

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3199**  
ANSWERED ON- 27/03/2025

**Youth Exchange Programme in Una**

3199# SMT. SUNETRA AJIT PAWAR:

SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

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

- (a) the key objectives of the inter-state youth exchange programme and the way these objectives align with broader national goals;
- (b) the manner in which its impact is being measured;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to increase the participation of youth from underprivileged and rural backgrounds in such initiatives; and
- (d) whether any skill development or employment opportunities which will be offered to participants as a follow-up to such cultural exchange programmes?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing the Inter-State Youth Exchange programme (ISYEP) through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, as part of the core programme of NYKS under the Annual Action Plan 2024-25. As part of this programme, 25 participants along with 02 escorts from one state take part in another (host) state in each programme.

The objectives of the programme are to celebrate the unity in diversity of our nation and to maintain and strengthen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonding among the people of our country, promote the spirit of National Integration through a deep and structured engagement among all Indian States & Union Territories, showcase the rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of either state for enabling people to understand and appreciate the diversity of the country, establish long term engagement and create an environment which promotes learning between states by sharing best practices & experiences, familiarization with

the environment, family life, social customs, etc. of the people living in the paired States and to inculcate feeling of communal harmony among the youth.

(b) In Inter-State Youth Exchange programmes there is a structured feedback mechanism, where feedback and suggestions of the participants are obtained, through a prescribed proforma, after completion of the programme.

(c) Participants of the Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme are drawn from another state (paired/guest state) and participation of youth from all walks of life, including youth from underprivileged and rural backgrounds, are encouraged.

(d) While skill development and employment are not the primary focus of such programmes, the cultural exchange programmes play a key role in fostering youth engagement in community development and civic participation. Through initiatives like cultural exchange programs and active involvement in local projects, participants gain valuable experiences that enhance their social awareness, leadership skills, and ability to contribute meaningfully to society. These activities create opportunities for personal growth and empower youth to take on roles in their communities.

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