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PREFACE

I, the Chairman of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports, having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on its behalf, do hereby present this Three Hundred and Fifty Fourth Report of the Committee on " Review of Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)".

2. The committee wishes to place on record its gratitude to the representatives of the Departments of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for furnishing necessary information/documents and rendering valuable assistance to the Committee in its deliberations.
3. For the facility of reference and convenience, the recommendations of the Committee have been presented in bold letters in the body of the Report.
4. The Committee considered the Draft Report and adopted the same in its meeting held on the 7th August, 2023.

NEW DELHI
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Shri Vivek Thakur
Chairman
Department-related Parliamentary
Standing Committee on Education,
Women, Children, Youth and Sports

ACRONMYS

BS&G	Bharat Scouts & Guides
CBO	Community Based Organisation
CII	Confederation of Indian Industry
HS&G	Hindustan Scouts & Guides
IYEP	International Youth Exchange Programme
MoS	Minister of State
NEP	National Education Policy
NPYAD	National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development
NYC	National Youth Corps
NYKS	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan
NYP	Neighbourhood Youth Parliament
NYPF	National Youth Parliament Festival
NYSK	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan
PAC	Project Appraisal Committee
PBD	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
RIS	Research and Information System
RYSK	Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram
SAI	Sports Authority of India
SCO	Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
SEVA	Service & Empowerment through Voluntary Action
SUTP	Skill Up-gradation Training Programme
TNNAA	Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards
TYLCD	Training on Youth Leadership & Community Development

REPORT

1. INTRODUCTORY

Youth is the most energetic and productive section of a society. A country's ability and potential for growth is determined by the population, size and strength of its youth. India has the largest youth population in the world and it is one of the youngest nations in the world with around sixty-five per cent of population under 35 years of age. The youth in the age group of 15 to 29 years comprise around 27.2 per cent of the population.

1.2 In order to capture this demographic dividend, it is essential that the youth have the appropriate education, skills and entrepreneurship and health awareness, etc. to productively contribute to the nation building. The Government of India and the State Governments make significant investment on programmes for the welfare of youth. The Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India is nodal agency for framing the policies/ programmes and rules/ regulations for the welfare of youth. In order to optimally tap constructive and creative energies of the youth, the Department of Youth Affairs pursues the twin objectives of personality development and nation-building thereby tapping the constructive energy for the youths of our country.

1.3 On the basis of emphasis given by the Committee on EWCY&S (the then HRD) for the need for merger/consolidation of schemes and also on the advice of the Ministry of Finance to restructure the schemes into a few compact schemes for better synergy and more effective utilisation of resources, the Department of Youth Affairs had re-structured/consolidated seven sub-schemes into one as an umbrella scheme known as "**Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)**" with effect from 1st April, 2016 to achieve better synergy/convergence in the scheme implementation and for improving their effectiveness. The details of these schemes are as under at **Table no. I:-**

Table I

Sl. No.	Names of Schemes (Before Restructuring)	Names of Schemes (After Restructuring)
1	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)	
2	National Youth Corps (NYC)	

3	National Programme for Youth & Adolescent Development (NPYAD)	Merged into a new 'umbrella' Scheme called “Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)”
4	International Cooperation	
5	Youth Hostels (YH)	
6	Assistance to Scouting & Guiding organisations	
7	National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)	

2. OBJECTIVES AND FEATURES OF THE SUB-SCHEMES

The objectives and features of the sub-schemes under the umbrella-scheme of RYSK are given below:

2.1 NEHRU YUVA KENDRA SANGATHAN (NYKS)

2.1.1 Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), launched in 1972, is one of the largest youth organizations in the world. NYKS has its presence in 623 districts across the country with a total number of volunteers being approximately 50 lakhs. Since 2014, there has been a marked shift in the functioning of the organization towards achieving the common goal of “*Yuva Bhagidaari se Jan Bhagidari*” to ensure the development of the nation.

2.1.2 The principal objective of NYKS is to mobilize, motivate and organize the youth of the country and enhance their capacities. The youth are empowered to become productive and responsible citizens, assume local leadership to act as partners in the process of community development and nation building activities. The spirit of equity and volunteerism is also inculcated among them. This enables to develop democratic institutional mechanisms in the form of village based Youth Clubs.

2.1.3 The focus areas of NYKS activities include education, health and sanitation, environment, awareness on social issues, women empowerment, civic education, disaster relief and rehabilitation, etc. NYKS through its program and activities provide opportunity for holistic development of youth including adolescents for realization of their full potential and to develop leadership qualities among them, promote national integration and strengthen secular and creative worldview of the youth about their country, society and future, foster the spirit of adventure, risk taking and teamwork, and to acknowledge adolescents as a distinct sub-group among youth to cater to their distinct needs.

2.1.4 The Department in their background note has furnished that NYKS conducts the following core programmes:

- Yuva Utsav
- Training in Youth Leadership and Community Development
- Shramdaan Shivar
- Observance of Days of National and International Days and Week
- Skill Based Entrepreneurship Programme
- Service & Empowerment through Voluntary Action (SEVA)
- Youth Club Development Campaign
- Career Guidance Workshops
- Swachhata Action Plan including Swachhata Pakhwada
- Intensive Volunteer Enrolment Programme and
- Promotion of Sports under 'Fit India' campaign by providing Sports Materials to youth and organizing village, cluster level and district level sports meet.

2.1.5 NYKS also conducts voluntary co-ordination with other Ministries without funds:

- Ministry of Health – Poshan Abhiyaan, COVID-19, Tika Utsav, Health Melas, De-worming awareness
- Ministry of AYUSH- Yoga Day, Suryanamaskaar
- Ministry of Law- Constitution Day
- Ministry of Education- Pariksha Pe Charcha, Awareness on National Education Policy (NEP)
- MSME– Pilot Testing of App for unorganised sector workers.
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways- National Road Safety Month – Awareness program
- Ministry of Tourism- Paryatan Parv
- Ministry of Culture- Parakram Diwas, Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

2.1.6 The details of number of Programmes organised by NYKS during last 5 Years (2018-19 to 2022-23) and Current Year (2023-24) as furnished by the Ministry are given at **Annexure**. Statement of State-wise fund allocated to offices of NYKS during the last five years is placed at **Table II**.

Table II

NEHRU YUVA KENRDA SANGATHAN

Statement of state-wise funds allocated to the offices of NYKS under NYKS Scheme during last five years

Figures in lakhs

SN	Name Of State/UT	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
		Allocation	Allocation	Allocation	Allocation	Allocation
1	Andhra Pradesh	600	758	559	762	744
2	Arunanchal Pradesh	646	816	602	820	801

3	Assam	1,246	1574	1160	1582	1545
4	Bihar	1,753	2215	1633	2226	2174
5	Chattisgarh	738	933	688	937	915
6	Goa	92	117	86	117	114
7	Gujarat	1,153	1457	1074	1465	1430
8	Haryana	877	1108	817	1113	1087
9	Himachal Pradesh	554	700	516	703	687
10	J & K & Ladakh	646	816	602	820	801
11	Jharkhand	1,015	1282	946	1289	1259
12	Karnataka	1,246	1574	1160	1582	1545
13	Kerala	646	816	602	820	801
14	Madhya Pradesh	2,214	2798	2063	2812	2746
15	Maharashtra	1,568	1982	1461	1992	1945
16	Manipur	461	583	430	586	572
17	Meghalaya	323	408	301	410	400
18	Mizoram	369	466	344	469	458
19	Nagaland	507	641	473	644	629
20	Orissa	1,384	1749	1289	1758	1716
21	Punjab	923	1166	860	1172	1144
22	Rajasthan	1,476	1865	1375	1875	1831
23	Sikkim	185	233	172	234	229
24	Tamilnadu	1,430	1807	1332	1816	1774
25	Telangana	461	583	430	586	572
26	Tripura	185	233	172	234	229
27	Uttar Pradesh	3,275	4139	3051	4160	4062
28	Uttarakhand	600	758	559	762	744
29	West Bengal	1,061	1341	988	1348	1316
	Union Territories					
30	A&N Island	277	350	258	352	343
31	Chandigarh	46	58	43	59	57
32	D & N Haveli	46	58	43	59	57
33	Daman & Diu	92	117	86	117	114
34	Delhi	415	525	387	527	515
35	Lakshdweep	46	58	43	59	57
36	Pondicheri	185	233	172	234	229
	Total	28,740	36,318	26,775	36,500	35,644

2.1.7 The Committee takes note of activities undertaken by the NYKS in the field of education, environment, spreading awareness on social issues, health, disaster relief and rehabilitation. The Committee also takes note of a number of core programmes conducted

under NYKS and appreciates the Department for providing opportunity to the youth of the country for their holistic development and utilization of their potential through NYKS. The Committee also appreciates the efforts of the Department for inspiring/motivating them to contribute in Nation Building.

