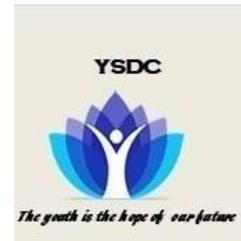


“National Integration & Youth Leadership Camp 2020”

R B Memorial School, PMGSY Road, Munshipara,
Po: Salkumarhat, Dist: Alipurduar, West Bengal – 736204
Date: 17th to 21st March 2020

Jointly Organize by:
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Introduction:

India is a diverse nation in terms of culture, language, religion, caste, people, cuisine and everything. So, after independence, national integration was one of the main tasks for the country. The concept became further important, as various states in India were formed in 1956 on the basis of languages. Moreover, some of the states like Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir even started asking to become a separate country though these were an integral part of India.

If we peep into the history of ancient India, then religion played an important role in uniting the people and the nation. Common devotion created the feeling of affinity that helped in the integration of the nation. Two main languages, Sanskrit and Pali, had also played the same role. But with the invasion of foreign rulers, more religions and languages got added in the country leading to much greater diversification than ever. Feelings of jealousy, and religion-based separation started raising its head and disturbed the country's unity. With the British rule came their 'divide and rule' policy. They created a difference between Hindu and Muslims on the basis of religion and that was the greatest setback to India's national integration. Along with this, just for the sake of rule, differences between rich and poor, rural and urban, upper and lower had also been created. But, in spite of all this, people were one and we got Independence because of our national unity.

After independence the government favored tolerance, secularism and national integration. The constitution of India tried its best to provide equal opportunities to its entire people irrespective of caste, religion, creed, place of birth etc. Hindi was made an official language of the country. In spite of all the efforts, still there is a gap and the spirit of unity is evaporating quickly. Loyalty to religion and language is more important than devotion to the motherland. The most serious threats to the national integration of India are – linguistic differences, communalism and regionalism. Also issues like intolerance and selfishness are acting as threats to unity.

How to promote National integration in India?

To achieve this goal, every citizen of India must first identify himself or herself as Indian not as Bengali, Punjabi, south Indian or north Indian. At present, the identification is on the basis of state, language, religion, caste and culture but not at all on the basis of country. Being Indian is our common identifies and we must say it proudly.

Communalism is the greatest challenge that divides our country. Communalism was greatly encouraged during British rule as they wanted to rule our country with their 'divide and rule' policy. Then in 1947, with the Partition, communalism played its ugly role again, killing thousands of innocent peoples. So, to

promote national integration and unity, one must leave communalism and think above his or her religion. We need to promote communal harmony.

Then we must understand that language is just a way to communicate but it is not meant to define any personality. I am born in a particular family so I have acquired all the traits of that family. But what if I were born in another family and another religion? I must have followed that faith and spoken that language. So, it is your birth that defines your religion, not you. We must respect each other's language and religion. Due recognition to several languages has been given by in our Constitution. But, we as individuals recognize just one language that we speak, ignoring all other languages. As a responsible citizen we must respect every language that is spoken in India

Since childhood, kids should be taught that they are Indians and deep sense of patriotism must be developed.

We must recognize that India is a diverse nation having different religions, languages, dresses, food, etc. To promote national integration in India, there should be a respect for diversity. All these are nothing but just people's mindsets. We think and act the way our society wants us to think and act. But all the societal dogmas need to be tackled and examined so that we can follow the right path. Education plays an important role in changing the mindset of the people. Along with education that is provided in schools, it is the duty of the parents to guide their kids in the right direction. Parental education needs to be monitored regularly. Parents must work on communal harmony and teach their kids the importance of national integration and unity.

National integration is actually a harmonious situation that binds the people of India together. The nation is built by its people so all the people must live in unity for the development of the nation as a whole. We must have a common identity, as Indians, to promote national integration.

National integration is a word that is popular and common among individuals especially whenever there are peace talks. However few people understand what national integration is and the many benefits that can be reaped from national integration. It is countries that have high levels of national integration that get to achieve high rates of developmental success.

National integration can be referred to as a feeling that citizens or individuals in a country have with regards to togetherness and oneness.

With national integration, people feel like they are one in a country despite their religious, social, racial, cultural or economic background. When there is national integration in a country, the individuals of that country are able to work together to achieve high rates of prosperity and development. It is a term that does not necessarily emphasize on national spirit but rather on working together as one.

