

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangatan (NYKS)

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In news

Recently, the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangatan (NYKS) played a significant role in week-long Gandagi Mukt Bharath campaign

As a part of Gandagi Mukt Bharat Abhiyan, NYKS undertook collection and segregation of single-use plastic, Shramdaan/Cleaning of Public building, Wall Painting on SBM Messages, Shramdaan and Plantation, Online Painting Competition, Cleanliness and sensitization drives and Construction/Repair of Toilets.

About Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangatan (NYKS)

- **Establishment:** In the year 1987-88, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangatan (NYKS) was set up as an **autonomous organization under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, to oversee working of **Nehru Yuva Kendras**
- **Nehru Yuva Kendras were established in the year 1972** with the objective of providing rural youth avenues to take part in the process of nation building as well providing opportunities for the development of their personality and skills
- Over the years, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has established a network of youth clubs in villages, where Nehru Yuva Kendras have been set up.
- NYKS has targeted to identify areas of harnessing youth power for development by forming Youth Clubs, which are village level voluntary action groups of youth at the grassroots level to involve them in nation building activities.
- The core strength of NYKS lies in its network of youth clubs. Youth Clubs are village based organizations

- working for community development and youth empowerment
- The basic objective for creation of youth clubs is to render community support through developmental initiatives involving activities with particular focus on youth empowerment.
 - The implementation of programmes and activities of youth clubs is based on local needs and requirements by mobilizing resources from various government departments and other agencies, which include both national, State level and multilateral institutions.
 - The youth clubs and its member volunteers form the base of the NYKS's vast national rural network.
 - **NYKS is the largest grassroots level youth organization;** one of its kind in the world. It channelizes the power of youth on the principles of voluntarism, self-help and community participation.
 - At present, there are Nehru Yuva Kendras functions in as many as 623 districts of the country.
 - District based kendras and Zonal Offices: In order to manage, administer and run the 623 district based Nehru Yuva Kendras, Zonal Offices in the States have been established by NYKS.
 - The NYKS has its head office in New Delhi

Objectives

Objectives of NYKS are twofold they are:

- To involve the rural youth in nation building activities.
- To develop such skills and values in them with which they become responsible and productive citizens of a modern, secular and technological nation

Programme of the NYKS

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has been working in various fronts of **youth development** with a variety of youth programmes of the

Ministry of Youth Affairs and certain special programmes in coordination and cooperation of other ministries. **Main focus has been on developing values of good citizenship, thinking and behaving in secular ways, skill development and helping youth to adopt a productive and organized behaviour**

Core Programmes in a district

- Youth club development programme
- Training on youth leadership and community development
- Promotion of sports
- Education in basic vocations and Soft skills
- District level promotion of Art and Culture
- Observance of days of National importance, National Youth Day and week
- District youth convention
- Awards to outstanding Youth Clubs at District, State and National level.
- Mahatma Gandhi Yuva swachhata Maha Abhiyan evam Shramadaan Karyakram.
- Yuva Adarsh Gram Vikas Yojana