2.1.8 The Committee also takes note of the fact that NYKS conducts numerous programmes voluntarily in co-ordination with Ministries of Culture, Education, Health, AYUSH, Law, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Road Transport & Highways and Tourism. The Committee observes that to achieve better synergy and convergence for better implementation of the sub-schemes NYKS should initiate further voluntary co-ordination with the Ministries of Culture, Education, Home Affairs, Information Technology and Communication, Law and Justice, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Women & Child Development in the following fields:

Ministry of Education: Yuva Utsav which is a core activity under NYKS should be restructured on the lines of Kashi Tamil Samagam. The Committee recommends that Yuva Kashi Tamil Samagam should be organised for promoting national integration among youth in collaboration with Ministry of Culture. The Committee recommends that volunteers of NYKS in collaboration with Ministry of Education should explore to bridge the learning gap that occurred due to COVID-19 among the school children. This particularly in view of the fact that on-line classes though helped tide over COVID-19 Pandemic crisis but use of technology has had its own effect on the school children.

Ministry of Home Affairs: Volunteers of NYKS should be trained in disaster management activities and every District Magistrate should prepare a list of these volunteers in order to rope them in for quick response against any natural disaster in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs, Disaster Management Authorities of Centre and State concerned.

Ministry of Electronics Information Technology and Ministry of Communication: The Committee is of the opinion that volunteers of NYKS in collaboration with Common Service Centres (CSCs) can extend digital and financial literacy among rural people under the PM Digital Saksharta Mission (PMGDISHA) in collaboration with Ministry of Information Technology and Ministry of Communication.

Ministry of Law and Justice: The Committee recommends that volunteers of NYKS who are Law graduates in voluntarily collaboration with Ministry of Law and Justice should be asked to provide pro bono legal assistance to marginalised citizens under the Nyay Bandhu Scheme.

Ministry of Women and Child Development: The Committee observes that with its huge number of volunteers, NYKS can help in developing Poshan Vatikas and Shri Anna Vatikas under Mission POSHAN 2.0 in collaboration with Ministry of Women and Child Development. The Committee, therefore, recommends that Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports should taken up the matter with the Ministry of Women and Child Development to include their voluntary service for more effective implementation of the mission POSHAN 2.0.

2.2 Role of Nehru Yuva Kendras Sangathan in combating drug/substance abuse

Drug abuse is a prevailing menace amongst the youngsters. Its harmful effects have made a large number of youth of our country delinquent. During the meeting of Committee held on 19th July, 2023 with the Department of Youth Affairs, the Committee highlighted the rising tendency of drug and substance abuse among the youth and the urgent need to combat the same. The Committee desired to know whether there were any programmes and initiatives undertaken through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan for combating drug/substance abuse among youth in the country and its impact at the district/village/town level. Also, the number of youth taken out of the clutches of this addiction and returned to normal life style in the last three years.

2.2.2 In response thereto, the Department informed the Committee that Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has remained at the forefront to fight this evil and that NYKS Punjab undertook a project namely, “Preventive Education and Awareness Generation against Drug Abuse and Alcoholism Projects in Punjab” in 2015-16 in coordination with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. It was further informed that under the project a total of 5.61 lakh persons (4.55 lakh male and more than 1 lakh females) of 21 districts of Punjab were contacted directly and were educated on the ill-effects of drug abuse and alcoholism.

2.2.3 In order to educate the youth on the harmful effects of drug abuse for the physical as well as mental health of youth, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan during the Financial Year 2021-22, conducted a programme namely, Fit India Movement, Youth Wellness and Positive Lifestyle with emphasis on awareness on drug abuse. State-wise number of programmes and beneficiaries are placed at **Table**

III.

Table III**State-wise number of programmes and beneficiaries of combating drug abuse programme**

S. No.	Name of State	No. of Programs organised	Beneficiaries		
			Male	Female	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	49	3584	2348	5932
2	Arunachal Pradesh	33	747	521	1268
3	Assam	75	2465	1510	3975
4	Bihar	128	6754	3736	10490
5	Chhattisgarh	38	1513	1071	2584
6	Delhi	9	520	450	970
7	Gujarat & Daman & Diu	58	2498	1409	3907
8	Haryana	52	3295	1460	4755
9	Himachal Pradesh	28	1624	1316	2940
10	Jammu & Kashmir	52	2480	1539	4019
11	Jharkhand	71	3261	2133	5394
12	Karnataka	77	4164	2756	6920
13	Kerala & Lakshadweep	46	1763	1393	3156
14	Madhya Pradesh	118	25252	14632	39884
15	Maharashtra & Goa	108	4832	2661	7493
16	Manipur	17	796	589	1385
17	Meghalaya	9	230	285	515
18	Mizoram	12	408	243	651
19	Nagaland	29	2028	1839	3867
20	Odisha	81	3999	1823	5822
21	Punjab & Chandigarh	48	1203	813	2016
22	Rajasthan	95	9190	4054	13244
23	Sikkim	11	331	269	600
24	Tamil Nadu & Pondicherry	96	2881	1919	4800
25	Telangana	30	2614	1312	3926
26	Tripura	9	502	300	802
27	Uttar Pradesh	219	9928	4772	14700
28	Uttrakhand	35	1386	1190	2576
29	West Bengal & A& N	85	3855	2786	6641
	Total	1718	104103	61129	165232

2.2.4 The Committee observes that as per the figure furnished by the Department during the last three years total 1718 programmes raising awareness on drug abuse, youth wellness and positive life

style were organized in 29 States/UTs of the country and as many as 1,65,232 (104103 young male and 61,129 female) have benefitted under the programme.

2.2.5 The Committee appreciates the efforts made by the NYKS for taking out 1,65,232 youth out of the clutches of drug addiction and substance abuse and bringing them back to normal life style through Fit India movement and have been able to bring out so many youth through this programme in the financial year 2021-22 by conducting this programme. The Committee, therefore, recommends that volunteers of NYKS through their Centres should be groomed to provide de-addiction counseling to drug Addicted youths especially in bordering districts of India and other districts of the country which are affected by drug menace in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs and respective State Governments on regular basis especially in view of the menace acquiring a mammoth proportion.

2.3 Possible role of NYKS in skill development of Youth

During the meeting held on 19th July, 2023 with Department of Youth Affairs the Committee desired to know about the initiatives taken by the Department for collaborating with NYKS with regard to various skill development activities and initiatives of the Government for the last three years. In response thereto, the Committee was informed through written reply by the Department that the NYKS focuses on twin objectives of personality development of the youth and nation-building thereby tapping the constructive energy for the youths of the country. It was further informed that various programmes/activities are organized through NYKS that includes areas like education, health and sanitation, environment, awareness on social issues, women empowerment, civic education, disaster relief and rehabilitation, national and international youth exchange programmes, etc.

2.3.2 The Department of Youth Affairs through NYKS disseminates awareness about various skill development programs/activities that are available with other Departments/Organizations for the benefit of youth.

2.3.3 The Committee also sought to know whether the Department has any plans for making the NYKS as skill development/up-skilling and employment gateway centres, it was informed by the Department through its written reply that possibilities can be explored. It was further informed that a

proposal for developing NYKS as District Youth Resource Centre is feasible provided requisite resource, funds and man-power are made available to NYKS.

2.3.4 In response to another query by the Committee that whether zone-wise NYK can be identified as such centres to cover the entire country as a model on a trial basis, the Department has apprised that a pilot of the said program may be implemented across 100 districts spreading across 6 Regional Offices of NYKs and subsequently, scaled in phases to cover all the districts of the country.

2.3.5 The Committee observes that Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has sufficient infrastructure available to begin with, and that the Department should seriously explore possibility of developing NYKs in each districts as District Youth Resource Centre (DYRC). In order to further expand its reach, the Committee recommended that Department should approach Ministry of Finance for additional requisite resources and funds to establish the NYKS as centres of upskilling for the youths of the country. The Committee also feels that if, NYKS are developed as District Youth Resource Centres, it will enable each District NYKS to act as a One Stop Centre for all youth related information focusing on Employment, Entrepreneurship, Education and Skill Development, which will be of immense value for the youth of the country.

2.3.6 The Committee notes that NYKS has requisite infrastructure and an impressive presence across 623 districts of the country. The Committee therefore, recommends that Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports should take up with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to develop and promote NYKs for the skilling, re-skilling, up-skilling and experiential learning of aspiring youth. Further, the Department should strive to collaborate with Ministry of Labour and Employment to develop NYKS as employment gateways in each district of the country.

2.3.7 The Committee further recommends that Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports should set up 'Girl Child Specific NYK Centres' in each district of the country to provide equal opportunity to girl child for their upskilling and to ensure employment opportunity to girls in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Ministry of Labour and Employment.

3. NATIONAL YOUTH CORPS

3.1 The scheme of National Youth Corps (NYC) was launched by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports during the year 2010-11 and the same is being implemented through NYKS.

3.2 The main objectives of the sub-scheme are as follows:-

- To setup a group of disciplined and dedicated youth who have the inclination and spirit to engage in the task of nation building.
- To act as points for dissemination of information, basic knowledge in the community
- To act as group modulators and peer group educators
- To act as role models for the younger cohort especially towards enhancement of public ethics, probity and dignity of labour.

3.3 The Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has informed that selection and deployment of volunteers is done as per the provision of the scheme. There is a selection committee under chairpersonship of DM/DC of the district for selecting volunteers. Volunteers in the age group of 18-29 years and having education qualification of minimum 10th class pass are being deployed for maximum period of 2 years duration only. Normally, two volunteers are deployed in every block of 623 NYK districts. Each volunteer are paid Rs. 5000/- as monthly honorarium. All volunteers in their respective district report to the concerned District Youth Coordinator of NYK. A total of 13,206 volunteers in 623 NYK districts and 148 new districts are being deployed in around 7000 blocks, every year. The details of gender-wise and State-wise deployment of NYVs as furnished by the Department of Youth Affairs are placed at **Table-IV**.

Table-IV

State-wise details of NYV as on 14-07-2023

State	No of NYV	Male Member	Female Member	General	SC	ST	OBC
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	23	6	17	11	0	8	4
ANDHRA PRADESH	458	314	144	143	100	31	184
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	198	112	86	16	1	176	5
ASSAM	469	295	174	202	49	92	126
BIHAR	1055	749	306	443	111	19	482
CHANDIGARH	4	1	3	2	1	0	1
CHHATTISGARH	211	130	81	37	23	57	94
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	4	3	1	1	0	2	1
DAMAN & DIU	7	1	6	4	0	0	3
DELHI	106	64	42	50	31	1	24
GOA	20	15	5	11	0	4	5
GUJARAT	429	287	142	170	73	43	143
HARYANA	263	168	95	106	74	0	83

State	No of NYV	Male Member	Female Member	General	SC	ST	OBC
HIMACHAL PRADESH	146	83	63	77	35	21	13
JAMMU, KASHMIR & LADAKH	498	254	244	327	37	94	40
JHARKHAND	508	322	186	124	37	110	237
KARNATAKA	457	311	146	97	122	35	203
KERALA	223	144	79	90	23	2	108
LAKSHADWEEP	18	12	6	0	0	18	0
MADHYA PRADESH	628	446	182	197	101	76	254
MAHARASHTRA	635	428	207	231	136	42	226
MANIPUR	128	80	48	19	4	86	19
MEGHALAYA	87	48	39	4	0	83	0
MIZORAM	70	35	35	10	2	58	0
NAGALAND	166	101	65	2	0	164	0
ODISHA	618	438	180	216	96	105	201
PUDUCHERRY	21	13	8	0	12	0	9
PUNJAB	301	196	105	94	163	0	44
RAJASTHAN	672	542	130	235	96	62	279
SIKKIM	67	37	30	28	2	24	13
TAMILNADU	658	428	230	119	167	9	363
TELANGANA	194	163	31	36	36	23	99
TRIPURA	77	54	23	30	15	13	19
UTTAR PRADESH	1644	1051	593	757	275	7	605
UTTARAKHAND	167	94	73	96	46	6	19
WEST BENGAL	295	189	106	159	71	13	52
Total	11525	7614	3911	4144	1939	1484	3958

Actual figures of NYVs deployment year-wise/ male female/category wise

YEAR	Total NYVs	SCs	STs	Males	Females
2018-19	8294	1509	986	5335	2959
2019-20	13206	2394	1579	8930	4276
2020-21	12245	2222	1480	8277	3968
2021-22	12216	2062	1545	8072	4144
2022-23	12154	2049	1537	8039	4115

3.4 National Youth Volunteers help the Department of Youth Affairs to reach up-to the block level by:

- Working as linkage between district Kendra and Youth Clubs.
- Assisting in providing information and activating Youth Clubs.
- Disseminating information on development schemes of Government among Youth Clubs to create awareness.
- Working in the assigned block for implementation of programmes of NYKS under the supervision of District Youth Officer.
- Sensitizing youth on fundamental rights and civic education.
- By Spreading message of peace and harmony.
- Providing service on call by district administration.
- Mobilizing youth for skill development training.

3.5 *National Youth Parliament Festival:*

Department of Youth Affairs informed the Committee that the National Youth Parliament Festival is based on the idea expressed, in Mann Ki Baat aired on 31st December, 2017 for organizing Youth Parliaments for young people in every district of the country.

3.5.2 The objective of the National Youth Parliament Festival is to hear voices of youth through deliberations at district, State and national levels. Besides, it is aimed at encouraging youth to engage with public issues, understand the common man's point of view, form their opinions and express it in an articulate manner, to develop and enhance decision-making abilities and to make available their views to policy makers and implementers to take forward.

3.5.3 4th edition of the National Youth Parliament Festival was organized at Central Hall of the Parliament from 1st – 2nd March, 2023. The final participants for the National level were selected out of 2.01 lakh registered applicants. After screening, 7140 youth participated in District Youth Parliament Festival at 150 district venues across the country. 29 State Youth Parliament Festivals were organized with participation of 1407 District level winners. The winners of 4th Edition of National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) were 1st- Ms Aastha Sharma, Himachal Pradesh, 2nd - Shri Naresh Chhetri, Sikkim and 3rd - Ms Mahira Khan, Chhatisgarh

3.5.4 The Department has further informed that NYPF event generated lot of interest among the youth and it also garnered social media attention as below:-

TABLE V

	No of Post/tweets	No of Impression	No of Engagement
Twitter	2183	559472	374854
Facebook	1867	417667	289341
Instagram	1974	542741	334743

3.6 The Committee takes note of a number of voluntary activities undertaken by the Department of Youth Affairs and interest generated among the youth through social media about National Youth Parliament Festival. Considering the significant role played by National Youth Volunteers in effective implementation of schemes in the field, the Committee recommends that remuneration of amount of Rs. 5000/- per month for volunteers needs enhancement. Enhanced honorarium will help in further motivating and attracting a significant number of volunteers leading to increase in the coverage of the scheme. These volunteers can help to bridge the digital divide by creating awareness particularly in rural areas.

