All power is within you; you can do anything and everything.

Swami Vivekananda
Schemes, Programmes and Initiatives
(2014-15 and 2015-16)

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports was bi-furcated into two Departments in April, 2008, namely, Department of Youth Affairs and Department of Sports.

The subjects being dealt by the Department of Youth Affairs are as under:

1. Youth Affairs/Youth Policy.
2. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.
4. National Service Scheme.
5. Voluntary Youth Organisations including financial assistance to them (Financial Assistance to Youth Organisations for Youth and Adolescents' Development)
8. Youth welfare activities, Youth festivals, work camp, etc. (National Youth Festival)
9. Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations.
10. Youth Hostels.
12. Residual work of the erstwhile National Discipline Scheme.
13. Exchange of Youth Delegations with foreign countries.

This Department has one subordinate office, namely, the National Service Schemes (NSS) and two autonomous organisations, namely, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development.
CHAPTER 2

National Youth Policy-2014 (NYP-2014)

2.1 NYP-2014 was approved by the Government in January, 2014 and was formally launched on 21.02.2014. The Policy has been introduced with the VISION “To empower youth of the country to achieve their full potential, and through them enable India to find its rightful place in the community of nations”. NYP-2014 has replaced the earlier NYP-2003. The new Policy defines ‘youth’ to be in the age group of 15-29 years.

2.2 In order to realise the Vision of the Policy, the NYP-2014 identifies 5 clearly defined OBJECTIVES which need to be pursued, the PRIORITY AREAS under each of the Objectives and the suggested Policy Interventions under each of these Priority Areas. The objectives and priority areas identified under the NYP-2014 are as follows:

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<td>1. Create a productive workforce that can make a sustainable contribution to India's economic development</td>
<td>1. Education</td>
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<td>2. Develop a strong and healthy generation equipped to take on future challenges</td>
<td>2. Employment and Skill development</td>
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<td>3. Instil social values and promote community service to build national ownership</td>
<td>3. Entrepreneurship</td>
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<td>4. Facilitate participation and civic engagement at all levels of governance</td>
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<td>9. Youth engagement</td>
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<td>10. Inclusion</td>
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<td>11. Social justice</td>
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2.3 The implementation of NYP-2014 requires collaborative efforts on the part of all Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments as well as other stakeholders. Accordingly, necessary actions are being taken by all stakeholders. The Department of Youth Affairs is playing a coordinating and facilitating role.
CHAPTER 3
Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)

Introduction

NYKS, launched in 1972, is one of the largest youth organisations in the world. NYKS currently has 8.65 million youth enrolled through 3.03 lakh youth clubs/mahila mandals. NYKS has presence in 623 Districts through Nehru Yuva Kendras. The Objective is to develop the personality and leadership qualities of the youth and to engage them in nation-building activities. The activities of NYKS are carried out through a District Youth Coordinator in each District and 2 National Youth Corps (NYC) volunteers in each Block. In addition, NYKS has 29 Zonal Offices at State Level besides its National Headquarter at New Delhi.

Core Programmes of NYKS

- **Youth Club Development Programme (YCDP):** The Programme aims at strengthening the existing network of youth clubs. This is a 5-day programme involving 10 campaigners who cover 50 Youth Clubs. During the 2-year period ending 31.03.2016, total 4,098 Programmes were organised, involving 3,08,474 youth.

- **Training on Youth Leadership and Community Development (TYLCD):** The Programme aims at enhancing capacity of young people to take leadership to help others to live a meaningful life and contribute towards nation-building. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, total 4,693 Programmes were organised, involving 2,05,298 youth.

- **Theme-based Awareness and Education Programme:** The Programme aims at creating awareness among youth about the importance of health & family welfare, sanitation, environment conservation and other issues of social concern. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, total 11,526 Programmes were organised, involving 8,95,895 youth.

- **Promotion of Sports:** The Programme has two components, namely, (i) providing sports material to youth clubs, valued at about Rs. 2,000 per club and (ii) assistance for organisation of Inter Youth Clubs Sports Meets. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016,
total 72,874 clubs have been provided sports material. Further, total 6,875 Sports Meets were organised, involving 7,50,215 youth.

- **Skill Up-gradation Training Programme (SUTP):** The Programme aims at developing vocational skills of rural youth and enabling them to supplement their family income as well as enhancing their self-esteem. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, total 13,214 Programmes were organised, involving 2,76,552 youth.

- **Promotion of Folk Art and Culture:** The Programme aims at promoting folk art and culture with special reference to folk theatre, folk songs, folk dances, folklores etc. This is a one-day programme, organised at District level. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, total 1,114 Programmes were organised, involving 2,15,694 youth.

