

Department of Youth Affairs

Key Achievements during 2017-18 (upto 28.02.2018)

The major achievements under the above Schemes/ Sub-Schemes during 2016-17 are given below:

1. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS):

NYKS, launched in 1972, is one of the largest youth organisations in the world. NYKS has presence in 623 districts through Nehru Yuva Kendras with the objective *to develop the personality of the youth and to engage them in nation-building activities*. Some significant initiatives/ achievements of NYKS during the year are as follows:

- International Day of Yoga: NYKS actively participated in celebration of International Day of Yoga, at all levels. 14 State level events were organised with participation of 34,007 youth and 104 Yoga Gurus. At District level, 384 programmes were organised with the participation of 2,55,474 youth. NYKS Youth Clubs also organised yoga demonstrations in 37,286 villages in which 10,44,518 youth participated.
- Swachh Bharat Mission: NYKS volunteers have been actively participating in Swachh Bharat Mission activities across the country. During the **Celebration of Swachhta Pakhwada** (1st to 15th August, 2017) NYKS organized a nation-wide intensive campaign under **Swachhta Pakhwada** through district Nehru Yuva Kendras by involving National Youth Volunteers, affiliated Youth Clubs, local youth and other key stakeholders in the districts. Following activities as well as **environment building activities** were conducted across the country to make Swachhta a peoples' movement:
 - 92,280 Lectures, Seminars and Swachhta Shapaths were conducted in which 6,21,211 youth participated.
 - 1,04,279 Youth Clubs carried out **cleanliness drives** in their villages in which 8,72,813 youth took part.
 - A Door to Door campaigns in 1,85,201 villages across India on ODF and Swachhta as well as Distribution of IEC material were undertaken during which 5,32,269 persons were reached.
 - 8,237 Railway Stations, Bus Stands, Market Places and Historical Places were cleaned with the involvement of 1,95,545 youth.
 - 13,171 programs were conducted to clean Public Institutions, Health Sub Centers, PHCs, etc with the participation of 2,15,058 youth.
 - 33,006 Schools, Anganwadis, Public Statues and Panchayats Bhawans were cleaned with the involvement of 4,21,080 youth.
 - 15,157 Rallies were organized with the involvement of 3,37,106 youth for dissemination messages on Swachhta.

- Besides above 16,085 local need based activities viz. Quiz Competition, Painting, Poster Making, Essay and Slogan, Writing, Street Plays of interest of youth were also conducted in which 3,05,519 youth took part.
- Overall under the Swachhta Pakhwada, a total of 9,29,737 Programmes, Activities and Events were organized with the involvement of 59,74,990 youth.
- **Organization of 'Swachhta Hi Sewa' campaign** (September 15 to October 2, 2017): Jagrukta Abhiyan along with Swachhta Hi Sewa' Campaign Activities were conducted in all States and UTs of India during which 15066 Banners to highlight the core issues of cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene were displayed. 6453 Meetings with eminent citizens were organized for active support and guidance for effective implementation of Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign in which 58,925 persons from all walks of life took part. 906 Rallies and Nataks were conducted to educate people on the importance of cleanliness with a participation of 7395 youth. 3973 Lectures, Seminars, discussions by resource persons and Swachhta Shapaths conducted in which 1,18,450 youth participated. 20,384 Youth Clubs carried out cleanliness drives in their villages involving villagers from all sections of the society. Created Awareness and motivated youth & villagers in 20,384 villages across India on ODF and Swachhta as well as Distribution of IEC material were undertaken. As part of the campaign Hand Washing was promoted among villagers. 6,779 Programs were conducted to clean Schools, Anganwadis, Public Statues, Market Places and Historical Places.
- **Swachh Sankalp Se Swachh Siddhi** (Essay Writing and Short Film making Competitions): In order to generate mass involvement in Swachh Bharat Mission and related issues and making swachhta a people's movement and to test the knowledge of the participants beyond academics, essay writing and short film making competitions were organized at district, state and national level. "What will I do for Cleanliness" and "My contribution to make my country clean" were the topics of Essay writing and Short Film Making competitions respectively. Hon'ble Prime Minister honoured Ms. Ramandeep Kaur and Shri Sangethlal P.S., First Prize Winners of Essay writing and Short Film Making Competitions on 2nd October, 2017 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- **Inter State Youth Exchange Programme (Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat):** "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" was announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 31st October, 2015 on the occasion of the 140th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Through this innovative measure, the knowledge of the culture, traditions and practices of different States & UTs will lead to an enhanced understanding and bonding between the States, thereby strengthening the unity and integrity of India. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has initiated Inter State Youth Exchange Programme (Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat) for the year 2017-18 in 15 paired states. The programme has been organised in 10 states so far.
- 8.26 lakh saplings were planted by NYKS volunteers.
- 38,180 youth enrolled as voluntary blood donors.

