

Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram Scheme

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The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram Scheme for the Period 2017-18 to 2019-2020 with budget outlay of Rs.1160 crore.

The Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram Scheme is an ongoing Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and has been continuing since 12th Five Year Plan. The Scheme aims to develop the personality and leadership qualities of the youth and to engage them in nation building activities.

- **During 12th FYP period**, in rationalization exercise undertaken in consultation with Ministry of Finance and NITI Aayog, the eight schemes were brought under the umbrella scheme of **Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram as sub-schemes**.
- This has helped in achieving better synergies between the Schemes and thereby, improves their effectiveness and help in achieving better outcomes with the available resources.
- **The Scheme beneficiaries are the youth in the age-group of 15-29 years, in line with the definition of 'youth' in the National Youth Policy, 2014.** In case of programme components specifically meant for the adolescents, **the age-group is 10-19 years.**

About Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram Scheme

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- The Department of Youth Affairs has been operating a number of Schemes for development and empowerment of youth. Restructuring of the schemes were done in 2014 in order to improve their effectiveness. In the process 8 ongoing schemes were merged to form the umbrella Scheme called **Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK) with effect from 01.04.2016.**
- **The Scheme is to be continued during 2017-18 to 2019-2020 with budget outlay of Rs.1160 crore.**

Beneficiaries

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Scheme Components

The following existing Schemes/ Programmes were subsumed in the Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK):

- Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS).
- National Youth Corps (NYC).
- National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD).
- International Cooperation (IC).
- Youth Hostels (YH).
- Assistance to Scouting and Guiding Organisations
- National Discipline Scheme (NDS)
- National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP).