter From The CONFERENCE DIRECTOR

Dear Delegates, Faculty Advisors, and Sustainability Advocates,

It is with great honor that I welcome you to the Harvard PAIR Sustainability Impact Summit (HSIS) 2026, a gathering of young minds driven by the urgency to rethink, reimagine, and reshape our world's approach to sustainability. Harvard has long stood as a beacon of thought leadership, fostering individuals who challenge the status quo and pioneer solutions that create lasting impact. HSIS embodies this very spirit, where intellectual rigor meets actionable change.

We find ourselves at a pivotal moment in history. The challenges we face, climate change, resource depletion, and environmental injustice, are not distant threats but immediate realities. The decisions made today will define the future we inherit. HSIS 2026 is not about passive discourse; it is about bold, innovative thinking that translates into real-world action. This summit is designed to bridge the gap between ideas and implementation, between ambition and execution.

As participants, you are not just attendees of a conference, you are part of a movement that demands urgency, responsibility, and courage. Over the next few days, you will engage in a journey that challenges perspectives, sharpens critical thinking, and fosters collaboration.

On behalf of our team, I invite you to embrace this experience with an open mind and an unrelenting drive to lead. This is your moment to think beyond the present and step into the future as a changemaker.

Welcome to HSIS 2026, where leadership meets legacy, and where sustainability is not just discussed, but defined.

Sincerely,

Hunter Haynes

Hunter Haynes
Conference Director
Harvard PAIR Sustainability Impact Summit 2026

HSIS 2026 *returns to the iconic* FLAME UNIVERSITY

The Harvard PAIR Sustainability Impact Summit (HSIS) 2026 will be hosted at FLAME University, Pune, a leading institution recognized for its commitment to academic innovation, sustainability, and leadership-centered education. Known for its interdisciplinary learning model and forward-thinking ecosystem, FLAME provides the perfect environment for young minds to engage, ideate, and drive meaningful change.

Set against the backdrop of a lush, eco-conscious campus, FLAME University represents the very ideals that HSIS seeks to uphold, collaboration, critical inquiry, and action-oriented thinking. Its advanced facilities, liberal education ethos, and dedication to nurturing global citizens make this an ideal collaboration for a summit that celebrates purpose-driven leadership.

At HSIS 2026, participants will experience the synergy of Harvard mentorship, dynamic dialogue, and policy innovation within a campus that stands as a living model of sustainability. Together, FLAME University and HSIS 2026 create a space where ideas evolve into blueprints for the future.





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HSIS EVE



01 POLICY DEBATES

Engage in powerful discussions where innovation meets impact. Through focused, high-intensity debates, participants examine sustainability dilemmas and propose transformative policies that reimagine the future of global governance.



02

SUSTAINABILITY SKILL-BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Participate in immersive learning sessions led by students from Harvard University and the global sustainability community. These hands-on workshops deepen understanding of policy-making, environmental leadership, and strategic impact design.



03

FESTIVE EVENINGS

From the elegance of Masquerade Eve to the cultural brilliance of the Global Village Gala, HSIS 2026 blends celebration with connection, creating moments that unite participants beyond dialogue and debate.

04

POWER TALKS

Experience thought-provoking sessions led by global figures who share lived perspectives on leadership, diplomacy, sustainability, and purposeful change, inspiring every delegate to think and act differently. Previous speakers include Mr. Ronnie Screwvala, CA Sarthak Ahuja and others.



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INSIGHT SESSIONS BY HARVARD STUDENTS

Gain first-hand exposure to Harvard's academic philosophy, admissions journey, and global learning environment. These sessions provide rare insight into building strong applications and excelling in competitive spaces.



06

CHANGEMAKERS CHALLENGE

Win a direct entry and scholarship to HSIS 2026 through this pre-conference challenge designed to identify tomorrow's sustainability leaders. Selected changemakers will join forces at the summit to develop solutions for real-world environmental and social challenges.



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POWER DRILL

Test leadership, adaptability, and teamwork in a dynamic, high energy challenge that demands quick thinking and collaboration. It's where intellect meets instinct and where teams rise to define their legacy.



IMPACT CHALLENGE

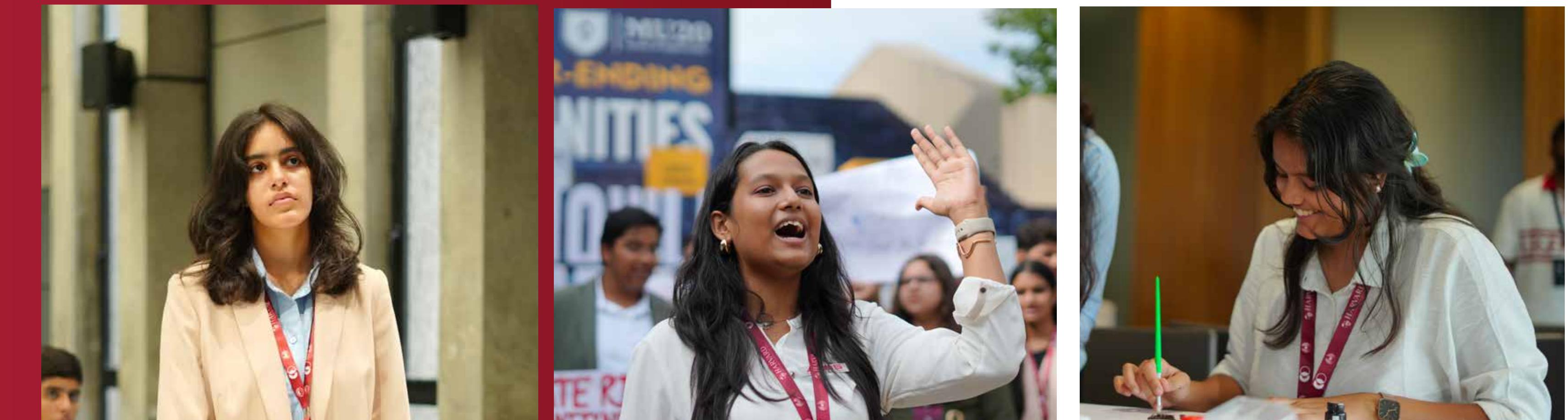
At the Harvard PAIR Sustainability Impact Summit 2026, participants will take on the roles of policymakers, sustainability strategists, and innovators. Rather than engaging in theoretical discussions, they will research, design, and advocate for actionable, data-informed policy solutions that address pressing global sustainability challenges.



PHASE 01 : Pre-Conference (Virtual)

Goal: Develop a Research-Backed Problem Statement

- Teams select a region or country linked to their SDG.
- Draft a problem statement supported by real-world evidence.
- Submissions are reviewed for uniqueness, feasibility, and relevance.
- Finalized problem statements are shared across all teams in the track.



PHASE 02: Conference (On-Ground at FLAME University)

Four competitive rounds take place over 3 days

01

EXPOSITION ROUND

- 5-minute team presentation + Q&A.
- Covers issue, region, impact, and urgency.
- Peer voting selects the top 4–6 problem statements.



02

CAMPAIGN ROUND

- Eliminated teams merge with selected teams to form coalitions.
- Coalitions create awareness campaigns (video, theatre, visual storytelling, etc.)
- Aim: Build support and visibility for their issue.



03

CRUCIBLE ROUND

- Structured 2–3 minute speeches defending problem statements.
- Cross-questioning by teams + clarifications from the executive board.
- Final vote selects one issue for policy drafting.



04

POLICY FORMATION ROUND

- The final issue is generalized to allow multiple policy perspectives.
- Each faction drafts a structured policy including:
 1. Stakeholder Mapping
 2. Objectives
 3. Implementation Plan
 4. Feasibility
 5. Impact Metrics
- Policies are presented and voted on for adoption.



