Youth Partnership in Ganga Rejuvenation Mission

an initiative of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India

In collaboration with

National Mission for Clean Ganga Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Govt. of India

Genesis and Vision

 'It's my destiny to serve Maa Ganga' said Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India while addressing audiences on the banks of River Ganga at Varanasi after he got elected in May 2014 to Parliament

 Addressing the Indian community at Madison Square Garden in New York in 2014, the Prime Minister said, "If we are able to clean it (*Ganga*), it will be a huge help for the 40 per cent population of the country. So, cleaning the Ganges is also an economic agenda."

Goal

- Contribution towards abatement of pollution of river Ganga
- Conservation through youth and public participation
- Promotion of National Integration (Sab Ka Sath Sab Ka Vikas)

Objectives

- Develop a Cadre of trained and motivated local youth to take up project activities
- Create awareness and educate target audiences about the consequences and impact of polluted Ganga
- Sensitize and mobilize support of people of all walks of life pertaining to prevention of pollution of the river Ganga and measures for its conservation.
- Provide information on existing government programmes pertaining to construction of toilets, water harvesting & conservation etc. for clean Ganga.

Focus Areas

- Education and Awareness Generation for Swachh Bharat
- Undertaking Cleanliness Drives
- Plantation Drives for medicinal plants and native tree species
- Motivation for making Villages Open Defecation Free
- Monitoring of illegal activities along the banks of River Ganga.

Coordinating and Support Agencies

- Respective State Government and District Administration Departments
- Water and Sanitation
- Public Health
- Forests
- Agriculture and Horticulture
- Universities, Institutes
- Local Religious & Political Institutions and Leaders
- NGOs
- Municipalities
- Gram Panchayats
- Youth Clubs and
- Other who can extend support in achieving the goal of the project

Target Audiences

- Adolescents, youth and their peer groups
- Village communities
- Spokespersons
- Local youth & women groups
- Religious & Political leaders

Geographical Coverage

State wise number of Districts, Panchayats and Villages

Sr. No.	State	No. of Districts	No. of Blocks	No. of Gram Panchayats	No. of Villages
1	Uttarakhand	3	10	42	64
2	Uttar Pradesh	17	78	783	1023
3	Bihar	5	36	171	687
4	West Bengal	4	95	207	562
5	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0
Total		29	219	1,203	2,336

Timeline:3 years from the date of release of funds to NYKS

Financial Support: Rs 10 Crore from NMCG

Activities and Implementation Strategies

Phase - I. Establishing Project Implementation and Management Team

1. (a) Project overall Supervision and Monitoring Body at National Level

- Director General, NYKS.
- Executive Director, NYKS
- Directors/Joint Directors, NYKS Hqrs.Program & Projects, Finance Budget

and Accounts, Personnel, Media sections.

One National Program Officer, One Project Assistant, One Data Entry
 Operator at NYKS Hg

2. State Level

- 04 State Directors and 04 Deputy Directors Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar, West Bengal and, NYKS overall supervisory officers at state level.
- 01 State Project Officer (SPO) to be deployed in Uttar Pradesh (As there are 17 district which are to be monitored and reported
- 1 Project Assistant– to be deployed in each of 4 states.

3. District Level

- 29 Full Time District Youth Coordinators, NYKS
- **29 District Project Officers** will be selected and deployed.
- Spearheaded Campaign Team Pool of 50 artists, motivators, eminent persons and activists who can participate, motivate & help in implementation of programme will be selected in each district.

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4. Cluster of Panchayats and Village level - Ganga Vahini Youth Motivators (GVYM)

- 23,360 Ganga Vahini Youth Motivators will be selected in consultation with village based Youth Clubs (10 in each of the 2,336 villages)
- The youth under this category would be drawn from their respective Panchayats and local villages
- They will work on voluntary basis.

Phase - II. Selection, Capacity building, Orientation Training and Workshops

- **1. National Level**
- National level Project Orientation, Training cum Planning workshop with NYKS State Directors, Deputy Directors and selected districts' Youth Coordinators

2. Regional level

 02 Regional level four days Brainstorming, Orientation Training cum Media Workshop of 29 District Youth Coordinators and 29 District Project Officers and 1 State Project Officer (for UP only) and 1 Project Assistant in all selected states (for UP only) for establishing strategies and developing Action Plan for Implementation.

3. District Level

Spearhead Campaigners Teams Training Workshops –Cultural Rejuvenation & Motivation

In each of the 29 districts, 50 enthusiastic, educated youth and who have proven background of presenting culture programs and Nukkad Nataks would be imparted seven days training

4. Village level Youth Volunteers Training

 2 day Training of 23,360 youth volunteers (10 each of 2336 villages) will be oriented/trained and motivated to voluntarily undertake project activities in their respective Villages. Each training would be of in which 50 youth would participate. There will be a total of 467 trainings with 50 youth each in 4 States. Phase - III. Environment building, Community Mobilization, Sensitization and Advocacy

- **Regular meetings** in all 2336 project villages will be conducted with some core agenda
- 29 District Conventions to sensitize all categories of stakeholders
 Total 5,800 participants (200 from each district).

Phase - IV. Field level set of Activities, Cultural Rejuvenation & Motivation

(1) Mass Communication and Public outreach activities in 2336 Villages as well as Cultural Rejuvenation & Motivation

1. Organizing Awareness and Educational Program

- Educate target audience with **Key primary messages**
- Theme Based Songs and Nukkad Nataks-Traditional, and other preferred/liked locally
- **Prabhat Pheri, Rallies** Candle/Deepak Marches, Cycle Rallies for Mass Awareness Generation, Educational & Motivational Campaigns & IEC
- Telling Stories and Case Studies on Overcoming and Refraining from spoiling Ganga River

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- **Oath Taking** Ceremonies on different occasions
- Public Lectures by Experts and distribution of IEC material
- Holding of Theme based street plays and cultural programmes
- Painting **competitions** at school and village
- Slogan& essay writing competitions at village and school
 /college level
- Exhibitions, Presentation of Films and Documentaries

2. Community Work Camps (Shram Daan) - Demonstration Activities

The members of Youth Clubs would be motivated to undertake Special Cleanliness Drive in their respective areas. Cleaning Drive includes:

- **Plantation** of native tree species in each Gram Pnchayats and medicinal plants in Households in the targeted villages
- Eradication of weeds campaign
- Collection of polythene bags and plastic material for disposal,
- Cleanliness Drives of streets, common places, cremation grounds, Schools, Hospitals, Statues

3. Press, Social Media and Publicity

Phase V. Monitoring and Evaluation, Documentation and Report Writing

- Mid Term Evaluation of the project
- End term Evaluation of the project
- Impact Assessment

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