3.7 The Committee recommends that in order to motivate the volunteers of NYKS, they should be recognized as *Jan Mitra* to acknowledge their novel volunteering works towards Nation Building.

4. NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR YOUTH AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT (NPYAD)

4.1 National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD) Scheme is a component of the Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (NYSK). Under NPYAD Scheme, financial assistance is provided to Government/ non-Government organizations for taking up activities for youth and adolescent development. The assistance under NPYAD is provided under five major components, namely:-

- (i) Youth Leadership and Personality Development Training.
- (ii) Promotion of National Integration (National Integration Camps, Inter-State Youth Exchange Programmes, Youth Festivals, multi-cultural activities, etc.)
- (iii) Promotion of adventure; Tensing Norgay National Adventure Awards.
- (iv) Development and Empowerment of adolescents (Life Skills Education, Counselling, Career Guidance, etc.) and
- (v) Technical and Resource Development (Research and Studies on Youth issues, Documentation, Seminars/ Workshops)

4.2 Operational Guidelines

The Organizations eligible for assistance include all the autonomous organizations whether partially or fully funded by the Government, registered societies, trusts, NGOs, Universities, Association of Indian Universities, State level Organizations, i.e., State Government Departments, Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies, Education Institutions, etc.

4.3 The Scheme beneficiaries are youth in the age group of 15-29 years and adolescents in the age group of 10-19 years. The financial norms for assistance have been laid down in the Scheme guidelines for each type of activity under the Scheme. The assistance is sanctioned on the basis of recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC), headed by Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs.

4.4 Under NPYAD, financial assistance is provided to Government/non-Government Organisation for taking up activities for youth and adolescent development, such as Youth Leadership and Personality Development Training, Promotion of National Integration through Youth Exchange Programmes, Youth Festivals etc., and Promotion of Adventure.

4.5 In response to Committee's query about major achievements under NPYAD Scheme during the last five years, the following information was furnished by the Department:

Table VI

S. No.	Year	Achievement
1.	2018-19	TNNAA: TNNAA 2017 were conferred upon 10 individuals for adventure in field of Land, Water, Air and Life Time Achievements on 25.09.2018. NEYF: 6 th NEYF was organized at Agartala, Tripura from 15 th November, 2018 to 18 th November, 2018 in which around 1000 youth, officials and volunteers participated. The theme of the festival was 'Youth for Drug Free North East'.
2.	2019-20	NYA: NYA 2016-17 was conferred upon 20 individuals and 3 organisations on 12 th August, 2019 at New Delhi. TNNAA: TNNAA 2018 were conferred upon 6 individuals for adventure in field of Land, Water, Air and Life Time Achievements on 29 th August, 2019. NYF: The 23 rd National Youth Festival was organized at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, during 12-16 January, 2020. The Theme of the Festival was "Fit Youth Fit India". About 7,000 youth from various States/ UTs of the country participate in the Festival.
3.	2020-21	NYF: Keeping in view the Covid-19 restrictions, the festival (24 th edition)

		<p>was celebrated in a hybrid mode for the first time from 20th December, 2020 to 16th January 2021 in three phases namely, District level, State level and National level. In the first two phases, various competitive and non-competitive events were organized across the Districts and subsequently across the States. Also, for the first time, there was no particular host State, instead, various States/ UTs simultaneously played the role of Host State.</p> <p>TNNAA: TNNAA 2019 were conferred upon 7 individuals for adventure in field of Land, Water, Air and Life Time Achievements on 29th August, 2020.</p>
4.	2021-22	<p>NYA: NYA 2017-18 and 2018-19 were conferred upon 10 individuals & 4 organisations and 7 individuals & 1 organisation respectively on 12th August, 2021 at New Delhi.</p> <p>TNNAA: TNNAA 2020 were conferred upon 7 individuals for adventure in field of Land, Water, Air and Life Time Achievements on 13th November, 2021.</p> <p>NYF: Keeping in view the surge in Covid-19 cases, the 25th National Youth Festival was celebrated in a hybrid mode on 12th and 13th January 2022 and the components of the festival included Mindful morning and Youth Summit followed by Cultural evening. UT Administration of Puducherry was the host for the festival.</p>
5.	2022-23	<p>TNNAA: TNNAA 2021 were conferred upon 3 individuals for adventure in in three categories namely, Land, Water and Life Time Achievements on 30th November, 2022.</p> <p>NYF: 26th National Youth Festival was celebrated at Hubballi-Dharwad, Karnataka in which 6,815 participants including officials participated. The theme of the festival was “Viksit Yuva Viksit Bharat”.</p> <p>NYA: National Youth Award 2019-20 have been conferred upon 19 individuals & 6 organisations on 16th January, 2023 during the closing ceremony of 26th National Youth Festival at Hubballi-Dharwad, Karnataka.</p>

4.6 National Youth Festival

4.6.1 National Youth Festival is organized during the months of January every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda *i.e.* on 12th January, which is celebrated as National Youth Day. The Festival is organized in one of the States willing and equipped to host it. The expenditure for holding National Youth Festival is shared between the Centre and the host State. The Programmes are organised as part of the festival includes Youth Summits, Meditation & Yoga Workshop, Indigenous Sport Awareness activities, a variety of cultural programmes, both competitive and non-competitive, Yuva Kriti (exhibition of items made by youth clubs), Food Festival, Young Artist Camps, Adventure Programmes, etc.

4.6.2 The 26th National Youth Festival was celebrated from 12th to 16th January, 2023 at Hubballi-

Dharwad, Karnataka. This was the first Green Festival wherein eco-friendly practices were adopted with emphasizing the use of 3 Rs (Recycle, Reuse and Reduce). Suggestions about the theme, logo and mascot for the festival were invited from public through “MyGov” portal with a view to promote creativity among youth and connect them with the festival. 70 logos, 9 themes, 11 mascot entries were received and a cash prize of Rs.50,000 each for logo and mascot were given to the young person who designed the same.

4.6.3 The Festival was inaugurated on 12th January, 2023 for the first time in physical mode in the last 10 years. The inaugural address was attended by around 30,000 people. The youth from all over the country connected with various events of the festival through various social media platforms of this Ministry.

The statistics are as under:

Table VII

Social Media Report on #NYF2023			
Platform	No. of Post	No. of Impression	No. of Engagement
4.7 Twitter	22,610	1,72,51,009	1,15,88,135
Facebook	18,001	1,40,11,552	99,63,022
Instagram	20,802	1,47,02,893	1,11,41,091
Total	61,413	4,59,65,454	3,26,92,248

National Youth Award

4.7.1 National Youth Awards are conferred every year upon young individuals and NGOs for excellent work done by them for nation-building/ community service. A cash award of Rs.1,00,000/-, a medal and a certificate is given to each individual awardee. The award to voluntary youth organisations comprises of a certificate, a medal and an amount of Rs.3,00,000/-.

4.7.2 National Youth Award 2019-20 have been conferred upon 19 individuals & 6 organisations on 16th January, 2023 during the closing ceremony of 26th National Youth Festival at Hubballi-Dharwad, Karnataka.

4.8 Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards (TNNAA)

The Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award is the highest national recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of adventure on land, sea and air. The award is also conferred for lifetime achievement in the field of adventure. The award consists of a bronze statuette, a certificate, a blazer with a silken tie/a saree and award money of Rs.15 Lakh 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 various Sports Awards. TNNAA 2021 was conferred upon 3 individuals for adventure in three categories namely, Land, Water and Life Time Achievements on 30th November, 2022.

4.9 Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

During 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Event, Youth PBD was celebrated in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs and Government of Madhya Pradesh on the theme "Role of Diaspora Youth in Innovations and new Technologies" on 8th January, 2023. The Guest of Honour for the event was Ms. Zaneta Mascarenhas, Member of Parliament, Australia.

4.10 The Committee takes note of activities undertaken under the National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development sub-scheme, particularly National Youth Festival and Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. The Committee also takes note of activities undertaken for promotion of national integration and adventure for Youth Leadership and Personality Development Training. The Committee is of the view that the Department should explore the possibility of increasing the provision for internships and fellowships to the beneficiaries under five major components of NPYAD especially focusing on youth from aspirational districts of the country and under privileged communities.

5. INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

5.1 The Department endeavours to create an international perspective among youth in collaboration with other countries and international agencies/ organizations on various youth issues. The Department also collaborates with UN Agencies like United Nations Volunteers (UNV)/ United National Development Fund (UNDP) and the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) on various youth related issues.

5.2 Activities undertaken in this sub-scheme can be divided into four broad groups, youth 20 under G20 Presidency of India, SCO Youth Conference and SCO Youth Council, International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP) and Collaboration with UN Agencies and Contribution. The details of the activities are as under:-

5.2.1 Youth 20 under G20 Presidency of India:-

India assumed the Presidency of the G20 on 1st December, 2022 for 1 year i.e. up to 30th November, 2023. Under the framework of G20 Presidency, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of

Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India has been entrusted with the responsibility to organize Youth 20 Summit-2023.

5.2.2 Youth 20 is one of the official Engagement Groups of the G20 for organizing discussions Pan-India. Y20 provides a platform for youth to express their voice heard and ideas on G20 priorities.

- (i) Curtain Raiser of the Youth 20 was organized in Delhi on 6th January, 2023. During the event, the Y20 website and logo was launched.
- (ii) An inception meeting was held in Guwahati, Assam from 6th – 8th February, 2023. During this meeting, Y20 India introduced five themes that will guide the discussions and shape future actions. The outcome of the Inception Meeting:
- (iii) It was attended by 21 foreign delegates from 7 countries including Brazil, Russia, USA, Japan, Indonesia, Germany, Republic of Korea and 160 Indian delegates.
- (iv) In addition, more than 800 students from schools and colleges attended the panel discussions held at IIT Guwahati.
- (v) 50 brainstorming sessions in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) & 50 brainstorming sessions with Research and Information System (RIS) have been planned which are being organized across the country in coordination with Civil Society organizations, Local self-Government bodies, Premier institutions, Industries, etc.
- (vi) The Y20 Pre-Summit was organized in Leh, Ladakh from 26th – 28th April, 2023. The Pre Summit was attended by 103 delegates from G20 Countries, Guest Countries and International Organizations.
- (vii) Fourteen Y20 consultations have been conducted at various universities, across India viz. IIM Raipur, MSU Baroda, Panjab University Chandigarh, Symbiosis University Pune, Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar, King George Medical College Lucknow, IIT Kanpur, Kalinga Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar, Jammu University, Manipur University Imphal, AIIMS Rishikesh, Kashmir University Srinagar, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University Amarkantak, and NIMHANS, Bengaluru where passionate young individuals shared their ideas, insights, and aspirations which play a critical role in drafting the Y20 Communiqué.
- (viii) Youth 20 Summit 2023 is scheduled from 17th – 20th August, 2023 at Varanasi wherein about 200 foreign delegates from G20 Countries, Guest Countries, and International Organizations will participate.

5.2 SCO Youth Conference and SCO Youth Council:-

- SCO is a permanent inter-governmental organization which was established in 2001. SCO has eight member States viz India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. India became a full member of SCO on 9th June, 2017.

- Department of Youth Affairs organized first ever SCO Youth Conference and SCO Youth Council from 13th to 14th March 2023. SCO Youth Conference was held on 13th March, 2023 in Virtual Format. SCO Youth Council was held on 14th March, 2023 in hybrid mode in New Delhi.
- 14 representatives participated from SCO member states including 2 representatives from India participated in the SCO Youth Conference.
- 23 members from 7 SCO member states, including 22 in-person participants from 6 member states [India (5), Kazakhstan (3), China (3), Kyrgyzstan (3), Russia (5), Uzbekistan (3)] participated in SCO Youth Council Pakistan (1) participated through online mode.
- The Protocol was signed on 14th March, 2023 in the city of New Delhi.

5.3 International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP)

- (i) Department of Youth Affairs hosted 102-Member Bangladeshi Youth Delegation from 12th - 19th October, 2022 under International Youth Exchange Programme (IYEP). The delegation had a call on with Hon'ble President of India and Foreign Secretary on 14th October, 2022. Further, the delegation visited Taj Mahal at Agra and also other institutes such as IIM Bangalore, Infosys Mysore, etc. The delegation had a call on with Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports and Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS), MoYAS on 19th October, 2022.
- (ii) 85 member delegation from 4 central Asian Countries to India (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) from 17th – 23rd November, 2022 was also hosted by the Department. The delegation visited PM Museum and National War Memorial at New Delhi, Mumbai Film City, Tata Memorial Hospital and advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer, Mumbai. The delegation had a call on with Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports, Hon'ble Minister of State (MoS), YAS on 22nd November, 2022.

5.4 Collaboration with UN Agencies and Contribution

The Department of Youth Affairs gave contribution of GBP 143,563 (1.4 Crore approx) in the FY 2022 -23 to Commonwealth Secretariat.

5.5 The Committee appreciates the activities undertaken under the International Co-operation sub-scheme particularly Youth 20 under G20 and Shanghai Co-operation Organization (SCO) Youth Conference. The Committee hopes that more such activities will take place in the year of G20 Presidency of India. The Committee observes that more students

should be chosen from rural and far-flung areas of the country under International Co-operation for enhancing their exposure to global ideas, opportunities, values and best practices.

6. YOUTH HOSTELS

6.1 Youth Hostels are built to promote youth travel and to enable the young people 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 Government provides fully developed land, free of cost, with water supply, electricity and approach roads. Youth Hostels are located in areas of historical and cultural value, in educational centers, tourist destinations etc. Youth Hostels provide good accommodation for the youth at reasonable rates, and are looked after by Managers and Wardens, appointed by the Central Government.

6.2 Department of Youth Affairs has informed the Committee that a total of 84 Youth Hostels have been constructed across the country and one more Youth Hostels at Kota is under construction. Out of 84 Youth Hostels, 11 Hostels have been transferred to the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)/ Sports Authority of India (SAI)/ concerned State Governments for optimum use for youth and sports development. Eight Youth Hostels, namely, Dalhousie (Himachal Pradesh), Jodhpur (Rajasthan), Panaji (Goa), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Imphal (Manipur), Sirsa (Haryana), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) and Vizianagaram (Andhra Pradesh) have got the ISO 9001:2015 Certification.

6.3 Under the Youth Hostels Scheme, there is a budget allocation of Rs. 7.5 Crores in the current financial year as per Budget Estimates 2022-23, which comprises three components: Release of Honorarium to Managers & Wardens, Construction of new Youth Hostels and Repair/renovation of Youth Hostels.

6.4 It is a non-religious, non-political and non-commercial unit without discrimination to race, colour, sex, caste, creed, or social background.

- Overnight stay charges are kept to the minimum so that the youth with limited means can avail the stay facility.
- It is functioning as per the norms, rules and regulations laid down by the Government of India from time to time.
- It promotes youth travel and youth activity programmes.
- there are total of 84 Youth Hostels across the country.

- 73 are with Department of Youth Affairs and 11 transferred to State Government, NYKS, SAI.
- out of these Youth Hostels at Agra, Dalhousie, Jodhpur, Mysore, Panaji and Puducherry are of International standard.

6.5 During the deliberations of the Committee held on 18th November, 2022 and 19th July, 2023 with the Department, the Committee deliberated at length about the infrastructure, hygiene and quality of Youth Hostels.

6.6 On the basis of discussions held with the Department on the state of Youth Hostels, the Committee finds that the number of Youth Hostels need to be increased and provision of providing support staff should also be explored. The Committee is of the view that the Department should monitor quality standards, hygiene and infrastructure of Youth Hostels for meeting the ambitions of India's youth.

6.7 The Committee observes there is acute shortage of Youth Hostels for girls in the country. The Committee, therefore, recommends the Department of Youth Affairs should construct Youth Hostels exclusively for girls in every capital city of each State. Further Youth Hostels for girls should also be constructed at places of educational centres, tourist destinations and places of historical and cultural value to facilitate them.