TRACKS AT HSIS



SDG 03
GOOD HEALTH & WELL BEING



SDG 04
QUALITY EDUCATION



SDG 05
GENDER EQUALITY



SDG 06
CLEAN WATER &
SANITATION



SDG 07
AFFORDABLE &
CLEAN ENERGY



SDG 08
DECENT WORK &
ECONOMIC GROWTH



SDG 10
REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



SDG 11
SUSTAINABLE CITIES
& COMMUNITIES



SDG 12
RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION &
PRODUCTION



SDG 13
CLIMATE ACTION

WHAT MAKES IT UNIQUE ?

The Harvard PAIR Sustainability Impact Summit 2026 stands apart by moving beyond conventional research and debate formats. It emphasizes **realistic policy-making, strategic collaboration, and execution-oriented problem-solving**, allowing participants to experience how ideas evolve into actionable frameworks.

The final outcomes of the Impact Challenge extend beyond recognition, several proposals have the potential to be developed into real sustainability initiatives in collaboration with experts and partner institutions.

By the conclusion of HSIS 2026, participants will have engaged in a rigorous, research-led process of policy formulation and advocacy, gaining both a deeper understanding of sustainability challenges and hands-on experience in shaping practical, scalable solutions.

CHANGEMAKERS CHALLENGE

The Changemakers Challenge at Harvard PAIR Sustainability Impact Summit 2026 is a pre-summit challenge designed to identify and empower emerging young leaders in sustainability, innovation, and policy-making. This challenge moves beyond conversation to creation, inviting participants to collaborate on tangible solutions for some of the world's most complex sustainability problems.

The winning team of the challenge, will earn a 100% scholarship on HSIS 2026 registration fee. This recognition not only rewards their excellence but also ensures that the summit remains a space built on merit, inclusion, and opportunity.

Across three high-intensity rounds, participants will analyze global and regional sustainability concerns, design actionable strategies, and present their solutions to a panel of experts. The challenge cultivates analytical depth, creativity, and collaborative problem-solving, shaping students into young thinkers capable of driving systemic, real-world change.

PRE CONFERENCE TRAINING SESSIONS



Before the summit begins, delegates will engage in specialized Pre-Conference Training Sessions curated to build a strong foundation in sustainability, policy design, and critical analysis.

Led by experts and mentors, these sessions combine research-driven learning, case-based discussions, and hands-on exercises. Participants gain practical exposure to evaluating data, understanding policy frameworks, and designing actionable solutions for real-world challenges.

With the learning from these sessions, delegates enter the summit prepared with both the insight and confidence to contribute meaningfully to every round of the HSIS experience.

MASQUERADE EVE

Experience the allure of Masquerade Eve at HSIS 2026, an evening where elegance and connection converge. Designed as a refreshing interlude amid intense policy rounds, the evening allows delegates to engage in meaningful conversations within a setting that celebrates art, culture, and connection.

The evening blends curated music, and thematic booths that encourage interaction and reflection. Delegates and mentors alike share ideas and perspectives in an atmosphere that transcends formality, one that values both intellect and individuality.

Masquerade Eve captures the essence of HSIS, global perspectives meeting shared purpose. It's a night that reminds every participant that sustainability begins with connection, and that change often starts with the conversations we choose to have.

Join us for an unforgettable night where every moment whispers tales of intrigue and connection!



GLOBAL VILLAGE GALA

The Global Village Gala at HSIS 2026 is a celebration of diversity, culture, and global unity, an evening where participants from across regions come together to share the traditions, art forms, and expressions that define their heritage.

Through vibrant performances, cultural showcases, and interactive experiences, the Gala transforms the summit into a living mosaic of global identity. Delegates represent their communities not through speeches, but through creativity, offering glimpses into how culture shapes perspective, values, and collective action.

Beyond celebration, the Global Village Gala reminds every participant that sustainability extends beyond environmental goals, it is also about preserving culture, fostering empathy, and understanding the interconnectedness of our world.



POWER TALKS

The Power Talks at Harvard PAIR Sustainability Impact Summit 2026 bring together industry pioneers, thought leaders, and changemakers who share first-hand insights from their professional and personal journeys. These sessions move beyond theory, offering delegates an opportunity to understand leadership, sustainability, real-world perspectives.

