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**CONCEPT NOTE**

**YUVA SANGAM (Phase - III)**

An initiative by Government of India to strengthen people to people connect especially between youth belonging to various States.

# Introduction

Yuva Sangam is an initiative of Government of India which focuses on conducting exposure tours of the youths comprising mainly students studying in Higher Educational institutions (HEIs) & some off-campus youths from one state to other states & vice versa. It provides an immersive experience of various facets of life, development landmarks, recent achievements and a youth connect in the host state. During their visits, the youths will have a multi- dimensional exposure under five broad areas — **Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Paraspar Sampark (People-to-people connect), and Prodyogiki (Technology).**

In order to build empathy and strengthen people to people connect between youth of the eight NE states and those of the rest of the country, under this initiative of sustained youth exchange programme under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB), youths across various states will visit other states for a 5-7 days’ period in which they will get an immersive experience of various facets of the state they are visiting, and interact with the local youth. Similarly, youths from the NE states will visit other Indian states for a similar experience. The participating ministries of EBSB — M/o Education, Home Affairs, Culture, Tourism, Youth Affairs & Sports, I&B, Railways; and DONER having distinct roles and are responsible for implementation of their respective parts.

# Objective

To provide youths a multi- dimensional exposure under five broad areas — Paryatan (Tourism), Parampara (Traditions), Pragati (Development), Paraspar-Sampark (People-to- people connect) and Prodyogiki (Technology).

# Eligibility Criteria to Apply

All Indian Youths in the age group 18-30 years comprising mainly Students, NSS/ NYKS volunteers, employed/ self-employed persons, etc.

# General Guidelines

* Undergraduate (UG), Post-Graduate (PG), Ph.D. students & other youth will be considered for selection.
* The selection will be made keeping in view various parameters like equal representation of male and female, educational background, adequate representation from rural/ remote areas, inclusivity, representation from all sections of the society etc.
* The youth selected to participate in the Yuva Sangam, i.e. the delegates will be contacted by the Nodal Officers of Higher Education Institutions for all further correspondence.
* The applicant should be medically fit and able to travel.
* During the journey, the delegates will need to maintain decorum at all times.
* Delegates traveling in a group are expected to adhere strictly to the guidelines given by the coordinator of the group. Delegates must respect the cultural and ethnic sensitivities during the visit.