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YOUTH POLICY OF GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

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Maharashtra State Youth Policy

The priority factors of Youth Policy

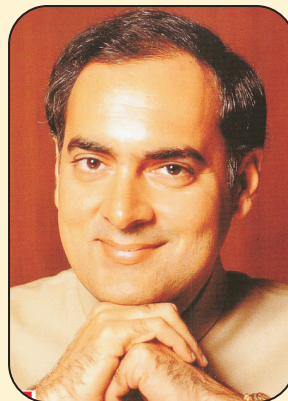
Considering the recommendations in the Youth Policy, it is necessary to plan effective remedies for the personality development of the youth in the state. The priority factors are listed as under -

S.N	Main Characteristics	Components
1	Establishment of Youth training centre	It is necessary to make the training centers functional for all-round development of youth. Establishment of Youth training center is to be done in every district under the supervision of state training center. Through these centers Youth Empowerment projects will be made functional.
2	Creation of Youth Hostels	- The youth has to go in urban areas for searching the opportunities for business, training, employment etc. For providing the basic facility to such youth, the state has decided to create Youth Hostels. In the first phase, these hostels will be created in the 6 revenue divisional headquarters. These hostels will be made functional at reasonable rates and the management of these hostels will be done under the supervision of Sports department. The plan will be prepared considering the expenditure for establishment and administration, availability of land and minimum facilities. - Wherever possible, some government / private buildings will be hired to make the hostels functional.
3	Youth Awards	For grandeur of the social work done by the youth, it has been decided to award such youth and the youth institutions at district and state level.
4	Youth Welfare Programs	- Organization of National integration camps, Youth exchange program, seminars, Guidance for competitive examinations, Personality development, Guidance for self-employment, will be organized. - For providing scope to the hidden talent in youth, organization of Youth festivals at district and state level. - Celebration of Youth day and Youth week.

5	Appointment of “Yuva Mitra”	For canvassing the youth welfare programs, for co-ordination between youth and youth clubs, for increasing the participation of youth in the administrative work the Yuva Mitra will be appointed at Taluka and District level on contract basis.
6	Other activities	- Development of website for providing the information related to youth, employment related activities etc. - Establishment of Skill Development centre in the state to upgrade the available skill in youth. - Implementation of Business education act. - Planning the telecast of best practices of youth on Doordarshan with Guidance, Counseling and inspiring programs for youth. - Organization of “Yuva Sahitya Sammelan” - Priority to the Youth institutes working for youth development at the Nagari Suvidha Kendra in the urban areas.

*I am a young person.....
..... I too have a dream.*

Rajiv Gandhi
7th Prime Minister of India
(1984 to 1989)



NECESSITY OF YOUTH POLICY

India is known as country of Youth as 40 percent of its total population is youth. In order to connect youth with the speed of globalization and to maintain proper balance, it is very much necessary to develop scientific approach, knowledge of geographical diversity, means of production, duties and responsibilities of citizens among them. We can improve the contribution of the youth in the development process of the State by proper management of man power i.e. Human Resources. Even though, State has developed many schemes for youth since last 60 years, now it is necessary to coordinate and improve the standard and coherence of these schemes. If we neglect the requirement of youth they will get frustrated of the existing system and their working power will not be positively used. It is essential to consider youth related problems, find their solutions and to make youth more efficient. To keep our State in the leading position, it is necessary to implement youth policy for strengthening efficiency of young persons. Youth policy is required to consider needs of young persons, future challenges and their expectations.

DEFINITION OF YOUTH

It is necessary to define youth for various recommendations and for proposed schemes of youth policy. Youth is defined as all people between the age group of 13 to 35 years. The age group of 13 to 19 years has been defined as Adolescence. This definition is similar to the definition of National Youth Policy; rather it is kept consonant with National Youth Policy so that youth of our State will also get benefit of the schemes of said Policy.

YOUTH GROUPS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHILE PLANNING POLICY

While planning the Policy, efforts have been made to touch the problems of all youth of the society divided into different sex, class, castes, creed, religion, language and region. While considering Tribal and Non-Tribal in the remote area, Youth of developing area where minimum facilities are available also considered. Taking into consideration the social condition of the country neglected young persons from minorities, backwards and other backward classes are thoroughly considered in Youth Policy of State. With the rapid urbanization in the state we observed grubby slums in the cities. Considering the problems of youth living in such localities and also the problems of highly qualified youth, efforts has been made to solve their problems. In spite of being main source of employment agriculture sector was ignored while framing different policies but in this policy youth working in the field of agriculture sector are also considered.

RIGHTS OF YOUTH

While involving youth in the process of development it is fair to define their rights as follows -

- ? Fundamental Rights as listed in the constitution of India.
- ? Right to participate in decision making process and program related to the implementation of social development schemes and projects.
- ? Right to education and skills on the basis of individual interest, ability and capacity.
- ? Right to availability of employment and creation of employment, right to choose occupation.
- ? Right to organize union of students and non student's youth and to control and manage such organization.
- ? Right to shelter, facilities of health and pollution free environment.
- ? Right to social justice and security from violence, inequality, exploitation and deception.
- ? Right to opportunities in the field of sports, art, entertainment, cultural and adventurous activities.

DUTIES OF YOUTH

Rights and duties are the two sides of a coin. Hence, while giving various rights to youth it is expected from youth to discharge following duties -

- ? To comply with fundamental duties mentioned in the Constitution of India.
- ? To behave in order to maintain peace, safety and sense of social bindings.
- ? To contribute in creation of the society which would be free from any violence, manipulation, crime and discrimination.
- ? To keep away from any kind of addiction.
- ? Ensure National Integrity by respecting our variety of culture, language, religion, region, fundamental rights and Independence of people belonging to all sectors of the society.
- ? Contribute in development of the Nation and State through national services and social work by self inspiration.
- ? Respect public property and the properties of others.
- ? Ensure environmental balance and natural wealth, secure and preserve it.
- ? Respect enriched traditions and knowledge of the Nation while accepting Global Technology.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

This youth policy will work as an instrument for fulfilling the hopes, ambitions and dreams of Youth. This Policy will give proper direction to the youth for their growth, progress and expectations. It is necessary to adopt certain principles to achieve specific goal in life. On these grounds following guidelines are decided while planning youth policy –

- ✍ **Gender equality** : Equal status and opportunities in all sectors without making discrimination of sex.
- ✍ **Youth participation** : Active participation of youth in all programs for their all-round development.
- ✍ **Comprehensiveness** : Equal opportunities to all youth, Right to live with dignity, the Marathi spirit global youth having Special focus on development of underprivileged groups in the field of education, physical, social, economic and cultural sector.
- ✍ **Acceptance of Diversity:** Acceptance and respect for cultural, linguistic, regional and religious diversity.
- ✍ **Eternal development** : Co-existence and harmony with the nature while fulfilling the needs of present generation and conservation of natural resources for future generations.
- ✍ **Responsibility** : Responsibility of the youth towards the society and responsibility of the society towards youth.

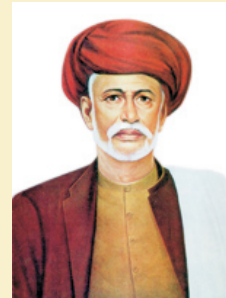
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IMPORTANT CONSTITUENTS OF THE POLICY TO MAKE YOUTH COMPETENT

• Education and Higher education • Employment and self employment • Environment protection • Art and culture • Citizenship • Adolescence /Teenage	• Training and skill development • Health and lifestyle • Sport and entertainment • Science and technology • Social security • Youth social credit index (social credit)
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Lack of education leads to lack of wisdom,
which leads to lack of morals,
which leads to lack of progress,
which leads to lack of money,
which leads to the oppression of the lower classes
See what state of the society one lack of education can cause!

