

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Department of Youth Affairs

The following are the salient programmes and activities performed by the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports during the month of August, 2019 :-

2. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards: The Awards are given every year to recognize the achievements of persons in the fields of adventure to encourage young people to develop the spirit of endurance, risk-taking & cooperative teamwork.

The award is given in four categories namely, Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure and Life Time Achievement. This year the awards have been conferred upon the following:

S. No.	Name	Category
1.	Ms. Aparna Kumar	Land Adventure
2.	Late Shri Dipankar Ghosh	Land Adventure
3.	Shri Manikandan K.	Land Adventure
4.	Shri Prabhat Raju Koli	Water Adventure
5.	Shri Rameshwer Jangra	Air Adventure
6.	Shri Wangchuk Sherpa	Life Time Achievement

The awardees received their awards from the President of India at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on 29th August, 2019. They received statuettes, certificates and award money of Rs. 5 lakh each.

3. 23rd National Youth Awards, 2016-17: The objective of the awards is to motivate young persons to achieve excellence in the field of national development and social service and to encourage young people to develop a sense of responsibility to the community and to give recognition to the outstanding work done by voluntary organizations working with the youth for national development including social service. National Youth Awards 2016-17 were conferred upon 20 individuals and 3 organizations by Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports on 12th August, 2019 at the Ashok Hotel, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. The individual award comprises of a medal, a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-. The award to a youth organisation includes a medal, a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 2,00,000/-. In addition, 3 awards were also conferred on individuals for the Photo Exhibition on “China through Eyes of Indian Youth - 2019”.

4. Swachhta Pakhwada: Department of Youth Affairs celebrated Swachhta Pakhwada from 1st to 15th August, 2019 across the county in a befitting manner through its organizations i.e. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS). During the celebration, youth clubs carried out cleanliness drives in villages, schools, anganwadis, public institutions, health sub centres, PHCs with the total participation of about 1.18 lakh youth and organised 1,902 lectures and seminars, 291 Debates and Declamation Competitions, 26,853 door to door campaigns on ODF & Swachhta, 1,102 rallies, 533 Run for Swachhta, 498 Quiz Competition and 1,440 local need based activities on Swachhta. During the Pakhwada, NYKS and NSS also organised environment building activities for Swachhta Mission such as adoption of Swachh Bharat Mission Logo, meetings with eminent citizens for their active support toward swachhta campaign, reading messages/appeals of Prime Minister, banners to highlight the core issues of cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene & distribution of IEC material

for swachhta campaign etc. NYKS also conducted Swachhta Shapath during the pakhwada with total participation of about 1.78 lakh youth.

5. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS): NYKS celebrated the Independence Day ensuring active involvement of people from all walks of life to create awareness among masses about the sacrifices made by our Freedom Fighters, to infuse Nationalism and Patriotism and to give youth an exposure to understand essential oneness of all religions, social harmony and unity in diversity. NYKS organised 256 work camps across the country from 12th August (International Youth Day) to 15th August, 2019 (Independence Day) on the theme of 'Cleanliness and Preservation of Water Sources'. The main activities carried out during the work camps were mobilization of youth for community action, group discussion on water literacy and conservation, shramdaan, de-silting of water tanks, disinfection of drinking water wells, construction of community toilets, etc. A total of 12,554 youth participated in the camps. NYKS organised Tree Plantation Drive in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar and West Bengal for involving local youth in the process of environment building under the project 'Involvement of Youth in Namami Gange'. During the drive, around 80,000 saplings were planted in 299 villages situated on the bank of river Ganga. NYKS also helped the local administration across the country in administering pulse polio drops to children; motivating pregnant mothers for immunization and institutional deliveries and organizing blood donation camps.

6. National Service Scheme (NSS): During the month, 7,32,523 NSS volunteers were enrolled and 276 Special Camps were organised in the country. The NSS volunteers planted 2.16 lakh saplings and donated 14,909 units of blood. NSS volunteers assisted the administration in various parts of the country in distributing relief material to the flood affected people and worked in flood relief camps. The volunteers participated in various activities/programmes such as Swachhta Pakhwada, Water Conservation, Fit India Movement, Disaster Management, Environment Awareness, Health Awareness, Road Safety Awareness, Anti-Drug Awareness, Tree Plantation, Rain Water Harvesting, Jal Shakti Abhiyan, etc.

7. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD): The Institution organised Capacity Building Programmes/workshops on various subjects such as 'Leadership and Team Building'; 'Empowerment of Local Government System'; 'Role of Community Radio in Youth and Community Development'; 'Leadership and Advocacy'; 'Youth Employability Skill'; etc. The Institute also organised Training of Trainers on 'Conflict Resolution and Peace Building'. The institute observed International Youth Day and World Entrepreneurship Day on 12th August, 2019 and 21st August, 2019 respectively. In all, RGNIYD organised 13 programmes with total participation of 219 participants.

8. International Cooperation: A 4-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Brunei from 27th to 29th August, 2019 to attend CYP Senior Officials Meeting.

9. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance: A Group known as 'Youth for Nation Building' has been created on MyGov.in platform. Feedback from citizens on

important issues concerning youth is received on this platform. The Department is also active on Social Media platform.

10. Utilisation of Space Technology based Tools and Applications: RGNIYD, as a partner organisation of ISRO, has taken up a Project jointly with National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad, for mapping the assets of 40 village panchayats in Tamil Nadu under the EPRIS (Empowering PRIs Spatially) Project of ISRO to empower the PRIs with space-based inputs towards resource-based and integrated spatial development planning of rural areas. Besides this, NYKS has also signed an MOU with ISRO and National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), under which a Bhuvan-NYKS Mobile Application has been developed. The objective is to enable NYC volunteers and youth club members to upload details of programmes/ activities undertaken by them to facilitate close monitoring.

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