GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS

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Workshops for youth to instill constitutional values

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had conducted any training or workshops for the youth to enlighten them with scientific temper and constitutional values like secularism; and
- (b) whether Government has any programme apart from observing "Sadbhavana Diwas" to enlighten youth against the growing menace of religious fanaticism?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS [Col. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

- (a) To inculcate the value of Secularism among the youth under National Service Scheme of the Ministry NSS observed the "Constitution Day" on 26th November of every calendar year wherein seminars and lectures on constitutional values are held in all NSS Units, Colleges and Universities throughout the country.
- (b) Apart from observing "Sadbhavana Diwas", NSS organizes National Integration Camp (NIC) every year for 7 days in which youth from different States meet and interact on cultural, social and religious aspects of India with ultimate objective of national integration. In addition, under the scheme National Programme for Youth & Adolescent Development (NPYAD), there are programmes like (i) National Integration Camp (NIC) (ii) Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme (ISYEP) (iii) Organisation of multi Cultural activities and (iv) National Youth Festival wherein various activities are organized with an aim to inculcate the spirit of National Integration and communal harmony among youth. Similarly, NYKS too organizes National Integration Camps under Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat. Apart from it, there is a programme of youth exchange in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs where Jammu & Kashmir youth and tribal youth from Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States are exposed to other parts of the country. Besides, there are input in various programmes mentioned above as also in course of National Youth Festival, where emphasis on peace, tolerance, religious and cultural diversity are covered.