

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 October, 2019 :-

2. Celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi – “Fit India Plog Run”: The Department of Youth Affairs, through its organisations i.e. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS), celebrated 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi across the country organizing activities/programmes such as Prabhat Pheri, Sarv Dharm Prarthna, Cleanliness Drive, Nukad Nataks, Padyatras, Rallies, Discussion & Lectures on the works of Gandhi, etc.

3. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS): *As part of celebration of Gandhi Jayanti on 2nd October, 2019, NYKS organized 2 kms Fit India Plog Run for collection of Plastic Waste/Garbage at District Hqrs. and affiliated Youth Clubs in which 19.36 lakh youth from 55,945 village based Youth Clubs and people from all sections of society participated.* NYKS Youth Clubs were motivated to organize similar type of activities in their villages with the support of their Gram Panchayat and by mobilizing local resources.

For wide publicity of the event, sufficient number of banners, standees, etc. were printed and placed at prominent locations. “FIT INDIA – PLASTIC FREE INDIA – SWACHH INDIA” and LOGO of FIT INDIA MOVEMENT was printed on all publicity material.

4. National Service Scheme (NSS): *To mark the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, NSS organised ‘FIT INDIA PLOG RUN’ on 2nd October, 2019 at 7757 locations across the country in which 7.98 lakh NSS volunteers participated.*

During the month, 5,73,692 NSS volunteers were enrolled and 3,159 Special Camps were organised in the country. The NSS volunteers planted 4,76 lakh saplings and donated 89,449 units of blood. NSS organized pre-Republic Day Parade Camps at Regional Directorate of NSS, Bhopal and Regional Directorate of NSS, Chennai. NSS organized a 5 days training programme for Capacity Building of Youth on Leadership and Personality Development through Life Skill at Silchar, Assam from 16th to 20th October, 2019 in which 50 NSS volunteers participated. NSS volunteers also participated in various activities/programmes such as Awareness on Organic Diet, Dengue Awareness, Anti Plastic Awareness, Blood Donation Camps, etc.

5. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, 2019: On 31st October, 2019, the Department of Youth Affairs, through NYKS & NSS, observed the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas in befitting manner. The State and District NYK clubs and NSS units organized programmes in their village/school/college with the support of local community. On the occasion, the activities such as Run for Unity, lectures by experts on Life and Works of Sardar Patel, Cultural Programmes, Sports Programmes, Essay Writing, Blood Donation Camps, Pledge for National Unity, etc. 500 Youth each from NYKS and NSS participated in the Run for Unity Programme organized at Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium, New Delhi. Around 21.83 lakh NYKS and NSS volunteers participated in activities undertaken during the observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, 2019.

6. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD): The Institution organized Awareness Programmes/workshops on various subjects such as ‘Social Entrepreneurship and Skill Development’; ‘Health and Well Being’; ‘Dangers of Alcohol and Other Drugs’; etc. RGNIYD observed World Mental Health Day on 10th October, 2019 and Vigilance Awareness Week from 28th October to 2nd November, 2019. In all, RGNIYD organised 14 programmes with total participation of 1,274 participants.

7. International Cooperation: a 15-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Brazil from 17th to 20th October, 2019 to attend BRICS Youth Summit. A 10-member Vietnamese Youth Delegation visited India from 16th to 23rd October, 2019. A 10-member Tajikistani Youth Delegation visited India from 18th to 25th October, 2019.

8. 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.

9. 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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