



स्वायत्तशासी संस्था युवा कार्यक्रम एवं खेल मंत्रालय भारत सरकार an Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Government of India

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## From : Apoorva Shinde, Director (Prog.), NYKS Hqtrs

## To : All State Directors, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan

## Subject: Celebration of Panchayati Raj Day on 24th April, 2022- regarding

## Sir/Madam,

The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 that came into force with effect from 24th April, 1993 has vested constitutional status on Panchayati Raj institutions. This date thus marks a defining moment in the history of decentralization of political power to the grassroots level. The Government of India had decided to celebrate 24th April as National Panchayati Raj Day. Accordingly, the National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD) is being celebrated on 24 April since 2010 and has been part of NYKS Annual Action Plan under the Observance of Important Days and Weeks of National Importance.

This year also the National Panchayati Raj Day needs to be celebrated by all 623 district NYKs in a befitting manner. In this context, the following are the broad guidelines for compliance of field offices of NYKS:

- The District NYKs may organize/participate in events like Seminars/Symposia on Panchayati Raj system (Online/Offline) on April 24<sup>th</sup> in coordination with the Department of Panchayati Raj and other stakeholders at the District Level.
- 2. Similarly, NYVs may be directed to coordinate with the Block Panchayats for holding/participating in programs (Online/Offline) at block level with the support and participation of Youth Club Members, Youth Volunteers and others.
- 3. Wherever Youth Clubs are available, they may be motivated to coordinate with and participate in the National Panchayati Raj Day celebrations at the concerned Gram Panchayat.
- Knowledge Competitions like Essay Writing and Quiz Competitions etc. on Panchayati Raj may be organized in collaboration with Educational Institutions and NSS by mobilizing local resources and support.
- 5. Hall of Fame: Honoring of Veteran PRI Members of the District during the celebration of The National Panchayati Raj Day 2022.

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- 6. Experience sharing by current and former panchayat members may be organized and snippets propagated through Social media.
- 7. Wide and extensive Publicity through Doordarshan, All India Radio, Newspapers and Electronic Media need to be ensured for the activities taken up under the National Panchayati Raj Day 2022 in coordination with various agencies.
- 8. Social Media Publicity on Observance of National Panchayati Raj Day 2022 through Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram and YouTube needs to be taken up to highlight the achievements and importance of 73/74<sup>th</sup> amendments and PRIs since their inception.
- 9. The expenditure incurred under the organization of this program may be booked under the Observance of Days and Weeks Core Program of the Annual Action plan. As and when the AAP-2022-23 is approved the funds will be released. The budgetary pattern of previous year's Annual Action Plan for the organization of a Day under the head of Observance of Days and Weeks may be adhered.
- 10. The State Directors are directed to pass on this information among the DDs and DYOs under their jurisdiction for the immediate needful. They are also required to closely monitor the progress made by the Districts w.r.t to the organization of National Panchayati Raj Day 2022 and ensure smooth implementation of the program on the scheduled date.

As you may be aware that the Days & weeks are celebrated/observed to keep alive the spirit and essence of civic duty, patriotism and citizenship alive in the mainstream narrative. The celebration of Panchayati Raj Day is significant in this regard as it is a reminder of the ongoing decentralization of powers at the grass root level and thereby enabling the participation of the common man in the democratic process at micro level. You are advised to take necessary steps in this regard for making the program a grand success.

A reporting proforma (Annexure 1) on celebration of National Panchayati Raj Day is attached herewith. The same may be submitted to Shri Prabhat Kumar, Joint Director (Program Section) on <u>coreprogrammenyks@gmail.com</u> before 1 pm, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

With warm regards,

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CC to:

- PS to DG
- All RDs for information, continuous monitoring and follow-up