Through these conversations, students learn to view global issues with nuance, question assumptions, and connect ideas across disciplines. Listening to seasoned professionals, such as Mr. Ronnie Screwvala, CA Sarthak Ahuja, and other distinguished speakers, have encouraged our past participants to think critically, act decisively, and engage with the world as informed, aware, and purposeful individuals.

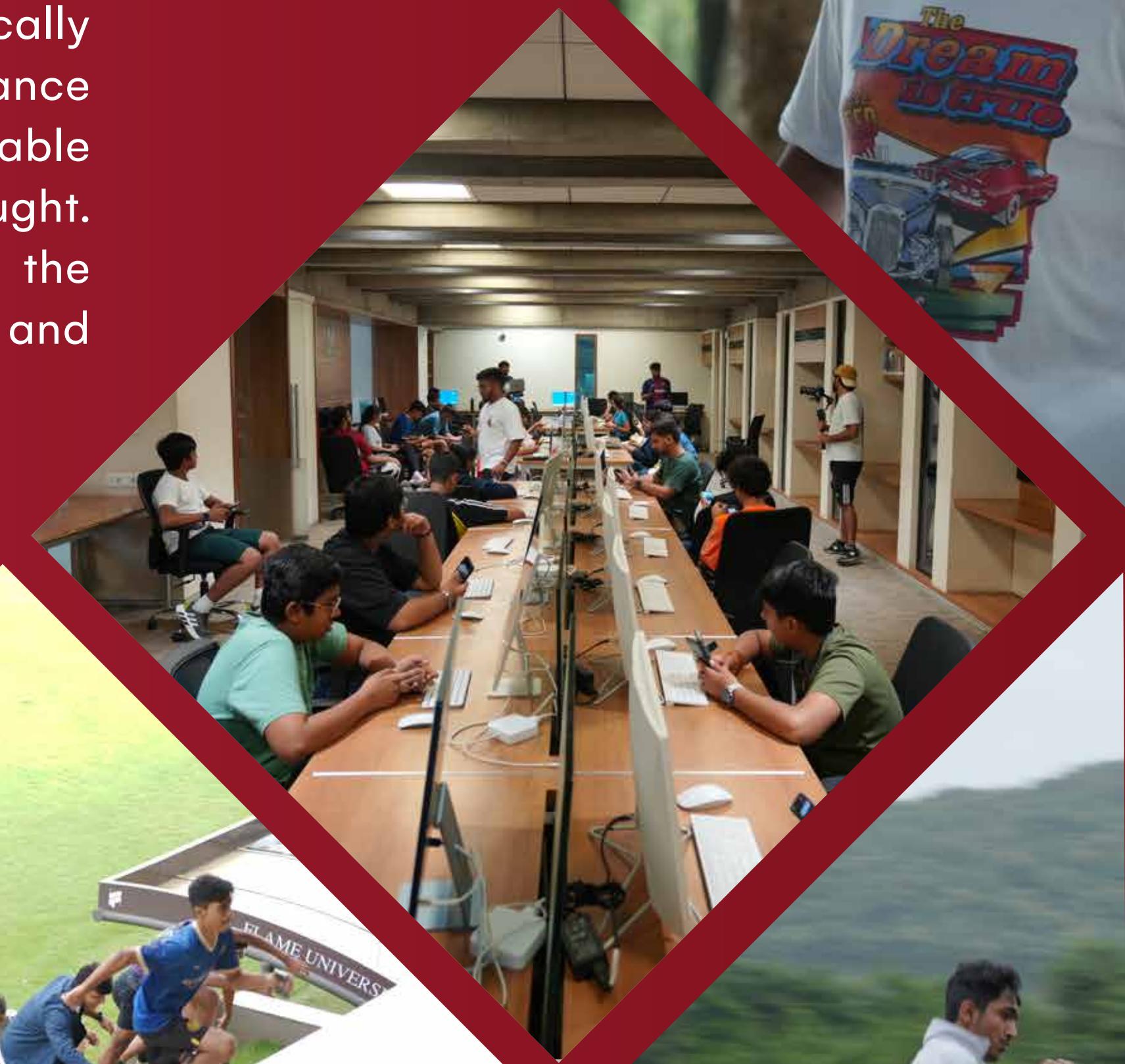
Because the best lessons in leadership are learned from those who live them.



