

## Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

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### **Department of Youth Affairs Key Initiative/ Flagship Scheme**

A new initiative/ scheme launched by the Department during 2014-15 is **National Youth Leaders Programme (NYLP)**, 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 details of the Scheme are as under:

1.	Name of the Scheme	:	National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP). The key component under NYLP is 'Neighbourhood Youth Parliament'. Under this Programme, the platform of youth clubs of NYKS is being developed in the shape of vibrant 'neighborhood youth parliament' in order to educate the youth club members about contemporary socio-economic development issues and to involve them in debate/ discussions on such issues. Under the Programme, the Youth Parliament Programmes are initially held at the Block level for capacity building of the youth club leaders of the Block and thereafter, these youth club leaders hold 'neighbourhood youth parliament' programmes in their respective village-based youth clubs. The local administration and the elected local bodies are actively associated with these programmes.
2.	Launch Date	:	The Scheme was launched in December, 2014.
3.	Objective	:	The objective is to develop the leadership qualities of the youth by educating them about contemporary socio-economic development issues and by involving them in debates/ discussions on such issues.
4.	Target Beneficiaries	:	Youth in the age-group of 15-29 years.
5.	Physical Targets	:	One Youth Parliament Programme at Block level and at Village level in each Quarter.
6.	No. of	:	At Block level, there are 80 youth club leaders in

	Beneficiaries		each Programme. At village level, the number depends on the membership strength of the youth clubs.
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7	Achievements (Year-wise for last 3 years)	:	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Unit of Measurement</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
			<b>Block level Programmes</b>	No. of Programmes	4640	8235	7843
				No. of Participants	371200	640763	657413
			<b>Village level Programmes</b>	No. of Programmes	--	11078	24303
				No. of Participants	--	435713	461299
8	Performance in last 3 years (year-wise budget allocation and achievement)	:	<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget Allocation (RE) (in crores)</b>	<b>Expenditure (in crores)</b>		
			2014-15	12.21	12.21		
			2015-16	47.94	47.94		
			2016-17	34.00	19.93		
9	Compare with Performance during 2011-14	:	The Scheme was launched during 2014-15. Hence, the question of comparison with 2011-14 does not arise.				
1	Success Stories, preferably Individual Success Stories with photographs & contact details	:	Under this Scheme, youth participate in 'youth parliament' programmes, through which their leadership qualities develop. There are no individual financial benefits as such. Photographs of some Neighbourhood Youth Parliament Programmes are enclosed.				

**Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan  
Action Photographs of Neighbourhood Youth Parliament under the  
Scheme of National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)**



**Shri V.D. Sharma, ex- Vice Chairman, NYKS sharing his ideas on the issues of Youth Concern during Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Datia (Madhya Pradesh)**



**A view of Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Harda (Madhya Pradesh)**





**Discussion is in progress at Mayorbhanj (Odisha) for preparation of Charter of Demands**



**Subject Expert delivering lecture on Digital Payment during Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Ropar (Punjab)**



**Subject Expert delivering lecture on issues of Women Concern during Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Bijnore (Uttar Pradesh)**



**Subject Expert delivering lecture during Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Bhadohi (Uttar Pradesh)**





**Audience view of Neighborhood Youth Parliament at Bhadohi (Uttar Pradesh)**



**Audience view of Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Narsinghpur (Madhya Pradesh)**



**A view of Inaugural Function of Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Badaun (Uttar Pradesh)**



**Subject Expert talking on Importance of Yoga in day to day life during Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Mainpuri (Uttar Pradesh)**





**Yoga practice before Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Mainpuri (Uttar Pradesh)**



**Subject Expert talking on Flagship Programmes of Govt of India during Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Kishangarh (Rajasthan)**





**Subject Expert talking on Flagship Programmes of Govt of India during Neighbourhood Youth Parliament at Kanpur Nagar (Uttar Pradesh)**



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**Mass mobilization of youth volunteers to end open defecation among  
tribal communities  
Ernakulam District, Kerala**

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

In partnership with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the project 'Strengthening Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS)' aims to provide catalytic support to the Youth Volunteer Schemes in the country and facilitate greater youth participation and voice in peace and sustainable development programmes. The project has been initiated to promote innovation in volunteerism among youth in India and strengthen existing volunteering infrastructure, particularly NYKS and NSS. A total of 29 UNV District Youth Coordinators (UNV DYCs) are deputed in 29 districts, i.e. one district in every state, to work on NYKS and NSS programmes and to strengthen youth volunteerism in line with national and international good practices.

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**GOOD PRACTICE CONTEXT**

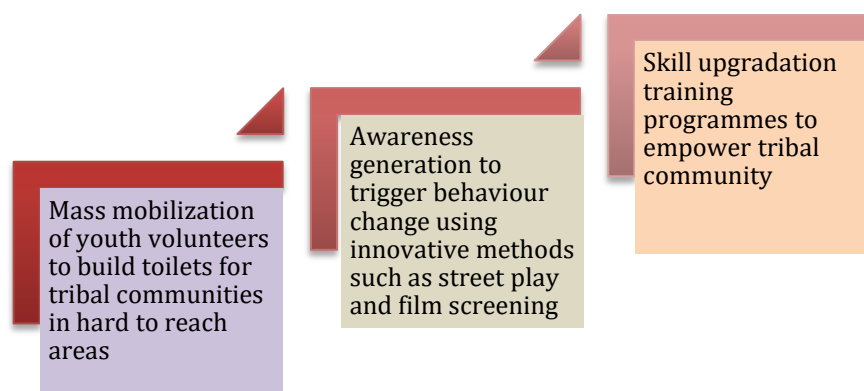
The Government of India aims to make the country Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2019 through its flagship Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). Responding to the target set by the government, in September 2016, the Chief Minister of Kerala decided to work toward making the state ODF before November 1, 2016. The district administration of all 14 districts in the state were instructed to work on war footing to achieve the target. The district administration of Ernakulam, in consultation with all the Gram Panchayats, prioritized difficult areas that needed urgent attention under ODF. Kuttampuzha Gram Panchayat in Kothamangalam block is one such difficult area. Some of its wards lie in remote, densely forested areas, populated predominantly by scheduled tribes (STs). Using contractors to build toilets in these settlements was not feasible since transporting the building materials through the difficult terrain would mean a huge spike in the construction costs, over and above the per unit cost set by the government for building a toilet. The tribal community also lack resources and knowhow to build the toilets themselves. Due to lack of education and limited connect with the outside world, the tribes continue to adhere to primitive traditional practices, including defecating in the open. Along

India accounts for 90 percent of the people in South Asia and 59 percent of the 1.1 billion people in the world who practise open defecation. Open defecation poses a serious threat to the health of children in India, with 188,000 children under five dying of diarrhoea in India. Increased incidence of diarrhoea make the children more vulnerable to malnutrition, stunting, and opportunistic infections such as pneumonia (UNICEF).



with constructing the toilets, behaviour change communication initiatives would be required to get the tribal community to actually use the facilities.

## STRATEGY



In collaboration with the district administration, the Gram Panchayat and the local community leaders of Kuttampuzha, the UNV-DYC in Ernakulam led a '100 Volunteers, 100 Toilets' mission, targeting two of the most difficult to reach tribal settlements in the Gram Panchayat, namely, Variyam and Kunjipara. Twenty-five members of the most active youth club in Kuttampuzha, Yuva Arts and Sports Club, volunteered to help construct the toilets. In response to a WhatsApp message posted by the DYC, 80 to 90 volunteers from other blocks also signed up for the mission. The mission was implemented in two phases with the twin objective of: a) providing physical labour in the initial stages of the toilet construction (digging pits and transporting material), and b) using innovative means to spread awareness on the benefits of using toilet facilities among the community.

**INNOVATION** – The UNV-DYC took a risk, and without any financial support and scope for advance planning, took on the challenge of mass mobilizing youth volunteers to spend a few days in a difficult area working for tribal communities entrenched in age-old practices. The project exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism, since the work involved hard manual labour and staying in challenging conditions without any benefits.

## IMPACT AND ROLE OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERING

The youth volunteers, including college students, community workers and daily wagers, were ready to sign up on a mission to benefit others, despite having to compromise on their education/wages while on mission. Living with tribes in deep forests in extremely challenging and unfamiliar conditions and doing manual labour was over and beyond the routine volunteer activities of these youth.  
**UNV-DYC. Ernakulam**

'The 100 volunteers, 100 toilets mission' kickstarted the ODF campaign in two of the most difficult tribal settlements in Ernakulam district within the space of two weeks. As of date, all 100 toilets have been constructed in Variyam and Kunjipara as per target. The mission is an illustrative example of the potential of youth volunteerism. According to the Tribal Extension Officer, Kothamangalam Block, the

youth“also demonstrated the power of collective action to the tribal communities.” Inspired by the activities in the two tribal colonies, other tribal settlements also started building/requesting the administration for toilets. The youth volunteers also employed innovative ways of creating awareness on the benefits of using toilets to the community.The mission also serves as an example of productive coordination between the district administration, Gram Panchayat, Suchitwa Mission, Tribal Department, and Forest Department, catalyzed by the spirit of volunteerism.

