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Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme

The Viksit Bharat Yuva Connect Programme was successfully conducted in December 2025 with the objective of strengthening youth engagement and fostering a shared vision of a developed and inclusive India. A total of 39 programmes were organized, with the active participation of 39 institutions, reflecting widespread involvement and collaborative spirit.

The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from 6,077 students and youth, who engaged in discussions, awareness activities, and interactive sessions focused on nation-building, civic responsibility, and youth empowerment. The programme served as a dynamic platform to inspire young minds, promote leadership, and encourage meaningful contributions towards the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Sardar@150 Unity March (26th November – 6th December 2025)

The Sardar@150 Unity March was a landmark national initiative conducted from Karamsad to Kewadia, covering approximately 182 km, to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Organized under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports through the MY Bharat platform, the march brought together 150 dedicated Kayami Padyatris, symbolising unity, discipline, and national integration.

During the march, two State-level National Integration Camps and 92 Special Camps were organized along the route, engaging a total of 4,940 participants. These activities promoted the ideals of unity, patriotism, and social harmony, reflecting Sardar Patel's vision of a strong and united India. The Unity March served as a powerful platform to inspire youth participation in nation-building and to strengthen the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

Celebration of Veer Bal Diwas

Veer Bal Diwas was commemorated on 26 December 2025 with great reverence and national pride, honouring the supreme sacrifice and courage of the Sahibzadas. A total of 2,548 NSS volunteers from 51 institutions witnessed the Hon'ble Prime Minister's programme at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, organized by the Ministry of Women & Child Development.

In addition, Veer Bal Diwas was observed across all NSS Units nationwide, with volunteers participating in awareness activities, commemorative programmes, and discussions highlighting the values of bravery, resilience, and patriotism. The observance served as a meaningful reminder of the heroic legacy of the Sahibzadas and inspired youth to uphold the ideals of courage, sacrifice, and service to the nation.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, AHMEDABAD

150@Sardar Patel National Padyatra

The 150@Sardar Patel National Padyatra was a historic unity march organized to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the architect of India's national integration. The padyatra commenced from Karamsad, the birthplace of Sardar Patel, on 26th November 2025 and culminated at Ekta Nagar (Statue of Unity) on 6th December 2025, covering a distance of nearly 150 km.

During the National Padayatra , 2 National Integration Camps with 440 participants were organised by Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar , Anand and Shri Govind Guru University at Dabhoi. Further 92 Special Camps were organised along the route and about 15000 volunteers participated in the Ekta March

The march was Led by the Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, the padyatra saw enthusiastic participation from youth volunteers and citizens nationwide. The march symbolized national unity and patriotism, reflecting Sardar Patel's vision of a strong and integrated India while inspiring youth to contribute to nation-building.

Yuva Apada Mitra Training Programme

The Yuva Apada Mitra Training Programme was successfully conducted by the Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority (GSDMA) at various district-level training centres across Gujarat. A total of 1340 volunteers, along with Programme Officers from different districts, actively participated in the training with great enthusiasm and commitment. The programme focused on strengthening disaster preparedness and enhancing the emergency response capabilities of youth at the grassroots level.

During the training, participants received practical orientation in first response, rescue operations, and community-based disaster risk reduction. The programme equipped volunteers with essential skills to respond effectively during natural and man-made disasters. By training 1340 volunteers as Apada Mitra, the initiative empowered youth to act as responsible first responders and play a proactive role in disaster management, relief, and rehabilitation, reinforcing the spirit of service, resilience, and community safety.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, BANGALORE

HIV/AIDS Awareness Rally – World AIDS Day

GFGC for Women, Raichur, in collaboration with the Red Ribbon Club, organized an HIV/AIDS Awareness Rally on the occasion of World AIDS Day, observing the theme "Overcoming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS Response." The rally aimed to create awareness among students and the general public about HIV/AIDS prevention, early intervention, and the importance of informed health choices.

Through placards, slogans, and public interaction, participants highlighted the need to eliminate stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS and emphasized values of compassion, responsibility, and social inclusion. The programme encouraged collective action to support affected individuals and reinforced the commitment to building a healthy, aware, and inclusive society.