POWER DRILL

The Power Drill at HSIS 2026 is a mind and muscle, action-oriented challenge that brings intellect, teamwork, and endurance to the forefront. It pushes delegates to think sharply, collaborate effectively, and perform with precision under pressure.

Through a series of strategic and physically engaging tasks, participants learn to balance logic with agility, adapting to unpredictable situations while maintaining clarity of thought. Each challenge is structured to highlight the importance of composure, coordination, and leadership in dynamic settings.





INSIGHT SESSIONS BY HARVARD STUDENTS

The Insight Sessions by students from Harvard University offer delegates an exclusive opportunity to gain first-hand understanding of one of the world's leading academic ecosystems. Participants explore Harvard's approach to learning, leadership, and innovation through focused discussions and Q&A sessions.

Beyond admissions, the sessions provide deep insights into academic pathways, research opportunities, and the leadership culture that defines Harvard. Delegates leave with practical guidance on crafting purposeful applications, excelling in interviews, and preparing for success on a global stage.

These sessions represent an invitation, to think expansively, pursue excellence relentlessly, and view education as a platform for global impact.



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AUGUST 2026



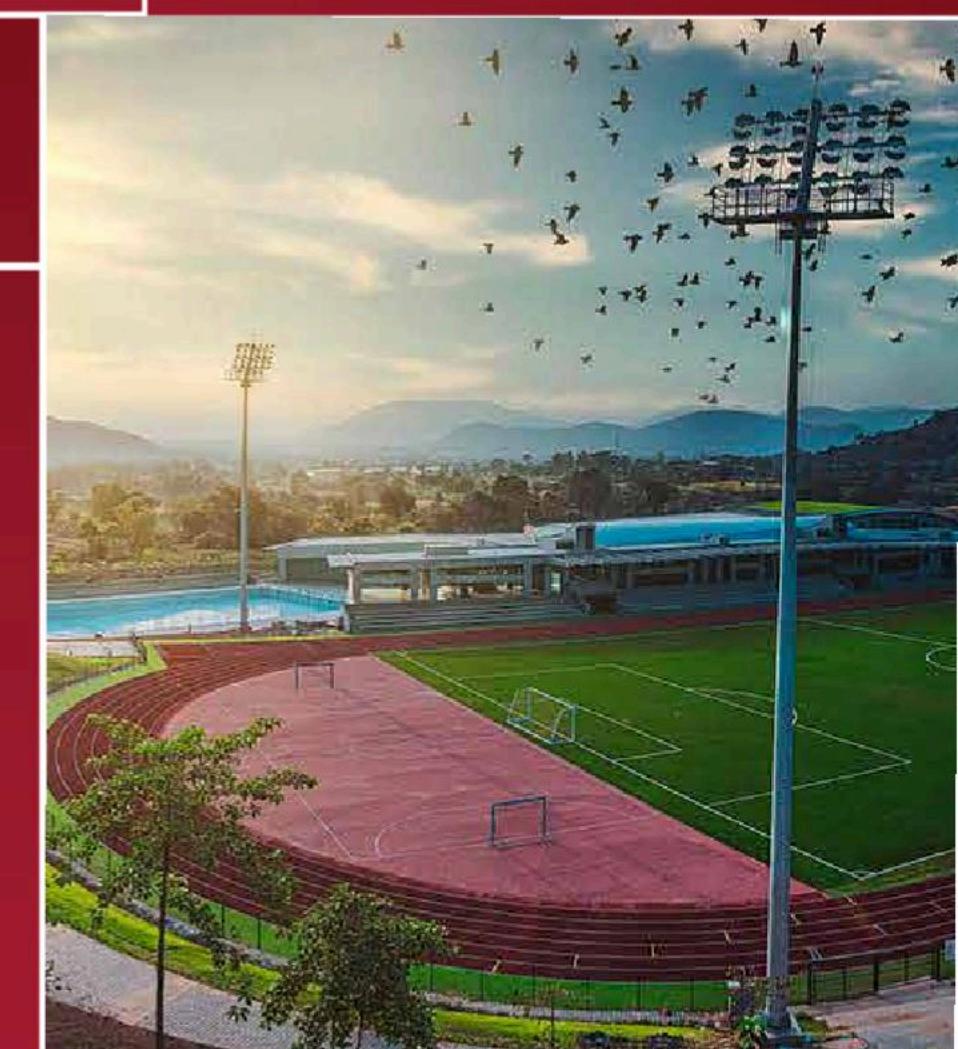
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UNIVERSITY
PUNE