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### **Skilling women and youth toward sustained livelihoods and gainful employment Namchi District, Sikkim**

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#### **GOOD PRACTICE CONTEXT**

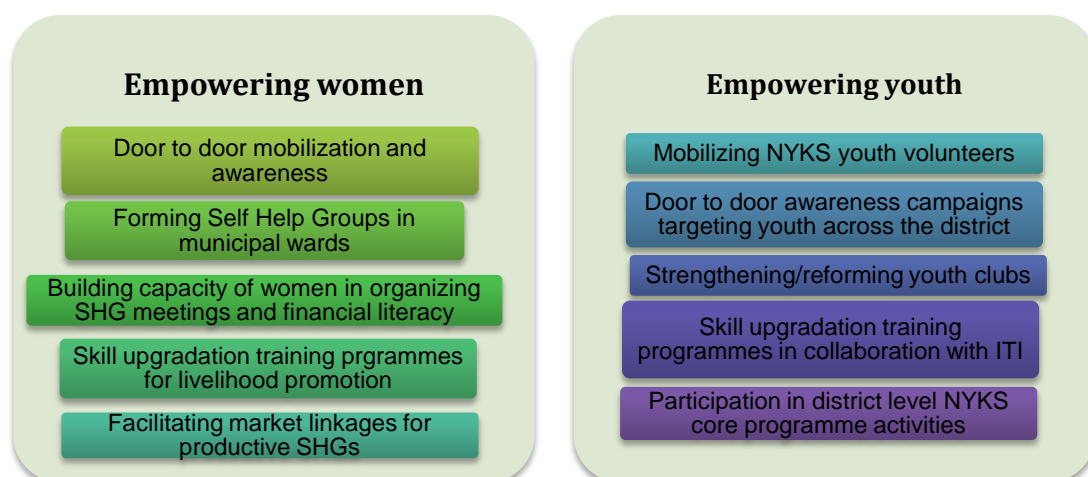


Namchi district, South Sikkim is emerging as one of the fastest developing regions in the state. However, women and youth in the area lack access to information on taking their rightful place in the region's development story.

While women in Sikkim fare far better than women in the rest of north India in terms of gender equality, they do face bias within the household with regard to financial empowerment. Women from urban poor households of Namchi district, especially homemakers with basic level of education, desire to acquire skills and explore livelihood options so as to be self-reliant. However, they lack the support of programmes like the North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) for rural women. The youth of the region does not have a purpose and is perceived as vulnerable to anti-social activities including drug abuse and trafficking. Productively engaging the youth to serve as useful assets/resources remains a key focus area for the state government. The youth blame lack of resources for their disinterest. Also, most of the existing Nehru Yuva Kendra-affiliated youth clubs are dominated by members 35 years and older who do not wish to let go of the club resources and do not welcome fresh ideas or younger members.

Schemes and policies designed for women and youth do not reach them due to lack of awareness as well as a gap between the policymakers and the implementation agencies. Civil society organizations and community youth volunteers play a critical role in linking women and youth in the remotest parts of the district to government schemes and initiatives that directly benefit them.

## **STRATEGY**



### **Strengthening women self-help group through skill upgradation training and market linkages**

Under the guidance of the UNV-DYC, NYKS youth volunteers have conducted door-to-door campaigns to create awareness and mobilize women across municipal wards of the district into self-help groups (SHGs). Much like rural SHGs, these groups are linked with the banks, where the groups open a savings account, in some cases with their own contributions. Once an SHG is mature, the bank also provides them loans to procure resources for livelihood activities. Training resources from other NYK and non-NYK SHGs are used to impart relevant Skill Upgradation Training Programmes (SUTPs) to the SHG members on livelihood skills such as stitching, knitting and making soft toys, soap, pickles and artificial flower arrangements. Awareness programmes on their legal rights as well as financial literacy are also facilitated for the women. Defunct SHGs are being strengthened through timely capacity building programmes. The next step is to link the SHGs with the market, thus, ensuring a sustained flow of income and also through participation in major fairs such as the Jorethang *mela*.

**Innovation:** The UNV-DYC recognized the need for empowerment of women in urban areas who are financially dependent on their men. She used her past experience in SHG formation and capacity building of women in rural areas under NERLP to form SHGs in the urban municipal wards of Namchi, using the same principles. She has also identified and nurtured potential master trainers among members of SHGs to build the capacity of other SHGs in soft toy and soap making and making

### **IMPACT**

**Formation and capacity building of women SHGs in municipal wards -** Six women SHGs have been created under the Namchi Municipal Area (across 10 municipal wards) which have been further linked with banks and SUTPs for livelihood promotion. The SHGs comprise homemakers including differently abled women. The DYK has taken the initiative to create linkages between the SHGs as well as to identify and officially recognize resource person/master trainers from mature and older SHGs to train women in newer SHGs on livelihood activities. The DYK is planning a meet of all the six SHGs under her to facilitate cross-learning.

**Mobilization of youth volunteers -** A total of 12 NYK volunteers in Namchi are guided by the UNV-DYC to implement the core programmes of the NYKS. They implement campaigns to create awareness about women self-help groups, financial literacy and youth participation in government schemes, organize blood donation and health camps and SUTPs, and mobilize and monitor youth clubs affiliated with NYKS. These volunteers also administer youth club development surveys to assess the efficacy of youth clubs in the district.

**Linkages with vocational training institutes to skill unemployed youth -** Linkages have been established with institutions such as the Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Kitchu, Namchi to leverage their existing resources and infrastructure in providing short customized vocational training courses to unemployed youth in the district.



**Rapport with district administration and alignment with government programmes** - The UNV DYC has been able to forge strong connections with the district administration as well as various line departments to ensure aligning of NYK efforts with the government programmes and effective implementation of such initiatives. The UNV-DYC ensures that the District Collector is updated regularly and frequently on NYK plans; programmes are implemented only after due approval of the district administration.



**Formation/reformation of NYKS youth clubs** – A total of 30 new youth clubs have been formed and around 30 of the existing 129 NYK affiliated youth clubs in the district have been reformed as per new NYKS guidelines on the stipulated age for membership.

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#### **Few Impact Stories**

##### **Strengthening Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS)**

#### **Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh**

##### **Project Ripple**

A unique peer-learning project has been initiated in Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh by UNV-DYC D. Siva Kumar. The ‘Ripple’ project operates on the philosophy of *each one, teach ten* where youth are trained in English language and communication skills and in turn are encouraged to pass on the training to 10 more young people in their community. Till date, this one of a kind project has 30 youth who are further training 300 more young people in their communities.

### **Blood Grouping**

UNV-DYC took the challenge and motivated the youth club members to go ahead with blood grouping for all the villagers and held camps for 1500 persons in a day which is a world record. The amount sponsored by the donor was Rs. 17000/- for the project to happen.

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### **Gumla, Jharkhand**

#### **Facilitating Loan under PMEGP**

In an effort to address the pressing issue of unemployment in his district, UNV-DYC Raja Gupta has facilitated the creation of a youth club which also functions as a self-help group. The group of 30 youth have combined their resources to create a seed fund used for community development activities and income generation activities for the members.

To further address the issue of unemployment, UNV-DYC has also facilitated a loan of INR 1.06 Crore (approx. USD 1,50,000) for 17 marginalized youth under the Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). The loan received under the programme will allow them to set up their own ventures in the field of steel furniture, readymade garments, wood furniture, etc.



*UNV-DYC Raja Gupta (extreme left) interacting with government officials for facilitation of loan for marginalized youth*

#### **Building of Check-dams by Youth Club members**

Volunteers joined hands for sustainable Rural Agri-livelihood in Gumla, Jharkhand -Raja Gupta, UNV-District Youth Coordinator of NYK Gumla with the help of 20 motivated Youth volunteers of Sarna Youth club of Photiamba Toli village constructed a 30-meter-long check dam in owner-driven approach by bringing in resources from the community. This will also lead to a healthy eating habit resulting from vegetable cultivation and additional source of income by selling vegetables.

### **Construction of temporary Pathway by Youth Club members**

UNV-DYC, Gumla motivated youth of Singham Yuva Club members of Alenker village of North Palkot Block to construct a temporary pathway which is 3 ft wide, 30-meter-long connecting to the village as Kasicharkera, Matimoli, Kawatoli, Harijan Mahallah, Caimba, Tengeria, Dumardiah. Through this pathway, it can be used by villagers to access this pathway which can also easily accommodate a two-wheeler. This pathway helps villagers to connect with the main market especially on rainy seasons. Funds of Rs. 40 thousand were mobilized by the youth club from Church in Anuranjan Putri village and rest of the construction was purely based on Shramdan from youth club members and villagers.

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**Nahan, Himachal Pradesh**

Himachal Pradesh is vulnerable to 22 out of 33 types of Hazards identified by the High Powered Committee of Government of India including floods, landslides, and earthquakes. Keeping this in mind, Mukul Sharma, UNV-DYC for Nahan district conceptualized and organized a three-day Master Trainer Training Program for NYK Volunteers in Collaboration with District Disaster Management Authority in August. The programme trained 50 young volunteers in DRR, Search and rescue, and First Aid. Youth will further train NYKS volunteers and other community members in DRR.



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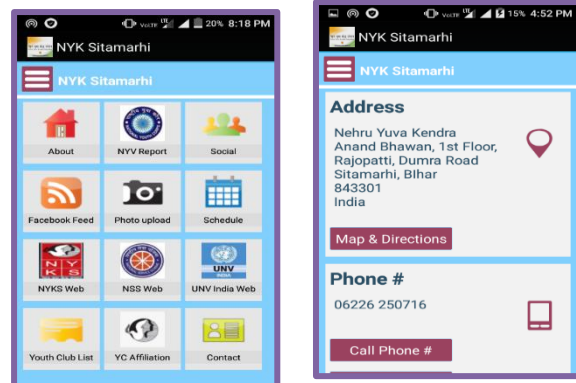
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## Sitamarhi, Bihar

To enhance visibility of NYKS in his district and facilitate administrative processes for National Youth Volunteers, a mobile application has been developed in Sitamarhi district by UNV-DYC Parimal Kumar. The app will to highlight the activities of NYK Sitamarhi. The application hosts feature such as Daily reporting of volunteers, Youth club details, Facebook and social media activities, event reporting etc. The future plan is to upload it on the play store and make it avail be



*Snapshots from the mobile application designed by UNV- DYC*

for the android users and make it available for other Kendras under NYKS.

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## Ernakulum, Kerala

NYK Ernakulum - A New programme titled “**For My Nation ...Through my action**” as introduced by UNV in this meeting. This programme is planned in such a way that, the now active 15 NYVs will take up one voluntary initiative on their own. They will mobilize at least 10 volunteers for their action. Hence the mission will make 150 volunteers to be part of this action in the month of February 2017.