7 ASSISTANCE TO SCOUTING & GUIDING ORGANISATIONS

The Scheme of Scouting and Guiding, a Central Sector Scheme, 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. In the process Scouting and Guiding also seeks to promote balanced physical and mental development among the people.

7.1 Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided to Scouting and Guiding organizations for various programmes such as organization of training camps, skill development programmes, holding of jamborees, etc. The activities, *inter-alia*, include programmes related to adult literacy, environment conservation, community service, health awareness and promotion of hygiene and sanitation.

7.2 There are two non-Government Organisations, namely the Bharat Scouts & Guides (BS&G) and the Hindustan Scouts & Guides (HS&G), which have been provided financial assistance by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for conducting the activities of Scouting and Guiding across the country. During the year 2022-23, the Department sanctioned Grant amounting to Rs.37.50 Lakh to the Bharat Scouts & Guides, National Headquarters, New Delhi for conducting various Scouting and Guiding activities.

7.3 The Department provides assistance to the Scouting and Guiding Organisations, with a view 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. The financial assistance is provided to scouting and guiding organisations for various programmes such as organization of training camps, skill development programmes, holding of jamborees, activities related to adult literacy, environment conservation, community service, health awareness and promotion of hygiene and sanitation.

Financial Achievements:

7.4 In response to Committee's query about year-wise fund utilization under the scheme, the Department in their reply has provided the details of year-wise financial achievements during the last 3 years against the funds released by the Department of Youth Affairs to Bharat Scouts and Guides:-

Table VIII

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Total No. of Events conducted	Total No. of Beneficiaries	Grant released to Bharat Scouts and Guides	Actual Expenditure in Rs.
1.	2022-23	100	9846	75,00,000	75,86,137
2.	2021-22	43	3565	37,50,000	38,07,016
3.	2020-21	No Grant was released due to COVID Pandemic			
4.	2019-20	101	14,540	75,00,000	1,53,01,761

7.5 **The Committee takes note of events conducted under the Scouts and Guides Associations sub-scheme and grants released to Bharat Scouts and Guides. The Committee also appreciates the work done by the Scouts and Guides Associations over the years in the nook and corners of the country. The Committee feels that the Scouts and Guides Association needs**

to increase its activities by developing a comprehensive eco-system of camps focusing on skill development, digital literacy and awareness about various schemes and programmes of the Government.

8. NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME

8.1 A new Central Sector Scheme, namely, 'National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)' was formulated with a view to develop leadership qualities among the youth to enable them to realise their full potential and in the process, to contribute to the nation-building process. The Scheme was launched in December, 2014.

8.2 National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP) aims at developing leadership qualities among the youth to enable them to realise their full potential and in the process, to contribute to the nation-building process. The Programme aims at motivating the youth to strive for excellence in their respective fields and to bring them to the forefront of the development process. It seeks to harness the immense youth energy for national-building.

Financial performance of NYLP.

8.3 Funds allocated and expenditure incurred for NYLP scheme during the last five years is given at **Table IX**.

Table IX

Statement of funds allocated and expenditure for NYLP Scheme during last five years

Rs. In lakhs

SN	NAME OF State/ UT	2018-19*		2019-20		2020-21*		2021-22 (provisional un-audited)		2022-23 (provisional un-audited)	
		Allocation	EXP.	Allocation	EXP.	Allocation	EXP.	Allocation	EXP.	Allocation	EXP.
1	Andhra Pradesh	15	18	20	20	4	5	15	7	22	18
2	Arunachal Pradesh	16	9	22	21	4	5	16	8	24	19
3	Assam	31	47	42	41	8	10	32	15	46	37
4	Bihar	44	45	60	58	11	13	44	22	64	52
5	Chattisgarh	18	28	25	24	4	6	19	9	27	22

6	Goa	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	1	3	3
7	Gujrat	29	34	39	38	7	9	29	14	42	34
8	Haryana	22	26	30	29	5	7	22	11	32	26
9	Himachal Pradesh	14	16	19	18	3	4	14	7	20	16
10	Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh	16	19	22	21	4	5	16	8	24	19
11	Jharkhand	25	30	35	33	6	8	26	13	37	30
12	Karnataka	31	37	42	41	8	10	32	15	46	37
13	Kerala	16	19	22	21	4	5	16	8	24	19
14	Madhya Pradesh	55	66	75	73	13	17	56	28	81	65
15	Maharashtra	39	47	53	51	10	12	40	19	58	46
16	Manipur	11	14	16	15	3	4	12	6	17	14
17	Meghalaya	8	10	11	11	2	2	8	4	12	10
18	Mizoram	9	11	13	12	2	3	9	5	14	11
19	Nagaland	13	15	17	17	3	4	13	6	19	15
20	Orissa	34	41	47	45	8	11	35	17	51	41
21	Punjab	23	27	31	30	6	7	23	11	34	27
22	Rajasthan	37	44	50	48	9	11	37	18	54	44
23	Sikkim	5	5	6	6	1	1	5	2	7	5
24	Tamilnadu	36	43	49	47	9	11	36	18	53	42
25	Telangana	11	14	16	15	3	4	12	6	17	14
26	Tripura	5	5	6	6	1	1	5	2	7	5
27	Uttar Pradesh	81	98	111	107	20	25	83	41	120	97
28	Uttarakhand	15	18	20	20	4	5	15	7	22	18
29	West Bengal	26	32	36	35	6	8	27	13	39	31
	Union Territories										
30	A&N Island	7	8	9	9	2	2	7	3	10	8
31	Chandigarh	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	1
32	D & N Haveli	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	1
33	Daman & Diu	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	1	3	3
34	Delhi	10	13	14	14	3	3	11	5	15	12
35	Lakshdweep	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	1
36	Pondicheri	5	5	6	6	1	1	5	2	7	5
	Total	714	855	978	943	175	220	729	357	1056	847

*Total expenditure also includes expenditure made against the revalidated balances of previous years.

8.4 After careful examination of fund allocated and utilized during the last five years under NYLP scheme, the Committee finds that fund utilization under the scheme is up-to the mark.

8.5 The Committee also observes that during the financial year 2019-20 Rs. 978 crore were allocated out of which 903 crore were utilized. Similarly, in the financial year 2022-23 Rs. 1056 crore were allocated out of which Rs. 856 crore have been utilized as per the provisional un-audited figures furnished by the Ministry.

8.6 The Committee appreciates the fund utilization under the scheme and hopes that gainful utilization of allocated funds will continue in future also.

9. NEW INITIATIVES

When the Committee enquired about new initiatives undertaken by the Department under the RYSK, it was informed that three new initiatives are being undertaken by the Department namely Yuva Portal, Yuva Samvad and Yuva Utsav. The details of the new initiatives are delineated as under:-

9.1 Yuva Portal

Department is developing YUVA Portal: Youth Leadership & Social Engagement Platform for youth-centric Governance that aims to empower and engage youth to become leaders and active citizens in their communities. It will provide tools, resources, and opportunities for youth to develop their leadership skills, engage in social impact projects, connect with peers, and contribute to the governance process.

9.1.2 The YUVA platform will play a crucial role in enabling youth-centric governance by providing a space where youth can engage, collaborate and hone their leadership skills. It provides decision-makers with insights and data-driven recommendations based on the platform's data analytics feature, which can help them make informed decisions.

9.1.2 The YUVA platform will include features such as leadership development, experiential learning, mentorship opportunities, social engagements and social impact, gamification, data analytics, user interfaces, partnerships and collaborations. Each feature is designed to cater to the specific needs of youth and enhance their experience on the platform.

9.1.3 The platform's benefits include providing practical learning opportunities, fostering community engagement, promoting civic responsibility, building leadership skills, and developing critical thinking skills. It enables youth to connect with peers and mentors from diverse backgrounds,

collaborate on projects, and make a positive impact in their communities. By providing a space for youth to engage in social and political issues, the platform enables youth-centric governance.

