

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Department of Youth Affairs

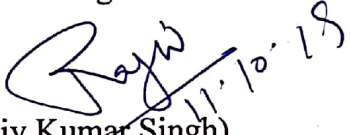
The following are the salient programmes and activities performed by the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports during the month of September, 2019 :-

2. **Rashtriya Poshan Maah:** The Department of Youth Affairs observed Rashtriya Poshan Maah during the month of September, 2019 by mobilising communities across the country for their participation in addressing various aspects of the nutritional challenges. The Department of Youth Affairs, through its organisations i.e. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS), carried out massive awareness and education campaigns on 08 key themes namely, antenatal care; optimal breastfeeding; complementary feeding; anaemia; growth monitoring & education; diet and right age of marriage of girls; hygiene & sanitation and food fortification. A total of around 5.86 lakh activities were undertaken across the country in which around 68.36 lakh youth and villagers participated.
3. **Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS):** NYKS organized 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' campaign from 15th to 30th September, 2019 to motivate youth to devote some hours out of their daily work towards cleanliness of their surroundings. A total of about 3.49 lakh youth participated in the campaign. 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, 809 Block level Declamation Competitions were conducted. NYKS Volunteers participated in Ganga Great Run organized by Ministry of Jal Shakti on 15th September, 2019 at New Delhi. NYKS, with the support of National Institute of Social Defence, conducted a three-day Residential Programme on Drug De-Addiction from 16th to 18th September, 2019 at Hyderabad, Telangana. As per the provisions of the National Youth Corps (NYC) Scheme, around 2500 volunteers were deployed during this month and around 2000 volunteers were provided with 15 days induction training. NYKS observed birthday of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya on 25th September, 2019. 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.
4. **National Service Scheme (NSS):** During the month, 5,17,866 NSS volunteers were enrolled and 288 Special Camps were organised in the country. The NSS volunteers planted 3.09 lakh saplings and donated 17,599 units of blood. NSS organized pre-Republic Day Parade Camps at various locations across the country. The volunteers participated in various activities/programmes such as Swachhta Pakhwada, Water Conservation, Fit India Movement, Drug De-Addiction Awareness, Environment Awareness, Health Awareness, Tree Plantation, Rain Water Harvesting, Jal Shakti Abhiyan, etc.
5. **Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD):** The Institution organised Capacity Building Programmes/workshops on various subjects such as 'Leadership and Team Building'; 'Youth Employability Skill' 'Entrepreneurship Development'; etc. The Institute also organised Training of Trainers on 'Conflict Resolution and Peace Building'; 'Life Skills for Field Staff of Community Development Foundation'; etc. A 10 member Portuguese Youth Delegation visited Regional Centre, RGNIYD, Chandigarh on 17th September, 2019. The Institute observed Hindi Day and fortnight. In all, RGNIYD organised 8 programmes with total participation of 239 participants.

6. **International Cooperation:** a 18-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Kyrgyzstan from 7th to 14th September, 2019. A 10-member Portuguese Youth Delegation visited India from 12th to 18th September, 2019. A 10-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Vietnam from 17th to 24th September, 2019. A 10-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Tajikistan from 20th to 27th September, 2019.

7. **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.

8. **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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