

Partnership of MY Bharat & SOUL

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Why in News?

Recently, the Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the SOUL to collaborate on knowledge sharing, capacity building, and youth leadership development.

- **My Bharat** - It is an autonomous body under the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, aimed to empower Indian youth.
- **SOUL** - School of Ultimate Leadership Foundation (SOUL) is a premier, privately funded leadership institution, established by a group of like-minded individuals.
- To promote leadership and empower relentless leaders with the values, experience, fellowship, and curiosity to advance public good.
- **Objectives of partnership** - To support 100,000 youth leaders in the **age group of 18 - 29 years** across India.
- **Implementation** - Through joint programs in governance, public policy, social entrepreneurship, digital literacy, financial literacy, and other domains.
- **Timeline of MoU** - It is valid for **3 years**, and can be further extended with mutual consent.
- **Activities covered** - It provides design and delivery of leadership programs, organisation of conclaves & workshops, joint research, and capacity building of youth-serving organisations.
- **Participant Selection** - It follows a pan-India, inclusive approach to ensure representation from rural and urban areas, aspirational, tribal regions, women, and marginalised communities.

Key Activities

- Design, development, and delivery
- Organisation of youth conclaves, seminars, workshops, and fellowships
- Capacity building
- Joint research and policy advocacy
- Dissemination of best practices
- Exchange of trainers, resource persons, and expertise
- Development and sharing of training materials, curriculum, and assessment tools.
- Networking events
- Online quiz and selection process

Reference

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