9.1.4 The beta version of the portal has been made live(<https://yuva.gov.in>) .

• As on 14 th July, 2023 the No of Youth Registered on Portal :	160852
• Businesses Registered :	784
• NGOs Registered :	1722
• Experiential Learning Opportunities :	620
• Youth Club Registered :	6939
• NSS Program Officers Registered :	4411
• DYOs Registered :	433
• Events :	175

It is essential to continue investing in these platforms to support the development of youth leadership and social engagement.

9.2 Yuva Samvad:

The Yuva Samvad-India@2047 programme aims to conduct mass awareness and education program on Hon'ble PM's Panch Pran for the Amrit Kaal to attain the goal of India@2047. The program is implemented through Community Based Organizations (CBOs) across the country, with a plan to conduct 3 programs per district. At the first phase 790 CBOs have been approved to conduct the program and the implementation of the same is currently underway.

9.3 Yuva Utsav:

It is a 3 tier Mega Programme held at district, state and national levels on the theme of the Hon'ble PM's Panch Pran. The program brings together talented artists, orators, painters, dance teams, photographers and poets on a unified platform for competitions progressing from grassroots level upto national level. At all levels the exhibition stalls on successful initiatives of the Government of India and other agencies as well as schemes of the central government provide a unique experience to the visiting youth. 900 Yuva Utsav organised since October, 2022 with participants exceeding more than 4 lakh.

9.4 The Committee takes note of new initiatives taken by the Ministry namely Yuva Portal, Yuva Samvad and Yuva Utsav. The Committee hopes that through these programmes more and more youth would made part of these initiatives especially the marginalized groups such as Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Women in order to effectively meet the target of empowerment of youth.

10. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF RYSK SCHEME

The Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs in her presentation before the Committee in the meetings held on 18th November, 2022 and 19th July, 2023 submitted the financial achievements of the RYSK for the current Financial Year (2023-24) which is mentioned at **Table X**.

Table X

Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram

Financial Achievements for the current Financial Year (2023-24)

(in crores)

Sub-schemes	RE 2022-23	Exp. 2022-23	Percentage	BE 2023-24	Total Exp. (upto 15 th July 2023)
i. NYKS Scheme	356.44	337.45	94.67%	401.49	92.54
ii. National Youth Corps	75.00	65.93	86.67%	75.00	14.45
iii. NPYAD	26.35	18.04	68.46%	22.00	0.01
iv. International Co-operation	20.00	14.37	71.85%	23.11	0.71
v. Young Leaders Programme	3.90	2.95	75.64%	6.90	0.06
vi. Youth Hostel	0.75	0.75	100%	1.50	0.00
vii. Scouting and Guiding	12.00	8.47	70.58%	12.00	0.00
Total - RYSK	494.44	447.97	90.60%	542.00	107.77

10.2 The Committee finds that total fund utilization under the programme has been satisfactory in the last three years. Under the Youth Hostel sub-scheme cent per cent funds were utilized during Financial Year 2022-23. Similarly, under NYKS sub-scheme funds to the tune of 94.67 per cent were utilized during Financial Year 2022-23 and during the Financial Year 2023-24, 92.54 per cent funds have been utilized by 15th July, 2023.

10.3 The Committee appreciates fund utilization under different sub-schemes of Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram. Considering the fund utilization under the scheme, the Committee recommends that more funds should be allocated to Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK) particularly to Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Youth Leaders Programme and Youth Hostels.

10.4 It is recognized that though this programme is already permeating through the lengths and breadth of the country at a fast rate, it is important to recommend that the reach of the

programme should further be increased to all 117 aspirational districts of the country so that the benefits of the RYSK trickle down to every corner of the country and help in associating the youth to nation building process.

RECOMMENDATIONS/OBSERVATIONS AT A GLANCE

In the light of the deliberations held in the meetings of the Committee and the clarifications submitted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Committee recommends that:

1. The Committee takes note of activities undertaken by the NYKS in the field of education, environment, spreading awareness on social issues, health, disaster relief and rehabilitation. The Committee also takes note of a number of core programmes conducted under NYKS and appreciates the Department for providing opportunity to the youth of the country for their holistic development and utilization of their potential through NYKS. The Committee also appreciates the efforts of the Department for inspiring/motivating them to contribute in Nation Building.

(Para-2.1.7)

2. The Committee also takes note of the fact that NYKS conducts numerous programmes voluntarily in co-ordination with Ministries of Culture, Education, Health, AYUSH, Law, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Road Transport & Highways and Tourism. The Committee observes that to achieve better synergy and convergence for better implementation of the sub-schemes NYKS should initiate further voluntary co-ordination with the Ministries of Culture, Education, Home Affairs, Information Technology and Communication, Law and Justice, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Women & Child Development in the following fields:

Ministry of Education: Yuva Utsav which is a core activity under NYKS should be restructured on the lines of Kashi Tamil Samagam. The Committee recommends that Yuva Kashi Tamil Samagam should be organised for promoting national integration among youth in collaboration with Ministry of Culture.

The Committee recommends that volunteers of NYKS in collaboration with Ministry of Education should explore to bridge the learning gap that occurred due to COVID-19 among the school children. This particularly in view of the fact that on-line classes though helped tide over COVID-19 Pandemic crisis but use of technology has had its own effect on the school children.

Ministry of Home Affairs: Volunteers of NYKS should be trained in disaster management activities and every District Magistrate should prepare a list of these volunteers in order to rope them in for quick response against any natural disaster in collaboration with Ministry of Home Affairs, Disaster Management Authorities of Centre and State concerned.

Ministry of Electronics Information Technology and Ministry of Communication: The Committee is of the opinion that volunteers of NYKS in collaboration with Common Service Centres (CSCs) can extend digital and financial literacy among rural people under the PM Digital Saksharta Mission (PMGDISHA) in collaboration with Ministry of Information Technology and Ministry of Communication.

Ministry of Law and Justice: The Committee recommends that volunteers of NYKS who are Law graduates in voluntarily collaboration with Ministry of Law and Justice should be asked to provide pro bono legal assistance to marginalised citizens under the Nyay Bandhu Scheme.

Ministry of Women and Child Development: The Committee observes that with its huge number of volunteers, NYKS can help in developing Poshan Vatikas and Shri Anna Vatikas under Mission POSHAN 2.0 in collaboration with Ministry of Women and Child Development. The Committee, therefore, recommends that Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports should taken up the matter with the Ministry of Women and Child Development to include their voluntary service for more effective implementation of the mission POSHAN 2.0.Development.

(Para-2.1.8)

3. The Committee appreciates the efforts made by the NYKS for taking out 1,65,232 youth out of the clutches of drug addiction and substance abuse and bringing them back to normal life style through Fit India movement and have been able to bring out so many youth through this programme in the financial year 2021-22 by conducting this programme. The Committee, therefore, recommends that volunteers of NYKS through their Centres should be groomed to provide de-addiction counseling to drug Addicted youths especially in bordering districts of India and other districts of the country which are affected by drug menace in collaboration

with Ministry of Home Affairs and respective State Governments on regular basis especially in view of the menace acquiring a mammoth proportion.

(Para-2.2.5)

- 4. The Committee observes that Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has sufficient infrastructure available to begin with, and that the Department should seriously explore possibility of developing NYKs in each districts as District Youth Resource Centre (DYRC). In order to further expand its reach, the Committee recommended that Department should approach Ministry of Finance for additional requisite resources and funds to establish the NYKS as centres of upskilling for the youths of the country. The Committee also feels that if, NYKS are developed as District Youth Resource Centres, it will enable each District NYKS to act as a One Stop Centre for all youth related information focusing on Employment, Entrepreneurship, Education and Skill Development, which will be of immense value for the youth of the country.**

(Para-2.3.5)

- 5. The Committee notes that NYKS has requisite infrastructure and an impressive presence across 623 districts of the country. The Committee therefore, recommends that Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports should take up with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to develop and promote NYKs for the skilling, re-skilling, up-skilling and experiential learning of aspiring youth. Further, the Department should strive to collaborate with Ministry of Labour and Employment to develop NYKS as employment gateways in each district of the country.**

(Para-2.3.6)

- 6. The Committee further recommends that Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports should set up 'Girl Child Specific NYK Centres' in each district of the country to provide equal opportunity to girl child for their upskilling and to ensure employment opportunity to girls in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Ministry of Labour and Employment.**

(Para-2.3.7)

7. The Committee takes note of a number of voluntary activities undertaken by the Department of Youth Affairs and interest generated among the youth through social media about National Youth Parliament Festival. Considering the significant role played by National Youth Volunteers in effective implementation of schemes in the field, the Committee recommends that remuneration of amount of Rs. 5000/- per month for volunteers needs enhancement. Enhanced honorarium will help in further motivating and attracting a significant number of volunteers leading to increase in the coverage of the scheme. These volunteers can help to bridge the digital divide by creating awareness particularly in rural areas.

(Para-3.6)

8. The Committee recommends that in order to motivate the volunteers of NYKS, they should be recognized as *Jan Mitra* to acknowledge their novel volunteering works towards Nation Building.

(Para-3.7)

9. The Committee takes note of activities undertaken under the National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development sub-scheme, particularly National Youth Festival and Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. The Committee also takes note of activities undertaken for promotion of national Integration and adventure for Youth Leadership and Personality Development Training. The Committee is of the view that the Department should explore the possibility of increasing the provision for internships and fellowships to the beneficiaries under five major components of NPYAD especially focusing on youth from aspirational districts of the country and under privileged communities.

(Para-4.10)

10. The Committee appreciates the activities undertaken under the International Co-operation sub-scheme particularly Youth 20 under G20 and Shanghai Co-operation Organization (SCO) Youth Conference. The Committee hopes that more such activities will take place in the year of G20 Presidency of India. The Committee observes that more students should be chosen from rural and far-flung areas of the country under International Co-operation for enhancing their exposure to global ideas, opportunities, values and best practices.

(Para-5.5)

11. On the basis of discussions held with the Department on the state of Youth Hostels, the Committee finds that the number of Youth Hostels need to be increased and provision of providing support staff should also be explored. The Committee is of the view that the Department should monitor quality standards, hygiene and infrastructure of Youth Hostels for meeting the ambitions of India's youth.

(Para-6.6)

12. The Committee observes there is acute shortage of Youth Hostels for girls in the country. The Committee, therefore, recommends the Department of Youth Affairs should construct Youth Hostels exclusively for girls in every capital city of each State. Further Youth Hostels for girls should also be constructed at places of educational centres, tourist destinations and places of historical and cultural value to facilitate them.

(Para-6.7)

13. The Committee takes note of events conducted under the Scouts and Guides Associations sub-scheme and grants released to Bharat Scouts and Guides. The Committee also appreciates the good work done by the Scouts and Guides Associations over the years in the nook and corners of the country. The Committee feels that the Scouts and Guides Association needs to increase its activities by developing a comprehensive eco-system of camps focusing on skill development, digital literacy and awareness about various schemes and programmes of the Government.

(Para.7.5)

14. The Committee also observes that during the financial year 2019-20 Rs. 978 crore were allocated out of which 903 crore were utilized. Similarly, in the financial year 2022-23 Rs. 1056 crore were allocated out of which Rs. 856 crore have been utilized as per the provisional un-audited figures furnished by the Ministry.

(Para-8.5)

15. The Committee appreciates the fund utilization under the scheme and hopes that gainful utilization of allocated funds will continue in future also.

(Para-8.6)

16. The Committee takes note of new initiatives taken by the Ministry namely Yuva Portal, Yuva Samvad and Yuva Utsav. The Committee hopes that through these programmes more and more youth would be made part of these initiatives especially the marginalized groups such as Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and Women in order to effectively meet the target of empowerment of youth.

(Para-9.4)

17. The Committee appreciates fund utilization under different sub-schemes of Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram. Considering the fund utilization under the scheme, the Committee recommends that more funds should be allocated to Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK) particularly to Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Youth Leaders Programme and Youth Hostels.

(Para-10.3)

18. It is recognized that though this programme is already permeating through the lengths and breadth of the country at a fast rate, it is important to recommend that the reach of the programme should further be increased to all 117 aspirational districts of the country so that the benefits of the RYSK trickle down to every corner of the country and help in associating the youth to nation building process.

(Para-10.4)

ANNEXURE

Programmes organised by NYKS during last 5 Years (2018-19 to 2022-23) and Current year

S. No.	Name of Programme	Year (No. of programmes)					
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Core Programmes							
1	Orientation of youth	*		*	2573	*****	
2	Personal Contact Program and Facilitation Campaign	*		*	3816		
3	Skill Up-gradation Training Programme (SUTP) /Education in Basic Vocations	4142	2183		2566	603	
4	Digital Felicitation -Prepara Cadre of Bank Mitras	*			5816	*****	
5	Career Guidance and Career Counseling	*			1201		
6	COVID19 Interventions	*		526	623		
7	Youth Club Development Programme	3255	2228	2638	2640	2033	
8	Theme Based Awareness and Education Programme/ Local Theme Based Workshops	370	2332	** ** *		588	
9	Training on Youth Leadership & Community Development (TYLCD)	581	1049			591	
10	Observance of Days of National Importance, National Youth Day & Week	15074	14220	14420	15293	15283	22455 (Activities)
11	Promotion of Sports (Sports Material to Youth Clubs)	21435	15836	**	30833	7144	
12	Block level Sports Meets	3421	3366	454	3473	3360	
13	District Level Sports Meets	575	500	*	596	583	
14	District Level Promotion of Art & Culture	589	527	*	599	#	
15	District Youth Convention	593	528		595		
16	Training of Youth in Wellness, Positive Life Style and Fit India	*			1718	*****	
17	Training of Youth on Clean Village-Green Village	*		694	724		
18	Training of Youth on Jal Jagran Abhiyan	*		**	1325		
19	Intensive Volunteer Enrolment Program (No. of Meetings)	*				8435	
20	Service & Empowerment through Voluntary Action(SEVA)	*				593	
21	Know Your Constitution-Civic	*				607	

	Awareness Program							
22	Career Guidance Workshops					584		
23	District Level Yuva Utsav					444		
24	Revamped Yuva Utsav					139	469	
25	Mission LiFE (Lifestyle For Environment) (No. of Activities)	*						22444
26	Swachhata Awareness Evam Shramdaan	592	617	622	621	619		
27	Swachhata Fortnight	617	616	**	622	622		
28	Work Camp	*	596	*****		573		
29	Awards to Outstanding Youth Club at District Level	300	255	228	286	242		
30	Awards to Outstanding Youth Club at State Level	13	20	16	16	20		
31	Establishing Disaster Risk Reduction & Preparedness Teams	*	33	**		137		
32	Declamation Contest on Patriotism & Nation Building	4605	5023	**	7041	#		
Special Programmes								
33	Neighbourhood Youth Parliament	5498	8084	1954	481	672		
34	Catch The Rain (No. of Activities)	*		1631464	2029288	212491		
35	Involvement of Youth in Namami Gange Programme (No. of Activities)	*	705	470618	54519	157000		
36	Investor Education and Awareness Programmes	*	2	2	1	150		
37	International Yoga Day (No. of Activities)	38356	33269	163727	233363	30390		
38	Clean India (No. of Activities)	*			426639	983705		
39	National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF)	*		180	180	180		
40	Tribal Youth Exchange Programme	10	18	**	12	27		
41	Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme	10	8		***			
42	North East Youth Exchange Programme	5	2		**	***		
43	National Integration Camp	1	21					
44	Adventure Camp	31	82					
45	Life Skill Education Camp	154	240					
46	Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat	30	12	33	**	##		

Note: * The Programme were introduced in later years.

****The Programme could not be organized due to covid pandemic**

*****The Programme Could not be organised**

******The Programme could not be organized in absence of approval**

*******The Programme was not a part of Annual Action Plan**

The Programme is one of the components of District Yuva Utsav

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