Mahatma Jyotiba Phule



EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION



Education is an important and effective instrument for Human Resource Development. It is a crucial factor having great impact on the progress of Nation and State. Youth develop their thinking, working ability and positive attitude towards inspiration for future through education. Youth are fairly involved in the development of the Nation and education plays key role to create the sense of patriotism among the youth. Education acquaints youth with the culture and traditions of the state and to nurture and conserve it. Thorough attention will be given towards education in order to make our youth competent to face the new challenges of competitive world in the modern era.

Provide education to everyone is the Constitutional responsibility of the State. Education is the most important factor for economic and social reforms as well as to mould the splendid future of young generation. Not only higher secondary and college level degree education but primary education is also having precious role in educational development of youth.



Therefore, it is utmost necessity to make primary education compulsory, to improve the quality of education, to create basic facilities, decrease the drop-out rates in school, to provide quality education for all elements of society.

Fruition	Priorities to achieve Goal
- High quality education to all segments of society. - Decrease the Drop-out rates in education. - Revaluation of curriculum. - Development of basic education facilities throughout the State.	- Provide free, compulsory and quality education to everyone from childhood up to the age of 18 yrs. - Decrease the Drop-out rate from secondary and higher secondary schools.

- ✍ Educational syllabus will cover constitutional values. The necessary amendments in the curriculum will be done.
- ✍ State will adopt proper measures to check the drop-out rates at secondary and higher secondary level of education. State will ensure to provide equal opportunities for education to all. Special efforts will be made to provide scholarships, free education and hostel facilities to the hitherto deprived and neglected segments of society. Review the rate of scholarships from time to time and revise the rates accordingly.
- ✍ Alternative education and vocational programs will be provided to the youth who have dropped out or never been to school.
- ✍ Curriculum comprising of inspiration to values, flexible as per time, will be revised and updated as per contemporary needs of youth, for these purpose guidance and advise of trained manpower of NGO, National and Multinational Institutes and business Groups will be taken.
- ✍ Reorganization of education, research and training council at equivalent standard to NCERT and periodical review of curriculum will be carried out.
- ✍ Education syllabus will be comprised on scientific approach, analysis based on experiences, awareness for environment and focus on vocational education. It will respect and motivate Indigenous traditional knowledge of our country and will also comprise of life skills education in School and college level curriculum. Strengthen the teaching and learning process in educational institute. The State will make available fundamental infrastructural facilities (classroom, furniture), education facilities (library and laboratory), proportionate number of teachers and facility centers at Taluka and District level. For this purpose standard norms will comprise for various educational institutions in the state. Facilities for continuous advanced training to make teaching more effective will be made available to all teachers and centers will be developed accordingly.
- ✍ The State will formulate some norms and regulatory mechanism to control private tuition classes.
- ✍ Educational and vocational loan at nominal interest rates will be made available to the students belonging to Tribal, Minorities, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and Economically Backward Classes. For this State will give guarantee.
- ✍ The University will provide an opportunity of higher education in Marathi. For that a library comprising of books in Marathi for references and study material will provided. Computer software system will be especially designed in Marathi Language.
- ✍ Subjects like Agriculture and Agriculture related occupations, job opportunities in urban areas, Management, Communication skills, introduction to constitution, law literacy, Citizenship & Social Service will



be included in the school syllabus as a pilot project for study.

- ✍ Youth will be encouraged to participate in voluntary and social works.
- ✍ Recommendations of govt. committees which are beneficial for development of youth will be implemented and will be improved from time to time.
- ✍ Educational institute will form centers for counseling, employment - self employment guidance and administrative assistance to the youth.
- ✍ Special incentives will be provided to the Universities / educational institutes which provide opportunities for education and higher education, continuous education, distant education and open education, etc.
- ✍ A Fees Regulation Board will be established to check excessive profit making by private institutions in primary secondary and higher education.
- ✍ The State will prepare database information of students opting for higher education from various universities so as to ensure easy transfers and migration certificate process amongst institutions. Schools working at rural and Tribal areas will be given comprehensive support from the govt.
- ✍ Educational curriculum in schools will include information on health issues, de-addiction, reproductive health, H.I.V.-AIDS, national integrity, violence, terrorism and also on population issues.
- ✍ Information regarding various schemes of departments and govt. policies will be included in the college curriculum.
- ✍ Youth working in various sectors will be given special support as per their necessities and requirements. Young persons who have at a risk of dropping out of school will be given special support.
- ✍ Special efforts will be made for education of youth who are physically and mentally challenged and also for the orphans.
- ✍ After specific duration, Government will maintain consistency in the policy of examinations at all levels. If it is essential to introduce some changes in the policy for improvement, then such changes will be made at proper time so that students will get ample time to get themselves aware of the changes made well in advance so that they will not face unnecessary stress at the time of examination. Changes at improper time will be avoided.
- ✍ Procedure followed for school admission will respect constitutional reservations and at the same time justice will be given to merit. Post independence, many colleges are started for various component of society without specific standard. Standard of such institutions will be reviewed and necessary improvements will be made.
- ✍ Long term policy regarding admissions in educational institute, the criteria for entrance and management quota will be decided, so as admission process will be hassle free and will not create unnecessary mental stress than its regular curriculum for youth.

“All knowledge that the world has ever received comes from the mind; the infinite library of the universe is ascended in our own mind.”

- Swami Vivekananda



TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

In the era of globalization, for effective Youth development - Management skills, Multi touching, Multi faculties, Personality development are the compulsory professional skills are required. Currently, the formal education system is mainly based on knowledge and hence, development of professional views & learning new skills is essential. For this, along with education, for employment & self employment, it is necessary to introduce technical education & develop the training & skill ability for the future growth of the Youth.

Fruition	Priorities to achieve Goal
• Increase and improve trained and skill resources.	• Establish Maharashtra skill development Institute. • In view of development of State, basic and modern training facilities to be included in skill development program as per the changing time. • Information of trained youth to be displayed on the website.

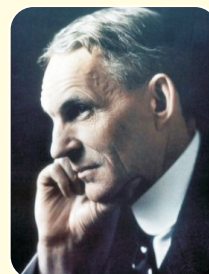
- ✍ Develop mechanism for continuous training of skill development to youth who have had formal education and are in various professions.
- ✍ To establish Maharashtra skill development Institute which will be affiliated to National Knowledge Commission and proposed National Skill Development Commission.
- ✍ Keeping in view, current stage of development of the Institute, Skill development will comprise of the basic and advance skill development training, which will be useful in technical and non- technical, management, non-management, self industrial field, National and International sectors.
- ✍ For enabling the Youth with industrial & market based skill ability, ITI, MIDC, DIC will be made more effective. For giving more opportunities of livelihood, the possibilities of partnership in the public sector along with the private Sector will be considered.

- ✍ Youth should be motivated to participate in the training and skill development programs comprised in the policy.
- ✍ Considering the geographical variance of the State and available resources, skill & entrepreneurship development syllabus will be designed to cater specifically to the literate, illiterate, handicapped & underprivileged Youth. Also plans will be made to develop the skills like communication, self awareness, negotiation skills, team spirit and intelligence in the youth.
- ✍ Voluntary organizations will be motivated to run various skill development syllabuses.
- ✍ Banks & other financial institutes will provide financial assistance at reasonable or minimum interest rates promoting micro credit policy to the youth and their voluntary groups, who have successfully completed training or skill development and are ready to start their own business.
- ✍ The information of trained Youth will be collected and displayed on the website at district level by the concerned department to facilitate the organizations which are ready to offer employment. This information should be regularly updated for co-ordination by strengthening the current system.
- ✍ State will provide training to female youth for their skill development.
- ✍ The skill training may be given in Marathi, but considering the international language & opportunities of employment, the Youth will be motivated to learn English and other foreign languages.
- ✍ The Government of India had implemented the Act for Right to Education in 2009; on the same grounds the Act for Professional Education is required.
- ✍ Opportunities to get the maximum benefit of skilled and training for jobs outside India, the Youth will be motivated to have their own Banks A/c, PAN Card, Passport, etc.
- ✍ The number of technically trained Youth in the state will be increased; the number of schools providing pre - technical & pre -professional education will be increased.
- ✍ In order to keep professional education advanced and updated industries will give regular advance and modern training to their youth workers.
- ✍ Relevant professional education and training programs from foreign countries will be translated in Marathi & will be made available to the Youth.
- ✍ Now a day in all vocational training institutes and employment training institutes, technical and service oriented curriculum are being taught, but major segment of youth are still associated with rural and agricultural sector. Therefore, employment and vocational training will be imparted in sectors like: animal husbandry, dairy farming, fisheries and other cottage industries. Vocational training centers to be developed correlated to agriculture based curriculum.

