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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
GANGTOK, EAST SIKKIM**

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Sub: 24th National Youth Festival 2020-21

The National Youth Festival – NYF is organized every year from 12th to 16th January to celebrate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the great philosopher and thinker which falls on the 12th Jan and is also observed as National Youth Day. The letter received from MYAS D.O. No. I. 11011/3/2020 NPYAD dated 11/12/2020 enclosed is self-explanatory.

This year the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India had decided to hold the National Youth Festival in virtual/hybrid mode in two phases. The phase– I (State level) to be completed from 20th December 2020 to 3rd January 2021 and Phase - II (National level) will be held from 12th to 19th January 2021. An Event Management Agency will be appointed by MYAS to help organize the event in the State capitals during Phase -II.

We have requested MYAS to allow us to complete the Phase-I of the Festival by 7th of January 2021 as we have prolonged holidays in December. Pending confirmation, the Phase -I for the mega event has been tentatively scheduled for 28th to 29th December 2020 at Gangtok. The guidelines of the competitions, format for registration, and venue for the selection trial will be notified in subsequent communications.

Therefore, State NSS Officer (SNO), Director NYK, Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors-Districts and BACs are requested to give intimation to all stakeholders willing to participate in various cultural competitions and activities at State and National level to begin their preparation. The revised list of competitive and non-competitive events are available in the PPT enclosed.

Sd/-

Secretary

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D.O. No. I-11011/3/2020-NPYAD

Dated, the 11th December, 2020

Dear

National Youth Festival (NYF) is organized every year from 12th to 16th January. 12th January being the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the great philosopher and thinker, is observed as National Youth Day. The Festival is a National Integration Camp on a mega scale. It used to be organized in physical mode in a State willing and equipped to host the same. However, due to Covid situation, this year, this Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is planning to organize the 24th National Youth Festival, 2021 from 20th December, 2020 to 16th January, 2021 **in virtual/ hybrid mode** with the support and participation of all State/ UTs.

2. For effective participation, all State Govt.s may conduct mini festivals at their level by organising various Competitive/ Non-competitive events. The festival may be organized at State/ UT level in 2 phases as under:

- i) Phase I (State Level): 20th Dec to 31st Dec, 2020: All States/UTs may conduct competitions by involving youth of the respective State/UTs on any 3-4 days in between 20th Dec to 31st Dec, 2020. The finalists selected may then participate in Phase-II.
- ii) Phase II (National Level): 12th - 16th Jan, 2021: All States/UTs may conduct Online and Offline Programmes and D/o Youth Affairs, M/o Youth Affairs & Sports will conduct a series of Online/Virtual Programmes at National Level. A contingent of around 75 to 100 youth including cultural troupes may be selected to participate in the National Youth Festival to be organised at State/UTs Capital.

3. **State Level Committees** may be constituted to undertake the conceptualization and implementation of the activities related to the Festival with the following suggestive composition:

- i) Principal Secretary, YAS of the State/ UT Govt.
- ii) Any member (s) nominated by Principal Secretary, YAS of the State/ UT Govt.
- iii) Regional Director, NSS
- iv) State Director, NYKS
- v) State Representative of the Selected Event Management Agency
- vi) Representative of NIC of the State

4. The role of the **State Level Committees** may be the overall arrangement of boarding and lodging of the participants, ensuring presence of the youth in various Competitive and Non-competitive events, ensuring availability of the infrastructure for conduct of the festival in the State, publicity of the festival for maximum participation of youth through virtual mode, ensuring adherence of guidelines of M/o Health & Family Welfare to avoid the spread of Covid-19, live online streaming of the festival, etc.