- **Observance of Days of National and International importance:** The Programme aims at generation of awareness about critical issues of national and international importance. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, total 24,527 Programmes were organised, involving 26,96,017 youth.

- **Youth Convention and Yuva Kriti:** The Programme is organised annually by all District NYKs, to provide opportunity
and platform to rural youth leaders to display products and express themselves, share experiences and suggest best practices for the youth empowerment. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, total 1,165 Programmes were organised, involving 2,68,782 youth.

- **Awards to Outstanding Youth Clubs:**
  The Programme aims at recognising the outstanding voluntary services rendered by the youth clubs. The Awards are conferred at District, State and National level. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, 34 State level and 763 District level Awards were conferred.

**Programmes organised with Funding from NPYAD**

- **National Integration Camps (NICs):**
  The objectives of the Programme is to promote national integration by bringing together youth from different parts of the country on common platform, giving them opportunity to understand cultural heritage of the country and enabling them to recognize threads of unity in diversity which bind all Indians together. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, total 122 NICs were organised, involving 23,591 youth.

- **Youth Leadership and Personality Development Programme (YLPDP):**
  The objective of the Programme is to train the youth leaders and to equip them with necessary qualities to assume responsibility for the village and the youth clubs and to act as catalysts for socio-economic and political-cultural development of the villages. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, total 23 Programmes were organised, involving 690 youth.
• **Life Skill Training for Adolescents:** The objective of the Programmes is to develop among adolescents the behaviour which will empower them to make healthy choices, to strengthen their Life Skills to cope up with the risky situations that they encounter in their lives and to manage adolescent reproductive sexual health issues and concerns. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, total 497 Programmes were organised, involving 16,057 youth.

• **Adventure Camps (Promotion of Adventure):** The Programme aims at encouraging spirit of adventure and risk-taking amongst youth. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, total 286 Camps were organised, involving 7,009 youth.

Programmes organised in collaboration with other Ministries

• **Tribal Youth Exchange Programme (TYEP):** The Programme is being organised every year with funding from the Ministry of Home Affairs. In this Programme, tribal youth drawn from areas affected by Left-wing extremist activities are taken to other parts of the country to sensitize them to rich cultural heritage of the country, to expose them to development activities and to enable them to develop emotional linkage with the people in other parts of the country. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, 20 Programmes, covering 4,472 tribal youth, were organised.
- **Adolescent Health and Development Project (AHDP):** The Programme is being organised with funding from UNFPA with the objective of empowering out-of-school adolescents. The Project is being implemented in 10 identified Districts of 5 States (Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Bihar) on pilot basis. Adolescents are organised in Teen Clubs and the extension work is done through trained Peer Educators. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, 1,860 Teen Clubs have been formed with 50,236 members. 7,440 Peer Educators have been selected and imparted necessary training. The programmes and activities of the Teen Clubs are going on.

- **Projects on Awareness and Education for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism in Punjab:** The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, has sanctioned two Projects, namely, (i) Project for sustaining the Pilot Project of Awareness and Education for the Prevention of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism in 10 districts of Punjab (at a cost of Rs. 2.91 crores) and (ii) Project for Awareness and Education for Prevention of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism in remaining 11 districts of Punjab (at a cost of Rs. 3.27 crores), for implementation through NYKS. The Project is being implemented in 5,614 villages of Punjab. So far, 5.62 lakh persons have been made aware and educated on the ill-effect of Drug Abuse and Alcoholism through Personal Contact and Peer Educator Programme.

- **Celebration of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar:** The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India sanctioned and released an amount of Rs.171.76 lakhs to NYKS for organizing District Youth Conventions, Casteless Run/Rallies and Sports activities in 126 selected Districts as a part of nationwide celebration of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. NYKS has organised such programmes in 104 Districts and the remaining programmes are being organised.