- ✍ Registration of Youth having completed the training in the field of profession, skills, technology, services etc. will be done. There will be an online profile of every trained Youth. This profile will be in Marathi, Hindi, English, French, Spanish, Japanese and Russian Languages. Youth willing to get employment in abroad on the basis of their skills will be inspired to learn foreign western languages.
- ✍ Youth in technical professions will give admission for technical courses & will issue certificate to achieve social status.
- ✍ Government, in conjunction with youth organizations, will develop training programs for youth as per the need of the geographical resources of rural areas. Special schemes will also be developed for young women, disable youth as well as youth returning from the urban to the rural areas.
- ✍ State govt. will arrange and implement various programs to provide technical skills and education of different occupations to the students of secondary schools. Likewise, employment opportunities will be made available for trained and skilled youth in industries.
- ✍ Disabled students will be supported to get occupational training in their school life. Special benefits will be given to disabled persons in jobs and occupations. They will get more tax benefits. Employers who are offering jobs to disable will also be given tax incentives.
- ✍ State will make efforts to co-ordinate among - available job opportunities, training curriculum and number of youth.

“Coming together is a beginning.
 Keeping together is progress.
 Working together is success.”

Henry Ford



Employment and Self-Employment

Creation of employment is the major priority both for the State as well as the economic planner of the country. Hence it is a part of development process in the Five Year Plan. The speed of creation of new employment opportunities is much slower than GDP; whereas the work force growth rate is more than the rate of population. This is the result that GDP is not in proportionate with the rate of creation of employment.



The major factors to be considered are to create a positive environment for self-dependency through employment & self-employment, development of basic facilities, technical skills and marketing arrangements and proper planning.

Fruition	Priorities to achieve Goal
• Make youth self dependent by creating favorable atmosphere of self employment • Increase rate of employment and self-employment. • Reduce the migration for employment.	• Develop a five year action plan for self employment of Youth. • Create single window schemes at various places for guidance in employment & self employment. • Special financial assistance for young farmers.

- ✍ There will five year action plan of State for employment-self employment and livelihood. After every 5 years, the effectiveness of implementation will be reviewed. A special action force will established for this action plan. Participation of public & private sector will be encouraged.
- ✍ The Youth will be made aware about the employment & self employment schemes through single window scheme. For this purpose, the working of employment guidance centers will be reviewed. Those centers will regularly provide latest updates information to youth regarding employment.
- ✍ The state will utilize the advanced technology at the village level & will create opportunities for employment for the Youth.
- ✍ Special efforts will be made to generate employment at the local level in order to restrict the migration of Youth to other areas due to non availability of employment at local level.
- ✍ The Youth will be paid remuneration as per the Minimum Wages Act. As per the recommendations made by GOI, the rates of wages will be reviewed. These reviews will be made at regular intervals and based upon the wholesale price index and expenditure index.
- ✍ Establishment of an action force for preparing an evaluation report of human needs be considered. This action force will study the current education system and the skills required in the field of agriculture, productions & services and the gap created thereof. The action force will suggest remedies for filling this gap.
- ✍ The 'earn & learn' scheme will be encouraged in colleges / universities. The Youth who are studying in colleges and are interested in working part time will be motivated.
- ✍ Employment opportunities to the Youth working in unorganized sector, on contract basis, unskilled & Youth working on daily wages will be regularized.
- ✍ Efforts at creating positive atmosphere for the Youth working in various sectors will be accelerated.

- ✍ Employment guidance & counseling centers will be established at Taluka level. These centers will be connected with all ministries, departments & private sectors for the information of various schemes & programs. Voluntary organizations will be promoted for establishment of such centers.
- ✍ Special efforts will be made to promote agriculture & related professions for employment opportunities to Youth. Food processing, packaging, storage, transportation, agro environment, tourism, etc. agro-based trades will be included.
- ✍ Young farmers will be motivated & promoted through the agriculture research centers in the state. These centers will focus on agro economical transactions, natural / organic farming & scientific farming.
- ✍ Financial and other assistance will be made available to Young farmers engaged in dry farming so that agriculturist will feel that farming is productive means of livelihood.
- ✍ Recognition will give to the working Young female for contributing to household prosperity and contribution to the family economy. A committee will be constituted for detailed study in this field.
- ✍ Implementation of EGS in urban areas will be considered.
- ✍ Self employed Youth will be provided space on a priority basis during town planning of the commercial zone.
- ✍ State will encourage and support through co-operative movement in marketing of products and services produced by youth self help groups.
- ✍ Youth who are experts in technical occupations will be given admission for certificate courses of technical education which will give them social status.
- ✍ Youth with disabilities or serious mental health problems will be given assistance and special efforts will be made to get opportunities of employment self employment. Special survey of such youth to be carried out to encourage them for employment and self-employment.
- ✍ Parents will be made aware of the opportunities of employment and self-employment, Proper guidance, help for technical equipments and management will be offered to the youth opting for business.
- ✍ Special efforts will be made to bring awareness about importance of education, employment and self employment among youth of Tribal community and backward classes.
- ✍ State will undertake special programs for employment generation and progressive entrepreneurship on the basis of local level resources for maintaining special identity of particular geographical region. So that local people will be attracted towards their region and they will not migrate for employment.
- ✍ Various encouraging schemes should be given for more and more employment generation in the industrial groups.



“Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship.”

- Buddha



Health & Life Style



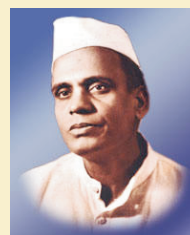
Health is the right of every citizen. Health covers physical, mental, social and spiritual development of an individual.

Health does not only means absence of disease or physical /mental weakness. Enthusiasm, flexibility, impatience, restlessness, taking risk are the characteristics of youth. Due to these constituents of their nature, possibilities of adverse effects reflect on their health, i.e. suicide, addiction, sexual illness, mental stress, crime, hygiene hazard due to uncleanness could happen.

The Youth will therefore be encouraged to keep good health which is necessary for the positive lifestyle. To ensure good health of our Youth, easy access to health services, equal distribution, participation of local population and utilization of modern facilities and technology is essential. Participation of Youth for healthy society is a necessity.

Getting tear is necessary to get cleaned, to getting burn is necessary to get purified, and getting buried is necessary to get bud.

- Sane Guruji



Fruition	Priorities to achieve Goal
• Lower the rate of suicide • Lower the number of HIV affected youth. • Effective implementation of minimum legal age i.e. 18 yrs. for marriage of youth female.	• The National Rural Health mission to be established specifically to cater the needs of the Youth in both urban and rural areas. • Physical exercise, yoga and meditation to be encouraged to achieve good health and to minimize the mental stress.

