

## **Nationwide Declamation Contest on Patriotism and Nation Building as part of Republic Day Celebration 2018**

### **Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)**

NYKS is a unique organisation, in the manner that it is one of the largest apolitical youth organisation in the world! Established in 1972 working towards mobilising youth for Nation Building, developing leadership qualities among them and making better citizens, NYKS works with a network of about 35 lakh of youth in India. 623 District-Level Nehru Yuva Kendras manage a diverse range of activities through nearly 1.65 lakh youth clubs. Always at the forefront to foster the spirit of voluntarism, NYKS promotes a cadre of well trained National Youth Volunteers every year. NYKS aims to create empowered youth through an approach which is multi-dimensional. The approach follows a process through which the inherent and cultivated strengths of individuals are honed along with the expansion of their social networks. Thus, they generate power for themselves and serve the community.

The programmes implemented by NYKS have evolved over time and these ensure that the youth of the country are resilient to changes of society, economy and development.

### **Nationwide Declamation Contest on Patriotism & Nation Building**

In the changing national environment, the youth is passionate to do something for their Motherland. In order to further augment their passion towards motherland and to provide them an opportunity on one hand and also motivate them for their interest in Patriotism & Nation Building a need was felt to create a mass sustainable mobilization of the youth for developing their interest in Patriotism and engage them in meaningful Nation Building activities.

The first Declamation Contest was organised in the year 2015-16 as part of Republic Day Celebration 2016 in which about 25000 participants participated at Block, District and State level in 30 States which culminated at National level in New Delhi.

### **Aim:-**

To provide them an opportunity to emerge as leaders on one hand, and to further enthuse the spirit of Patriotism and Nation Building on the other, the Nationwide Declamation Contests is organised across India at Block, District, State level and at the National level with attractive prizes at District, State level and at the National level. The Nationwide Declamation Contest is being organised since last 3 years by NYKS.

## **Objectives**

- To strengthen the spirit of Nationalism and Patriotic feeling amongst youth and masses for enhanced participation in nation building.
- To identify youth with leadership qualities and good communication skills for their further development and empowerment to enable them to take lead in understanding the functions and policies of the Govt. towards Nation Building and popularizing Flagship Schemes of Government.

## **Declamation Contest and its contribution:-**

The Declamation Contests have provided to the youth an opportunity to exhibit their presentation skills and art of speaking in public on one hand and create the desired environment among the entire youth community on the other by sparking healthy positive conversation among youth in India and also activate Social Media, yield potential Youth Leaders for awareness creation, popularisation and facilitating implementation of National Flagship Programmes of Government of India and further ignite Nationalism and Patriotism. It has also facilitated them to develop and refine their leadership qualities. The topic of Declamation Contest has helped a great deal in creating awareness about the Modern Indian thinkers among audiences and about the Prime Minister's Financial and Social Inclusion Schemes, and denouncing all kinds of social evils as well as promotes the spirit of Patriotism.

## **Strategies :-**

- Youth in the age group of 18-29 yrs (as on 1st November 2017) from all walks and sections of society and female and youth groups belonging to weaker sections of the society was encouraged to take part in the contests
- The programme started with the screening the potential good contestants at block level. The shortlisted candidate participated districts level competitions. As the next step the winners of district level contest participated at the State level competitions. The winners of the State level participated in the National Level Declamation Contest.

## **Prizes**

- Block Level – Screening Contests without prizes
- District Level -1st Prize:- Rs. 5,000/-, 2nd Prize:- Rs. 2,000/-, 3rd Prize:- Rs. 1,000/-
- State Level - 1st Prize:- Rs. 25,000/-, 2nd Prize:- 10,000/-, 3rd Prize:-5,000/-
- National Level – 1st Prize:- Rs. 2,00,000/-, 2nd Prize:- Rs. 1,00,000/- and 3rd Prize:- Rs. 50,000/-

Language of Contest were Hindi and English

## Topic- "PATRIOTISM AND NATION BUILDING"

### Synergy, Publicity and Resource Mobilisation

To make the programme more transparent, responsive, vigilant and effective, local public Representatives viz. Hon'ble Ministers, MPs, MLAs, PRI members; Hon'ble Vice Chairpersons and Members BOG, NYKS, eminent personalities from difference walks of life, State Govt. and Districts Administration's Officers; Chairpersons and Members of SACYP and DACYP, Heads of Educational Institutes, NSS, NCC, BSG, HSG, Red Cross Society, Eco Clubs, and others with whom NYKs have been collaborating, were invited during the program.

### Selection of Judges

Three judges were selected for judging the performance of participants up to State levels of Declamation Contests, including Block level Screening Contests. The Judges selected were eminent persons from the field of education, academics, history, development, social work, activist, mass media etc.





*Declamation Contest in Progress*

**The Programme:-**

The Declamation Contest on Patriotism and Nation Building was organised successfully in 3185 Blocks, 351 districts NYKs and in 28 State across the country. A total of 28897 youth participated in Nationwide Declamation Contest at all levels.

**National Level Declamation Contest:-**

The National level Declamation Contest on Patriotism and Nation Building as part of Republic Day Celebration, 2018 was organised at National Science Academy (INSA), New Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2018.

A total of 28 State level 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winners from 28 States & UTs participated in National Declamation Contest at Delhi.