5. While finalizing the composition of the contingent, it may be seen that young persons having proficiency in performing arts are included, in view of a large number of events being organized in the Festival. Further, the ex-National Youth Awardees may be considered for inclusion in the State contingent, if deemed suitable. A copy of list of the National Youth Awardees for last three years is attached as **Annexure-I**. The young persons who have participated during the last three Festivals, may not be included in the Contingent. The State Government may involve the Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) officials while selecting the participants.
6. The competitive and non-competitive events that are usually organised during National Youth Festivals and the infrastructural requirements on the part of the State for conduct of the same are attached as **Annexure-II**.
7. This Ministry is in the process of hiring an agency which will provide technical and other support to the State Govt. for organising the festival. The details of the same will be shared with the State/ UT Govt.s shortly.
8. As regards, financial assistance from Central Govt., **central share** of Rs. 15 Lakhs per State/ UT may be sanctioned on receipt of the proposals. The expenditure over and above this amount may have to be borne by the concerned State/ UT Govt.
9. **With a view to have a detailed discussion regarding the concept of Organisation of 24th National Youth Festival in virtual/ hybrid mode, a meeting will be taken by Secretary, D/o Youth Affairs, M/o Youth Affairs & Sports with Principal Secretaries of all States/UTs on 14th December 2020 at 12:00 PM through video conferencing. The link of the meeting is being shared via E-mail.**
10. I am confident that your State/UT contingent would put up a grand display as has been done in the past. I would request you to kindly confirm your participation in the National Youth Festival through virtual / hybrid mode and also confirm the availability of requisite infrastructure to conduct the same, **latest by 17th December, 2020** to this Department.
11. In case any further information/ clarification is needed in this regard, Shri Saurav Kumar Shah, Deputy Secretary, NPYAD of this Department [Tel 011-23383292, 23380625, 23386898; E-mail: saurav.shah83@gmail.com, np Yadsection@gmail.com] may please be contacted. All the State/ UT Govt.s may also share the details of the nodal officers from their State/ UT who may be contacted for coordination in connection with organisation of the festival.

With best regards,


(Asit Singh)

Principal Secretaries of all States/UTs
(As per attached list)

Events conducted during the National Youth Festivals and Infrastructural Requirements on the part of State/ UT Govt.s

Competitive Events: Competitive Events are held as individual as well as group items. A panel of Judges drawn from reputed institutions judge the performances. The State Government is responsible for making arrangements of each venue with proper light and sound, uninterrupted power supply and all other logistic arrangements for smooth conduct of the competitive events. They are also responsible for making available sufficient number of volunteers at the venues of the competitive events. The conduct of the competitive events and non-competitive events is done by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), an autonomous Organisation of this Ministry.

Competitive Events - Individual items

1. One Act Play (English or Hindi only)
2. Classical Vocal Solo
(i) Hindustani; and (ii) Carnatic
3. Classical Instrumental Solo
(i) Sitar (ii) Flute (iii) Tabla (iv) Veena; and (v) Mridangam
4. Harmonium (Light)
5. Guitar
6. Classical Dance
(i) Manipur (ii) Odissi (iii) Bharatnatyam (iv) Kathak (v) Kuchipuddi
7. Elocution (Extempore)

Competitive Events - Group items

1. Folk Dance; and
2. Folk Song

Other events (Non Competitive):

- (i) A 'Young Artists camp' is organised by the NYKS where youth get a chance to show their creativity.
- (ii) Social development fair or 'Yuva Kriti' and food festival is organized by NYKS to provide an opportunity to young artisans to showcase their arts and crafts.
- (iii) A National Youth Convention on a chosen theme concerning the youth is another highlight in which around 700 youth participate. National Service Scheme (NSS) organizes this event.
- (iv) An 'Adventure Festival' is organised where various adventure activities are displayed by adventurers/ institutions.

- (v) A programme called 'Suvichar' is organised under which youth get an opportunity to interact with eminent personalities.

INFRASTRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS

The infrastructural requirements for conduct of the festival are as under:

- (i) 4 to 5 big open spaces for Adventure and Exhibitions, at least 6 Auditoria of different capacity for various competitive Events)
- (ii) Provision for Accommodation and catering for the Youth Delegates
- (iii) Connectivity (Railway, Road and Airport)
- (iv) Provision of utilities (power, water supply, drainage)
- (v) Accessibility of local transport and Medical facilities
- (vi) Provision for Security

Requirement of Auditoria & Open stages

Competitions (6 auditoria required for three days)

Event	Number of days reqd.
One Act Play	three full days
Classical Instruments	three full days
Folk Dance	three full days
Folk Song	two days
Elocution	one day
Classical Dance	three days
Harmonium (light)	one day
Classical Vocal	two days

Non Competitive Items

Three to four stages 40' X 30' X 5' with enough space for audience all 3 days.

Yuva Kriti: Exhibition ground for stalls of NYKS and State Govt. of 2 m X 3 m for three days.

Food Festival: Ground for putting up Stalls for food festival

Young Artistes' Camp: Open space/ ground

Adventure Programme: Open space/ground for installing Adventure Village

PARTNERS IN ACTION

- i) **State Government** is responsible for providing necessary logistics and infrastructure for holding various events, making arrangements for boarding and lodging for all participants, officials, judges, invitees and guests, besides making arrangements for local transport.

As per terms of reference of the Work order being given to the Agency to be hired by this Ministry, the payment to the Agency will be made on pro-rata basis subject to actual expenditure incurred by the Agency.

The Agency will be required to deploy manpower in the States and also to carry out advertisement and Publicity of the Festival in the States/UTs.

Out of Central Govt.'s financial assistance of 15 Lakhs to be released to State/UT Govts., 90% advance will be released to the State/UTs willing to conduct the Festival. The balance amount will be released upon receipt of Utilization Certificate. The State/UT Govts would be required to authenticate the bill submitted by Agency before the same may be considered by this Ministry for payment. The authenticated bills along with UC w.r.t to amount spent by the State/UTs may be submitted to this Ministry immediately after completion of the festival.

- ii) **NYKS** is responsible for organising 'Social Development Fair', Food festival, Young Artists camp, Adventure Festival.
- iii) **NSS** organises the 'Youth Convention' and 'Suvichar'. However, all logistic support is to be given by the State Government.



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Date: 16-12-2020

To,
The Secretary,
Department of Sports & Youth Affairs
Government of Sikkim, Gangtok.

Sub: Organisation of 24th National Youth Festival – reg.

Sir,

I am to refer to letter D.O.No. 1-11011/3/20209-NPYAD dated 11th December 2020 received from the Joint Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Department of Youth Affairs (copy attached) regarding organization of activities at State level for 3-4 days between 20th December to 31st December 2020 in first phase and from 12th January to 16th January 2021 in second phase as a part of 24th National Youth Festival.

So far, NSS is concerned 'Youth Convention' and 'Suvichar' to be organized. Youth Convention may be organized for a day where the NSS volunteers will participate in discussion and question answer session to be initiated by an eminent person on selected one or two contemporary issues viz. Atmanirbhar Bharat, Skill Development & Youth, Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat, Fit India, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Good Governance, Youth in 21st Century, Corporate Social Responsibility, etc.

Suvichar may be organized for two days where eminent personalities of National or State level from the field of social development, economic development, sports, health, environment, young entrepreneur, etc. may be invited who can share their experiences with NSS volunteers followed by question answer session and discussion. In a day two such sessions can be organized.

If State is organizing the programme, the State NSS Officer may be involved for his/her assistance in conducting Youth Convention and Suvichar for NSS volunteers. If any meeting of State Level Committee is organized, an advance information will be highly appreciated and help to join in physical or virtual mode.

Yours faithfully,

(Dipak Kumar)
Regional Director

Copy for information to:

1. The State NSS Officer, Government of Sikkim, Department of Sports & Youth Affairs with a request to extend all possible assistance for smooth organization of festival and give update information.
2. The Director, Directorate of NSS, N.Delhi.

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