- ✍ Valid and updated information on the health index will be available to all to ensure effective planning and implementation of health related programs.
- ✍ Youth will make aware of the importance of nutrients in food. It will be mandatory to display carbohydrates, proteins and nutrients on food packs so as to spread awareness for good nutrition.
- ✍ The National Urban Health Mission will be launched on the grounds of the Rural Health mission to ensure the needs of youth.
- ✍ Counseling centers will be established at schools, colleges and primary health centers to ensure mental fitness. De-addiction and rehabilitation centers will be formed at Taluka level.
- ✍ For a healthy lifestyle, health education and life skills education will be added in the curriculum. The Youth will be made aware of personal, family and social hygiene right from the childhood.
- ✍ The Youth will be educated and alert regarding ill-effects of HIV and sexual diseases by professional trainer's right from pre puberty.
- ✍ Youth will be encouraged to volunteer for the effective implementation of National Health Program. Youth volunteers like motivator, instructor, messenger, health worker, coordinator etc. will contribute during natural disasters, contagious diseases and health awareness programs.
- ✍ Youth contributing extraordinary work in health related programs will be honored.
- ✍ School and college Teachers will be trained to notice the physical and mental weakness, primary symptoms of illness or behavioral changes and suicide tendencies.
- ✍ The rural and tribal Youth will be made aware that a male and a female could marry only after they were of 21 and 18 years respectively. Child Marriage Restrain Act will be effectively implemented.
- ✍ Physically challenged Youth will be provided with the facilities required for easy access on all public and works places.
- ✍ The State will concentrate and implement the National Health Insurance Scheme specifically for the Youth.
- ✍ Measures to be adopted for publicity and propagation of Physical exercise, Yoga and Meditation to encourage to achieve good health and to minimize the mental stress.



“All know that the drop converts into the ocean but few know
that the ocean reflects into the drop.”

- Kabir

Protection of Environment

Protection of natural environment and growth is necessary to maintain balance and quality of lifestyle. Therefore natural resources are to be nourished. The Central and State Government are trying to make awareness on environment protection with various measures. Perhaps, citizens and particularly youth need to be involved voluntarily in protection of the environment.



Deterioration of environment is global problem. Increase the active participation of Youth in implementing the Government policies on environment protection and conservation. It is necessary to enhance youth participation in public awareness programs to conserve and protect the environment.

? The Youth should be compelled to participate in the National Green Brigade program for effective implementation. The saplings suitable to the geographic condition will be identified and the Youth will be encouraged in conserving and protecting these saplings. The local Youth groups and voluntary organizations will involve in this process.

? The Youth will participate in environment conservation in villages, schools, colleges, educational institutes, work places and the green norms projects in the cities.

Fruition	Priorities to achieve Goal
• Increase awareness in the youth of the need to conserve the environment. • Increase the youth participation in implementing environment protection schemes.	• Youth will implement projects for conservation of environment and biomass diversity. • Training in environment management to be emphasized in schools and colleges. • Involvement of youth in schemes like tree plantation and conservation of forest will be increased.

- ❏ ? Increase participation of youth for the conservation of environment at villages, schools, colleges, educational institutes, work places and the green norms projects in the cities.
- ❏ Youth will be motivated to generate new opportunities of research, employment, occupation in environmental field.
- ❏ Use of traditional power resources will be encouraged in the private sector through Youth groups.
- ❏ The Youth will be trained in disaster management. Training in disaster management will be emphasized in schools and college education.
- ❏ The local Youth groups and voluntary organization will be encouraged to plant more trees including conservation of saplings used at local level. Training regarding production of fertilizer and waste management will be imparted to the youth.
- ❏ ? Agricultural literature will be honored and its publicity and propagation will be made on wide scope. To create new agro- literature sahitya-sammelan should be arranged and organizations working in this field should be encouraged.



“At least with me, the match starts much, much earlier than the actual match.”

- Sachin Tendulkar



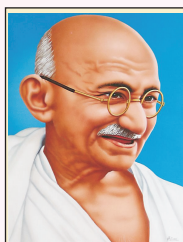
Sports and Recreation

Sports and Recreation are the major factors in the all-round development of Youth. Due to sports, physical fitness, development of positive self image, tolerance, development of the factors like team spirit and conservation of health are possible. Sports is a universal strength which binds people together across Religion, Caste, Creed, Region, Race, & Economic status without any discrimination. Recreation is essential in reducing stress, making good use of leisure time and in providing opportunity to the hidden talent among youth.

Fruition	Priorities to achieve Goal
Increased participation of youth in sports and recreational activities.	20% of the time table to be reserved for sports and recreation or the co-curricular activities. - The plots to be reserved for sports and recreation should be developed. - Youth festivals to be organized at Taluka, District and State level to provide opportunities to the hidden talent in Youth.

- ✍ The authorities will periodically review and implement the rules for sports and recreation facilities in every educational institution imparting formal and informal education.
- ✍ 1/5th of the time, in the time table will be reserved for sports and recreation or the co-curricular activities.
- ✍ The State will consider Youth groups as a factor for sports programs in colony, villages, districts and division level. The State will create a mechanism to register such kind of youth groups. These groups will be encouraged by local bodies, local Youth clubs and educational institutes.
- ✍ Effective remedies will be planned for increase in participation of by under-privileged Young Persons in local Youth groups.

- ✍ The plots will be reserved for development of sports and recreation. The councils, corporations and local self government bodies will develop the plots and these will be made available to the Youth. In addition to this, the local bodies will make the public places available for the projects and programs for Youth on priority.
- ✍ Effective implementation of reservation and development of playfields in the town plan of councils and corporations will be made. The management of these playfields will be handed over to the local sports institutes/clubs.
- ✍ The sport persons in the state will be provided with basic and modern sports facilities, training, etc. and be encouraged to excel at National/ International level.
- ✍ Special efforts will be made to increase the participation in sports from female Youth, handicapped and Youth from remote areas.
- ✍ Annual Youth festivals will be organized from Taluka to State level to provide opportunities to the talent of Youth. The organizing committees will accommodate Youth clubs in the management.
- ✍ The Youth will be encouraged to develop the skills like leadership qualities, self-dependence, courage, discipline, zeal for environment, studiousness, etc. through activities like adventure sports.
- ✍ An Academy for the theoretical training of adventure sports will be established. Through this academy interest towards adventure sports will be created and training facilities will be made available. Various courses for trainers will be executed. As safety is most important concern in adventure sports; rules and certification process will also be formulated.
- ✍ Maharashtra has a heritage of sports culture. The recommendations made in the proposed sports policy will effectively be implemented for protection and conservation of this heritage.
- ✍ Youth groups and other cultural groups performing in local stage, street play movement and open theatre will be encouraged and State will support them.



“A nation's culture resides in the hearts
and in the soul of its people”.

- Mahatma Gandhi

Art and Culture

Art and culture are the fundamental recreational factors to enrich the knowledge of society. Hence, it is essential that the State should encourage and stimulate all art and culture. In order to conserve the cultural heritage of Maharashtra, it is necessary to involve and encourage the Youth for creating affirmative atmosphere for art and culture. It is important to sensitize the Youth towards art and culture for the conservation of allied principles of social justice, bonding for cultural heritage and justice & respect to all.

Fruition	Priorities to achieve Goal
• Encourage participation of youth in Arts & Cultural programs across rural and urban areas. • Consistent participation of female Youth after marriage.	• Create Fellowships for Youth conducting research in Arts & Culture • Establish Modern Art Centers at Taluka and District level • Organize Youth exchange programs to exchange their thoughts and ideas. • Make superior use of various media, specially electronic media to publicize promotion of Arts & Culture.

- ✍ The Youth will be encouraged for making documentation through different mediums of local traditions, cultural exchanges and oral literature. Fellowships will be given to the Youth conducting research work in this field.
- ✍ The State will organize Youth exchange program within the State and also Inter State Level and at International level to encourage the Youth to understand cultural relations and cultural variety. Organization of such programs will be encouraged.
- ✍ The Cultural-Literature Board schemes will be reviewed and revised to encourage Youth literature. At the same time, Cultural-Literature Board will try to bring awareness for the schemes and programs in rural and urban areas.
- ✍ The Cultural-Literature Board will publish the Marathi colloquial literature and encourage participation from the Youth.