“Swachhata Hi Seva” Cleanliness Drive at Sri Revanna Siddeshwara Betta

The volunteers of SJR College of Science, Arts & Commerce, Bengaluru organized a “Swachhata Hi Seva” cleanliness drive at Sri Revanna Siddeshwara Betta, Ramanagara, with the objective of promoting cleanliness and environmental responsibility. The volunteers actively cleaned the surrounding areas and nearby water bodies, contributing to the preservation of this important religious and tourist place.

During the activity, volunteers also interacted with tourists and devotees, spreading awareness about the importance of cleanliness, hygiene, and sustainable practices. The initiative reinforced the message of Swachh Bharat and highlighted the role of youth in protecting the environment and building a clean, healthy, and responsible society.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, BHOPAL

National Integration Camp 2025–26

The National Service Scheme (NSS), Regional Directorate Bhopal (M.P.–Chhattisgarh) successfully organized a 7-day National Integration Camp 2025–26 from 17 to 23 December 2025 at the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITDM), Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.

The camp brought together 200 selected NSS volunteers and 10 Programme Officers from NSS-affiliated universities representing 12 states, fostering a spirit of unity in diversity. Organized under the theme "Atmanirbhar Bharat – Viksit Bharat @2047, Ek Bharat – Shreshtha Bharat," the camp emphasized national integration through India's rich cultural heritage and folk traditions. Participants actively engaged in a wide range of creative and cultural activities, including folk dances (solo and group), folk and patriotic songs, literary events, and cultural performances. The camp served as a vibrant platform for cultural exchange, mutual understanding, and the strengthening of national unity among youth.

Blood Donation Camp

A special Blood Donation Camp was organized at D.P. Vipra College of Education, Birkona, Koni, Bilaspur, affiliated to Atal Bihari Vajpayee University, Bilaspur, on 11th December 2025. The camp was conducted on the concluding day of the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit's activities and coincided with the observance of World Cancer Day, adding deeper social significance to the initiative.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from blood donors, who voluntarily came forward to donate blood and support this noble cause. The camp highlighted the spirit of service and compassion among NSS volunteers and donors, reinforcing the importance of blood donation in saving lives and supporting patients in need. The initiative reflected the NSS commitment to social responsibility, health awareness, and humanitarian service.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, BHUBANESWAR

Interaction with NSS & MY BHARAT Volunteers at Central Sanskrit University, Puri.

The Youth Leadership Training (YLT) 2025 programme featured an inspiring interaction with Dr. Pallavi Jain Govil, Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, on 19 December 2026 at the Central Sanskrit University, Sri Sadashiva Campus, Puri, Odisha. The session provided NSS volunteers with valuable insights into leadership development and youth participation in nation-building.

During the interaction, Dr. Govil emphasized the significance of the MY Bharat Portal as a dynamic platform for empowering youth, enhancing civic engagement, and nurturing leadership qualities. The programme motivated NSS volunteers to actively leverage digital initiatives, contribute meaningfully to national development, and emerge as responsible leaders of tomorrow.

Youth Leadership Training Camp

The NSS Bureau of KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, successfully organized a three-day Youth Leadership Training Camp at the university campus. The programme witnessed the active participation of around 120 NSS volunteers and 8 NSS Programme Officers.

The training camp focused on developing leadership qualities, teamwork, and a sense of social responsibility among the volunteers. Through interactive sessions and activities, the programme strengthened the capacity of young leaders to contribute effectively to community service and nation-building initiatives.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, CHANDIGARH

"Nari" Programme on Women's Health and Empowerment

The NSS Department of Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab, successfully organized the "Nari" programme in its adopted village, Nangal Majha, with a strong focus on women's health, hygiene, and empowerment. The initiative aimed to create awareness and foster informed discussions on issues related to menstrual health and overall well-being.

Volunteers actively interacted with village women, distributed sanitary pads, and conducted awareness sessions on menstrual hygiene, helping to dispel myths and break long-standing social stigmas. The programme encouraged open dialogue, promoted self-care and dignity, and empowered women with essential health information.

Anti-Chitta Awareness Walkathon

On 1st December 2025, an Anti-Chitta Awareness Walkathon was organized by the Himachal Pradesh Police at Dharamshala to combat drug abuse in the state. The walkathon was flagged off by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu from Dari Ground and concluded at the Police Ground.