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE ?

The summit welcomes high school students from Grades 9 to 12, offering them a unique platform to collaborate with peers from across India and abroad. Participants engage in policy-driven discussions, sustainability simulations, and culturally immersive experiences that foster leadership & global awareness.



WHAT'S INCLUDED ?

Your delegate experience includes:

- Fourteen curated meals across four days.
- Double-occupancy accommodation on the FLAME University campus.
- Full participation in an assigned track and all summit-wide sessions.
- Access to the Insight Sessions by students from Harvard University and expert-led pre-conference training.
- Entry to Masquerade Eve, the Global Village Gala, Power Talks, and other signature events.
- Intra-city travel assistance.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Delegate Fee (Member Schools):

- Priority Registration: INR 30,000 (incl. GST)
- General Registration: INR 35,000 (incl. GST)

Delegate Fee (Non-Member Schools):

- Priority Registration: INR 35,000 (incl. GST)
- General Registration: INR 40,000 (incl. GST)

School Registration Fee: INR 5,000 (incl. GST)

Registration Deadlines

- Priority Registration: 5th February 2026
- General Registration: 30th April 2026

HIGHLIGHTS OF HSIS 2026



INSIGHT SESSIONS BY HARVARD STUDENTS

Interact directly with Harvard students through sessions designed to deepen your understanding of the Harvard admissions process, academic life, and leadership culture. Gain first-hand insights into what it takes to excel at one of the world's most distinguished universities.



WIN YOUR WAY TO HPAIR CONFERENCE AT HARVARD

Top-performing teams will earn a 100% scholarship on the registration fee for the next edition of the HPAIR conference at Harvard University campus. Recognized as emerging sustainability leaders, these students will represent the next generation of global changemakers.

SOCIAL & CULTURAL IMMERSION

HSIS 2026 features curated experiences like Masquerade Eve and the Global Village Gala, evenings that foster cultural exchange, networking, and the spirit of collaboration that defines the summit experience.



POWER DRILL

Test your teamwork, agility, and strategic thinking in a fast-paced sustainability challenge, where delegates collaborate to solve real-world crises through creativity, precision, and quick decision-making.



THE CHANGEMAKERS CHALLENGE

Participate in a pre-summit competition that identifies India's most promising young sustainability innovators. Across multiple rounds, delegates tackle pressing global issues, develop data-backed policy models, and present scalable solutions to an expert panel.



QUALITY PARTICIPATION

HSIS 2026 convenes exceptional students from leading schools and institutions across India and beyond. With diverse representation and rigorous discussion, every delegate contributes to an environment of shared learning, intellectual growth, and collective progress.

POLICY DEBATES & SUSTAINABILITY SIMULATIONS

Engage in high-stakes policy deliberations where analytical thinking meets real-world application. Delegates collaborate to design sustainability frameworks, defend ideas through structured debate, and propose policies that reflect both vision and practicality.



REDEFINING SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP

HSIS 2026 is a movement towards actionable leadership. Through expert mentorship, research driven problem solving, and policy innovation, delegates emerge equipped to lead with empathy, strategy, and purpose in shaping a sustainable future.



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