

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 December, 2018 :-

2. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS): During the month, NYKS organised 532 Youth Club Development Programmes; 872 Programmes on Education in Basic Vocations and Soft Skills and 584 Block Level Sports Meets. NYKS, in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs, has been organizing Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme in 2018-19 to orient and sensitize the youth to act as proponents of national unity, integrity and peace in Kashmir Valley. During the month, four Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programmes were organised at Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Hyderabad (Telangana) and Mumbai (Maharashtra) wherein a total of 483 youth from 6 districts of Kashmir participated. Under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme', NYKS organised 9 Inter-state Youth Exchange Programmes at Guntur (Andhra Pradesh), Raj Ghat (New Delhi), Udipi (Karnataka), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Adayar (Tamil Nadu), Agartala (Tripura), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Silvassa (Dadar and Nagar Haveli) and Gurugram (Haryana) with a total participation of 894 youth from the respective paired states. NYKS also observed World AIDS Day, International Day of Persons with Disabilities and Good Governance Day on 1st December, 3rd December and 25th December, 2018 respectively. NYKS, in collaboration with Ministry of Defence, is organizing Nationwide Declamation Contest on Patriotism and Nation Building to motivate the youth of India to do worthwhile for their motherland. During the month, Declamation Contests have been completed in 3442 Blocks, 480 Districts and 25 States. Under National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development Scheme (NPYAD), NYKS organised 9 Life Skill Education Programmes and 1 Adventure Camp. From 20th to 22nd December, 2018, NYKS organised a three day long Mega Blood Donation Camp at Sri Chamkaur Sahib (Punjab) wherein 501 volunteers donated blood. NYKS helped the local administration throughout the country in administering immunization of children & pregnant mothers, Blood Donation Camps and institutional deliveries. During the month, NYKS volunteers also planted 31,276 saplings of different species.

3. National Service Scheme (NSS): During the month, 3,00,234 NSS volunteers were enrolled and 4,918 Special Camps were organised in the country. The NSS volunteers planted 1,56,890 saplings and donated 39,586 units of blood. During the month, NSS organised Four National Integration Camps at Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), Pune (Maharashtra), New Delhi and Karaikudi (Tamil Nadu). NSS volunteers participated in the two day State level NSS Youth Festival organised on 13th & 14th December, 2018 at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh and devoted physical labour for construction of house for student belonging to socially and economically backward class. NSS, in association with AIDS Control Society, observed World AIDS Day by organizing various AIDS Awareness programmes at different locations across the country.

4. **Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD):** The Institution organised Capacity Building Programme for the Elected Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Capacity Building Programmes/workshops on various subjects such as 'Organic Agriculture'; 'Theatre for Transformation'; 'Volunteering with Impact'; 'Human Rights', etc. During the month, RGNIYD also observed World AIDS Day; International Day of Persons with Disabilities and International Human Rights Day on 1st December, 3rd December and 10th December, 2018 respectively. In all, RGNIYD organised 9 programmes with total participation of 528 participants.

5. **International Cooperation:** During the month, a 42-member Russian Youth Delegation visited India from 3rd to 10th December, 2018 and a 19-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Bahrain from 19th to 26th December, 2018.

6. **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. The citizens are being informed about important developments and their queries/ comments are being attended to.

7. **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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