Dr. A.K. Dubey, Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India while inaugurating the National level Declamation Contest exhorted the participants and the youth present and said that whatever you do with confidence and best of your ability and perfection that will contributes towards Patriotism and Nation Building. He further said that, the youth should never give up and always keep progressing in their endeavors. He said that the future of the country depends upon youth said that the future of the country was on the shoulders of youth and urged the youth to give at least one year of their young life to the service of the nation. He gave light on Sankalp se Siddhi, New India Pledge of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and called upon youth for making New India by 2022 following the pledge towards Clean India, Poverty Free India, Corruption Free India, Terrorism Free India, Communalism Free India and Casteism Free India.

Vice Chairman, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan stressed on the need of holistic environment for Nation Building and Nation Development. He called upon the youth to work for Unity in Diversity and celebrate the socio cultural fabric of India.

At National level the contestant gave their best in the 10 minutes presentation before the august gathering and was appreciated by all present. The participants gave their presentation on Patriotism and Nation Building by assimilating the current National development issues and scenario like Youth Empowerment, Health, National Unity and Integrity, Teachings of Swami Vivekananda, Diversity and feeling of togetherness, Education, Environment preservation, Women Empowerment, Corruption Free Society, Participation and awareness development in Nation flagship programmes initiated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Swachh Bharat Mission, Cashless Transaction, Digital India, PM Skill Development Programme, Smart City, PM Jan Dhan Yojana, Start up India, Stand up India, Sustainable Development etc. along with sharing the feeling of fellowship and essence of Patriotism and Nation Building. The life and works of Swami Vivekananda, Mahatama Gandhi, Sardar Patel, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Dada Bhai Naroji and freedom fighters were quoted by the contestants in their presentation. The participants also talked for eradication of social evils like child labour, child marriage, illiteracy, drug abuse and alcoholism, female feticide, terrorism, Left wing extremism, regionalism and casteism, unemployment etc.



It was encouraged to note that the female participation was more at National level Declamation Contest which accounted for 57% of the total population, this trend is encouraging for Nation Development. DG, NYKS advised the youth that the hard work, sincerity and discipline in life are the best tools for achieving all round success.

The learned panel of Judges of National Declamation Contest shared their thoughts and experience on Patriotism and Nation building in the perspective of Youth Participation in Nation Development by which the participants were enlightened.

Further, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize winner of National Declamation Contest were felicitated and got an opportunity to interact with Hon'ble Union Defence Minister, Govt. of India on 28th January 2017 at Rashriya Rangshala Camp, Delhi Cantonment, New Delhi.



#### **Outcome and impact of the programme:-**

Since last three year, Declamation Contest have started the process of stirring the young minds for working towards developing Patriotism and Nation Building amongst general masses and also for facilitating awareness on National Flagship programmes for Nation Development. Declamation contests provided youth an opportunity to exhibit their presentation skills and art of speaking in public on one hand and created the desired environment among the entire youth community on the other by sparking healthy positive conversation among youth in India and also activated Social Media, yield potential Youth Leaders for awareness creation, popularization and facilitate implementation of National Flagship Programs of Government of India and further ignite Nationalism. It also facilitated them to develop and refine their leadership qualities. It created very positive environment and opened vistas for healthy debate on Patriotism & Nation building thus inculcating the spirit of Patriotism and Nationalism amongst the youth.

Data on Declamation Contests at Block, District and State Levels on Patriotism and Nation Building across India							
Sl. No.	States	Block Level Contest		District level Contest		State level Contest	
		Number of Block	No. of participants at Block level contest	No. of Districts	No. of participants at District level contest	Date of State level contest	No. of participants at State level contest
1	Andhra Pradesh	76	884	8	259	20.12.2017	8
2	Assam	148	961	18	316	30.12.2017	17
3	Bihar	393	4716	29	1868	28.12.2017	24
4	Chhattisgarh	39	243	5	78	-	-
5	Delhi	-	-	6	-	-	-
6	Gujarat	-	-	10	-	-	-
7	Haryana	83	977	14	299	08.01.2018	14
8	Himachal Pradesh	68	1025	9	204		9
9	J&K	48	430	5	189	18.12.2017	3
10	Jharkhand	108	1631	11	247	29.12.2017	-
11	Karnataka	91	769	16	175	06.01.2018	-
12	Kerala	90	323	11	158	23.12.2017	11
13	Madhya Pradesh	130	-	22	-	-	-
14	Maharashtra	295	1475	27	290	19.12.2017	23
15	Manipur	-	-	7	-	-	-
16	Meghalaya	-	-	2	15	14.12.2017	2
17	Mizoram	8	27	2	18	14.12.2017	2
18	Nagaland	-	-	2	-	-	-
19	Odisha	103	4060	11	515	22.12.2017	10
20	Punjab	80	540	12	150	22.12.2017	11
21	Rajasthan	162	1715	22	349	-	22
22	Sikkim	8	43	1	24	15.12.2017	11
23	Tamil Nadu	147	621	23	469	16.12.2017	21
24	Telangana	33	238	6	55	19.12.2017	5
25	Tripura	21	141	3	42	23.12.2017	3
26	Uttar Pradesh	393	5659	41	1062	22-23 Dec 2017	37
27.	Uttarakhand	34	130	6	69	22.12.2017	6
28.	West Bengal	627	2289	22	327	03.1.2018	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3185</b>	<b>28897</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>7178</b>		<b>259</b>