



Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Department of Youth Affairs



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National Youth Policy-2014

National Youth Policy was launched in February, 2014 with the following objectives:

- Developing the Youth into a productive work force, by providing them the right education and skills and promoting entrepreneurship;
- Developing a strong and healthy generation through effective healthcare, promotion of a healthy lifestyle and sports;
- Promoting social values and spirit of community service among the youth;
- Effectively engaging with the youth and facilitating their participation in governance process; and
- Adopting inclusive policies to take care of disadvantaged sections of the youth and the youth with special needs.

Schemes of the Department

The Department of Youth Affairs, implements the following Schemes:

- **Rashtriya Yuva Sasaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK):** This is an umbrella Scheme with following components/sub-schemes, namely, (i) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, (ii) National Youth Corps, (iii) National Young Leaders Programme, (iv) National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development, (v) International Cooperation, (vi) Youth Hostels, (vii) National Discipline Scheme and (viii) Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations.
- **National Service Scheme (NSS).**
- **Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD).**



Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)

NYKS, launched in 1972, is one of the largest youth organisations in the world. NYKS currently has 8.65 million youth enrolled through 3.03 lakh youth clubs across the country. The Objective is *to develop the personality and leadership qualities of the youth and to engage them in nation-building activities*. The activities



of NYKS are carried out through a District Youth Coordinator in each District and 2 National Youth Volunteers in each Block.

Core Programmes of NYKS

- Youth Club Development Programme.
- Training on Youth Leadership and Community Development.
- Promotion of Sports: Sports Material to Youth Clubs and Assistance for organisation of Sports Meets.
- Skill Up-gradation Training Programme.
- Promotion of Folk Art and Culture and Yuva Kriti.
- Observance of Days of National and International importance.
- District Youth Convention.
- Awards to Outstanding Youth Clubs.
- Mahatma Gandhi Yuva Swachhta Abhiyan evam Shramadan Karyakram.
- Yuva Aadarsh Gram Vikas Karyakram.

Other Programmes/ Activities of NYKS

- National Integration Camps.
- Youth Leadership and Personality Development Programme.
- Life Skill Training for Adolescents.

- Adventure Camps.
- Tribal Youth Exchange Programme.

NYKS youth club members actively participate various programmes of Government, inter-alia, in the field of health and family welfare, literacy, sanitation and cleanliness, environment conservation, promotion of livelihood choices, promotion of yoga, promotion of digital literacy, women's empowerment, rural development, disaster relief and rehabilitation, campaigns against social evils and so on.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

NSS was launched in 1969 with the objective of developing the personality and character of student youth through voluntary community service. The Programme was inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. The motto of NSS is '**NOT ME, BUT YOU**'. NSS currently has 3.66 million volunteers enrolled through 391 Universities/ +2 Councils, 16,278 Colleges/ Technical Institutions and 12,483 Senior Secondary Schools. Since inception, over 46 million students have benefited from NSS.

Basic Design/ Programme Structure

Each educational institution covered under the Scheme has at least one NSS unit comprising of 100 student volunteers (normally), led by a teacher designated as Programme Officer. Each NSS unit adopts a village or slum for taking up its activities. Each NSS volunteer is required to put in minimum 120 hours of service per year for two years, i.e., total 240 hours. In addition, each volunteer is required to participate in a Special Camp of 7 days' duration, organised by the NSS unit, in the adopted village or urban slum.

Nature of Activities taken up under NSS

Core Activities: The core activity of NSS is to render community service. The precise nature of activities continue to evolve in response to the needs of the community. Some areas in which NSS volunteers work are education, health & family welfare, sanitation and cleanliness, environment conservation, women's empowerment, promotion of digital literacy, promotion of yoga, relief and rehabilitation during disasters/ calamities, etc.

Other Activities: NSS volunteers also participate in some other important activities like Republic Day Parade Camps, Adventure Camps, National Integration Camps and North East NSS Festivals, ‘Suvichar’ and ‘Youth Convention’ events during the National Youth Festival, Self-Defence Training for NSS Volunteers, etc.

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)

RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, is an ‘Institute of National Importance’ under the Ministry, by virtue of enactment of RGNIYD Act, 2012. RGNIYD functions as a think-tank of the Ministry and premier organization for youth-related activities in the country.

Programmes/ Activities of RGNIYD

Academic Programmes: RGNIYD current offers 6 post-graduate programmes, namely, (i) M.Sc. in Counselling Psychology, (ii) M.A. in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, (iii) M. A. in Gender Studies, (iv) M.A. in Local Governance and Development, (v) M.A. in Development Policy and Practice and (vi) M.A. in Social Work (Youth and Community Development). In addition, the Institute has started offering some additional degree/ diploma courses, namely, (i) B.Voc. (Apparel Manufacturing and Entrepreneurship), (ii) B.Voc. (Fashion Design and Retail), (iii) Post Graduate Diploma in Youth Development and (iv) Diploma in Community Mental Health.

Training/ Capacity Building: RGNIYD conducts a large number of training/ capacity building programmes (including training of trainers) on various themes, viz., youth employability skills, social entrepreneurship, gender equity, life skills, disaster preparedness and risk reduction, entrepreneurship and livelihood issues, youth leadership and personality development, women leadership and participation, etc.

Research Programmes: RGNIYD offers inter-disciplinary doctoral programmes on youth studies.

National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD)

Under NPYAD, financial assistance is provided to Government non-Government organisations for taking up youth and adolescent activities. Other components of the Programme are (i) Organisation of National Youth Festival, (ii) National Youth Awards, and (ii) Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards.



International Cooperation

International Youth Exchange: Exchange of Youth Delegations with various countries is taken up for promoting exchange of ideas, values and culture amongst the youth and also to promote peace and understanding. Currently, youth exchange programmes are being taken up with China, South Korea, Bangladesh, Russia, Bahrain, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Kuwait and Nepal. Indian Youth Delegations are also sent to participate in various international events.



Other Activities: The Department collaborates with international agencies like UNV/ UNDP/ CYP to take up various programmes. The Department organised 2nd BRICS Youth Summit in July 2016 at Guwahati, Assam.

National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)

Neighbourhood Youth Parliament Programmes: The objective is to develop leadership qualities of the youth by involving them in debate/discussions on contemporary issues affecting the community in general and youth in particular. The programmes are organised at Block level and at village level.

Youth for Development: The objective is to develop leadership qualities of the youth by involving them in Shramadaan activities. The Programme is being implemented through NYKS and NSS.

National Youth Development Fund: The Fund has been constituted to take up innovative programmes for the youth. In addition to the budgetary contributions to the Fund, contributions from non-budgetary sources like CSR shall also be mobilised.

Youth Hostels

Youth Hostels are built to promote youth travel and to enable the young people to experience the rich cultural heritage of the country. Currently, there



are 83 Youth Hostels in the country and construction of a Hostel at Roing (Arunachal Pradesh) is going on. Out of these, ISO Certification has been obtained for 6 Hostels, namely, Dalhousie, Mysore, Jodhpur, Puducherry, Agra and Panjim Youth Hostels.

Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations

The Scheme was launched in the early 1980s, to promote the Scouts and Guides movement in the country. This is an international movement aimed at building character, confidence, idealism and spirit of patriotism

and service among young boys and girls. Under the Scheme, assistance is being provided to two organisations, namely, (i) Bharat Scouts and Guides and (ii) Hindustan Scout and Guides.



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