

# Nehru Yuva Kendra

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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**. Over the years, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan has established a network of youth clubs in villages, where Nehru Yuva Kendras have been set up.

## More About 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.
- In the year 1987-88, **Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) was set up as an autonomous organization** under the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, to oversee the working of these Kendras.
- 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 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.
- Youth clubs are formed and encouraged to participate in **sports, cultural and local development activities**. Youth leadership is developed in the course of formation and sustenance of youth clubs.
- NYKS currently has about **8.5 million youth enrolled through 3.01 lakh Youth clubs/ Mahila mandals**. NYKS has presence in 623 districts through Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs).

- **Objectives of NYKS**

- . 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.