

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1434**  
ANSWERED ON- 09/12/2021

**LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN YOUTH**

1434. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:  
SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has any policy/ scheme for the character development of the young students in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to devise campaigns targeted towards increasing leadership skills amongst the youth of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports undertakes character development of young students in country through its National Service Scheme (NSS) which was introduced in 1969 with the primary objective of developing the personality and character of the student youth through voluntary community service. NSS is being implemented in senior secondary schools, colleges and universities. The design of NSS envisages that each education institute covered under the scheme has at least one NSS unit comprising of 100 student volunteers led by teacher designated as Programme Officer (PO). Each NSS unit adopts a village or slum for taking up its activities. NSS attempts to establish meaningful linkage between 'campus and community'; 'college and village'; and 'knowledge and action'.

(b) & (c): Yes, the Government is implementing National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP) since December, 2014 with the objective 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 Programme aims at motivating the youth to strive for excellence in their respective

fields and to bring them to the forefront of the development process. It seeks to harness the immense youth energy for nation-building. At present, various components of NYLP include Neighbourhood Youth Parliament (NYP), Youth for Development Programme (YFDP), National Young Leaders Awards (NYLA) and National Youth Advisory Council (NYAC). Besides this to develop character, leadership and assumed local leadership to act as active partner in the process of community Development and National Building Activities, the Department of Youth Affairs, conducts National Integration programmes, life Skills Education Training programmes, Adventure camps, Declamation contest, and Inter State Youth Exchange Programmes (Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat).

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