

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS)
RAJYA SABHA
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Nehru Yuva Kendra and RGNIYD

636. Shri R. Girirajan:

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

- (a) the proactive measures taken by Government to improve and develop the youth power through Nehru Yuva Kendra and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development (RGNIYD) in the country;
- (b) the total funds allocated disbursed and utilised in the last five years, year-wise, State-wise;
- (c) whether the activities of NYK & RGNIYD has been hampered due to shortage of staff and coordinators and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to fill up all vacant posts in NYK & RGNIYD?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) In order to improve and develop the youth power, the Ministry pursues the twin objectives of personality-building and nation-building, i.e. developing the personality of youth and involving them in various nation-building activities under various schemes through its field organizations. The Ministry through MY Bharat Kendras engages youth in nation-building by organizing various programs and collaborative projects with other Ministries/Departments. These initiatives aim to empower youth and instill leadership qualities, community service spirit, and social responsibility among youth, especially in rural areas.

With a view to empower the youth and enable their active participation in national development, the Ministry through MY Bharat Kendras undertakes various categories of programmes namely Core Programmes, Special Programmes, Schemes of the Department of Youth Affairs, and Projects in collaboration with other Ministries. The details of such programmes conducted during the last two years is as follows:

Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) -2025 brought together 30 lakh motivated youth nationwide; a total of around 2500 dynamic youth were selected to participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025, through a merit-based, multi-stage process, representing India's most vibrant demographic of youth aged 15-29. The presentations emerging out of the dialogue were made before Hon'ble Prime Minister himself. The VBYLD-2025 emerged as a landmark event, fostering the next generation of leaders, innovators and thinkers who will drive India's growth. A total of around 2500 youth including selected participants of Viksit Bharat Track and Traditional Track, young innovators, volunteers, etc. became part of VBYLD 2025. Additionally, over 6 crore youth and others witnessed the event through various social media platforms.

The Viksit Bharat – Yuva Connect programme, launched on September 19, 2024, is aimed at fostering youth engagement and leadership in the developmental transformation of India by conducting the programmes in Educational Institutions. It is also aimed to guide the youth about their responsibility towards achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat.

Further, through the below mentioned programmes, emphasis is laid on values such as national identity, civic engagement, social cohesion, human capital development, critical thinking, and empowerment, so that students are better prepared to contribute positively to their societies.

- Block/Village Cluster Level Sports Meet, District Level Sports Meets, and distribution of Sports Material
- Observance of National Youth Day & Week, National Road Safety Week, Mega Youth Day Programmes
- MY Bharat-Viksit Bharat Nari Shakti Fitness Runs, Mission LiFE, Voter Awareness Drives
- Campaigns like Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, Drug Abuse Awareness, and Swachhata Drives
- Youth Exchange Programmes (Inter-District, Inter-State, Border Area)
- Yuva Utsav and Samvad under India@2047
- Declamation Competitions on Viksit Bharat@2047
- Neighbourhood Youth Parliament
- National Youth Parliament Festival / Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament
- Catch The Rain
- Tribal Youth Exchange Programme
- Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme
- Involvement of Youth in Namami Gange Programme
- Meri Mati Mera Desh, International Yoga Day, Har Ghar Tiranga
- Campaigns like Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye, Rashtriya Poshan Maah, Poshan Pakhwada
- Fit India Swachhta Run 5.0, Pariksha Pe Charcha, TB Elimination Awareness
- Seva Se Seekhen Experiential Learning at Hospitals

RGNIYD, as an Institute of National Importance, undertakes academic, training, research, and outreach activities focused on youth development. It offers postgraduate courses and capacity-building programmes on youth issues, policy research, and skill development. The Institute also

plays a key role in advising the Ministry on youth-related policies and in developing training modules for youth functionaries.

(b) The funds under the Department of Youth Affairs are allocated scheme-wise and not State/UT-wise. The total funds allocated and utilised year-wise during in the last five years for Nehru Yuva Kendra Scheme and RGNIYD year-wise is as follows:

Figure in Crore

S.N.	Year	NYK Scheme		RGNIYD	
		Funds Allocated	Funds Utilised	Funds Allocated	Funds Utilised
1.	2020-21	267.75	301.50	21.00	24.03
2.	2021-22	365.00	321.08	25.00	18.58
3.	2022-23	356.44	337.46	19.00	20.55
4.	2023-24	402.30	334.26	23.50	21.50
5.	2024-25	412.00	339.95	23.50	19.80

Note: For the years in which the fund utilized is greater than the fund allocated, the reported expenditure also includes expenditure made against the revalidated balances of previous year.

(c) No, the activities of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) have not been hampered due to shortage of staff and coordinators. In the case of NYKS, necessary administrative measures have been taken to ensure uninterrupted functioning of Kendras by assigning officers from nearby Kendras additional charge of vacant Kendras to maintain continuity of operations. As regards RGNIYD, despite shortages in staff, the Institute has continued to perform its mandated functions and achieved its objectives without any disruption in its activities.

(d) The recruitment is a continuous process and as and when the vacancy arises, the action is taken to fill them up.