**Programmes organised in coordination with other Ministries**

NYKS organises various Programmes in coordination with various Development Departments/Agencies. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, major achievements were as follows:
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<th>Unit of Measurement</th>
<th>Achievement</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Linking Youth Club Members with Employable Skill Development Trainings</td>
<td>No. of Youth</td>
<td>1,71,060</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Formation of SHGs</td>
<td>No. of SHGs</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Sapling Plantation and their survival</td>
<td>No. of Plants</td>
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<td>Blood Donation</td>
<td>No. of Blood Units</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Enrolment of Voluntary Blood Donors and their Blood Grouping</td>
<td>No. of Youth</td>
<td>1,09,011</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Motivating Girls and their Parents to postpone her marriage till attaining 18 yrs.</td>
<td>No. of Girls</td>
<td>1,89,686</td>
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<td>7.</td>
<td>Immunization of Pregnant Mothers</td>
<td>No. of Pregnant Mothers</td>
<td>1,11,361</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>Facilitating Institutionalized Deliveries</td>
<td>No. of Women</td>
<td>1,00,049</td>
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<td>9.</td>
<td>Immunization of Children (0-5 yrs.)</td>
<td>No. of Children</td>
<td>2,48,488</td>
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<td>10.</td>
<td>Cataract (Eye) operations</td>
<td>No. of Patients</td>
<td>38,867</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>Providing access of iron Folic Acid Tablet to Adolescent Girls</td>
<td>No. of Adolescent Girls</td>
<td>2,73,262</td>
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<td>12.</td>
<td>Health Check-up Camps (DOTs, Hypertension, Diabetics and others)</td>
<td>No. of Camps</td>
<td>70,274</td>
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<td>13.</td>
<td>Enrolment of children in schools</td>
<td>No. of Children</td>
<td>1,90,294</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>Facilitating issue of Voters ID Cards</td>
<td>No. of Persons</td>
<td>2,24,645</td>
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**Other Important Initiatives**

- **Celebration of International Day of Yoga**: Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) observed International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2015 at State, District and Village levels across India and participated in National Capital Celebrations at Rajpath, New Delhi in a befitting manner. At National-level, 1,000 Youth trained in Common Yoga Protocol drawn from NYKS-affiliated.
Youth Clubs participated in National-level Yoga Demonstration Programme at Rajpath, New Delhi. At State level, International Day of Yoga was observed in 18 States in which 1,06,117 persons participated. At District level, total 546 programmes were organised. At village level, 68,568 Youth Clubs and Mahila Mandals carried out Mass Yoga Demonstration, talks by subject experts on Yoga and other activities, in which 22,42,008 youth participated.

- **Punarjagaran (Rejuvenation) Programme:** NYKS implemented year-long youth awakening programme called Punarjagaran (Rejuvenation). The Programme was inaugurated on 02.10.2014 from 4 corners of India, namely, Leh (J&K) in North, Okha (Gujarat) in West, Kanya Kumari (Tamil Nadu) in South and Roing (Arunachal Pradesh) in the North East. The Programme was concluded at Mathura (UP), the birth place of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, on 25.09.2015, the birth anniversary of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, with a National Youth Convention involving about 10,000 youth from all over the country. The Programme covered 10,000 villages in 100 Districts on the 4 routes. The benefits derived from the Programme included spreading the message of peace and universal brotherhood, promoting the spirit of volunteerism, organising Swachh Bharat Mission activities, campaigns against social evils and creating awareness about Government programmes and initiatives like Jan Dhan Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Andolan, etc. The Programme resulted in enrolment of lakhs of people under various government schemes.
• **Activities under Swachh Bharat Mission:** NYKS has undertaken a number of initiatives under the Swachh Bharat Mission through 623 District NYKs and 29 Zonal offices, with involvement of 12,000 NYC Volunteers and 3.03 lakh Youth Clubs and Mahila Mandals, focussing participation of all sections of society to bring about mass awareness and a lasting behavioural change to achieve the goal. The members of Youth Clubs & Mahila Mandals have been undertaking Special Cleanliness Drive in their respective areas. The issues of Cleanliness and Sanitation Education have been made integral part of NYKS Programmes. Members of NYKs Youth Clubs and Mahila Mandals and NYC Volunteers motivated villagers for construction of sanitary latrines. As a result, 63,753 latrines were constructed.

• **Nation-wide Declamation Contest on Patriotism and Nation Building on the occasion of Republic Day Celebration, 2016:** As part the Republic Day Celebrations, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan organised a nation-wide Declamation Contest on the subject of ‘Patriotism and Nation Building’. The objective of Declamation contest was inculcating spirit of Nationalism and Patriotic feelings amongst youth and identifying youth with leadership qualities for participation in nation-building. The Declamation Contests were organised at Block level, District level, State level
and finally, at National Level. 3,377 Block-level, 453 District-level and 30 State-level contests were conducted from October, 2015 onwards. There was provision for Prizes and Certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winner at District, State and National level. At National level, the 1st Prize of Rs. 2,00,000/-, 2nd Prize of Rs. 1,00,000/- and 3rd Prize of Rs. 50,000/- were awarded in the Declamation Contest held in Delhi.