- 3,689 skill up-gradation training programmes were organised, involving 1.14 lakh youth.
- 529 training programmes on youth leadership and community development were organised, involving 21,160 youth.
- 2,509 Youth Club Development Programmes organised, involving 1.91 lakh youth.
- 2,708 rural Sports Meets have been organised at Block & District levels with the participation of 4.30 lakh participants.
- 239 Programmes were organised for promotion of folk art and culture, involving 52,819 youth.
- 392 District Youth Conventions Programmes organised, involving 2.11 lakh youth.
- 10th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme has been organised in 10 locations across the country, with participation of about 2,000 tribal youth from 29 LWE-affected districts from the States of Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha & Jharkhand.

2. National Service Scheme (NSS):

NSS, with about 3.66 million student youth enrolled in 39,695 NSS units spread over through 391 Universities/ +2 Councils, 16,278 Colleges/ Technical Institutions and 12,483 Senior Secondary Schools across the country, has been working *for development of personality and character of student youth through voluntary community service*. Some significant initiatives/ achievements of NSS during the year are as follows:

- NSS has been restructured as a Central Sector Scheme w.e.f. 01.14.2016. The Scheme was a CSS upto 2015-16.
- NSS volunteers have been actively participating in Swachh Bharat Mission activities across the country.
- On the occasion of International Day of Yoga (21.06.2017), about 13.71 lakh NSS Volunteers participated in various yoga programmes across the country.
- 25,032 villages/ slums were adopted by NSS units for their activities and Special Camps were organised in adopted villages/ slums, in which 2.50 lakh volunteers participated.
- 22.51 lakh saplings were planted by NSS volunteers.
- 1.20 lakh units of blood was donated by NSS volunteers.
- 4.88 lakh children administered Pulse Polio drops by NSS volunteers.
- 11,988 health/ eye/ immunisation camps were organised, in which 6.48 lakh volunteers participated.
- 1.01 lakh awareness programmes/ rallies/ campaigns were organised on issues of relevance to the community, in which 27.33 lakh volunteers participated.
- 103.06 lakh volunteer-hours of Shramadaan was undertaken by NSS volunteers during the year.
- 3 North East NSS Youth Festivals were organised in Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura, in which 900 volunteers from various North Eastern States participated.
- Self-Defence Training was imparted to 67,356 NSS volunteers.

- To recognise the outstanding work done by by NSS Volunteers, NSS Programme Officers and the Universities/+2 Councils, National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards for the year 2016-17 were conferred by the Hon'ble President of India on 21.12.2017.
- 200 NSS volunteers participated in Republic Day Parade on Rajpath on 26.01.2018.

3. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD):

RGNIYD, located at Sriperimbudur (Tamilnadu), is a premier institution for training, research, extension and outreach initiatives on youth issues. RGNIYD has been declared as an "Institute of National Importance" through enactment of RGNIYD Act, 2012. Some significant initiatives/ achievements of RGNIYD during the year are as follows:

- RGNIYD brought out the India Youth Development Index and Report, 2017.
- 220 Training/ Capacity Building Programmes were organised on various important themes, involving 15,000 participants.
- Academic courses have been restructured and new courses have been introduced, as a result of which number of students enrolled in academic courses has increased.
- B.Voc. Programme on "Apparel Manufacturing and Entrepreneurship" and "Fashion Design and Retail", started in collaboration with Apparel Training and Design Centre (ATDC), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, is being run in 19 ATDC Centres, with total 513 student enrolled in these Centres.
- RGNIYD launched another unique one year Post Graduate Diploma in Youth Development in the academic year 2016-17 which was continued in 2017 with 51 students.
- Centre for GIS in Good Governance sponsored by IISR/ISRO is set up in RGNIYD through which Diploma in Political Leadership will be offered.

4. International Cooperation:

The Department seeks to operate international youth exchange programmes with various countries to develop international perspective among the youth and also to collaborate with various international agencies on youth development. Some significant achievements during the year are as follows:

1.	Visit of 34- member Indian Youth Delegation to South Korea from 10th -19th May, 2017
2.	Visit to 50 – Member Palestine's Youth Delegation to India from 19 th May to 26 th May, 2017
3.	Visit of 10 Member Indian Youth Delegation to Vietnam from 26th May to 2nd June, 2017.
4.	Visit of 196 Member Indian Youth Delegation to China from 9 th June to 16 th June, 2017
5.	Visit of 46 Member Indian Youth Delegation to Russia from 4th July to 12th July, 2017
6.	Visit to 50 – Member Nepal Youth Delegation to India from 22-29 April, 2017
7.	Visit of 03 officials to Kazakhstan to attend 10 th meeting of the Youth Council

	of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation from 7-11 June, 2017.
8.	International Youth Conference Kingdom of Bahrain from 23-28 April, 2017.
9.	9 th Commonwealth Youth Minister's Meeting at Kampala, Uganda from 31 July-4 August, 2017
10.	Visit of 31-member Indian Youth Delegation to Palestine from 14-21 September, 2017 – Regarding.
11.	Visit of 10-member Indian Youth Delegation to China from 24-28 July, 2017 to attend BRICS Youth Forum 2017.
12.	Visit of 121-member Indian Youth Delegation to Russia to attend 19 th World Festival of Youth and Students to be held from 14 th to 22 nd October, 2017 in Sochi, Russia.
13.	Visit of 03 young parliamentarians from India to attend BRICS Young Parliamentarians Forum, Russia from 12-14 October, 2017
14.	Visit of 35 Member South Korean Youth Delegation to India from 31 st Oct - 09 th Nov, 2017
15.	Visit of 198 Member Chinese Youth Delegation to India from 15 th – 22 nd Nov, 2017
16.	Visit of 46 Member Russian Youth Delegation to India from 12 th - 20 th Dec, 2017
17.	Visit of 21 Member Uzbekistan Youth Delegation to India from 12 th - 20 th Dec, 2017
18.	Visit of 27 Member Indian Youth Delegation to Sri Lanka from 16 th to 24 th Dec, 2017
19.	Visit of 10 member Indian Youth Delegation to Japan to participate in SWYP from 16 Jan -2 March
20.	Visit of ED, NYKS to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 27 November to 1 st December 2017 for a study visit being organized by United Nations office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), a Regional Office for South Asia, New Delhi
21.	10-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Portugal from 28 th January to 4 th February, 2018
22.	20-member Tunisian Young Women Delegation visited India from 26 th February to 5 th March, 2018.
23.	The participants of Ship for World Youth Leaders Programme (SWYLP) visited India from 11 th to 13 th February, 2018 and participated in Port of Call activities organised by the Department of Youth Affairs

A Project on "Strengthening of NYKS and NSS" is being implemented in collaboration with UNDP/ UNV. The Project is to be implemented over 4-year period at a total cost of about Rs.14 crores. The Project manpower has been recruited, trained and deployed in the field. The implementation of the Project is going in full swing.

5. National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD):

- NPYAD is a scheme for providing support to Government/ non-Government organisations for undertaking activities for adolescent and the youth.
- 22nd National Youth Festival was organized at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh during 12-16 January, 2018. About 5,000 youth from various States/ UTs of the country

participate in the Festival. The Theme of the Festival was "Sankalp Se Siddhi". Hon'ble Prime Minister of India addressed the youth, through video-conferencing, during the Opening Ceremony of the Festival on 12th January, 2018.

- Department of Youth Affairs also organised 5th North East Youth Festival at Gangtok, Sikkim from 28th to 30th October, 2017 in which around 1800 youth participated.
- The Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards were conferred by the Hon'ble President of India to 4 awardees on 29.08.2017.

6. **National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP):**

In pursuance to the Budget announcement during 2014-15, a new Scheme, namely, 'National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)' was launched in December, 2014 in order to develop leadership qualities among the youth. Some significant achievements during the year are as follows:

- Neighbourhood Youth Parliament Programmes are being organised by involving NYKS-affiliated youth clubs with the objective of developing leadership qualities of the youth by involving them in debate/ discussions on contemporary issues. During current year, 5,085 Block level Programmes were organised, with participation of 4.52 lakh youth. In addition, 31,807 Village-level Programmes were organised, involving 4.56 lakh youth.
- Youth for Development: The Programme is being organised, through NYKS and NSS, to develop leadership qualities of the youth by involving them in Shramadaan activities. Awards are given to youth clubs/ NSS units doing outstanding work. During current year, awards were given to 497 youth clubs.

7. **Youth Hostels:**

Under Youth Hostel Scheme of the Ministry, 83 Youth Hostels have been constructed in various parts of the Country, in collaboration with States, for promoting youth travel and youth exchange. ISO Certification has been obtained for 6 Hostels, namely, Dalhousie, Mysore, Jodhpur, Puducherry, Agra and Panjim Youth Hostels.