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## Udaipur- Tripura

**Engaging youth in Skill Development** - UNV-DYC Jiaul Islam motivated and referred 67 youth in pradhan Mantri Kausal Yojana under Skill India and 6 youth were referred in the Med skill private ltd. Agartala for three month

training on General Duty Assistant. Among them 17 youth are earning more than Rs. 6000 per month which help the youth in employability and income source. UNV-DYCs also helped to mobilize more than 2 lakhs 34 thousand from the Block office for organizing Swachh Bharat Mission programme through youth clubs for organising programme

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**Empowering local youth to improve socio-economic status of Katkari  
tribe  
Palghar District, Maharashtra**

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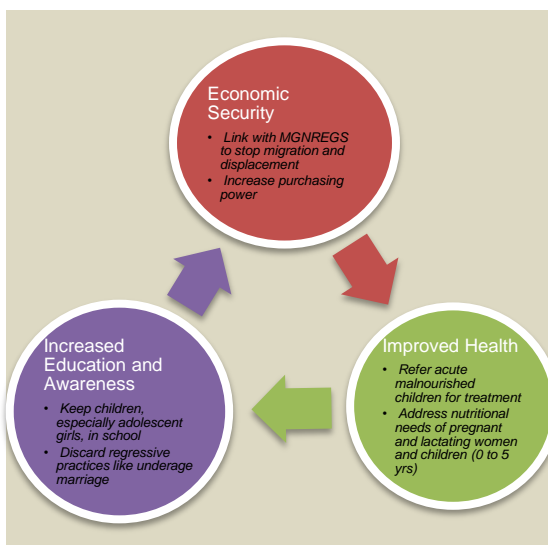
Hindaprabha Karve is posted as UNV-DYC with NYKS in Thane-Palghar district, Maharashtra.

**GOOD PRACTICE CONTEXT**

The Thane-Palghar region in Maharashtra is home to the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), the Katkaris. The most deprived of the scheduled tribes, the Katkaris are discriminated against in terms of physical and social exclusion by the other tribes. Katkaris are landless workers, the ones who do have land cultivate crops like rice and *ragi* (finger millet) for household consumption during the rainy season which spans four months. The rest of the year, the tribe, sans any other source of livelihood, migrates in search of work, ending up as bonded labour on brick kilns, where they are exploited in all possible ways. At the work sites, the migrant tribal labourers do

not have access to quality living conditions, health care or rations nor are their children enrolled in the nearest government school as mandated by the government. While adivasis across the country are typically displaced by development projects, the Katkaris are driven to leave their homes due to crushing poverty and complete lack of traditional employment as well as entrepreneurial opportunities. Given extreme poverty and displacement of families, malnutrition is rampant in Palghar district. Around 600 children died of malnourishment in Palghar district in 2016 alone. Jawhar and Mokhada are the worst affected blocks in the district. Although schemes like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Public Distribution System, Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Amrut Ahar Yojana have been implemented specifically for the marginalized, their benefits do not reach the Katkaris and other tribes in these remote areas due to poor implementation as well as the community's lack of awareness.

## STRATEGY



Over the past one year, the UNV-DYC has focused her efforts on reducing malnutrition and preventing malnutrition deaths in Palghar district, especially Jawhar and Mokhada blocks, by working with local youth activists to ensure the Katkaris, are linked with the government's employment and nutrition security schemes. The DYC devised a two-pronged strategy to address the crisis of malnutrition in the region:

- Identify acute malnourished children and refer them to a care centre, and create awareness in the community about causes and ill-effects of malnutrition
- Explore ways to stop outward migration and displacement of the Katkaris by linking them with existing employment generation schemes in their district and facilitating skill development in income generating activities

The UNV-DYC and the youth volunteers went door to door in the villages across three blocks and filled MGNREGS forms for the labourers, based on which job cards were issued to 5,000 tribals.

## IMPACT AND ROLE OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERING



**Mobilization of youth volunteers** - Over the last one year, 16 youth volunteers (including five paid volunteers) have been mobilized to work in the Palghar district. The UNV-DYC has registered 58 new youth clubs in Thane and Palghar district, 20 of which are in the tribal belt. The work around addressing malnutrition and linking beneficiaries with the MNREGS was spearheaded by two dynamic youth leaders, Ram Das and Asha, respectively, under the guidance of the UNV-DYC.

**INNOVATION** - Apart from taking the initiative to reach out and support youth volunteers in a remote underserved area to work for a PVTG, the NYC also encouraged the youth to take ownership of the key issues facing their community and to voice these in the local government. The NYC motivated the young volunteers to take part in the local self-government elections. A few volunteers are now Gram Panchayat members as well as members of school committee boards, where they can influence decision making and programme implementation to include the underserved tribes.

**Linkage with MNREGS**—The NYC youth volunteers, under the leadership of Asha, in collaboration with the district administration, have been able to reach to and help get job cards for 5,000 labourers across three blocks in the district. While the work generated through MNREGS since October 2016 has not been enough in volume to satisfy the community's financial needs, it is a beginning in getting the Katkaris to halt their temporary migration, which could have a long-term impact on the socioeconomic and health status of the tribal community, especially in improving the nutrition status of the children of Palghar. The NYC youth volunteer team also visits brick kiln work sites to ensure that the children of the tribal labourers are enrolled in the nearest government schools as per the Right to Education Act and thus, are not vulnerable to child labour activities.

**Community-level awareness on causes of malnutrition**— The Yuva Samaj Pramodan Rangbhoomi youth club led by Ram Das has staged several awareness interventions such as sensitizing adolescent girls and key community leaders as well as staging street plays to counter a major driver of malnutrition in the area – underage marriages. The community is gradually becoming aware of the negative impact of underage marriages on the health and wellbeing of the adolescent girls and the children they give deliver at a young age. The importance of healthy diet for pregnant and lactating mothers is also reinforced through the Anganwadi Sewikas.

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## Department of Sports

### URBAN SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME (USIS):

- Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS)
- Launched in 2010-11
- Objective is to creation of sports infrastructure all over the country
- Target Beneficiaries are the population all over the country especially the potential sports persons who are willing to avail the sports infrastructure facilities being created under USIS.
- Physical Targets - 10 projects were envisaged to be sanctioned per annum
- No. of Beneficiaries - The no. of beneficiaries cannot be quantified
- Achievements - A total of 62 projects have been sanctioned during the period from 2010-11 to 2015-16
- Performance in last three years :

(Rs. In crore)

Year	Approved allocation		Actual Expenditure	No. of projects sanctioned
	BE	RE		
2014-15	40.00	25.00	24.89	11
2015-16	25.00	60.00	59.90	13

USIS has been subsumed in Khelo India scheme in the year 2016-17. Hence, figures for two years of 2014-15 and 2015-16 have been given above.

- Compare with Performance during 2011-14:

Rs. in crore				
Year	B.E.	R.E.	Actual Expenditure	No. of projects sanctioned
2011-12	50.00	40.50	40.50	10
2012-13	40.00	23.00	23.00	10
2013-14	50.00	36.35	36.35	14

- **Success Stories** - Out of 58 projects sanctioned so far, 12 projects have been completed during the last three years. The remaining 46 projects are under progress. A few photographs of completed projects are enclosed.

### PHOTOGRAPHS OF SYNTHETIC FOOTBALL TURF AT CHHANGPHUT PLAYGROUND, CHAMPHAI, MIZORAM



**PHOTOGRAPHS OF HOCKEY SYNTHETIC FIELD AT INDIRA STADIUM, UNA,  
HIMACHAL PRADESH**





## **KHELO INDIA – NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS:**

- Khelo India – National Programme for Development of Sports
- Launched in 2016-17
- Objectives of the Scheme - Broad basing of sports, Identification of talent, train the talented persons and nurture the talent, Groom the talented persons, Creation of Sports Infrastructure at Block, Tehsil, District, State levels, etc., Providing excellence in sports.
- Target Beneficiary - Both Men and Women in the age group under – 14 and under - 17 all over the country.
- Physical Targets- Conducting sports competition for both Men and Women in the age group under – 14 and under – 17, creation of sports infrastructure and identification of talented sports persons.
- No. of Beneficiaries- The no. of beneficiaries cannot be quantified.
- Achievements- The National level sports competitions under Khelo India have been held at eight locations Delhi, Nellore, Guwahati, Gandhinagar, Chennai, Guntur, Hyderabad and Jaipur. Total participants of 7838 including officials. One new project for creation of sports infrastructure in 21 sports disciplines has been sanctioned under Khelo India.
- Performance –  
2016-17 - Rs. 140 crore; Revised Estimate (RE) 2016-17 - Rs. 118.10 crore
- Success Stories - Scheme is launched only in the current financial year 2016-17.

## **HIMALAYAN REGION GAMES (HRG):**

- Himalayan Region Games (HRG)
- Will be launched in 2017-18.
- Objective - To promote unique sports tradition in Himalayan Region in the countries and the States & countries that are part of it
- Target Beneficiary - The population in the Himalayan Region
- Physical Targets - To conduct a sports competition in ten sports disciplines.
- No. of Beneficiaries - The competitions are scheduled to be held in November, 2017 and the no. of beneficiaries will be known after the event is over.
- Achievements - Not Applicable
- Performance in last three years : 2014-17 (each years' budget allocation and achievement- Not Applicable
- Compare with Performance during 2011-14 - Not Applicable
- Success Stories, preferably Individual Success Stories with photographs & contact details. - Not Applicable

**RAJIV GANDHI KHEL ABHIYAN (RGKA) SCHEME:**

- Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA) Scheme
- Launched on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014 for implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014
- Objective - To provide basic sports infrastructure and equipment at the Panchayat level (village and block) and encouraging sports and games in rural areas through annual competitions from the Block level to National Level.
- Target Beneficiary- Whole community.
- Physical Targets- (i.) Creation of adequate sports infrastructure facilities  
(ii.) Conduct of annual sports competitions such as Rural sports competitions, Women Sports competitions, North-East Games and special area games in LWE effected Districts.
- No. Of Beneficiaries- No. of beneficiaries cannot be quantified as the sports infrastructure facilities proposed to be created under this scheme was open to the whole community.
- Achievements-

Year	Creation of sports infrastructure	Annual sports competitions (No. of participants)
<b>2014-15</b>	-	2908120
<b>2015-16</b>	Four projects of construction of indoor halls at block level were approved	164792

- Performance in last three years -

Year	Budget allocation (Rs. in crore)	Utilization (Rs. in crore)
2014-15	85.00	83.84
2015-16	23.38	22.62

- The scheme of RGKA was being implemented since April, 2014 and has been subsumed under “Khelo India” scheme since 2016-17.