- **Youth Conclaves:** In order to provide opportunity and platform to youth to express themselves, share best practices for youth empowerment and their partnership in development of nation as well as to sensitize and motivate youth to fight against various social evils prevailing in the society and assume leadership in addressing them, Six Youth Conclaves involving college students were organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan at Silchar, Nagaon, Dibrugarh, Lakhimpur, Guwahati and Bongaigaon of Assam between 21st January to 1st February, 2016. 15278 Youth participated in these conclaves.
CHAPTER 4

National Service Scheme (NSS)

**Introduction**

NSS was launched in the year 1969 with the primary objective of developing the personality and character of the student youth through voluntary community service. ‘Education through Service’ is the purpose of the NSS. The ideological orientation of the NSS is inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. Very appropriately, the motto of NSS is **“NOT ME, BUT YOU”**. NSS was launched in 1969 in 37 Universities involving about 40,000 volunteers. Currently, NSS has 3.66 million volunteers enrolled in 39,695 NSS units spread over 391 Universities/ +2 Councils, 16,278 Colleges/ Technical Institutions and 12,483 Senior Secondary Schools. Since inception, over 4.60 crore students have benefited from NSS.

**Basic Design/ Programme Structure**

NSS is being implemented in Senior Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities. The design of the NSS envisages that each educational institution covered under the Scheme has at least one NSS unit comprising of 100 student volunteers (normally), led by a teacher designated as Programme Officer (PO). Each NSS unit adopts a village or slum for taking up its activities. Each NSS volunteer is required to put in minimum 120 hours of service per year for two years, i.e., total 240 hours. In addition, each volunteer is required to participate in a Special Camp of 7 days’ duration, organised by the NSS unit, in the adopted village or urban slum.

**Nature of Activities taken up under NSS**

The core activity of NSS is to render community service. The precise nature of activities continue to evolve in response to the needs of the community. Some areas in which NSS volunteers work are education, health, family welfare and sanitation, environment conservation, social service programmes, programmes for improving the status of women, production-oriented programmes, relief and rehabilitation during disasters/ calamities, etc. Besides these core activities, NSS volunteers also participate in some other important activities like Republic Day Parade Camps, Adventure Camps, NSS Mega Camps, National Integration Camps and North
East NSS Festivals, ‘Suvichar’ and ‘Youth Convention’ events during the National Youth Festival, Self-Defence Training for NSS Volunteers, etc. Further, Indira Gandhi NSS Awards are conferred by the President of India every year on Universities/ +2 Councils, NSS Programme Officers and NSS volunteers for outstanding work under NSS.

Administrative and Financing Mechanism

As mentioned earlier, each NSS unit in an institution is led by a teacher designated as “Programme Officer (PO)”. At the University Level, there is an NSS Cell and a designated Programme Coordinator (PC) to coordinate the NSS activities. Similarly, in respect of Senior Secondary Schools, NSS Cell is located in the Directorate of Senior Secondary Education. At State level, there is a State NSS Cell headed by a State NSS Officer (SNO). At National Level, there is Directorate of NSS, which functions through 15 Regional Directorates. In addition, there are NSS Advisory Committees at all levels. Currently, funding is provided for running of NSS activities @Rs.250 per volunteer per annum for regular NSS activities and @Rs.450 per volunteer (once in two years) for special camping activities. NSS has been a centrally sponsored scheme upto 2015-16, with expenditure being shared by Centre and States. However, from 2016-17, NSS will be implemented as a Central Sector Scheme. NSS Programme Officers are imparted 7-day training through Empanelled Training Institutions (ETIs) to enable them to discharge their duties effectively.

Performance/ Developments during the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016

- As on 31.03.2016, the total strength of volunteers enrolled under NSS was 36,58,518. So far, 3,080 Self Financing Units of NSS have been set up, involving 2,70,290 volunteers.

- NSS units have adopted 34,191 villages/ slums for their activities. 51,585 Special Camps were organized, with participation of 23.40 lakh volunteers.

- NSS volunteers planted 94.48 lakh saplings and donated 7.10 lakh units of blood.
• NSS volunteers participated in pulse polio immunisation programme benefitting 29.68 lakh children.

• 18.05 lakh volunteers participated in 34,101 health/eye/immunisation camps. 42.14 lakh volunteers participated in 70,912 awareness programmes/rallies/campaigns on issues of relevance to the community.

• NSS volunteers contributed 2.76 crore volunteer-hours of Shramadaan.

• Total 2,823 NSS volunteers participated in adventure activities. Self-Defence Training was imparted to 2.84 lakh volunteers.

