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To: All State Directors, NYKS

From: Prabhat Kumar, Joint Director (Prog.), NYKS

Subject: Identification and Selection of Participants from NYKS for 26th National Youth Festival-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that Deptt. of Youth Affairs is all set to organize the **26th National Youth Festival from 12th January to 16th January, 2023 to be held at Hubballi-Dharwad (Karnataka)** in the most befitting manner with the active support, cooperation and participation of States, NYKS and NSS.


2. National Youth Festival is very important event of Deptt. of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GOI and therefore, its success to a large extent depends on the quality of young participants who will participate in the event and also utilize the platform for their knowledge enhancement and learning.
3. Vide a letter of NYKS HQ, sent to the field offices on 23rd December 2022, it is quite evident that NYKS is the most important stakeholders of the upcoming 26th National Youth Festival. And therefore, proper identification and careful selection of participants for various designated events by NYKS during the NYF are extremely important and hence, all concerned need to take due diligence and adhere to the laid down criteria while selecting the participants.
4. As decided by the Deptt. of Youth Affairs, during the 26th NYF, **2,500 youth of NYKS** will participate. Out of which, **1,544 youth** will be selected through a screening process at District Level. **Each District will select 2-3 youth**. Interested youth should register themselves and fill in the prescribed form with requisite information in the enclosed **Annexure-1(A)** and submit the same to the concerned District NYK.
5. The remaining **956 participants** are those youth participants and National Youth Volunteers who will specifically participate in events such as **Non-competitive, Food Festival, Yuva Kriti, Young Artist Camp and Indigenous Games**.
6. The detailed state and event wise breakup of participation of 2,500 Youth from NYKS side is given at **Annexure-2** for your information, internalization and needful please.
7. While selecting the youth, it may please be ensured that –
 - Selected youth are from the 15-29 age group. The date of reckoning of age is **1st January 2023**.
 - They have not participated in the previous three National Youth Festivals.

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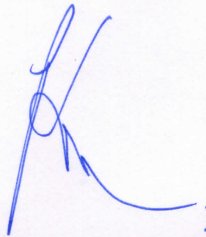
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- They should be pro-active and possess leadership quality and good communication skill.
 - They have neither criminal antecedents nor any criminal case pending in any court of law.
8. For screening of **1,544** participants, there will be a three Member Committee at District Level; the composition of the same will be as following:
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| • | District Youth Officer | Chairman |
| • | NSS Coordinator | Member |
| • | Distt. Sports Officer/TGT/PTI | Member |
9. All State Directors are required to go through the contents of various communications and letters very carefully, prepare check lists of **Do's** and **Don'ts** and make themselves fully abreast about the needs and requirements of the 26TH NYF. This should be followed by immediate circulation of this letter and related information among all Deputy Directors and District Youth Officers under your jurisdiction for initiating the process of selection of youth participants forthwith.
10. As conveyed by the Deptt. of Youth Affairs, participants are to be drawn from 757 Districts across the country which include 134 Non-NYKs Districts. Therefore, concerned State Director along with Dy. Directors and District Youth Officers should ensure that participants from each of these (as per the number shown in the Annexure-2) 757 Districts are duly represented.
11. In case of non-selection/less selection of required number of participants in the Districts), State Director of the concerned state will be at liberty to complete the target of required number of youth participants from any of the districts of the State. The information pertaining to the selected youth should reach to the undersigned by **29th December 2022** positively on **specialprogramme.nyks@gmail.com** in the enclosed format **Annexure 1(B)**. **But this should be taken only in case of exceptional situation not as general precedence/rule.**
12. **The Annexure-2** has also shown the state wise numbers of youth to be selected for events such as Yuva Kriti, Food Festival, Young Artists Camp and Indigenous Games. Therefore, concerned State Directors should immediately start the process along with their officials (Dy. Directors and District Officers).
13. NYKS HQ is in the process of developing specific guidelines for the above events which may take 2-3 days, meanwhile, all the **Nodal Officials of NYKS for 12 verticals** (Vide a letter dated 24th December 2022) for the successful organization of 26th NYF should immediately take up the process, develop understating and work out essential points of actions in respect of their specific responsibilities. Such preliminary exercise will provide hands on clarity and make you empowered to take up the given responsibility in confident and outcome oriented manner.


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14. All participants of 26th NYF must adhere to the COVID- 19 protocols and guidelines released by Govt. of India and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from time to time.
15. This letter is intended to start the process of selection of participants for 26th NYF. However, participants **SHOULD NOT BOOK** their tickets until further communication is received from NYKS HQ.
16. Time is too short and therefore, we all need to put up our extra efforts to ensure success of 26th NYF. Your suggestions and advises are welcome since ideas and guidelines are dynamic. Please come out with good and innovative ideas (for the designated activities which are to be undertaken by NYKS) so as to make our guidelines and SOPs more user friendly and workable.
17. In case of any clarification, **Shri Devendra Vyas (AD, Prog-9655281514)** or **Shri Suryakant Kumar (AD, Prog-9304347655)** may be contacted on specialprogramme.nyks@gmail.com.

With best wishes,


(Prabhat Kumar)
Joint Director (Prog.) 26/12/2022

Encl: as above

Copy to:

- PS to DG, NYKS
- Director (FB&A) and Nodal Officer, 26th NYF for information please.
- Director (GA) for information please.
- State Director, NYKS Karnataka
- All Regional Directors for information and follow-up please.
- Shri Pankaj Dhamija, Under Secretary, Deptt. of Youth Affairs and 26th NYF