Features of national integration:

- One of the features of national integration is **unity**. Unity in a country is where people join and come together to work for the common good of the country.
- **Social homogeneity** is also a feature of national integration. This is where people in a country see each other as equals despite their different social backgrounds.
- **National loyalty** is also a characteristic of national integration. This is where people love their country and they are devoted towards its growth.
- **Equal opportunities** are also a feature of national integration. People are given a chance towards getting equal opportunities despite their various differences.

Importance of National Integration

- National integration leads to the **development of national unity**. With national unity, people are able to come together despite their differences in terms of religion, race and culture.
- Another importance of national integration is that it leads to **promotion of patriotism**. Patriotism refers to when people in a country are able to remain loyal to their country and fight for their country.
- National integration also leads to **promotion of national peace**. Citizens in a country are able to work together despite their differences and this further leads to the growth of a country.
- National integration contributes to a country's **economic growth**. This is because peaceful coexistence among individual makes it easier for them to work together to grow the economy.
- National integration also leads to **political stability**. This is because of the elimination of fear that if someone from a particular race or religion got to be elected they would oppress the other people. National integration helps to get rid of this fear.
- Another importance of national integration is that it **gives a sense of national direction**. This is because the goals of a country are well defined and people can cooperate towards achieving these goals.
- National integration **promotes equality**. Every citizen in the country gets an equal chance when it comes to issues like employment, election, etc.

Factors promoting National Integration:

- **Cultural integration** is one of the ways in which we can promote national integration. This is where different groups of people in a country are recognized and interactions between these two groups are promoted.
- National integration can also be promoted through **education**. When people in a country are educated. They are better able to coexist together since they gain more knowledge of the benefits of working together as a country.

- When there is **fair distribution of national resources**, people in a country would be able to coexist peacefully since there would be no tussles over some people feeling like they are doing better than others.
- **National symbols** also promote national integration. National symbols include the national flag, national anthem etc. These symbols will promote unity among people and hence people will be able to work together towards development.
- **The constitution** will also foster national integration. This is because it clearly outlines the rights of people that will make them equal and hence enable them to work together.
- National integration is a factor that promotes peace in a country. There are many different groups of people that are present in a country and we have to ensure that all these group of people are able to coexist together.

Keeping the above in view, **National Youth Project** has started organizing programmes for youth's age group 15 to 35 years. The main problem before our nation today is the danger to its unity. We are a nation of diversities based on religion, region, language, culture, etc. When we look at the world scenario we find that many nations have split into pieces due to diversities much less as compared to us. In the circumstances it is very necessary that if we intend keeping India as a one nation we must imbibe the spirit of oneness in all minds of our citizens and wake them to the necessity of rising above the barriers. Needless to say it can best done at the adolescent or youth age, which is an impressionable period of life. Hence this programme.

It will be a national level activity. To make the event more useful we plan to invite various Resource Person from India and abroad. Youths of 15 to 35 years age group will be invited to participate from all the states of Indian Territory and youths of all community from the state of Arunachal Pradesh. Thus he /she will get a chance to live in an environment different from his own in culture, language and religion. It will help to remove the preconceived misunderstandings about each other. It will certainly way of inculcating the spirit of national integration and communal harmony in one's mind.

OBJECTIVES:

- To build and develop an environment which recognizes the special needs and promise of the youths in the country and provides for youth friendly services.
- To sensitize the stakeholders, i.e., parents, teachers, government functionaries, the media, the community, the youth as well as the youths themselves, about the needs, problems and promise of the latter through sustained awareness building and advocacy.
- To exchange of ideas and experiences and other appropriate activities.
- To provide the adolescents from different parts of the country and from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds common platform to interact with each other, know each other's customs and life styles.
- To work together in community welfare and in the process make them aware of the underlying unity amidst diversity.

- By living together in a camp, albeit for a limited period, the youths would develop better understanding of different perceptions, beliefs, faiths and life styles, which in turn would strengthen a secular and eclectic outlooks on their part.