#### **ENHANCEMENT OF SPORTS FACILITIES AT J&K:**

- Special Package for Development of Sports Infrastructure in Jammu and Kashmir
- Approved by PM on 7.11.2015 for implementation during 2015-16
- Objective- Finance Minister, in his Budget Speech 2014-15, provided a sum of Rs. 200 crore for upgrading the indoor and outdoor sports stadiums to international standards in Jammu and Kashmir. The special package has been designed to help youth to embrace sports and physical activities.
- Target Beneficiary- The special package has been designed to help youth of J &K State to embrace sports and physical activities so that they can be brought to national mainstream.
- No of Beneficiaries - The beneficiaries are sportspersons, coaches and physical education teachers of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Achievements - The Special Package was initiated during the FY 2015-16 and the initiated for upgrading Sports infrastructure of J&K.
- Performance - A Special Package of Rs. 200 crore for development of sports infrastructure in the state of Jammu & Kashmir has been approved, out of which Rs. 55 crore was provided in the year 2015-16 and Rs. 75 crore during the year 2016-17 which has been restricted to Rs.40 crores at RE Stage. Further, an amount of Rs.75 crores has been allocated for 2017-18.
- Compare with Performance during 2011-14: Comparison not possible as the Package was announced in 2015-16 period.
- Success Stories - The infrastructure development project in J&K will have far reaching effect on the sportspersons, coaches and physical education teachers in particular and all-round progress of the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

#### **SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION:**

- Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federation
- Objective - Development of Sports in General and achieving excellence at International level including good governance practices in sports, anti-doping measures and categorization of sports disciplines based on their standard at International level and popularity in the country
- Target Beneficiary - Sportspersons through NSFs, Coaches and support personal
- Achievements - So far 4109 elite sportspersons have been imparted training in 172 national coaching camps. 324 foreign exposures have been provided during the current financial year
- Budget Allocation-



Year	Revenue – Plan(in crore)		
	BE	RE	Actuals
2014-15	165.00	185.00	183.93
2015-16	185.00	314.50	314.50
2016-17	185.00	359.93	Financial year not completed

- **Successful conduct of BRICS U-17 Football tournament & 12<sup>th</sup> South Asian Games -**

- (i) Successful conduct of BRICS U-17 Football Tournament: - As a diplomatic initiative of Hon'ble Prime Minister, BRICS U-17 football tournament was successfully conducted in GOA during October 2016.
- (ii) Successful conduct of 12<sup>th</sup> South Asian Games: India successfully hosted 12th South Asian Games at Guwahati and Shillong from 5-16 February 2016 at a very short lead time of 100 days with participation of more than 2500 athletes from eight nations in 226 events over 22 sports.
  - The Games had an incredible Management Synergy between the department, Organizing Committee, State Governments of Assam and Meghalaya and various other authorities/stake-holders.
  - A control room with officials from TEAMS Division (SAI) & Mission Olympic cell was functional round the clock and provided desired assistance to the Indian contingent prior and during the Olympic Games on real time basis.
  - The Games were widely viewed on internet and as well on TV. In a unique initiative, Government of India and Prasar Bharti decided to provide TV signals to channels of other participating countries free of cost.



**Tikhor Mascot for 12<sup>th</sup> South Asian Games**



**Artists performing at Opening ceremony 12th South Asian Games**



Artists performing at closing ceremony 12th South Asian Games

**RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD:**

- Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- Launched in the year 1991-92
- Under this scheme, a medallion along with a cash award of Rs.7.5 lakh is given to the most spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four years immediately preceding the year during which the award is to be given
- Normally only one award is given every year
- 32 sportspersons have been given this award since the inception of the scheme.

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
No. of Awardees	1	2	1	0	1	4
Award money	7.5 lakh each	7.5 lakh each	7.5 lakh each	--	7.5 lakh each	7.5 lakh each
<b>Total amount</b>	<b>7.5 lakh</b>	<b>15.0 lakh</b>	<b>7.5 lakh</b>	--	<b>7.5 lakh</b>	<b>30.0 lakh</b>

**ARJUNA AWARD:**

- Arjuna Award
- Instituted in 1961
- Award is given to players who have exhibited good performance consistently for the previous four years at the international level and

have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline

- The awardees are given a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and award money of Rs. 5.00 lakh
- Normally, up to 15 awards can be given each year
- 814 outstanding sportspersons from various disciplines have been conferred Arjuna Awards so far.

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
No. of Awardees	19	25	14	15	16	15
Award money	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each
<b>Total amount</b>	<b>95 lakh</b>	<b>125 lakh</b>	<b>70 lakh</b>	<b>75 lakh</b>	<b>80 lakh</b>	<b>75 lakh</b>

#### **DHYAN CHAND AWARD:**

- Dhyan Chand Award for life time achievements in sports and Games
- Instituted in the year 2002
- Award is given to honour those sportspersons who have contributed to sports by their performance and continue to contribute to promotion of sports even after their retirement from active sporting career
- The awardees are given a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and award money of Rs. 5. 00 lakh
- 48 sportspersons have been given this award since inception.

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
No. of Awardees	19	25	14	15	16	15
Award money	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each
<b>Total amount</b>	<b>95 lakh</b>	<b>125 lakh</b>	<b>70 lakh</b>	<b>75 lakh</b>	<b>80 lakh</b>	<b>75 lakh</b>

#### **DRONACHARYA AWARD:**

- Dronacharya Award
- Instituted in 1985
- This award honours eminent coaches who have assisted national athletes and teams in achieving outstanding results in international competitions
- The awardees are given a statuette, a certificate, ceremonial dress and a cash prize of Rs. 5.00 lakh
- Normally, up to 5 awards can be given each year
- 96 Coaches have been given this award since its institution.

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
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No. of Awardees	5	8	5	5	5	6
Award money	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each	5 lakh each
<b>Total amount</b>	<b>25 lakh</b>	<b>40 lakh</b>	<b>25 lakh</b>	<b>25 lakh</b>	<b>25 lakh</b>	<b>25 lakh</b>

**RASHTRIYA KHEL PROTSAHAN PURUSKAR:**

- Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar
- Instituted in 2009
- With a view to recognizing the contribution made to sports development by entities other than Sportspersons and coaches
- The scheme has four categories, namely, community sports development, promotion of sports academies of excellence, support to elite sportspersons and employment to Sportspersons

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
No. of Awardees	2	4	4	4	4	7
<b>Award money</b>	<b>Only trophy but no award money is given for this Award</b>					

**SPECIAL AWARDS TO WINNERS IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS AND THEIR COACHES:**

- Scheme of Special Awards to Winners in International sports events and their Coaches
- Introduced in the year 1986
- With a view to encourage and motivate outstanding sportspersons for higher achievements and to attract the younger generation to take up sports as a career
- Revised on 29.01.2015
- Under the scheme, special awards are given to sportspersons and their coaches for winning medals in recognized international sports events
- Cash award is also given to coaches who have trained the medal winners for at least 180 days immediately preceding the tournament. Award money to a coach is 50% of the award money given to the sportsperson coached. In case, there is more than one coach, the award money is distributed among them equally
- There was an allocation of Rs. 22 crore at RE stage for 2016-17 and is Rs. 10 crore at BE stage for 2017-18.

S. No.	Year	No. of Sportspersons Benefited	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	2013-14	70	63,80,000/-

2.	2014-15	289	19,74,23,332/-
3.	2015-16	605	11,01,40,000/-
4.	2016-17	854	20,95,82,321/-

**YEAR 2013-14**

S. No.	Disciplines	Numbers sportspersons	Award Money (in Rs.)
1.	Yachting	7	7,20,000/-
2	Weightlifting	31	22,10,000/-
3	Kayaking & Canoeing	2	4,00,000/-
4	Kabaddi	1	30,000/-
5	Chess	2	70,000/-
6	Wrestling	3	4,00,000/-
7	Boxing	1	1,50,000/-
8	Squash & Racket	5	15,00,000/-
9	Hockey	18	9,00,000/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>63,80,000/-</b>

**Year 2014-15**

S. No.	Disciplines	Numbers sportspersons	Award Money (in Rs.)
1	Athletics	19	1,91,33,332/-
	Archery	8	68,00,000/-
2	Wrestling	17	20500000/-
3	Weightlifting	32	1,43,20,000/-
4	Shooting	38	3,08,00,000/-
5	Badminton	13	77,50,000/-
6	Boxing	17	82,90,000/-
7	Table Tennis	2	15,00,000/-
8	Squash	13	1,06,00,000/-
9	Judo	4	32,00,000/-
10	Gymnastics	1	6,00,000/-
11	Para Sports	4	39,00,000/-
12	Hockey (Men/Women)	50	2,89,00,000/-
13	Wushu	17	32,30,000/-
14	Rowing	12	42,00,000/-
15	Cycling	6	13,00,000/-
16	Kabaddi (Men/Women)	24	2,40,00,000/-
17	Yachting	2	9,00,000/-
18	Swimming	1	6,00,000/-
19	Tennis	9	69,00,000/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>19,74,23,332/-</b>

