Highlights of Year End Review 2018 - Department of Youth Affairs (Ministry Of Youth Affairs & Sports)

What are the key schemes under the Department?

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- The Schemes of the Department of Youth Affairs have been consolidated and restructured into 3 compact schemes.
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- These are:
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1. Eight Schemes are merged into a new ‘umbrella’ Scheme called Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK).
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2. National Service Scheme (NSS)
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3. Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)
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What are the major programmes under RYSK?

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- **Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)** - NYKS is working to develop the personality of the youth and to engage them in nation-building activities.
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- NYKS has about 36 lakh youth enrolled through 1.6 lakh youth clubs. The activities involving youth volunteers of NYKS include -
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1. saplings planting, blood donations, basic vocations and soft skills programmes
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2. Youth Club Development Programmes, Sports Meets at Block level, District Youth Conventions
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3. Programmes to celebrate days of national and international significance - International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2018, National Unity Day and Run for Unity Programme
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4. Swachhta Programme for cleaning Schools, colleges, Hospitals and statues
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5. Water Conservation - awareness creation programmes, creation of new water bodies, maintenance of water sources
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6. Indradhanush Programme - children were immunized with the help of service providers
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7. Swachta Hi Sewa Campaign in East Champaran - Cleaning of Moti Jheel, Cleanliness drive to clean streets, Railway Station and common places
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8. Clean Ganga:
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i. NYKS is working with National Mission for Clean Ganga to spread awareness for cleanliness & sanitation in villages along Ganga River
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ii. Ganga Vriksharopan Saptah (Plantation Week) in selected blocks of 4 States of Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar and West Bengal
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iii. sapling planting in collaboration with Forest Department and National Mission for Clean Ganga
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9. Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat is being organized in Inter State Youth Exchange Programme in 15 pairing States
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10. NYKS was the major partner for implementation of Rashtriya Poshan Abhiyan Programme on nutrition
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11. NYKS has organised various programmes for Parakram Parv, 2018 to mark the Second Anniversary of Surgical Strikes
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12. Participation in Health Mela by NYKS volunteers

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- **International Cooperation** - The Department of Youth Affairs seeks to operate international Youth exchange programmes with various countries.
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- Exchanges between Youth Delegations were organised with Nepal, Tunisia, China, Argentina, S.Korea, and Palestine, Kyrgyzstan, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka.
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- Besides, Indian youth delegation has been at S.Africa for BRICS Youth Summit and Cambodia for 2nd International Youth Education and Cultural Festival.
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- **National Programme for Youth and Adolescent Development (NPYAD)** - This, along with other Schemes of the Ministry has been merged into one 'Umbrella Scheme', the RYSK.
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- It supports Government/non-Government organisations for undertaking activities for development of adolescent and youth.
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- Also, Youth Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas, North East Youth Festival are also held under this.
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What are the key activities under NSS?

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- National Service Scheme has about 4.13 million student youth spread over Universities, Colleges, Technical Institutions and Senior Secondary Schools across the country.
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- NSS has been working for development of personality and character of youth through voluntary community service.
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- Some significant initiatives/ achievements of NSS during the year are as follows:
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1. NSS has been restructured as a Central Sector Scheme with effect from 1.4.2016
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2. NSS Volunteers are also participating in Swachh Bharat Mission activities, International Day of Yoga, etc
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3. Participations include - health/eye/Immunization camps, Training on Self - Defence, awareness on GST and Digital payments,
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What role has RGNIYD played?

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- Training/capacity building/ workshop, conference and other programmes were organized with RGNIYD.
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- It covered NSS Officers, NYKS Officials, Faculty/ Teachers, Officials from State Govt. industries department & executives from NGOs etc.
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- ToT (Training of Trainers) programmes were also organized for NYKS, and other officials of NSS were trained.
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- RGNIYD also recently brought out the India Youth Development Index and Report - 2017.
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- RGNIYD is mandated to disseminate youth related information among the key stakeholders.
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- Accordingly, three Regional Dissemination Workshops on India Youth Development Index, besides other training programmes, were organised for the key stakeholders.
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- RGNIYD also facilitated other international programmes including
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i. Maldivian Youth Delegation Visit
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ii. Sri Lanka Youth Exchange Delegation Visit to RGNIYD

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iii. International Youth Exchange Programme between India-Sri Lanka
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iv. Entrepreneurship and Rural Development - An exposure visit for delegates from 19 Countries
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v. National Conference on Gender and Development
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- Besides, RGNIYD has funded 18 Major Research Projects and 8 Minor Research Projects to the various Universities/Institutes.
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