- ✍ The Youth will appreciate the culture of Maharashtra and other States and the State will encourage the organization of Youth Festivals to provide a forum for the hidden talent of Youth.
- ✍ The State will establish centers for fine arts at the Taluka level. In these centers an art gallery, library and auditorium will be included. The Youth will be given representation on the managing committees of such centers. Special provision will be made for the under-privileged Youth to utilize these centers.
- ✍ A periodical “Yuva Maharashtra” will be started where the Youth groups, Youth clubs, agriculturists and industrialists could exchange their success stories and experiences. Also the information related to Youth will be circulated and a forum provided where the Youth will express their feelings. This will also feature articles, interviews by young representatives of people, officers, youth scientists, researchers, technicians and persons of repute regarding their ambitions and approach and projects.
- ✍ Community Radio has been established as an effective source of exchange of ideas. This media has the ability to create the employment opportunities to express the views of local Youth. The State will promote community radio concept. With the help of local self Govt. bodies or voluntary organization, at least one community radio centre will be established in each Taluka.
- ✍ The Youth will be given priority in working for community radio centre management, in the editorial section, radio journalism, radio jockeying, etc. to develop multicultural atmosphere and to accelerate the harmony among various social groups.
- ✍ The current financial regulations with respect to advertisement on community radio limit the revenue potential of the community radio. The State will review these rules – in case of programs tuned to Youth affairs. Such radio communities will be permitted to generate more revenue through advertisements.
- ✍ Television is an important media for interpretation and communication. The State will launch a Youth Channel for Maharashtra. The Youth will be provided a forum to express themselves through debate & seminars. Balance will be achieved between recreation and informative programs. Various institutions, departments, industries will be encouraged to use this channel for telecasting the information, policy, schemes and various programs.
- ✍ In the cultural development of Youth, the street-plays play an important role.

Special efforts will be made to encourage expression through street-plays. The street-plays will be included in formal education.

- ✍ The education system will provide to students an opportunity to express and enjoy literature, drama, movies, music, dance and audio-visuals.
- ✍ The State will encourage the student hobby-groups to create interest in art and culture. On an institutional level - at inter school/inter college level; regular exhibitions and competitions will be organized.
- ✍ Art teachers and basic facilities will be made available in all education institutions and minimum norms fixed for it. To ensure sufficient emphasis is paid to art in education, art and culture will be included in the teacher training program.
- ✍ A guideline will be prepared for the students making presentations in state level programs. Projects will be awarded grace marks and they will be given admissions on priority in any faculty at any level.
- ✍ The authorities will create facilities, study material and alternative syllabus for including arts subject in secondary, higher secondary and higher education. The gap between art education and artistic aspiration will be minimized.
- ✍ Recommendations and measures suggested in the cultural policy of Maharashtra State will be implemented effectively.
- ✍ The State will establish a University of Fine and Applied Arts to encourage art education, to create norms and to co-ordinate the art, dance and drama and music colleges. This university will have divisions like drama, music, dance and fine arts. A separate division for traditional arts will be established.
- ✍ State level workshops and discussions on fine and applied arts will be arranged by universities to encourage the creativity of artists and artistic aspiration of youth.
- ✍ This University will encourage and create opportunities of employment for the Youth proficient in art and culture. Special efforts will be made towards employment generation in Co-operation with Cultural Affairs Department, Employment and Self-Employment Department and Tourism Department.
- ✍ The documentation and publicity of information related to art and culture will be made with the help of advanced technology.
- ✍ Digitalization of types of arts, traditions, information of historical places, articles and video clips will be done. The State will encourage the efforts of Youth for making this information available on Internet through computers.
- ✍ As in case of female Youth, the cultural and social participation decreases after marriage, opportunities for social and cultural programs will be created for married female youth.
- ✍ The State will provide momentum to cultural tourism along with tribal and agriculture tourism.

- ✍ Concessions will be given for traveling by state transport buses and railways to students of Fine and Applied Arts University and the Young Persons participating in Youth festivals and cultural programs.
- ✍ The Young Persons participating in Youth festivals, cultural programs and art exhibitions will be provided accommodation facilities at the Government Rest Houses on the same rates being charged to Government Employees.
- ✍ Art and culture group will be factored in the planning at district level. The State will make budgetary provision to encourage art and culture.
- ✍ Cultural biodiversity will be conserved. Solutions will be found for eradication of customs like Devdasi and other types of exploitation. The State will create awareness to integrate sub- cultures and young artists who have been estranged from the main stream to bring them back again in the mainstream of cultural life.

✍ **ART AND CULTURE FOR DISABLES**

- ✍ Various competitions, training camps and festivals will be conducted to provide opportunity to the disable youth to express their skill of arts and cultures. Such artists will be encouraged by conferring with art scholarships.
- ✍ Training Academy will establish for disabled youth artist belongs to rural and urban area to provide thorough technical and theoretical knowledge in their respective field of arts.
- ✍ Gathering for disable youth artists will be planned and arranged with active participation of youth. State Govt., Local Self Government Bodies., and Voluntary Organization will make the contribution for such type of gathering/festival in the ratio of 75:15:10 respectively.

“The economic development of our nation is boosting through technology which is a good signal.”
“Dream is not a thing to see while sleeping, dream means the thing which don't let you sleep”

A P J Abdul Kalam



Science and Technology

Science and Technology are important factors in human development. These have a positive impact on day-to-day life of a human being and therefore Youth will be aware of the research, development and scientific information of this field. Youth are keen to adopt new medium and curious to acquire updated information and knowledge about it. Youth have new concepts; they are experimental and innovative in nature. One needs to create nutritive atmosphere and encourage Youth in this regard.

- ✍ Incentives and scholarships will be awarded to the Youth who show special interest in science and technology along with training and other facilities to the school and non-school Youth. There will be a selection process at district level for identifying such Youth.
- ✍ To ensure maximum opportunities to Youth in the field of science and technology, institutes and colleges in these subjects will be in proportion with the number of students.
- ✍ The Youth willing to conduct research work in the field of science and technology after secondary will be provided with financial assistance and research facilities for 15 years.
- ✍ To encourage a positive view towards scientific in the society, various projects like production of scientific literature and equipments, education tours, study tours, exhibitions, workshops, scientific games, etc. will be implemented.
- ✍ For creating interest in the rural Youth regarding science, technical education and technology, the institutes in the rural area will be encouraged and supported.
- ✍ Science centers will be established at Taluka and District level by the voluntary organizations in partnership with private sector.
- ✍ The technical equipments and literature related to science and technology will be made available to the Youth at concession rates.
- ✍ Considering the changes in the field of Science and Technology, the courses will be started and updated in time. Some of the innovative areas include Optical Engineering, Material Engineering, Nano-Technology, Space Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Robotics, Bio-Technology, Bio-Informatics, Genetic

Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Agriculture Engineering, etc. Special colleges in rural areas will be started for such courses.

- ✍ By anticipating the importance of Information Technology in the government sector with all others, the facility of Unicode software which had been developed for use of Marathi language universally, will be made available.
- ✍ The universities, government/semi government institutions will prepare a digital data base for the formal documents and certificates required to the Youth for education, training, employment and social security. The usage of this data base will be simple and universal. Emphasis will be on Computer literacy, availability of internet services and publicizing and propagating the same.
- ✍ The institutions providing training in Computer Education and Information Technology Education to the Youth in rural and remote areas will be encouraged.
- ✍ Mechanisms will be formulated within the system to identify and train gifted youth, as early as possible, in the fields of Science and Technology.

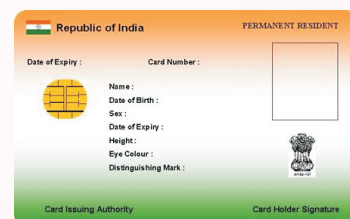


We all firstly should be Indian, then Indian and lastly also Indian only.

- Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

Citizenship

As Youth are an important factor of society, participation of Youth in the development process of a state is essential. They will be encouraged to participate in the decision making process and the implementation of the programs to develop their skills, abilities and leadership qualities. It will lead to transforming the Youth into responsible citizens.