• 8 North East NSS Youth Festivals were organised in North East States, namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland. About 2,400 NSS volunteers participated in these Festivals. 2 NSS Mega Camps were organised in (i) Ladhun in Rajasthan and (ii) Majuli in Jorhat District of Assam, with participation of about 880 NSS volunteers and programme officers.

• On the initiative of the Department, UGC has issued advisory to all Universities to introduce NSS as a credit-based Elective subject.

• During the Digital India Week (01-07 July, 2015) celebrations, NSS volunteers across the country participated by conducting awareness campaigns about Digital India in the colleges, schools and adopted villages/slums.
CHAPTER 5

Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)

Introduction

RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu, is an ‘Institute of National Importance’ under the Ministry, by virtue of enactment of RGNIYD Act, 2012. The RGNIYD was set up in 1993 under the Societies Registration Act, 1975 and was conferred the status of ‘Deemed to be University’ under ‘De-novo’ category in 2008. RGNIYD functions as a think-tank of the Ministry and premier organization of youth-related activities in the country. The Institute is a nodal agency for training youth as facilitators of youth development activities.

Governance Structure of RGNIYD

Hon’ble President of India is the Visitor of the Institute. The multifarious activities of the Institute are monitored by the Executive Council, Academic Council, Finance Committee and the Building and Works Committee. The Director is the Chief Executive Officer who coordinates the day-to-day functioning of the Institute and implements the youth development programmes through various Divisions/Centres/ Departments of the Institute. RGNIYD has also established a Regional Centre in Chandigarh in February, 2014.

Programmes/ Activities of RGNIYD

- **Academic Programmes:** RGNIYD current offers 6 post-graduate programmes, namely, (i) M.Sc. in Counselling Psychology, (ii) M.A. in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, (iii) M. A. in Gender Studies, (iv) M.A. in Local Governance and Development, (v) M.A. in Development Policy and Practice and (vi) M.A. in Social Work (Youth and Community Development).

- **Research Programmes:** RGNIYD offers inter-disciplinary doctoral programmes on youth studies.

- **Training/ Capacity Building:** RGNIYD conducts a large number of training/capacity building programmes (including training of trainers) catering to the need of youth across the country on various themes.
Performance/ Developments during the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016

- **Academic Activities:** A comprehensive restructuring of the post-graduate programmes has been done and after completing the exercise, newly designed programmes have been offered. Two new post-graduate programmes, namely, M.Sc. in Counselling Psychology and M.A. in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship have been offered. The Institute has also started offering a post-graduate diploma in youth development.

  RGIYD has started offering B.Voc. Programme on “Apparel Manufacturing” and “Entrepreneurship and Fashion Design and Retail” from current year. These Programmes have been started in collaboration with Apparel Training and Design Centre (ATDC), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India. In the first year, total 156 students have been enrolled under these courses in 12 ATDC Centres. RGIYD now also offers a Diploma Programme on Community Mental Healthcare (in collaboration with Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health).

- **Training/ Capacity Building:** During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, 469 Training/ Capacity Building Programmes were organised on various important themes, involving 39,776 participants (including 3,596 trainers). 132 International, National and Regional Workshops on various themes were held.
A new Department of Tribal and North East Youth Development has been set up under RGNFYD. A new outreach initiative called ‘youth-led development’ has been launched under which focused youth development programmes are being conducted particularly in tier-2 and tier-3 cities, through linkage with colleges. RGNFYD also organises Home Stay Programmes and organises/participates in youth exchange programmes. The Institute runs a unique Community Radio Outreach Programme for creating awareness on various social issues. The Institute has been organising a SAARC Youth Leadership Summit annually since 2014.

- **Research:** 3 candidates were selected for full-time Ph.D. programme. RGNFYD, in collaboration with Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram, has taken up a Research Project on Tamilnadu Migration Survey (TMS).
CHAPTER 6

National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD)

Introduction

NPYAD is an “Umbrella Scheme” of the Ministry under which financial assistance is provided to Government/non-Government organisations for taking up youth and adolescent activities. The Scheme is operational since 1st April, 2008. The assistance under NPYAD is provided under 5 major components, namely,

a) Youth Leadership and Personality Development Training

b) Promotion of National Integration (National Integration Camps, Inter-State Youth Exchange Programmes, Youth Festivals, multi-cultural activities, etc.)

c) Promotion of Adventure; Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards

d) Development and Empowerment of Adolescents (Life Skills Education, Counselling, Career Guidance, etc.)

e) Technical and Resource Development (Research and Studies on Youth issues, Documentation, Seminars/Workshops)

Operational Guidelines and Implementation

The organisations eligible for assistance include all the autonomous organisations whether partially or fully funded by the Government, registered societies, trusts, NGOs, Universities, Association of Indian Universities, State level Organisations, i.e., State Government Departments, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies, Educational Institutions, etc. The scheme targets Youth in the age group of 15-29 years and Adolescents in the age group of 10-19 years. The assistance is sanctioned on the basis of recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC), headed Secretary, Youth Affairs.