**Year 2015-16**

S. No.	Disciplines	Numbers sportspersons	Award Money (in Rs.)
1	Chess	46	74,90,000/-
2	Equestrian	4	3,00,000/-

3	Rowing	20	19,50,000/-
4	Judo	12	6,50,000/-
5	Cycling	5	6,65,000/-
6	Boxing	18	50,95,000/-
7	Archery	21	34,50,000/-
8	Atheltics	26	30,00,000/-
9	Weightlifting	49	63,80,000/-
10	Billiards & Snooker	53	1,32,50,000/-
11	Wrestling	93	1,26,10,000/-
12	Tenpin	1	2,00,000/-
13	Deaf	1	10,00,000/-
14	Soft Tennis	8	10,50,000/-
15	Badminton	1	25,00,000/-
16	Special Olympic Bharat	247	5,05,50,000/-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>11,01,40,000/-</b>

**Year 2016-17**

S. No.	Disciplines	Numbers of rewarded sportspersons	Special Awards given by the Government (in Rs.)
1	Chess	38	63,96,670/-
2	Shooting	116	3,11,54,000/-
3	Rowing	34	32,97,500/-
4	Judo	1	1,50,000/-
5	Boxing	26	25,40,000/-
6	Archery	43	1,63,50,000/-
7	Atheltics	61	1,21,10,000/-
8	Weightlifting	49	71,15,000/-
9	Billiards & Snooker	1	6,00,000/-
10	S.A.Games	340	6,59,75,000/-
11	Squash	8	15,00,000/-
12	Commonwealth and asian games 2014	63	85,66,651/-
13	T. Tennis	33	1,15,00,000/-
14	Badminton	6	40,37,500/-
15	Rio Olympic	6	2,75,00,000/-
16	Spectra	13	36,30,000/-
17	Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna	4	30,00,000/-
18	Constitution Club charges		2,30,000/-
19	Special Olympic Bharat	3	6,00,000/-
20	Wresling	3	3,30,000/-
21	Dronacharya Award	6	30,00,000/-
	Total	854	20,95,82,321/-

**SCHEME OF SPORTS FUND FOR PENSION TO MERITORIOUS SPORTSPERSONS:**

- Scheme of Sports Fund for Pension to meritorious sportspersons

- Launched in the year 1994
- Under this scheme, pension is given to those sportspersons, who are Indian citizens and have won gold, silver and bronze medals in Olympic Games, World Cup/World Championships, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games and Paralympic games; attained the age of 30 years; and have retired from active sports
- The present rates of pension are varies from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 3000 per month
- The pension payments are made through Life Insurance Corporation of India, for which Ministry purchases annuities for individual pensioners by making onetime lumpsum payment to LIC
- Budgetary allocation of Rs. 2 crore has been made for the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons during 2016-17

S. No.	Year	No. of Sportspersons Benefited	Amount
1	2011-12	12	Rs. 13503519
2	2012-13	19	Rs. 19952749
3	2013-14	18	Rs.19294066
4	2013-14	18	
5	2014-15	09	
6	2015-16	11	Rs. 1,99,00,000 (approx.)
7.	2016-17	15	Rs. 1,09,00,000 (approx.) till date 15.3.2017

#### **MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD (MAKA) TROPHY:**

- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy
- With a view to promoting competitive sports in colleges and universities, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy
- Under the scheme, a cash award of Rs.10 lakh is given to the University standing first in inter-university sports tournaments. The Universities standing second and third are given cash award of Rs. 5 Lakh and Rs. 3 lakh each, respectively.

Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
No. of Awardees	3 (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Positions)	3 (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Positions)	3 (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Positions)	3 (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Positions)	1(1 <sup>st</sup> position)
Award money	Rs. 10 lakh to 1 <sup>st</sup> position, Rs. 5 lakh to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Position, Rs. 3 lakh to 3 <sup>rd</sup> position universties.	Rs. 10 lakh to 1 <sup>st</sup> position, Rs. 5 lakh to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Position, Rs. 3 lakh to 3 <sup>rd</sup> position universties.	Rs. 10 lakh to 1 <sup>st</sup> position, Rs. 5 lakh to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Position, Rs. 3 lakh to 3 <sup>rd</sup> position universties.	Rs. 10 lakh to 1 <sup>st</sup> position, Rs. 5 lakh to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Position, Rs. 3 lakh to 3 <sup>rd</sup> position universties.	Rs. 10 lakh to 1 <sup>st</sup> position. Rs. 5 lakh to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Position, Rs. 3 lakh to 3 <sup>rd</sup> position universties.



#### **NATIONAL WELFARE FUND FOR SPORTSPERSONS:**

- National Welfare Fund for sportspersons
- Set up in March, 1982
- With a view to assisting outstanding sportspersons of the past, who had brought glory to the country in sports now living in indigent circumstances
- The scheme was last reviewed and revised in July 2009
- Scheme of National Welfare Fund of Sportspersons has been reviewed again and has been revised extensively in May 2016
- Under the revised Scheme, amount of annual income for being eligible for getting financial assistance from the Fund has been raised from the existing Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 4 lakh
- Budgetary allocation of Rs. 1 crore has been made for the Scheme of National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons during 2016-17.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Sportspersons Benefited</b>	<b>Amount (in Rs.)</b>
1	2011-12	19	36,03,417
2	2012-13	3	15,00,000
3	2013-14	4	8,10,500
4	2014-15	17	74,50,000
5	2015-16	4	12,00,000
6	2016-17	3	12,85,000

#### **NEW INITIATIVES**

##### **1. NADA:**

- Revised Anti Doping Rules of NADA 2015 - NADA has been working in close coordination with WADA and has adopted all the rules, procedures and International standards prescribed by WADA.
- To increase the awareness-cum-outreach level of anti doping campaign NADA has developed materials and training modules for various stakeholders
- NADA has successfully completed the process of obtaining the ISO 9001:2008 Certification
- Promotion of Sports Sciences - NADA Organized “Symposium on Use of drugs in Sports: An anti-doping perspective” for medical doctors and supporting personnel at New Delhi on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This was the first time ever that such Plenary Session on Sports Science and Sports Medicine was organized during this prestigious forum being attended by top scientists

**2. REVISIONS OF SPECIAL AWARD:**

- The scheme of Special Awards to Winners in International sports events and their Coaches was revised in 2015-16. Under revised scheme, amount of award has been enhanced to double (approx.) in comparison with old scheme.
- Scope of Scheme of Special Cash Awards was enlarged to include medalists of IBSA World Championship of Blind, Deaflympics and Special Olympics (summer & winter). So, there is increase in number of beneficiaries.
- Mandatory training days for coaches have been reduced from 240 days to 180 days

**3. Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme:**

- A programme, namely TOP (Target Olympic Podium) Scheme has been formulated in March 2015 within the overall ambit of National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) with the objective of identifying and supporting potential medal prospects for 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games.
- Focused disciplines are Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boxing, Wrestling, Weightlifting and Shooting. The selected athletes are being provided financial assistance for their customized training at Institutes having world class facilities and other necessary support.
- Benchmark for selection of athletes under the scheme is in relation to international standards.
- 130 athletes have been identified as on 30.6.2016 so far for funding under TOP scheme.
- Customized training at Institutes having world class facilities and other necessary support is being provided to the elite athletes, which is expected to result in improved performance and a higher position in medals tally for the country.

**4. MoU with India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL):**

- The Department of Sports and India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL), a company under Ministry of Finance have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) for supporting Badminton sport in April 2015.
- Under the MOU, IIFCL shall contribute Rs. 30 Crore (Rs. 10 crore each year for 3 years) to the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme within ambit of National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) under its initiatives for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). IIFCL contributed Rs. 10 Crore to NSDF for the 1<sup>st</sup> year on 31.3.2015.

**5. Creation of Regional Sports Federations and their recognition:**

- With a view to promoting and giving due acknowledgement and importance to sports having regional spread, the Ministry has decided on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015 to consider granting recognition to sports federations of certain indigenous sports

disciplines as Regional Sports Federations (RSFs) subject to certain conditions like the sports disciplines must be popular in a region/state and played in one or more states; the sports should have been played in the region for at least last 10 years; the RSFs seeking recognition from the Govt. should have conducted championships in all the categories namely Senior, Junior & Sub-Junior.

- There shall be only one RSF for each sport; Federations of only indigenous sports will be considered for recognition as RSFs; and in case there is an international body for a sport discipline, the recognition of the said body would be necessary.

**6. Guidelines for Para-Athletics:**

- In the wake of complaints of poor management in conduct of National Para Athletics Championships 2015, the Ministry issued guidelines to all recognized National Sports Federations on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 for providing and making arrangements for requisite facilities relating to playing arena, its accessibility, neat and clean toilets, provision for drinking water, proper resting place, separate changing rooms for boys and girls, neat and clean lodging facilities, adequately equipped with toilets including disabled friendly toilets, proper transportation facilities for players and officials from the place of stay to the venue of championship etc.

**7. Successful conduct of 35<sup>th</sup> National Games, Kerala:**

- 35<sup>th</sup> National Games held held from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala. There were 34 competition events and 2 demo events to be conducted at 25 venues and at temporary overlays spread across 7 Districts of Kerala.
- For 35<sup>th</sup> National Games, the Government of India has given grant of Rs. 121 crore to the Government of Kerala in the form of Additional Central Assistance for creation/upgradation of sports infrastructure.

**8. Organising National School Games in a big way**

- Department of Sports has decided to organise National School Games in a big way at four to five venues in the country every year. A beginning was made by supporting these games in the state of Kerala, held in January, 2016.
- The objective of the National School Games is to ensure proper promotion and development of various games at the school level. This will help early identification of talent and physical fitness of children. For the purpose of efficient organisation of the National School Games, the Department of Sports is collaborating with the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) for conduct of the games and with the selected state governments for infrastructure.

## 9. Mapping of Sports Infrastructure

- Departments of Sports of the States/UTs have been requested to provide details of sports infrastructure available in their respective States/UTs, including facilities for games (indoor and outdoor), whether created/ funded by Central Govt./State Govt. any other agency, names of popular games in the Districts of the States/UTs, details of Coaches/Trainers deployed (Game wise) and Level of Competitions, which are held at these venues (District level and above) etc.
- It is envisaged that creation of a National Data-base of such infrastructure and facilities available throughout the country will not only enable better utilization by those requiring them but can also pave way for deriving commercial gains from them which could be ploughed back for the purpose of development of Sports. 17 States and 3 UTs have provided the information.

