

## 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 November, 2019 :-

**2. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS):** Quami Ekta Diwas was observed on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 and the celebration was continued up to 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 as a part of Quami Ekta Pakhwada. The fortnight was observed by District offices of NYKS with great zeal and gaiety involving National Youth Volunteers and village based Youth Clubs.

Foundation Day of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan was observed by District Nehru Yuva Kendras on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 with the active involvement of National Youth Volunteers.

World Toilet Day, 2019 was observed on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. It aims at construction of toilets and its usage. The Youth Clubs of Madhya Pradesh organised a major Toilet awareness campaign on World Toilet Day. It was observed by spreading awareness about benefits of Toilets and ill effects of open defecation. People were requested to clean their surroundings and convince others to construct and use toilets.

During the month, NYKS participated in Paryatan Parv Celebration organised by Ministry of Tourism from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. During the Paryatan Parv, NYKS organised 8,389 activities with the participation of about 1.68 lakh youth to encourage people to know about their culture and iconic sites and sensitize them about the importance of Tourism. NYKS organised 2 National Integration Camps at Ukhrul, Manipur and Aizwal, Mizoram to promote *sadbhavna* and peace in the country. To make sports activities as a natural process and way of life in rural India, NYKS organised 358 block level sports meets and distributed 8,585 sports kits to Youth Clubs. NYKS organised 17 Training on Youth Leadership and Community Development programmes with the participation of 680 youth and 22 Life Skill Education Programmes with the participation of 907 adolescents. To ensure mass youth participation in the celebration of Republic Day, 2020, NYKS is conducting 'Nationwide Declamation Contest' across the country at block, district, state and national level. The theme of the Contest is '*Sab Ka Sath, Sab Ka Vikas, Sab Ka Viswas*'. During the month, Block, District and State level Declamation Competitions were conducted with the participation of 47,541 youth. NYKS volunteers participated in Namami Ganga Utsav-2019 organised by Ministry of Jal Shakti on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 at New Delhi. NYKS organised 12 Adventure Camps with total participation of 321 youth. 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.

**3. National Service Scheme (NSS):** During the month, NSS organised 3,008 Special Camps across the country. The NSS volunteers planted 59,236 saplings and donated 2.20 lakh units of blood. NSS organized pre-Republic Day Parade Camps at Patan, Gujarat; Durgapur, West Bengal and Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. About 2.89 lakh NSS volunteers participated in Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat activities. NSS volunteers also participated in various activities/programmes such as Awareness on Drug Abuse Prevention, Cancer Awareness, Awareness on Clean India, Awareness on New Motor Vehicle Rules, etc.

**4. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD):** The Institution organized Capacity Building Programmes/workshops on various subjects such as ‘Youth Leadership and Advocacy Skills’; ‘Leadership and Personality Development’; ‘Gender Mainstreaming’ ‘Youth Employability Skills’; ‘Work Opportunities’; ‘Gender Sensitization’; etc. RGNIYD observed National Constitution Day on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. In all, RGNIYD organised 12 programmes with total participation of 415 participants.

**5. International Cooperation:** a 25-member Indian Youth Delegation visited South Korea from 13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019. A 192-member Chinese Youth Delegation visited India from 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

**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.

**7. Utilization of Space Technology based Tools and Applications:** RGNIYD, as a partner organization 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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