Performance/ Developments during the 2-year period ending on 31.03.201

- During the period, total assistance of Rs.43.12 crores was given to various Organisations.

- National Youth Festival: Under component (b) Promotion of National Integration, of NPYAD, a National Youth
Festival is organised during the month of January every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda (12th January), which is also celebrated as National Youth Day. The Festival is organised in one of the States willing and equipped to host it. The Programmes organised as part of the Festival include various cultural programmes (both competitive and non-competitive), youth convention, suvichar, exhibitions, adventure programmes, etc. The 19th National Youth Festival was held at Guwahati, Assam during 08-12 January, 2015. This was the first time the Festival was organised in the North-East.

- The 20th National Youth Festival was organized at Raipur, Chhattisgarh during 12-16 January, 2016. About 6,500 youth participated in the Festival. Hon’ble Prime Minister of India addressed the youth, through video-conferencing, during the Opening Ceremony of the Festival on 12th January, 2016.
March past by the participating contingents during the National Youth Festival, Raipur, Chhattisgarh

Dance competition during the 20th National Youth Festival, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
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• **National Youth Awards:** National Youth Awards are conferred every year on young individuals and NGOs for excellent work done for nation-building/community service. A cash award of Rs.40,000/- and a certificate of honour is given to each individual awardee. The award to voluntary youth organisations comprises of a certificate and an amount of Rs. 2,00,000/-. The Awards were conferred during the National Youth Festivals organised during January, 2015 and January, 2016.

![Presentation of National Youth Awards for 2014-15 during Opening ceremony of National Youth Festival](image)

• **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award:** The Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award is the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air. A cash Award of Rs.5.00 lakh and a certificate of honour is given to each Awardee. This Award is at par with the Arjuna Award for sporting excellence. Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards are conferred by the Hon’ble President of
India, along with Arjuna Awards, in a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in the month of August every year. Accordingly, the Awards were conferred on 29.08.2014 and 29.08.2015.

- **North East Youth Festival:** A North East Youth Festival was organised at Majuli in Jorhat District of Assam during 29-31 May, 2015. About 2,100 youth participated in the Festival.
International Cooperation (IC)

International Youth Exchange

Exchange of Youth Delegations with friendly countries is taken up on reciprocal basis for promoting exchange of ideas, values and culture amongst the youth of different countries and also to promote peace and understanding. It helps in developing international perspective among the youth.

Till the year 2013-14, exchange programmes were being taken up with China, South Korea and Bangladesh only. Since then, such programmes have been initiated with a number of other countries, namely, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Kuwait, Bahrain and Maldives. In addition, the size of youth delegations with China and South Korea has been increased. During the 2-year period ending on 31.03.2016, the following programmes were taken up:

Year 2014-15

• 5-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Sydney (Australia) to participate in the Y-20 Summit held during 12-15 July, 2014.

• 20-member Indian Youth Delegation visited South Korea during 07-16 August, 2014. In turn, 20-member South Korean Youth Delegation visited India during 16-25 September, 2014.

• 100-member Chinese Youth Delegation visited India during 11-19 September, 2014. In turn, 100-member Indian Youth Delegation visited China from 25th November, 2014 to 2nd December, 2014.
Welcome Indian Youth Delegation

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Welcomes
Mr. Zhou Changkui
Vice President, All China Youth Federation and Chinese Olympic Committee 2014
100-member Bangladeshi Youth Delegation visited India during 13-20 October, 2014.

8-member Indian Youth Delegation participated in Global Young Leaders Programme in Japan from 21.01.2015 to 09.03.2015.

**Year 2015-16**

- 50-member Nepalese Youth Delegation visited India in April, 2015.
- 12-member India Youth Delegation visited Cambodia in April, 2015 to participate in Festival of India.
- 22-member India Youth Delegation visited South Korea in June, 2015. In turn, South Korean Youth Delegation visited India in August, 2015.
- 55-member Indian Delegation visited Russia to attend BRICS Youth Summit in July, 2015.
- 12-member Sri Lankan Youth Delegation visited India in August, 2015.
- During July, 2015, the Department of Youth affairs hosted Asia Region Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting at New Delhi.
- In October, 2015, 100-member Bangladeshi Youth Delegation visited India.
- In November, 2015, 12-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Sri Lanka. Also, 10-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Malaysia.
- In December, 2015, 20-member Indian Youth Delegation visited Bahrain.
- Secretary, Youth Affairs, Government of India, participated in “International Seminar on Youth and 3rd National Youth Conference of Brazil” at Brasilia, Brazil in December, 2015.
• 8-member Indian Youth Delegation participated in the ‘Next Generation Global Leaders (Ship for World Youth) Programme’ of Government of Japan from 21.01.2016 to 09.03.2016. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) organised the Port-of-Call activities, at Chennai, in respect of this Programme during 10-12 February, 2016. The Delegation, comprising of 240 Participating Youth, with 30 officials, from 10 countries arrived at Chennai Port by a chartered ship called “Nippon Maru”. The Port-of-Call activities included theme-based workshops and field visits.

• 2-member Youth delegation from Kuwait visited India during 09-15 March, 2016.

The Ministry has been making serious efforts to start youth exchange programmes with a number of other countries.

**Collaboration with UN Agencies / CYP**

**United Nations Volunteers (UNV)/ United National Development Programme (UNDP):** The Ministry is making efforts to closely work with these Agencies on various youth issues. The Ministry releases $15,000 per annum as India’s voluntary contribution for UNV Programme. During 2015-16, the Department started implementation of a Project for “Strengthening of NYKS and NSS” jointly with UNDP/UNV. The Project is to be implemented over 4-year period, at a cost of about Rs.14 crores. A Project Steering Committee, comprising of representatives of the Department of Youth Affairs, UNDP/UNV and the National Project Director has been constituted to oversee the Project. The Project manpower has been recruited, trained and deployed in the field. The implementation of the Project is going in full swing.

**Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP):** The CYP is in existence since 1973 and was earlier being operated from HQ at London and 4 Regional Centres in India, Guyana, Zambia and Soloman Islands. However, during 2013-14, CYP decided to close down all its Regional Centres as part of a restructuring exercise, which was necessitated, inter-alia, due to their funds constraints. Accordingly, the Regional Centre of CYP at Chandigarh has closed down w.e.f. 28.02.2014. Under the new structure, CYP proposes to position a Regional Representative (for Asia Region) in India (to be assisted by a Special Assistant). CYP has requested certain specific assistance from the Government of India for supporting this Team. The matter is under consideration of the Government. Currently, India contributes to CYP annual pledge money of about Rs.1.20 crore. During July, 2015, the Department of Youth affairs hosted the first Asia Region Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting (AsR-CYMM) at New Delhi.
CHAPTER 8

National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)

**Scheme Framework**

In pursuance to the Budget announcement, a new Central Sector Scheme, namely, ‘National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)’, has been launched in December, 2014. The Scheme has the following 5 components, namely,

- **Neighbourhood Youth Parliament (NYP) Programme**: Under this Programme, the platform of youth clubs of NYKS will be developed further in the shape of vibrant ‘neighbourhood youth parliament’ in order to educate the youth club members about contemporary socio-economic development issues and to involve them in debate/ discussions on such issues. For this, capacity building of the youth club leaders shall be necessary. In this context, one ‘Block Youth Parliament’ shall be organised in every Block every quarter. The Programmes shall be broadly structured in such a manner that in the Morning Session, eminent speakers shall deliver talk on selected issues and in the Afternoon Session, the participants will deliberate on these issues. At the end of the Session, the Minutes of the deliberations and the recommendations, shall be drawn up. These recommendations shall be sent to concerned Government Departments as well as the elected local bodies for their consideration. The youth leaders from different clubs shall, after return to their respective areas, arrange similar discussion/ debate involving their club members. At least one programme shall be held by each youth club every month. For organising the ‘Block Youth Parliament’, financial assistance shall be provided @Rs. Rs.12,000 per Programme involving 80 youth, i.e., Rs.150 per youth participant. For organising the ‘Neighbourhood Youth Parliament’, each youth club shall be provided financial assistance of Rs.1,200 per youth club per year.

- **Youth for Development Programme (YFDP)**: The objective of the Programme is to channelise the immense youth energy towards the nation-building, by involving them in
Shramadaan (voluntary labour) on a large-scale all over the country. The Programme will be implemented through NYKS (Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan) youth club members, NSS (National Service Scheme) volunteers, NCC cadets and Eco Club members under National Green Corps (NGC). These programmes shall be suitably re-structured to provide for at least 100 hours of ‘Shramadaan’ by every youth per year. There shall be no financial assistance for ‘Shramadaan’, ipso facto, but, assistance will be provided for IEC activities @Rs.20 per youth involved in Shramadaan per year.