ACTIVITY:

- Group discussions, debates, lectures, essay and elocution competitions on the theme of national integration and communal harmony.
- Community work, construction of road, lake, sanitary and other rural need based activities with mass literacy, anti-drugs, anti-AIDS, health awareness and environmental campaigns or Global Warming and such other activities.
- Reading and learning from scripture of various religions and books which inspire the promotion of national integration.
- Spiritual discourses
- Yoga and meditation.
- Work- camps in which the youth donate manual labour to create durable community assets.
- Seminars, discussions and informal meetings.
- Cultural programmes & visit to place of historical, cultural importance and village visits.
- Interaction with the general publics and villagers.
- Village visits, hiking, trekking, Jaldapara National Park visit and Bhutan visit

About National Youth Project & Youth Skill Development Centre:

The vast and multidimensional country India has glorious legacy of rich history minerals, forest and other natural wealth, beautiful rivers and mountains and talented citizens. The country still suffers from some shortcomings that are eating into the very vitals of its glory. The country's youths who are the future citizens, are naturally concerned with the state of affairs in their country. National Youth Project and YSDC have identified some priority problems and jointly working since long for solving these problems like:

- Forces that intentionally and unintentionally are causing the disintegration of the country.
- Widespread violence, criminalization of politics.
- Corruption in public and private life.
- Economic and social disparities.
- Poverty, unemployment, over population.
- Superstition, ignorance, illiteracy.
- Gender discrimination.
- Environmental problems.
- Drug addiction, alcoholism.

NYP & YSDC has been organizing camps regularly since then. Normally 200-500 young people participate in camp. A camp with 1000 campers was organized at Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh) in

2010 and another with 500 campers at Kalaktang and Lumla (Arunachal Pradesh). In Arunachal Pradesh itself camps were organised in Tenga Valley, Tawang, Namsai, Pasighat, Sille, Itanagar, Tezu, Chongkham, Nampong, Kalaktang, Hayulliang, Ziro and Naharlagun. In other parts of India NYP-AP organized camps at Doomdooma, Guwahati, Sibsagar, Kokrajhar, North Lakhimpur (Assam), Shillong, Nongpoh, (Meghalaya), Imphal (Manipur), Kohima (Nagaland), Aizawl (Mizoram), Ambasa (Tripura), Alipurduar, Matteli, Siliguri, Kalimpong, Gorubathan, Kolkata (West Bengal) Orcha (Madhya Pradesh) New Delhi (Delhi), Sonipat (Haryana), Mumbai (Maharashtra), Diu (Daman & Diu), Kullu (Himachal Pradesh) etc.

The camp routine is like:

- Wake up early morning and sing the youth song
- Work in community on a selected project.
- Learn each other's language.
- Talks and discussions.
- Play games suitable for India.
- Exchange talents with each other's.
- All religions prayers.
- Cultural programmes.
- Village visit during the camp.
- *Camps are usually for 5 to 7 days*

Though over the years the NYP has conducted hundreds of camps and other programme and more than 1000000 youths have got their benefit, the organization has very few whole time worker. The real strength of the movement is the many dedicated workers who volunteer time for every programme. Because we envisaged a movement spread all over the country, it can be done only through a band of dedicated workers, who work for their love of the mission and not for getting financial gains. These workers include college professors, peace researchers, school teachers, lawyers, social workers, business persons, house wives, freedom fighters and many others. Some retired persons are really helpful. Retired persons can render big service to Mother India by joining hands with the youth in constructive work.

In our country, as also elsewhere, normally the whole governmental and non-governmental machinery comes into play once violence occurs. But what is needed is to create an atmosphere in the country and in the world so that no such situation occurs at all. The youths after going through camps are trying to establish 'Sadbhavna Samitis' in villages and mohallas or localities in town. Citizens also could take the initiatives to constitute *Sadbhavna Samitis*. A minimum programme that *Sadbhavna Samitis* could do is to organize at least one all religions prayer meeting every month say on full moon day. Then, they could organize religious festivals of all religions in public, inviting people of other religions also for the programmes. In case of natural or manmade calamities youths force has shown to be most helpful. The need today is to have hundreds of youth camps and other programmes. In character formation, moral building sustaining dedication to the mission songs can be a motivating force.

