

Report on Nationwide Declamation Contest on Patriotism and Nation Building on the occasion of Republic Day Celebration, 2016

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 change some trend of reduced 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.

2. Objectives

- a) To strengthen the spirit of Nationalism and Patriotic feeling amongst youth and masses for enhanced participation in nation building.
- b) 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 & popularizing Flagship Schemes of Govt.

3. Implementing Agency

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) - its offices at National, State & District levels.

4. Funding Agency

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India

5. Target Group

Youth from all walks of life & sections of society in the age group of 18- 29 yrs

6. Level of Contests & Prizes

- Block level- Screening Contests without prizes
- **District Level** -1st Prize:- Rs. 5,000/-, 2nd Prize:- Rs. 2,000/-, 3rd Prize:- 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:- 1,00,000/- 3rd Prize:- 50,000/-, consolation prizes 2 @ Rs. 25,000/-

7. Time Line

October 2015 to January 2016 (**Date of National level Declamation contest - 20th January 2016 to 21st January 2016**)

8. Language of contest

Hindi and English

9. Implementation Strategies

The Declamation Contests were organized at four levels viz. at Block, District, State and National Level.

- At Block level youth in the age group of 18-29 yrs from respective block were shortlisted.
- At district level Declamation Contests the participants who were screened and shortlisted at block level were invited to take part.
- First Prize Winners from each district of states were invited at State Level Declamation Contest.
- All First Prize Winners of State Level were invited at National Level Declamation Contest..

10. Judges

Minimum three judges were selected for judging the performance of participants block, district and State level of Declamation Contest. The judges were renowned persons from the field of academics, history, development, youth work, social activists & mass media etc

11. The Programme:-

The Declamation Contests were organised at Block level, District level, State level and finally at National Level. Wide publicity & media coverage was

ensured for successful organization of the contests. People from all walks of life witnessed and encouraged the contests at each level at

The Declamation Contest was organised throughout India

- In 3377 Blocks with participation of 24198 participants,
- In 453 districts with participation of 5609 contestants,
- In 30 States with participation of 420 contestants and
- At National Level on 20th - 21st January, 2016 with participation of 27 contestants who were the 1st Prize winners of State/Zone level Contests.

The National level Declamation Contest on Patriotism and Nation Building on the occasion of Republic Day Celebration, 2016 was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan under the guidance of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India at Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on 20th -21st January, 2016.

Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India while inaugurating the National level Declamation Contest stressed the need of effective communication for Nation Development. At National level the contestant gave their best in the 10 minutes presentation before the august gathering and was appreciated by all present. Shri Rajeev Gupta, Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India presided over the inaugural function.

Major General Dilawar Singh, Director General, NYKS while welcoming the chief guest, dignitaries and participants in the National Level Declamation Contest gave clarion call to youth on character building, discipline, honesty, patriotism and innovating thinking.

Shri Ananth Kumar, Hon'ble Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt. of India was the Chief Guest in the concluding function. In his address he urged

upon the Youth for their personality development integrated with Nation Development.

Major General Dilawar Singh, Director General, NYKS presided over the function. In his presidential address he is stated that all persons who are thinking ahead of time and have innovative mind are the actual youth. He quoted Swami Vivekananda's teachings "Arise, Awake and Stop Not Till the Goal is Reached".

About 250 youth from NYKs, NSS and Bhartiya Vidhya Peeth participated in the function on 20th - 21st January, 2016.

The panel of seven judges evaluated the performances of the contestants and declared Mr. Bhimkirti Barse from Maharashtra as the first prize winner with Rs. 2,00,000/- followed by 2 second prize winners viz. Ms. Kalyani Kumari and Jharkhand and Mr. Prejish. A.P from Kerala with Rs. 1,00,000/- each. The third Prize Winner was Mr. Mishban Hanif from Manipur with Rs. 50,000/-. Mr. Zuber Ahmed from Jammu and Kashmir and Ms. Sneha Suresh Gauns from Goa bagged the consolation prizes of Rs. 25,000/- each. Certificates were given to all contestants.

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.