- ✍ The student and non-student Youth will contribute in the process of building a better society and will be provided with social credit. The norms for the contribution in social sector will be fixed and on the basis of these norms, the Youth will get priority in the higher education, employment and self employment.
- ✍ All Local Self Govt. Bodies and Co-Operative Societies will provide 1/3rd representation for Youth.

- ✍ A committee will be established to review the laws regulating the political, social and cultural institutions. This Committee will recommend the possibilities and scope for active role of Youth in the administration and management structure of these institutions.
- ✍ Development of awareness of social responsibilities, acceptance of democratic values will be carried out through the citizenship project. The projects organized by NSS, special camps, and programs organized by voluntary agencies and citizens forums will be encouraged.
- ✍ The elections will be conducted in free atmosphere by democratic process to encourage leadership qualities of Youth.
- ✍ The local Youth will be accommodated in the quality control process of public works. For ex. Playfields, Public parks, Public places, waste management and Water supply. The Youth will be trained for participating in disaster management.
- ✍ The Youth conducting research, action programs and experiment based learning will be awarded with fellowships.
- ✍ Values like respect for teachers and parents, adolescent and the aged besides religious tolerance and compassion towards the poor and the needy will be actively encouraged. The concept of family, as the basic and most important asset of Indian Culture and Society will be strengthened.
- ✍ Youth will be mobilized to create local pressure groups within the community to fight corruption at all levels and they will be actively participated in anti corruption committees.
- ✍ Youth will be introduced to the electoral processes and democratic values.
- ✍ Awareness among Youth will be created about Equality, Freedom, Justice, Brotherhood and National Integrity.

Social Security

Social Security is an important factor of human rights. To live a life of dignity without fear and availability of adequate resources for livelihood is a human right. In order to improve the economical and social status of the State, attention towards all-round development of Youth is essential. State is making appropriate efforts to provide social security to the components who are estranged from main stream of development. The quality of youth working in unorganized sector can be properly use if suitable guidance, direction and sufficient opportunities are provided for the development of State. For this purpose Social Security is very much essential.

- ✍ Remedies will be planned for upgrading the economical and social status of Youth by protecting the traditional trades and to revive them as per the requirements.
- ✍ Education, shelter and sources of livelihood will be provided to the Youth who have been affected due to Natural Calamity, Migration or any Disaster.

- ✍ Proper care will be taken to ensure no mental and physical exploitation of Youth working in private and public places.
- ✍ Basic facilities will be provided to the Youth working in organized/unorganized sectors.
- ✍ Remedies will be planned for livelihood, education, and trades according to the migration of Youth.
- ✍ Special measures and programs will be planned to upgrade the social and economical status and to accommodate the Youth caught in the trap of law, criminal Youth, helpless Youth, Youth and their wards affected by human trafficking, drought affected, tribal in very remote places and terrorism affected Youth.
- ✍ Facilities like provident fund for the social security to the Youth working in unorganized sector, maternity leave and compensation for damage caused in accident, weekly off, fixed working hours, etc. will be developed in the overall framework of law.
- ✍ Youth hostels will be set up to provide temporary arrangements for lodging for the Youth migrated for trading, education, and employment etc.
- ✍ Widows, abandoned women, women required to take special care, deceived women, women forcefully compel to do prostitution against their will be rehabilitated properly.
- ✍ Training will be imparted to 15 lakh students / youth to mould them into the discipline and responsible citizen of Nation through N.C.C., M.C.C and Scout & Guide. Training Centers for this purpose will be established at District level.



ADOLESCENCE / TEENAGE

A major part of youth population is under the age group of 13 to 19 and is still awaiting for attention. Adolescence is critical and sensitive period of human development. In this period what they need is positive, constructive and supportive frame of reference for their personal growth. Otherwise adverse impression in this age will affect the person's future behaviour. Adolescence reflects the productive and reproductive status of society. Girls, in this particular age group of change of circumstances goes through various physical changes and sometime faces diseases like anemia, if proper attention is not given to their health. Emphasis will be given on following issues while thinking of development of this age group -

Fruition	Priorities to achieve Goal
• Increase in the mean and median age at marriage. • Reduction in the number of illiterate adolescent girls. • Reduction in the levels of anemia among girls. • Easy access to availability of Reproductive Health Information Services to all. • Decline in the incidence of crime against women and gender specific crime against adolescent girls.	• Improved physical well being of adolescent girls. Reduce anemia to a large extent among adolescent girls.

For balanced development of highly sensitive boys and girls of adolescence age groups, various measures to be adopted delicately. Therefore following recommendations are made:

- ✍ Physical, mental and emotional health and well being will be promoted amongst the adolescents, through plays, sports, recreations, artistic and cultural expressions.
- ✍ Policies and programs aimed at children, including adolescents will be developed to reduce violence against them and suicides.
- ✍ Awakening programs and trainings for parents of adolescents will be designed. Family, society and educational institute will espouse highest family values.
- ✍ Care for addicted youth and youth who required protection, will be provided with the facility of residential Remand Homes and Special Facility Homes.
- ✍ Focused intervention will be given in terms of increased literacy, education and economic opportunity in areas where incidences of early marriage is high as well as Strong implementation of the Child Marriage Restraint Act is to be followed.
- ✍ Adolescent health will be included as a part of School Curriculum.
- ✍ Dialogue will be initiated with the Media to ensure that children do not fall victim of negative media influence. For that, communication to be establish with Media both in the Organized and Unorganized Sectors for appreciation of their positive work.
- ✍ Adolescent Girls' groups will be formed for imparting life skills education and accessing various services under health and other programs. This activity can be scaled up through the Kishori Shakti Yojana.
- ✍ Effective and strict implementation of Prevention of Child Labor Act will be enforced.
- ✍ The sources of energy in youth of the nation hides in the behavior of adolescence. Priority should be given to solve the problems in this context.

YOUTH SOCIAL CREDIT INDEX

In our Country, GDP rate is increased due to Globalization. At one side increase in opportunities of vocational education, literacy and contribution in International education and on the other side there is an increase in population of Below Poverty Line, migration towards cities, suicide incidences of students. Resultantly, there is reducing interest in education and sense of social binding among youth. We have to find elucidation of such problems at primary level; otherwise these problems may become severe in future. While looking into the said problems, it is observed that noble social work are not getting proper recognition and reducing the honor day by day. The positive energy in the youth will be utilized to build the Nation and it will be possible by bestowing tribute and respect to social work.

Youth are having ability of latent knowledge, confidence and positive approach towards future and emotional respect. If youth are kept occupied in optimistic work, development in business is possible while receiving best Education. Youth are naturally aggressive and keen to lead. It is necessary to get positive response to the Youth from Society for his positive thinking. Therefore, the social work carried out by the Youth for beneficial of the Society at large to be evaluated and index of this work will be determined. Committee is confident that Maharashtra will be the first state in India to decide such type of Social Credit Index for the Youth.

Fruition	Priorities to achieve Goal
• Increase Youth participation in social work. • Encourage Youth for performing work in social welfare.	• Honor the Youth for their Social Work.

- ✍ Important things of social interests to be acquainted with youth clubs, women groups, educational institutes, colleges, universities, industrial institutes, business groups. Communication will be developed with youth by the various means like publicity, propagations, seminars and conferences. Youth will be given opportunities to furnish computerized information regarding social work they have carried out to upload on the website for the reference of others.
- ✍ Considering the work done by youth, they will be given preference while allotting educational loans and at the time of interview for job. Facilities like invitation of govt. functions, nomination for awards etc. to be provided as per Social Credit Index of Youth.
- ✍ Three tier committee of experts will be formed to fix on standards of evaluation for work done in the field of social work by Youth.

ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH HOSTELS AND YOUTH AWARDS

✍ ? **Youth Hostel:**

Youth have to make visits in cities frequently for Job opportunities, Business, Education, Interviews, Guidance and Training. During the period, it is necessary to have accommodation facilities to stay for short duration in cities. Therefore, the necessity of District Youth Center & Youth hostels is



highlighted in State Youth Policy. Youth will feel familiar with Youth Hostels rather than thinking accommodation is a big issue for him, while participating in various social activities. Youth hostels will establish at every District place. Rates of the Youth hostels will not be kept with the intention of profit making but it will be convenient to the Youth in accordance with the minimum maintenance of the hostel. Out of total accommodation, 30 percent will be kept reserved for female youth. At two places in the State, Hostels will be constructed of International / National standards. These Hostels will consist of amenities to attract National and International Youth and tourist. Youth hostels will start functioning in buildings hired on rental basis at District and Divisional level on priority. Financial assistance will be provided to hostels to develop necessary facilities like furniture and maintenance of building.

✍ **Youth Awards:**

Sports and Youth Welfare Dept. Maharashtra Govt. will felicitate the Youth with State Youth Awards every year for their tremendous contribution in the social field. This Award will inspire the youth. Annually this Award will be given to Female and Male Youth each and also to one Institute at District level. At State level this Award will be given to two Male and Female and one Institute every year. District and State level individual Awards will be of Rs. 10,000/ and Rs. 50,000 respectively with Medal and Letter of Honor. Zonal and State awards for Institutions will be of Rs.50,000/- and Rs.1,00,000/- respectively with the trophy. Recipient of these Awards will be granted all facilities like recipient of prestigious Shivchhatrapati Krida Award. These awards will be given annually in special function organised during Youth Festival.

✍ **Implementation of recommendations made by J. M. Lingdoh committee:**

It is essential to provide opportunity to develop role of students and leadership qualities among the students. Recommendation of J. M. Lingdoh committee will be implemented in the State Youth Policy.



Your success is not in taking important decisions;
it is in implementing important decisions.

- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY AND REGULATION

- ✍ Taking into consideration the comprehensiveness of goal of youth policy, this policy is expected to be implemented by different departments of State through their schemes and programs. For achievement of the policy, it is necessary to review the executed schemes, unite them together, improvement in schemes, introduce new schemes and implement it. For effective implementation of schemes and achievement of goals, there will be coordination machinery at State level. Present schemes of youth development will be reviewed and required modification will be carried out as per demand of changing.
- ✍ For all round development of youth all administrative departments will plan their projects with positive attitude and implement it in such a way that optimum contribution of youth will be possible and it will be beneficial for youth.
- ✍ State Youth Commission will be constituted to control, study, research, analysis, evaluation and review of issues related to youth schemes of State. State Youth Commission will also monitor implementation and regulation of Youth Policy.
- ✍ For the effective implementation of youth policy 'Youth Budget' will be prepared separately in State Annual Budget.
- ✍ For effective application of youth policy on the line of Union Government of India, state will establish two separate departments namely 'Youth Welfare' and 'Sports'.
- ✍ District Youth Development Center' will be established at each District in order to co-ordinate for the effective implementation of various projects of Sports and Youth Directorate. These centers will encourage and involve various Youth groups, Youth Co-operative societies functioning at village/ward level for their active participation in various schemes of youth development.
- ✍ State Youth Development Fund will be formed, in order to raise supplementary fund for implementation of various schemes for all round development of youth. Donations given by individuals, private institutes and voluntary organizations will be given incentives like income tax rebate.

✍ **EVALUATION**

- ✍ Control and evaluation of the schemes implemented under this policy will be on outcome basis. Monthly reports submitted by all related constituents will be analyzed. On this analysis, biannual control and evaluation of programs will be carried out. Main aim of biannual control is effective implementation of programs under this Policy and provides necessary facilities to achieve the expected results. Youth Commission has to play prime role in this process.
- ✍ Standing committee of youth members of Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council will be formed to control the guidelines of youth policy.
- ✍ In order to check the effectiveness and achievement of goals mentioned in the policy, index based evaluation will be conducted after every three years.
- ✍ Reports on Youth Development and Youth Development Index to be published after every three years.

PERIOD AND REVIEW OF YOUTH POLICY

The period of this State Youth Policy is decided for next 10 years from the date of announcement of this policy. To take midterm review of achievement of various goals, review Committee will be formed after five years.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT

Youth is a large factor of state's population. The all-round development of youth is connected with the progress of the nation. Hence, the state government has decided that the amount spent on manpower should be considered as an essential investment on human resource development. The government is ready to make the necessary financial provision for the implementation of the decisions taken in the Maharashtra Youth Policy 2012. A combined budgetary provision is being made for Sports & Youth Welfare projects. In the 12th five year plan (2012-2017) an amount of approx. Rs.1434.71 crores is being made available for Sports & Youth Welfare. Along with the amendments in existing schemes, some new schemes are being implemented. The details of the proposed schemes are mentioned in Annexure-B.

Annexure – A

COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED FOR DRAFTING YOUTH POLICY OF THE STATE

(G.R.School Education and Sports Dept.No. 2107/177/07SYS2, dated 20 Feb. 2010)

S N	Name	Designation
1	Hon. Shri. Padmakar Valvi, Minister for Sports and Youth Welfare	Chairman
2	Hon. Shri. Bhaskarrao Jadhav, Minister of State for Sports and Youth Welfare	Dy. Chairman
3	Hon. Shri. Sanjay Kumar, Principal Secretary, School Education and Sports Department	Member Secretary
4	Shri. Narendra Sopal, Director, Sports and Youth Service, Maharashtra	Member Joint Secretary
5	Shri. Devendra Fadanvis, Member of Legislative Assembly, Nagpur	Member
6	Shri. Jitendra Avhad , Member of Legislative Assembly, Thane	Member
7	Shri. Amit Vilasrao Deshmukh, Member of Legislative Assembly, Latur	Member
8	Smt.. Praniti Sushilkumar Shinde, Member of Legislative Assembly, Solapur	Member
9	Shri. Deepak Kesarkar, Member of Legislative Assembly, Sawantvadi,	Member
10	Shri. Nitin Vijaykumar Sardesai, Member of Legislative Assembly, Mahim	Member
11	Smt. Anita Pillai, Vice principal H.R. College, Churchgate, Mumbai	Member
12	Dr. Vyankatesh Kumar, Mumbai University	Member
13	Shri. Hitendra Somani, Pune (National Youth Award Winner)	Member
14	Shri. Balkrishna Chaturbhuj (B.C.) Bhartiya, Nagpur	Member
15	Shri. Atul Kulkarni, Beuro Chief, Lokmat, Mumbai	Member
16	Shri. Ravikiran Raosaheb Deshmukh, Chief Report, Mumbai Mirror	Member
17	Shri. Someshwar Sambhaji Balgude, Pune	Member
18	Shri. Kailas Uttamrao Magar, Hingoli	Member
19	Shri. Ashish Dinesh Kulkarni, Worli, Mumbai	Member
20	Shri. Popatrao Pawar, Hiwrebajar, Dist-Ahmadnagar	Member

S N	Name	Designation
21	Shri. Rajdeep Sardesai, Sr. Reporter, NDTV	Member
22	Shri. Nitin Vaidya, ZEE network	Member
23	Dr. Digant Prakash Amte, Gadchiroli	Member
24	Shri. Sachin Madhavrao Sawant, Mumbai suburban	Member
25	Shri. Datta Balsaraf	Member
26	Shri.Nilesh Puradkar	Member
27	Shri.Vishvas Thakur, Nashik	Member
28	Shri.Nilesh Raut, Aurangabad	Member
29	Shri.Mathew Mattam	Member

Special Invitee

S N	Name	Designation
1	Shri.Milind Deora, M.P., Mumbai	Member
2	Smt. Supriya Sule, M.P., Baramati	Member