THE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Date	Schedule	Programme
17/03/2020 (Tuesday)	Morning to 10.00 pm	Reception / Registration
	10.00 am to 12.00 am	Introduction of campers & brief meeting
	12.00 am to 1.00 pm	Lunch
	1:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Rest Personal Work
	2:30 pm to 5:00 pm	Inaugural Function
	5.00 pm to 5.30 pm	Tea & Snacks
	5:30 pm to 6:00 pm	All Religion Prayer
	6:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Cultural Programme
	8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Dinner
	9:00 pm to 10.00 pm	Group discussion
	10.00 pm	Lights out
18/03/2020 (Wednesday)	5:00 am to 5:15 am	Rise up call & youth song
	5:15 am to 6:00 am	Wash up
	6:00 am to 7:00 am	Yoga / Meditation / Exercise, etc.
	7:00 am to 7:15 am	Flag Salutation
	7:15 am to 8:00 am	Break Fast
	8.00 am to 9.00 am	Social Service
	9:00 am to 10:00 am	Bath, etc.
	10.00 am to 11.00 am	Classes
	11:00 am to 12:00 pm	Language exchange & Learning
	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch
	1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Rest
	2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Seminar
	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Games & Sports
	4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Tea Break
	4.30 pm to 5.30 pm	Talent exchange programme
	5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	All Religion Prayer
	6:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Cultural programmes
	8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Dinner
9:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Dairy writing / Group meeting	
10:00 pm	Lights out	
19/03/2020 (Thursday)	5:00 am to 5:15 am	Rise up call & youth song
	5:15 am to 6:00 am	Wash up
	6:00 am to 7:00 am	Yoga / Meditation / Exercise, etc.
	7:00 am to 7:15 am	Flag Salutation
	7:15 am to 8:00 am	Break Fast
	8.00 am to 9.00 am	Social Service
	9:00 am to 10:00 am	Bath, etc.
	10.00 am to 11.00 am	Classes
	11:00 am to 12:00 pm	Language exchange & Learning
	12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch
	1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Rest
	2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Class
	3:00 pm to 5:30 pm	Trekking to Jaldapara National park
	5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	All Religion Prayer
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Cultural programmes	

	8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Dinner
	9:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Dairy writing / Group meeting
	10.00 pm	Lights out
20/03/2020	5:00 am to 5:15 am	Rise up call & youth song
(Friday)	5:15 am to 6:00 am	Wash up
	6:00 am to 7:00 am	Yoga / Meditation / Exercise, etc.
	7:00 am to 7:15 am	Flag Salutation
	7:15 am to 8:00 am	Break Fast
	8.00 am to 4.30 pm	Bhutan Visit
	4.30 pm to 5:30 pm	Talent exchange programme
	5:30 pm to 6:30 pm	All Religion Prayer
	6:30 pm to 8:00 pm	Cultural programmes
	8:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Dinner & Camp fire
	9:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Dairy writing / Group meeting
	10.00 pm	Lights out
21/03/2020	5:00 am to 5:15 am	Rise up call & youth song
(Saturday)	5:15 am to 6:00 am	Wash up
	6:00 am to 7:00 am	Yoga / Meditation / Exercise, etc.
	7:00 am to 7:15 am	Flag Salutation
	7:15 am to 8:00 am	Break Fast
	8.00 am to 1.00 pm	Village visit and discussion with villagers
	1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Lunch
	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Valedictory Function
	4:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Tea and Snacks
	5:00 pm onwards	Departure

How To Reach ALIPURDUAR, West Bengal

1. **By Air:** Bagdogra Airport is the nearest air connection. Alipurduar is around 150 km away from Bagdogra Airport (IXB), Bagdogra, West Bengal. Borjhar Airport in Guwahati, Assam is about 300 km away.
2. **By Train:** There are regular trains from other major cities of the country to Alipurduar. Nearest Railway Stations are New Alipurduar (NOQ), Alipurduar Junction (APDJ).
3. **By Road:** Most of the private buses running from Alipurduar to Siliguri and Jalpaiguri as well as on the Cooch Behar-Siliguri and Cooch Behar-Jalpaiguri route. Alipurduar is around 136 km via National Highway from Siliguri.