- **National Young Leaders Awards (NYLA):** The objective of this Programme is to motivate the youth to strive for excellence in their respective fields by recognising and rewarding the outstanding work done by them. The Awards will be instituted in about 50 sectors/domain areas. In each sector/domain area, two Awards shall be conferred - one for a young man and another for a young woman. Thus, there will be total about 100 Awards. The Award shall comprise of (i) a Medal (ii) a Certificate of Honour and (ii) Cash Award of Rs.1,00,000/-. In order to be eligible for the Award, a person should be a youth in the age-group of 15-29 years. The names of the Awardees in various sectors/domain areas shall be finalised by the concerned Ministries/Departments. The Department of Youth Affairs shall make all necessary arrangements for the Awards Ceremony.

- **National Youth Advisory Council (NYAC):** The objective of setting up of a National Youth Advisory Council (NYAC) is to seek active involvement of the youth leaders as well as other stakeholders in the decision-making process on the youth related issues. The Council shall be chaired by Minister of State (IC), Youth Affairs and Sports, with Secretary, Youth Affairs as the Vice-chairperson. Other members would include Secretaries of major Central Ministries/Departments dealing with youth related matters, Secretaries in-charge of Youth Affairs of States/UTs (to be represented by rotation), Non-Government Organisations (NGOs), Young Leaders (one young leader from each State/UT) and other stakeholders like UN Organisations; Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other concerned Govt. officials.

- **National Youth Development Fund (NYDF):** The objective of setting up
National Youth Development Fund (NYDF) is to mobilise funds from non-budgetary resources also for youth development. The Fund shall be set up under the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890, broadly on the pattern of National Sports Development Fund. The Fund shall be administered/managed by a Council under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, with official/ non-official members. In addition, there shall be an Executive Committee headed by the Secretary, Youth Affairs to manage the day-to-day working of the Fund.

Progress in implementation of the Scheme

- Under Neighbourhood Youth Parliament component, NYKS organised 12,875 Youth Parliament Programmes at Block level, in which 10.08 lakh members of NYK-affiliated Youth Clubs participated. In addition, 11,078 village-level neighbourhood youth parliament programmes were organised by youth clubs.

- Under Youth for Development component, NYKS undertook IEC (Media and Publicity activities) activities. Shramadaan activities are going on. In order to reward outstanding work done under the programme during 2015-16, awards have been given to 1,423 youth clubs.

- Guidelines for setting up and operation of National Youth Development Fund (NYDF) have been notified. For administration of the Fund, the Council and the Executive Committee have been constituted. The first meeting of the Council has been held under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister in-charge of the Department. Rs. 5 crores have been released as the budgetary contribution to the Fund. For NYLA component, nominations have been invited from concerned Ministries/Departments. For NYAC, the composition of the Council is being finalised.
CHAPTER 9

Youth Hostels

Introduction

Youth Hostels are built to promote youth travel and to enable the young people to experience the rich cultural heritage of the country. The construction of the Youth Hostels is a joint venture of the Central and State Governments. While the Central Government bears the cost of construction, the State Governments provide fully developed land free-of-cost, with water supply, electricity connection and approach roads. Youth Hostels are located in areas of historical and cultural value, in educational centres, in tourist destinations, etc. Youth Hostels provide good accommodation for the youth at reasonable rates. The Youth Hostels are looked after by Managers, appointed by the Central Government.

Current Status of Youth Hostels

Till 2013-14, 82 Hostels were constructed. Since then, a new Hostel has been constructed at Thoubal (Manipur) and construction of a Hostel at Roing (Arunachal Pradesh) is in advanced stage of completion. Out of 83 Hostels currently operational, 11 Hostels have been transferred to Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)/Sports Authority of India (SAI)/concerned State Governments, for optimum use for youth and sports development and the remaining 72 Hostels are under direct control of the Ministry. The Department is making efforts to obtain ISO Certification (9001:2008) for the Youth Hostels. So far, ISO Certification has been obtained for 6 Hostels, namely, Dalhousie, Mysore, Jodhpur, Puducherry, Agra and Panjim Youth Hostels.
CHAPTER 10

Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations

The Scheme of Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations was launched in the early 1980s, to promote the Scouts and Guides movement in the country. This is an international movement aimed at building character, confidence, idealism and spirit of patriotism and service among young boys and girls. Scouting and Guiding also seeks to promote balanced physical and mental development among the boys and girls. Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for various activities such as organization of training camps, skill development programmes, holding of jamborees, etc., to Scouting and Guiding Organisations. The activities, inter alia, include programmes related to adult literacy, environment conservation, community service, health awareness and promotion of hygiene and sanitation.
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