Volunteers from Government Degree College Dharamshala and the Central University of Himachal Pradesh participated with great enthusiasm, carrying placards and spreading messages for a drug-free and healthy society. The event highlighted the vital role of youth in raising awareness and collectively working towards a safer, addiction-free Himachal Pradesh.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, CHENNAI

Constitution Day Pledge Programme

The NSS Unit of R.B. Gothi Jain College for Women, Redhills, Chennai, organized the Constitution Day Pledge on 26 November 2025 with the objective of creating awareness about constitutional rights and duties among students and citizens. The programme was conducted on the college campus with enthusiastic participation from the academic community.

The Principal, Vice Principal, NSS Programme Officers, teaching and non-teaching staff, and students actively took part in the event. All participants solemnly administered the pledge, reaffirming their commitment to uphold the core constitutional values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. The programme successfully highlighted the significance of understanding and respecting the Constitution and inspired students to emerge as responsible, informed, and conscientious citizens.

District Level Youth Festival – 2026

The Pudukkottai District Level Youth Festival – 2026 was successfully conducted at J.J. College of Arts and Science, bringing together vibrant and talented youth from across the district. The programme was presided over by Dr. S. Kavitha, Trustee, while Dr. J. Parasuraman, Principal, delivered the felicitation address, encouraging students to actively participate and showcase their talents.

The festival was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Dr. A. Palanisami, Professor and Head, Department of Physical Education and Yoga, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and served as a dynamic platform to promote cultural expression, creativity, leadership, and youth empowerment, fostering confidence and unity among young participants.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, DELHI

Donation Drive at Sweet Home Anathalaya

The NSS Unit of Universal Public School organized a meaningful Donation Drive by visiting Sweet Home Anathalaya, extending care and support to the children residing there. As part of the initiative, students distributed stationery, raw food items, clothes, and other essential supplies, bringing joy and comfort to the beneficiaries.

The activity played a vital role in nurturing a sense of service, empathy, and social responsibility among the students. Through such compassionate outreach programmes, the school continues to instill humanitarian values in young minds and remains committed to participating in community service initiatives that contribute positively to society.

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar & Veer Bal Diwas Celebration

The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar and Veer Bal Diwas Celebration was observed with great pride and inspiration at Vigyan Bhawan and Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. NSS volunteers from various schools across the Delhi NCR region witnessed the prestigious event, which highlighted the extraordinary achievements, courage, and resilience of children and young achievers.

The programme served as a powerful platform to honour exemplary acts of bravery and excellence while commemorating Veer Bal Diwas, paying tribute to the courage and sacrifice of the Sahibzadas. The event inspired NSS volunteers to imbibe values of courage, dedication, patriotism, and service, motivating them to contribute meaningfully to nation-building and social development.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, GUWAHATI

North East NSS Festival at Assam University, Silchar

The North East NSS Festival was successfully celebrated at Assam University, Silchar, bringing together around 300 NSS volunteers from various states of the North Eastern region. The festival served as a dynamic platform for youth engagement, learning, and cultural exchange.

The programme featured a diverse range of activities, including youth interaction sessions, cultural exchange programmes, a session on MY Bharat, leadership and personality development workshops, and community-oriented initiatives. These activities enabled volunteers to share experiences, appreciate the rich cultural heritage of the North East, and strengthen bonds of unity and cooperation.

The enthusiastic participation of volunteers reflected the true spirit of the National Service Scheme, reinforcing values of service, national integration, and youth-led nation-building while celebrating the region's diversity and collective strength.

Clean Mission Drive at Doyang Hydro Project, Nagaland

The NSS unit of Bailey Baptist College, Nagaland, actively took part in a Clean Mission Drive at the Doyang Hydro Project, demonstrating commendable dedication towards environmental protection. With great enthusiasm, the volunteers cleaned the surrounding areas, collected waste, and spread awareness on the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment.

The drive reflected the volunteers' strong sense of community service, teamwork, and social responsibility. Through this meaningful initiative, the NSS team reinforced the values of environmental conservation and responsible citizenship, making the cleanliness drive both impactful and inspiring.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, HYDERABAD

Pulse Polio Awareness Programme

The NSS Units of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University and Acharya Nagarjuna University, Andhra Pradesh, actively participated in the Pulse Polio programme, reaffirming their commitment to public health and social welfare. NSS volunteers, in coordination with programme officers and government officials, played a key role in spreading awareness about the importance of administering pulse polio drops to children.