## 10. Geo Tagging

Matter has been taken up with all the States/UTs to initiate geo-tagging of all existing sports infrastructure/facilities, including playfields, through the State Sports/Education Departments.

### SUCCESS STORIES

#### **(i) Participation of Indian contingent in Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014:**

Indian contingent consisting of 224 sportspersons and 99 coaches, support personnel and officials participated in 20<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Games held at Glasgow from 23 July to 3 August 2014 in 14 disciplines and Para-sports. India won 64 medals (15 Gold, 30 Silver and 19 Bronze) and was 5<sup>th</sup> in medals tally.

#### **(ii) Participation of Indian contingent in Incheon Asian Games 2014:**

Indian contingent consisting of 528 sportspersons and 180 coaches, support personnel and officials participated in 17 Asian Games held at Incheon (South Korea) from 19 September to 4 October 2014 in 28 sports disciplines. India won 57 medals (11 Gold, 10 Silver and 36 Bronze) and was 8<sup>th</sup> in medals tally.

#### **(iii) Participation of Indian contingent in Para-Asian Games 2014:**

Indian contingent consisting of 87 sportspersons and 36 coaches, support personnel and officials participated in Para Asian Games 2014 held at Incheon (South Korea) from 18<sup>th</sup> October to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in 9 sports disciplines and won 3 Gold, 14 Silver and 16 Bronze medals.

#### **(iv) India's commendable performance at Special World Olympics 2015, Los Angeles:**

Indian sportspersons put up commendable performance at Special World Olympics 2015 held at Los Angeles (USA) from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015 by winning 173 medals (47 gold, 54 silver and 72 bronze). India finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in medals tally behind only USA and China.



The Ministry cleared participation of the Indian contingent at cost to the Government in Special World Olympics 2015. Indian contingent comprised of 275 persons including 214 sportspersons and 53 coaches.

(v) **India's performance at 5<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Games, Samoa:** Indian sportspersons put up commendable performance at 5<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Games 2015, held in Samoa from 7-11 September 2015, by winning 20 medals (9 gold, 5 silver and 6 bronze). India finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the medals tally.

(vi) **Commendable performance by Indian sportspersons in 12<sup>th</sup> South Asian Games:** India reasserted its sporting hegemony among SAARC nations region as it reduced the 12th South Asian Games to a totally one sided affair by bagging 188 gold medals out of 239 at stake. India not only topped medals tally but also won record number of medals as compared to previous 11 editions of the Games. India won 308 medals (188 Gold, 90 Silver and 30 Bronze) out of 789 medals at stake. In the last edition held at Dhaka in 2010 India had won 175 medals including 90 gold.



**Indian Archer Tarundeep Rai in action at 12th South Asian Games**

In Athletics Indian sportspersons collected 28 out of 37. Indian sportspersons made clean sweep in 10 sports disciplines, where they won all gold medals at stake. Indian sportspersons made clean sweep in Archery (10), Boxing (10), Badminton (7), Table Tennis (5), Tennis (5), Triathlon (3) Volley ball (2) Handball (2), Kabbadi (2) and Kho Kho (2). In Shooting, Indian Shooters won 25 of the 26 Gold medals. In Squash, Indian players won 3 out of 4 Gold medals. Indian Weightlifters lifted 12-Gold out of 15 and Indian wrestlers grabbed 14 out of 15. In Cycling, Indian Cyclists won 6 Gold medals out of 8.



**Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa after winning Badminton Women Doubles at 12th South Asian Games**

12 new records were created in Athletics, out of which 10 belonged to India. Out of the 28 records created in Swimming, 19 belonged to India. This exhibits that sustained efforts by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports to boost sporting excellence through expansion of sporting infrastructure and support programmes for various sports disciplines in the country is bearing results.



**Ms. Mary Kom, Boxer, declared winner in 12th South Asian Games**



**Men's Singles Gold winner Ramkumar Ramanathan (India) at 12th South Asian Games**

(vii) **Send-off function for Indian contingent for Rio Olympics 2016:** The Ministry organized a gala Send-off function for Indian contingent for Rio Olympics 2016. Hon'ble Prime Minister, interacted individually with over 60 athletes who represented India at the Rio Olympics 2016. The Prime Minister offered words of encouragement to each of them.

**(a) Rio Paralympics – 2016:**

India sent a contingent of 20 athletes to Rio Paralympics and won its highest ever medal tally of 4 medals (2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze all in athletics). The athletes are Shri Devendra Jhajharia and Shri Mariappan, Gold medalists, Ms Deepa Malik, Silver medalist and Shri Varun Singh Bhati, Bronze medalist.

**(b) Rio Olympics:** India sent the largest ever contingent of sportspersons to Rio Olympics 2016 and 117 sportspersons from India participated in Rio Olympics. India won two medals (one Silver and one Bronze) in Rio Olympics 2016. Ms P.V. Sindhu (Badminton) won Silver Medal in Women's Singles and become the first Indian women to win a Silver Medal in Olympic Games. Ms Sakshi Malik (Wrestling) won Bronze and become first Indian women to win a medal in Wrestling discipline in Olympic Games.

(viii) **First ever Round Table conference** was held with Khel Ratna Awardees, Dronacharya Awardees and other eminent sports personalities/athletes in Vigyan Bhawan on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016 to review the performance of India in Olympics / Paralympics 2016 and prepare an action plan for future.

(ix) **Ms. Saina Nehwal's commendable performance:** Ms. Saina Nehwal became the first Indian woman badminton player to reach the finals of All England Open Badminton Championships when she reached the finals of women Singles of All England Open Badminton Championships 2015 held in London in March 2015. She was the runner-up at the event.





**Saina Nehwal in action at All England Badminton Championship 2015**

Saina Nehwal became the first Indian women's player to be World No.1 in badminton when Badminton World Federation ([BWF rankings](#)) were released on April 2, 2015.

Ms. Saina Nehwal won silver at [2015 BWF World Championship](#) held in August 2015 in Jakarta (Indonesia). She became the first Indian woman to reach the finals of BWF World Championship.

(x) **Ms. Sania Mirza's commendable performance:**Ms. Sania Mirza, tennis player along with Ms. Martina Hingis of Switzerland won two Grand Slams during 2015. Pair of Ms. Sania Mirza and Ms. Martina Hingis won Women Doubles at Wimbledon 2015 and Women Doubles at US Open 2015.

(xi) **Junior Hockey World Cup 2016**

In the 2016 Junior Hockey World Cup hosted in Lucknow, India overwhelmed Belgium 2-1 to lift the Junior World Cup and became the second team, after Gagan Ajit Singh's colts in 2001, to get their hands on the most coveted title. This is also the first time that a host nation has won the Cup.





**(xii) Women’s Asian Champions Trophy 2016**

In November 2016, Indian Women Hockey Team won its maiden Women’s Asian Champions Trophy 2016 in a thrilling 2-1 win over China at Singapore.

**(xiii) Achievements in major International Events:**

**2014** – Commonwealth Games – 64 medals

(15 Gold+30 Silver+ 19 Bronze) - ranked 5<sup>th</sup> by Gold count and 4<sup>th</sup> with total numbers of medals

**2014** – Asian Games – 57 medals

(11 Gold+10 Silver+ 36 Bronze) - ranked 8<sup>th</sup> by Gold count and joint 5<sup>th</sup> with total numbers of Medals.

**2014** – Asian Para Games- 33 medals

(3 Gold+14Silver+ 16 Bronze) - ranked 15<sup>th</sup> by Gold count and 10<sup>th</sup> with total numbers of medals

**2016** – Olympic Games - 02 medals

(1Silver + 1 Bronze) - ranked 67<sup>th</sup> by colour of medal and joint 49<sup>th</sup> with total numbers of medals

**2016** – Paralympic Games – 04 medals

(2 Gold + 1Silver + 1 Bronze) - ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> by Gold count and 52<sup>nd</sup> with total numbers of medals.

**Other achievements in the past three years:**

Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (till February 2017)
National coaching camps	226	292	195
Foreign exposure	264	314	344
No. of foreign coaches	36	26	28
No. of sports persons trained for international competitions	3983	3987	4109
No. of international medals won	563	692	576

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## Mass mobilization of youth volunteers to end open defecation among tribal communities Ernakulam District, Kerala

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

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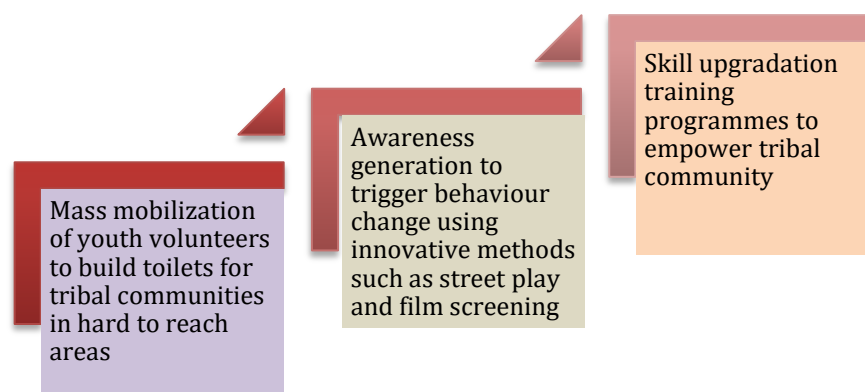
Toney Thomas is posted as UNV-DYC with NYKS in Ernakulam district, Kerala.