Registration Process for National Integration & Youth Leadership Camp 2020:

- Please fill up the registration form and send to the Mail ID- ysdcgzd2017@gmail.com
- Bring a hardcopy of registration form along with parent consent form & three passport size photo & ID proof (Aadhar card).
- Please pay attention while filling registration form, information's are subject to certificate.
- Once the certificate are generated can't be changed in any circumstances.
- Delegates are requested to report at the venue on 17 March 2020
- For registration, fee must be paid before 29th February 2020.
- **Registration fee is Rs. 1500/- per participant.**
- Travel expenditure will be borne by the participants.
- Sight visit will be arrange by the organiser
- The participants would be provided free board and lodging facilities from **17- 21 March 2020.**
- No spot registration is allowed.
- Mention Your Name and state in message box during Payment.

NOTE: For registration and payment contact to

Youth Skill Development Centre (YSDC)

F II/ 1257, Gaur Homes Apartment,

Govindpuram, Ghaziabad - 201013,

Uttar Pradesh, India

Mobile: 8448193236, 8377884982

YSDC PAN: AAATY5911A

NITI Aayog Darpan Unique ID: UP/ 2019/ 0248825

Website: www.ysdcindia.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ysdcindia

Twitter: www.twitter.com/ysdc_india

YouTube: www.youtube.com/ysdc

Email: ysdcgzd2017@gmail.com

Payment method (BY NEFT, RTGS, IMPS):

Account Name: Youth Skill Development Centre

Account No: 15230200003040

Federal Bank, Connaught Circus BRANCH, New Delhi

Branch code: 7045

IFSC Code: FDRL0001523

Instructions to the delegates

1. Always wear National Integration & Youth Leadership Camp 2020 Identity card,
2. The volunteers should always keep one thing in mind that they're joining this camp as Social worker not as mere observers or tourist, so 100% participation is must.
3. Maintain high standards of discipline and have a responsible behavior as the camp is aimed at promoting volunteerism and citizenship.
4. Maintain punctuality and timings as per the programme schedule.
5. Do join all the activities of the camp and take keen interest in all opportunities provided to exhibit your talents.
6. Participants of various states are expected to present their cultural programs as per schedule/directions of cultural committee.
7. Medical facilities are available in the camp.
8. You are expected to have a good deal of integration and exchange of ideas about your state.
9. Don't damage any property and don't waste food and water.
10. Do not leave the campus without the permission of the camp officials.
11. Dress code for official banquets, dinners and events must be strictly followed. The delegation is expected to wear formal clothing. Shorts and other such informal clothing must be avoided.
12. Punctuality is an important aspect of all events. All the delegation members are required to attend all the meetings/programme. They should be ready for the next movement well on time without causing any delay to the group.
13. Don't forget to bring any routine medicine that you consume.
14. Be sure you're with all your cultural costume and musical instrument of your State to represent.

Note:- Outing time may change and many more places to visit can be added, subject to situation, the final program schedule will be provided to the volunteer after registration.

Your whole hearted co-operation is solicited to make the camp successful and memorable one.

For any queries kindly contact: **8448193236, 8377884982**

12. Details of any Academic or extracurricular (music/dance etc.) Awards/ Personal Distinction /Scholarship:

13. Languages (Indian/Foreign) known:

14. Whether worked with any youth related organization like NCC, NSS, NYKS, other (please specify) ANY DISTINGUISHED WORK DONE, if so, please state, clearly. (Max 150 words):

15. Number & nature of Camp attended of youth related organization like NCC, NSS, NYKS, other:

1. Are you interested to join our Organization as a Member?

Yes___/No___

2. If yes, which position will you prefer to join with us?

State director___

State Coordinator___

District program officer___

Volunteer___

DECLARATION

1. I hereby, declare that the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. I understand that I have to pay registration fee for National Integration & Youth Leadership Camp, which is not refundable.

Date of Registration:

Signature of Participant:

National Integration & Youth Leadership Camp

Date: 17th March to 21st March 2020

Place: Alipurduar, West Bengal

PARENT CONSENT FORM

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter..... to participate in the National Integration & Youth Leadership Camp 2020 jointly organised by National Youth Project – Arunachal Pradesh (NYP-AP) & Youth Skill Development Centre (YSDC) at Alipurduar, West Bengal, India.

I acknowledge that during the Programme my son/daughter will be responsible for their action and their personal belongings during the period of camp.

I further understand that in such circumstances if he/she causes any loses or damage to the property of organization that to I will be informed and that any costs associated with that will be my responsibility.

Parents/Caregivers Signature

Address.....

Telephone No.....

Date.....