As part of the initiative, volunteers assisted parents and the general public at vaccination booths set up in public places and took part in well-organized awareness rallies. The programme, conducted in the presence of district and university officials, highlighted the collective effort to safeguard children's health and contribute towards a polio-free society.

Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme at Osmania University

The NSS Units of Osmania University actively participated in the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme (YAMS), organized by the Government of Telangana at the RCUES campus, Hyderabad. As part of the programme, the Disaster Response Team of Telangana provided hands-on training to the volunteers, teaching them the use of disaster response equipment and effective techniques to act during emergencies.

This training equipped NSS volunteers with valuable skills to assist society during natural or man-made disasters. By empowering the youth with practical knowledge and preparedness, the initiative reinforced the spirit of community service, responsibility, and readiness to serve in times of crisis.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, JAIPUR

One-Day "My Bharat" Training Workshop at Government College, Kota

A one-day My Bharat portal training workshop was successfully organized at Government College, Kota, bringing together NSS Programme Officers from 20 colleges and 2 universities. During the workshop, participants learned to create and manage knowledge institutions, organize events, and publish ELPs (Experiential Learning Programmes) on topics such as Cyber Security.

The workshop provided an excellent platform for NSS coordinators to enhance their digital skills, promote effective use of the My Bharat portal, and empower students to engage in meaningful online learning initiatives.

National Integration Camp 2025

The National Integration Camp 2025 was successfully held from 25th to 31st December at S S Jain Subodh PG College, Jaipur, bringing together 200 NSS volunteers and 10 Programme Officers from 11 States and Union Territories. Themed "Atmanirbhar Bharat – Viksit Bharat", the camp aimed to promote national unity, self-reliance, and social harmony among the youth.

The camp was inaugurated by Shri Rajeshwar Singh, Retd. IAS, Chief Election Commissioner of Rajasthan. The valedictory function was graced by Hon'ble Speaker of Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha, Dr. Vasudev Devnani. Through workshops, discussions, and cultural activities, the camp provided a platform for volunteers to exchange ideas, develop leadership skills, and strengthen their commitment to nation-building.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, KOLKATA

Magic Box Initiative 2025 by Bhawanipur Education Society College

The NSS Unit of The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata, organized the Magic Box Initiative 2025 on 23rd December at Nisvo Hindi Vidya Mandir, Belur, a school supporting underprivileged children. The initiative aimed to inspire, encourage, and spread joy among the students while promoting meaningful learning and engagement.

Volunteers actively participated in interactive sessions, engaging closely with the children through fun and educational activities. The programme not only boosted the students' confidence but also created an inclusive and friendly environment, reflecting the spirit of service, empathy, and social responsibility among the volunteers.

Volunteers Support Local Farmers Through Hands-On Agricultural Service

The NSS Unit of Raidighi College, S 24 PGS, showcased their spirit of selfless service by assisting local farmers in agricultural activities. Volunteers actively participated in sowing seeds, harvesting crops, and supporting day-to-day farm work.

Beyond physical assistance, the NSS team engaged with the farmers, learning about various agricultural practices and techniques. This hands-on experience not only strengthened the bond between the volunteers and the local community but also promoted understanding of sustainable farming, teamwork, and social responsibility.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, LUCKNOW

One-Day Workshop on Youth Engagement for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis

A one-day workshop on Youth, Engagement, Strategy for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis (Y.E.S for E.L.F) was organized by PCI India in collaboration with the Regional Directorate of NSS Lucknow on 16th December 2025 at The Regnant Hotel, Lucknow.

The workshop brought together 10 Programme Coordinators and 64 Programme Officers from 48 districts of Uttar Pradesh. Participants engaged in sessions focused on strategic planning, youth participation, and community mobilization to eliminate lymphatic filariasis. The programme provided a platform to enhance awareness, strengthen coordination among NSS functionaries, and empower volunteers to play a proactive role in public health initiatives.

District Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026

The NSS Cell of Dronacharya Group of Institutions, Gautam Buddh Nagar, UP, organized the District Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026 on 19th December 2025. The event was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Sanjay Mayukh (MLC & National Co-Media In-charge, BJP) and Guest of Honour Mr. Aniruddha Pratap Singh (BJP Spokesperson).

During the session, young leaders simulated a real parliamentary environment, engaging in debates on democracy, civil liberties, and constitutional responsibilities with remarkable confidence and clarity.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, PATNA

District level Youth Parliament organised in Bihar State.

The NSS Unit of S. Sinha College, Aurangabad, Bihar successfully organised the District Level "Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026" for Aurangabad District, providing a vibrant platform for youth to engage in constructive dialogue on nation-building. The programme aimed to encourage democratic values, leadership skills, and informed participation among young citizens, aligning with the vision of a developed and self-reliant India. Students from various institutions actively participated, presenting thoughtful views on contemporary social, economic, and national issues.

The Youth Parliament witnessed enthusiastic involvement, disciplined deliberations, and meaningful discussions, reflecting the growing awareness and responsibility among the youth of the district. Through this initiative, the NSS Unit reaffirmed its commitment to empowering young minds and nurturing future leaders who can contribute positively to the progress of the nation.

World Human Rights Day

On the occasion of World Human Rights Day, the NSS Units of B.N.M.V. College, Sahugarh, Madhepura, Bihar and Marwari College, Bhagalpur, Bihar organized a series of awareness activities to promote understanding of human rights and civic duties among students. At B.N.M.V. College, an awareness rally and an oath-taking programme were conducted to sensitize participants about fundamental human rights, equality, and social justice. Students actively participated in the rally, conveying messages of dignity, freedom, and respect for all.

Similarly, the NSS Unit of Marwari College, Bhagalpur organized a seminar along with an oath-taking programme focusing on human rights and civic responsibilities. The seminar provided valuable insights into the importance of protecting human rights in daily life and strengthening democratic values.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, PUNE

Special Winter Camp initiative

Under the Special Winter Camp initiative in adopted villages, volunteers across Maharashtra actively participated in environmental conservation by constructing earthen bunds and small check dams. These structures help recharge groundwater, prevent soil erosion, and improve water availability for agriculture, promoting sustainable rural development.

The hands-on activities demonstrated the volunteers' dedication to water conservation, ecological balance, and community welfare. Their collective effort highlights how youth-led initiatives can make a meaningful impact in creating a greener and more sustainable future.

World AIDS Day 2025

On World AIDS Day, NSS volunteers across Maharashtra and Goa organized awareness activities to educate rural communities about HIV prevention, care, and social responsibility.

Through padayatras, rallies, street plays, poster-making, and awareness pledges, volunteers effectively communicated messages on HIV transmission, early testing, and the importance of eliminating stigma. These initiatives highlighted the power of youth engagement in promoting public health, compassion, and informed understanding, making a meaningful impact on community awareness and welfare.

REGIONAL DIRECTORATE OF NSS, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

International Nature Film Festival 2025

The State NSS Office, in collaboration with the Jayaraj Foundation, successfully organized a two-day International Nature Film Festival at Marian College, Kuttikkanam, under MG University, Kerala. The festival aimed to promote environmental awareness, creativity, and responsible citizenship among NSS volunteers through the medium of films.

A total of 132 volunteers produced short and documentary films on nature, biodiversity, and conservation, which were screened over two days to around 500 participants. The event provided a platform for learning, discussion, and sharing perspectives on environmental issues. The festival concluded with a valedictory session and awards ceremony, recognizing outstanding films and contributions, and inspiring volunteers to use cinema as a tool for environmental advocacy.

Volunteers Support Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Survey in Kerala

As part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) survey for Local Body Elections, NSS volunteers across Kerala actively assisted the Election Commission in voter verification, data collection, and public awareness, ensuring smooth and effective implementation. Their dedicated service was officially appreciated for strengthening the democratic process.

Continuing the campaign, the NSS unit of the University of Calicut, in collaboration with the Electoral Literacy Club and District Election Department, organized a vibrant SIR Kite Festival at Kozhikode Beach in December 2025. The festival promoted voter awareness and youth participation in democracy, with colorful kite flying symbolizing citizens uplifting democratic values.

DIRECTORATE OF NSS, NEW DELHI