### GOOD PRACTICE CONTEXT

The Government of India aims to make the country Open Defecation Free (ODF) by 2019 through its flagship Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). Responding to the target set by the government, in September 2016, the Chief Minister of Kerala decided to work toward making the state ODF before November 1, 2016. The district administration of all 14 districts in the state were instructed to work on war footing to achieve the target. The district administration of Ernakulam, in consultation with all the Gram Panchayats, prioritized difficult areas that needed urgent attention under ODF. Kuttampuzha Gram Panchayat in Kothamangalam block is one such difficult area. Some of its wards lie in remote, densely forested areas, populated predominantly by scheduled tribes (STs). Using contractors to build toilets in these settlements was not feasible since transporting the building materials through the difficult terrain would mean a huge spike in the construction costs, over and above the per unit cost set by the government for building a toilet. The tribal community also lack resources and knowhow to build the toilets themselves. Due to lack of education and limited connect with the outside world, the tribes continue to adhere to primitive traditional practices, including defecating in the open. Along with constructing the toilets, behaviour change communication initiatives would be required to get the tribal community to actually use the facilities.

India accounts for 90 percent of the people in South Asia and 59 percent of the 1.1 billion people in the world who practise open defecation. Open defecation poses a serious threat to the health of children in India, with 188,000 children under five dying of diarrhoea in India. Increased incidence of diarrhoea make the children more vulnerable to malnutrition, stunting, and opportunistic infections such as pneumonia (UNICEF).

### STRATEGY



In collaboration with the district administration, the Gram Panchayat and the local community leaders of Kuttampuzha, the UNV-DYC in Ernakulam led a '100 Volunteers, 100 Toilets' mission, targeting two of the most difficult to reach tribal settlements in the Gram Panchayat, namely, Variyam and Kunjipara. Twenty-five members of the most active youth club in Kuttampuzha, Yuva Arts and Sports Club, volunteered to help construct the toilets. In response to a WhatsApp message posted by the DYC, 80 to 90 volunteers from other blocks also signed up for the mission. The mission was implemented in two phases with the twin objective of: a) providing physical labour in the initial stages of the toilet construction (digging pits and transporting material), and b) using innovative means to spread awareness on the benefits of using toilet facilities among the community.

**INNOVATION** – The UNV-DYC took a risk, and without any financial support and scope for advance planning, took on the challenge of mass mobilizing youth volunteers to spend a few days in a difficult area working for tribal communities entrenched in age-old practices. The project exemplifies the true spirit of volunteerism, since the work involved hard manual labour and staying in challenging conditions without any benefits.

### **IMPACT AND ROLE OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERING**

The youth volunteers, including college students, community workers and daily wagers, were ready to sign up on a mission to benefit others, despite having to compromise on their education/wages while on mission. Living with tribes in deep forests in extremely challenging and unfamiliar conditions and doing manual labour was over and beyond the routine volunteer activities of these youth.

**UNV-DYC, Ernakulam**

'The 100 volunteers, 100 toilets mission' kickstarted the ODF campaign in two of the most difficult tribal settlements in Ernakulam district within the space of two weeks. As of date, all 100 toilets have been constructed in Variyam and Kunjipara as per target. The mission is an illustrative example of the potential of youth volunteerism. According to the Tribal Extension Officer, Kothamangalam Block, the youth "also demonstrated the power of collective action to the tribal communities." Inspired by the activities in the two tribal colonies, other tribal settlements also started building/requesting the administration for toilets. The youth volunteers also employed innovative ways of creating awareness on the benefits of using toilets to the community. The mission also serves as an example of productive coordination between the district administration, Gram Panchayat, Suchitwa Mission, Tribal Department, and Forest Department, catalyzed

by the spirit of volunteerism.

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**Skilling women and youth toward sustained livelihoods and gainful employment  
Namchi District, Sikkim**

## **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

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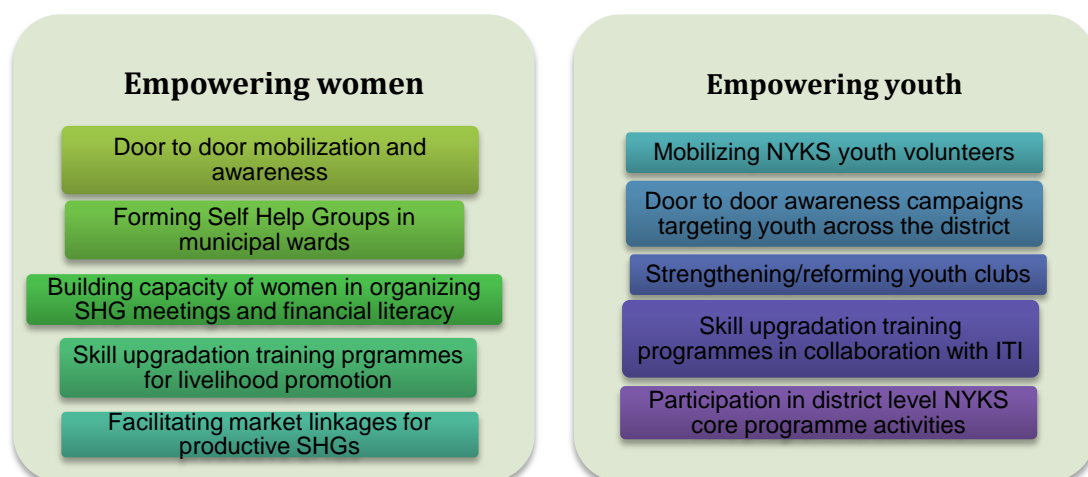
## **GOOD PRACTICE CONTEXT**

Namchi district, South Sikkim is emerging as one of the fastest developing regions in the state. However, women and youth in the area lack access to information on taking their rightful place in the region's development story.

While women in Sikkim fare far better than women in the rest of north India in terms of gender equality, they do face bias within the household with regard to financial empowerment. Women from urban poor households of Namchi district, especially homemakers with basic level of education, desire to acquire skills and explore livelihood options so as to be self-reliant. However, they lack the support of programmes like the North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) for rural women. The youth of the region does not have a purpose and is perceived as vulnerable to anti-social activities including drug abuse and trafficking. Productively engaging the youth to serve as useful assets/resources remains a key focus area for the state government. The youth blame lack of resources for their disinterest. Also, most of the existing Nehru Yuva Kendra-affiliated youth clubs are dominated by members 35 years and older who do not wish to let go of the club resources and do not welcome fresh ideas or younger members.

Schemes and policies designed for women and youth do not reach them due to lack of awareness as well as a gap between the policymakers and the implementation agencies. Civil society organizations and community youth volunteers play a critical role in linking women and youth in the remotest parts of the district to government schemes and initiatives that directly benefit them.

## **STRATEGY**



### **Strengthening women self-help group through skill upgradation training and market linkages**

Under the guidance of the UNV-DYC, NYKS youth volunteers have conducted door-to-door campaigns to create awareness and mobilize women across municipal wards of the district into self-help groups (SHGs). Much like rural SHGs, these groups are linked with the banks, where the groups open a savings account, in some cases with their own contributions. Once an SHG is mature, the bank also provides them loans to procure resources for livelihood activities. Training resources from other NYK and non-NYK SHGs are used to impart relevant Skill

Upgradation Training Programmes (SUTPs) to the SHG members on livelihood skills such as stitching, knitting and making soft toys, soap, pickles and artificial flower arrangements. Awareness programmes on their legal rights as well as financial literacy are also facilitated for the women. Defunct SHGs are being strengthened through timely capacity building programmes. The next step is to link the SHGs with the market, thus, ensuring a sustained flow of income and also through participation in major fairs such as the Jorethang *mela*.

**Innovation:** The UNV-DYC recognized the need for empowerment of women in urban areas who are financially dependent on their men. She used her past experience in SHG formation and capacity building of women in rural areas under NERLP to form SHGs in the urban municipal wards of Namchi, using the same principles. She has also identified and nurtured potential master trainers among members of SHGs to build the capacity of other SHGs in soft toy and soap making and making

### **IMPACT**

**Formation and capacity building of women SHGs in municipal wards** - Six women SHGs have been created under the Namchi Municipal Area (across 10 municipal wards) which have been further linked with banks and SUTPs for livelihood promotion. The SHGs comprise homemakers including differently abled women. The DYC has taken the initiative to create linkages between the SHGs as well as to identify and officially recognize resource person/master trainers from mature and older SHGs to train women in newer SHGs on livelihood activities. The DYC is planning a meet of all the six SHGs under her to facilitate cross-learning.

**Mobilization of youth volunteers** - A total of 12 NYK volunteers in Namchi are guided by the UNV-DYC to implement the core programmes of the NYKS. They implement campaigns to create awareness about women self-help groups, financial literacy and youth participation in government schemes, organize blood donation and health camps and SUTPs, and mobilize and monitor youth clubs affiliated with NYKS. These volunteers also administer youth club development surveys to assess the efficacy of youth clubs in the district.

**Linkages with vocational training institutes to skill unemployed youth** - Linkages have been established with institutions such as the Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Kitchu, Namchi to leverage their existing resources and infrastructure in providing short customized vocational training courses to unemployed youth in the district.

**Rapport with district administration and alignment with government programmes** - The UNV-DYC has been able to forge strong connections with the district administration as well as various line departments to ensure aligning of NYK efforts with the government programmes and effective implementation of such initiatives. The UNV-DYC ensures that the District Collector is updated regularly and frequently on NYK plans; programmes are implemented only after due approval of the district administration.

**Formation/reformation of NYKS youth clubs** - A total of 30 new youth clubs have been formed and around 30 of the existing 129 NYK affiliated youth clubs in the district have been reformed as per new NYKS guidelines on the stipulated age for membership.



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**Few Impact Stories**  
**Strengthening Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and National Service Scheme (NSS)**

**Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh**

**Project Ripple**

A unique peer-learning project has been initiated in Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh by UNV-DYC D. Siva Kumar. The 'Ripple' project operates on the philosophy of *each one, teach ten* where youth are trained in English language and communication skills and in turn are encouraged to pass on the training to 10 more young people in their community. Till date, this one of a kind project has 30 youth who are further training 300 more young people in their communities.

D. Siva Kumar, U



**Blood Grouping**

UNV-DYC took the challenge and motivated the youth club members to go ahead with blood grouping for all the villagers and held camps for 1500 persons in a day which is a world record. The amount sponsored by the donor was Rs. 17000/- for the project to happen.

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**Gumla, Jharkhand**

**Facilitating Loan under PMEGP**

In an effort to address the pressing issue of unemployment in his district, UNV-DYC Raja Gupta has facilitated the creation of a youth club which also functions as a self-help group. The group of 30 youth have combined their resources to create a seed fund used for community development activities and income generation activities for the members. To further address the issue of unemployment, UNV-DYC has also facilitated a loan of INR 1.06 Crore (approx. USD 1,50,000) for 17 marginalized youth under the Prime



UNV-DYC Raja Gupta (extreme left) interacting with government officials for facilitation of loan for marginalized youth

Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). The loan received under the programme will allow them to set up their own ventures in the field of steel furniture, readymade garments, wood furniture, etc.

### **Building of Check-dams by Youth Club members**

Volunteers joined hands for sustainable Rural Agri-livelihood in Gumla, Jharkhand -Raja Gupta, UNV-District Youth Coordinator of NYK Gumla with the help of 20 motivated Youth volunteers of Sarna Youth club of Photiamba Toli village constructed a 30-meter-long check dam in owner-driven approach by bringing in resources from the community. This will also lead to a healthy eating habit resulting from vegetable cultivation and additional source of income by selling vegetables.



Building of Check-dams by Youth Club members in Gumla, Jharkhand

### **Construction of temporary Pathway by Youth Club members**

UNV-DYC, Gumla motivated youth of Singham Yuva Club members of Alenkera village of North Palkot Block to construct a temporary pathway which is 3 ft weight, 30-meter-long connecting to the village as kasicharkera, matimtolli, kawatoli, harijan mahallah, caimba, tengeria, dumardiah. Through this pathway, it can be used by villagers can access this pathway which can also easily accommodate a two wheeler. This pathway helps villager to connect with the main market especially on rainy seasons. Funds of Rs. 40 thousand were mobilized by the youth club from Church in Anuranjan putri village and rest of the construction was purely based on Shramdan from youth club members and villagers.

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**Nahan, Himachal Pradesh**

Himachal Pradesh is vulnerable to 22 out of 33 types of Hazards identified by the High Powered Committee of Government of India including floods, landslides, and earth quakes. Keeping this in mind, Mukul Sharma, UNV-DYC for Nahan district conceptualized and organized a three-day Master Trainer Training Program for NYK Volunteers in Collaboration with District Disaster Management Authority in August. The programme trained 50 young volunteers in DRR, Search and rescue, and First Aid. Youth will further train NYKS volunteers and other community members in DRR.

Construction of temporary Pathway by Youth Club members in Gumla, Jharkhand



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A session on first aid from the training at Nahan by UNV-DYC

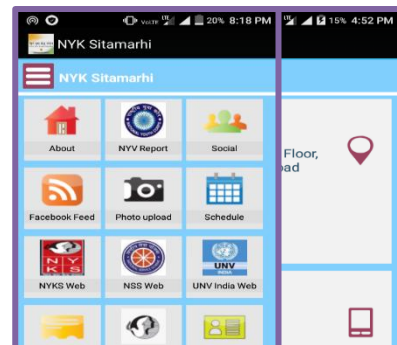
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### **Sitamarhi, Bihar**

To enhance visibility of NYKS in his district and facilitate administrative processes for National Youth Volunteers, a mobile application has been developed in Sitamarhi district by UNV-DYC Parimal Kumar. The app will highlight the activities of NYK Sitamarhi. The application hosts features such as Daily reporting of volunteers, Youth club details, Facebook and social media activities, event reporting etc. The future plan is to upload it on the play store and make it available for the android users and make it available for other Kendras under NYKS.



*Snapshots from the mobile application designed by UNV- DYC*

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### **Ernakulum, Kerala**

NYK Ernakulum - A New programme titled "For My Nation ...Through my action" as introduced by UNV in this meeting. This programme is planned in such a way that, the now active 15 NYVs will take up one voluntary initiative on their own. They will mobilize at least 10 volunteers for their action. Hence the mission will make 150 volunteers to be part of this action in the month of February 2017.

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### **Udaipur- Tripura**

**Engaging youth in Skill Development** - UNV-DYC Jiaul Islam motivated and referred 67 youth in pradhan Mantri Kausal Yojana under Skill India and 6 youth were referred in the Med skill private ltd. Agartala for three month training on General Duty Assistant. Among them 17 youth are earning more than Rs. 6000 per month which help the youth in employability and income source. UNV-DYCs also helped to mobilize more than 2 lakhs 34 thousand from the Block office for organizing Swachh Bharat Mission programme through youth clubs for organising programme

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## Empowering local youth to improve socio-economic status of Katkari tribe Palghar District, Maharashtra

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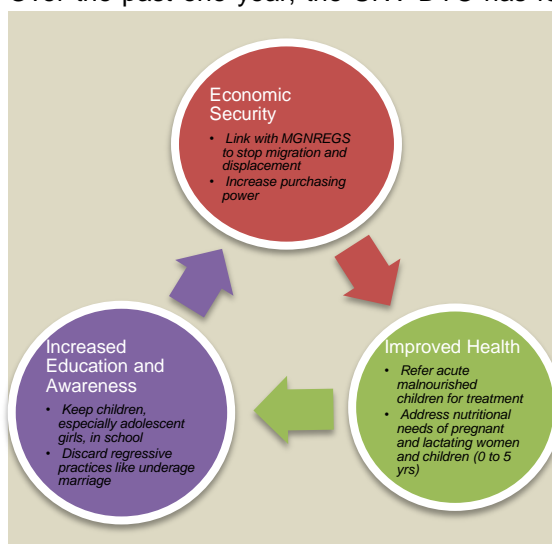
Hindaprabha Karveis posted as UNV-DYC with NYKS in Thane-Palghar district, Maharashtra.

### GOOD PRACTICE CONTEXT

The Thane-Palghar region in Maharashtra is home to the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), the Katkaris. The most deprived of the scheduled tribes, the Katkaris are discriminated against in terms of physical and social exclusion by the other tribes. Katkaris are landless workers, the ones who do have land cultivate crops like rice and *ragi* (finger millet) for household consumption during the rainy season which spans four months. The rest of the year, the tribe, sans any other source of livelihood, migrates in search of work, ending up as bonded labour on brick kilns, where they are exploited in all possible ways. At the work sites, the migrant tribal labourers do not have access to quality living conditions, health care or rations nor are their children enrolled in the nearest government school as mandated by the government. While adivasis across the country are typically displaced by development projects, the Katkaris are driven to leave their homes due to crushing poverty and complete lack of traditional employment as well as entrepreneurial opportunities. Given extreme poverty and displacement of families, malnutrition is rampant in Palghar district. Around 600 children died of malnourishment in Palghar district in 2016 alone. Jawhar and Mokhada are the worst affected blocks in the district. Although schemes like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Public Distribution System, Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Amrut Ahar Yojana have been implemented specifically for the marginalized, their benefits do not reach the Katkaris and other tribes in these remote areas due to poor implementation as well as the community's lack of awareness.

### STRATEGY

Over the past one year, the UNV-DYC has focused her efforts on reducing malnutrition and preventing malnutrition deaths in Palghar district, especially Jawhar and Mokhada blocks, by working with local youth activists to ensure the Katkaris are linked with the government's employment and nutrition security schemes. The DYC devised a two-pronged strategy to address the crisis of malnutrition in the region:



- Identify acute malnourished children and refer them to a care centre, and create awareness in the community about causes and ill-effects of malnutrition
- Explore ways to stop outward migration and displacement of the Katkaris by linking them with existing

employment generation schemes in their district and facilitating skill development in income generating activities  
The UNV-DYC and the youth volunteers went door to door in the villages across three blocks and filled MGNREGS forms for the labourers, based on which job cards were issued to 5,000 tribals.

## IMPACT AND ROLE OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERING

**Mobilization of youth volunteers** - Over the last one year, 16 youth volunteers (including five paid volunteers) have been mobilized to work in the Palghar district. The UNV-DYC has registered 58 new youth clubs in Thane and Palghar district, 20 of which are in the tribal belt. The work around addressing malnutrition and linking beneficiaries with the MNREGS was spearheaded by two dynamic youth leaders, Ram Das and Asha, respectively, under the guidance of the UNV-DYC.

**Linkage with MNREGS**—The NYK youth volunteers, under the leadership of Asha, in collaboration with the district administration, have been able to reach to and help get job cards for 5,000 labourers across three blocks in the district. While the work generated through MGNREGS since October 2016 has not been enough in volume to satisfy the community's financial needs, it is a beginning in getting the Katkaris to halt their temporary migration, which could have a long-term impact on the socioeconomic and health status of the tribal community, especially in improving the nutrition status of the children of Palghar. The NYK youth volunteer team also visits brick kiln work sites to ensure that the children of the tribal labourers are enrolled in the nearest government schools as per the Right to Education Act and thus, are not vulnerable to child labour activities.

**Community-level awareness on causes of malnutrition**— The Yuva Samaj Pramodan Rangbhoomi youth club led by Ram Das has staged several awareness interventions such as sensitizing adolescent girls and key community leaders as well as staging street plays to counter a major driver of malnutrition in the area – under-age marriages. The community is gradually becoming aware of the negative impact of under-age marriages on the health and wellbeing of the adolescent girls and the children they give deliver at a young age. The importance of healthy diet for pregnant and lactating mothers is also reinforced through the Anganwadi Sewikas.

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**INNOVATION** – Apart from taking the initiative to reach out and support youth volunteers in a remote underserved area to work for a PVTG, the DYC also encouraged the youth to take ownership of the key issues facing their community and to voice these in the local government. The DYC motivated the young volunteers to take part in the local self-government elections. A few volunteers are now Gram Panchayat members as well as members of school committee boards, where they can influence decision making and programme implementation to include the underserved tribes.