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Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK)

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- **The Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram was launched -t**he Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for adolescents, in the age group of 10-19 years, that would target their nutrition, reproductive health and substance abuse, among other issues.
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- The key principle of this programme is adolescent participation and leadership, Equity and inclusion, Gender Equity and strategic partnerships with other sectors and stakeholders.
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- The objectives are improve nutrition, improve sexual and reproductive health, enhance mental health, prevent injuries and violence and to prevent substance misuse.
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- It introduces community-based interventions through peer educators, and is underpinned by collaborations with other ministries and state governments.
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- Peer Educators (Saathiyas) act as a catalyst for generating demand for the adolescent health services and imparting age appropriate knowledge on key adolescent health issues to their peer groups. In order to equip them ‘Saathiya Salah’ Mobile App has been launched.
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National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)

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- NSFDC is an institution under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for financing, facilitating and mobilizing funds for the economic empowerment of persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes families living below Double the Poverty Line.
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- It provides concessional finance for setting up of self-employment projects and skill-training grants to unemployed SC persons living below Double the Poverty Line.
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- NSFDC finances income generation schemes for the target group through the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) nominated by respective State/UT Governments.
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BharatQR

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- It is the first common quick response (QR) code developed jointly by the four prominent card payment companies in the country — MasterCard, Visa, American Express and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) that runs RuPay cards.
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- It has been formed on the instructions of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
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- A QR code essentially is a label that can be read or scanned by a machine to access account details of a merchant to make online payments.
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- Apart from working as a common interface for the card platforms, BharatQR will also facilitate acceptance using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), and Aadhaar-enabled payments.
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