Chairman of Sub Committees

S N	Name	Name of Sub Committee
1	Smt. Praniti Sushilkumar Shinde, Member of Legislative Assembly	Health, Environment, social field
2	Mr. Devendra Fadanvis, Member of Legislative Assembly	Vocational Training, Employment, Education, Rural Area Development Council, Rules Implementing Mechanism
3	Dr. Vyankatesh Kumar, Mumbai	Science and Technology
4	Mr. Vishwas Thakur, Nashik	Art and Cultural
5	Mr. Ashish Kulkarni, Mumbai	Action Plan and Youth Welfare for Tribal, Backward classes, Minorities

Special Assistance

Hon. Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar, (M.P) Mumbai University	Dr. Rajan Velukar, Vice Chancellor,
Shri. Nilesh Parvekar, Member of Legislative Assembly	Shri. Ravi Rana, Member of Legislative Assembly, Badnera
Shri. Mahesh Pathak, Secretary, Higher and Technical Education	Shri. Vivek Savant, M. D. MKCL, Pune
Shri. Sudhir Gavhane, Ex. Vice Chancellor, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik	Shri. Shivanand Hulyalkar, Pune
Shri. Sunil G. Karve, Member Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik	Dr, Father Francis Swami, Principal, Holy Family High school
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Shri. Siddharth Prakash, Mumbai	Dr. Munir Gazi, Mumbai
Shri. Veintey Pingale, Mumbai	Smt. Varsh Malvatkar
Dr. Anand Bung, Gadchiroli	Shri.Vijay Tapas
Dr. Sachin Jadhav	Prof. Anil Vankhede
Shri. Kunal Dalal	Shri. Sandesh Singalkar, Nagpur
Shri. Sanjay Dudhe, Nagpur	Dr. Jitendra Dahade
Shri.Suresh Patil, Mumbai	Prof. Lata Narayan
Shri. Kaustubh Devle	Dr. Amit Nagre
Shri. Mahendra Rokade	Shri. Abhijit Khanvilkar
Shri. Manik Thosare, Dy Director, Sports and Youth Service, Pune	Smt. P.N. Gadamvar, Asst. Director Sports and Youth Service, Pune
Shri.Suhas Patil, Asst.Director Sports and Youth Service, Pune	

Annexure – B
RECOMMENDATIONS OF YOUTH POLICY
(PROPOSED SCHEME)

After formation of Maharashtra state, in last 50 years, many schemes of youth welfare were planned and implemented from time to time. These schemes definitely contributed its major role in youth welfare of the State. Now State has decided to overcome effectively on various issues raised during last 50 years in the implementation of the schemes. Therefore, in this policy various recommendations are made for each constituent. Success of this policy lies in effective implementation of these recommendations with full capacity and efficiency.

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1	Formation of youth training center: It is necessary to form a center at state level, which will work for all round development of youth by implementing various schemes of youth development. State level youth training center will be formed at two places (taking in to consideration the local facilities and Regional balance). The centers will be autonomous organization as Yashvantrao Chavan Administrative Development Academy (YASHADA). Provision will be made on priority for capital expenditure and recurring expenditure to form this center. In every youth center there will be staff like, Manager, program co-ordinator, clerk and peon. E-library will be made available at these centers. Following programs will be implemented through it: 1. Introduction of modern science and technology and revision of curriculum. 2. Enlightenment of youth for social responsibilities. 3. Counseling regarding depression, and increasing mental stress and tension due to modern life style and increasing competition. 4. Awareness of social health and protect individual physical health.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Planning and Finance, Employment and Self Employment, Higher and Technical Education, Health, Information and Publicity, Tourism Dept., Youth and Women Groups.

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	5. Introduction of social development schemes and youth leadership training. 6. New opportunities of employment available at global level and in service industries. 7. Eternal development (wild life protection, environment and water conservation etc.) 8. Review of global changes occurred in sports, arts and culture. 9. Guidance for competitive exams - Presently, there are three State Guidance Centers available in State where guidance is provided to students appearing for selection in Central Government services. In these centers guidance is given mainly to the students appearing in Union Public Service Commission Exams. Separate cells to be established in State Level Youth Centers to increase the number of youth candidate for participation in Central Government administrative services like IAS, IPS, IFS, IRS etc. from Maharashtra State. These centers will be provided with all facilities as presently available at three State Guidance Centers. 10. Yuva Maharashtra' monthly publication will be published from State Level Youth Centers to inspire the youth. Review of various youth activities to be carried out in this publication falling under jurisdiction of concern centers. 11. Personality development, workshops, seminars, debates to be arranged for youth. 12. Improvements to be suggested in implementing the schemes while publicizing and propagation for development of youth.		

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2	District level Competitive Exams Guidance Center: Various Central Govt. Institutes conducting competitive examinations for recruitment of candidate in their services. (E.g. Staff selection Commission, Bank Recruitment Board, Railway Recruitment Board, Insurance Authority). To increase the number of youth participating from Maharashtra State in these Central Government services and also to maintain proper standard and merit of candidate in State Services, Competitive Exam. Guidance Centers will be formed at District Head Quarter. Beneficiaries will be selected by Entrance Test and they will be provided facilities like library, internet, training classes, pre interview training etc. free of cost. Besides selected youth, the library facility will be made available to youth not from these Centres, by charging nominal fees. District Sports Complex is being formed by State. Such Guidance Centers can be formed in the district sports complex as per availability of space. Some part of this complex can be given to the youth for hostel purpose at minimum rate. If space is not available in the complex, then such centers will be formed at other places nearby to city. Taluka Level Information Center: Library will be formed in taluka sports complex for preparation of competitive exams at primary level. Libraries will consist of periodicals, newspapers, books, employment news as well as internet facility and said facilities will be provided to youth at nominal rates.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Planning and Finance, Employment and Self Employment, Information and Publicity Dept.,

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3	Youth Awards: It is necessary to honor youth for the remarkable work render in social field. This Award will inspire the youth. Annually this Award will be given in each category for Male and Female Youth and also to one Institute at District level. At State level, this Award will be given to two Male and Female and one Institute every year. District and State level individual Awards will be of Rs. 10,000/ and Rs. 50,000 respectively with Medal and Letter of Honour. District and State awards for Institutions will be of Rs. 50,000/ and 1,00,000/ respectively with the Trophy. Recipient of these Awards will be granted all facilities like recipient of prestigious Shivchhatrapati Krida Award.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Organisations and Individuals working for Youth Welfare.
4	Establishment of Youth Hostels : Youth have to make visits in cities frequently for Job opportunities, Business, Education, Interviews, Guidance and Training. During this period, it is necessary to have hostel facilities to stay for short duration in cities. Therefore, the necessity of District Youth Center is highlighted in State Youth Policy. Youth should feel familiar with Youth Hostels rather than thinking shelter is a big issue for him in cities while participating in various social activities. Youth hostels will establish at every District place. Rates of the Youth hostels will not be kept high with the intention of profit making but convenient to the Youth in accordance with the minimum maintenance of the hostel. Out of total accommodation, 30 percent are to be kept reserved for female youth. At two places in the State, Hostels will be constructed of International / National	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Revenue, Tourism, Public Works, Information and Publicity Department.

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	standards. These Hostels will consist of the amenities to attract National and International Youth and tourist. District and Divisional level youth hostels will form at sports complex. Financial assistance and staff will be provided for management of hostels. Primarily, the youth hostels will be established at the six divisional headquarter places and then in the second phase they will be established at the district level.		
5	Organising Youth Festival : Grant allotted for State Youth Festival is very meager. Therefore, provision of Rs. 50 lakhs will be made annually for celebrating Youth Festival on large scale. It will be made mandatory for participation of University machinery in the process of Youth Festival. As well as Directorate of Culture Affairs, Nehru Youth Center and Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation will participate in said Festival.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Nehru Youth Kendra, Maharashtra Tourism Development Planning and Finance Dept. and Universities.
6	Celebration of Youth day and youth Week: Existing grant will be increased. It will be made compulsory to celebrate Youth Day for all Junior and Senior Colleges. In addition to this State Govt. machinery will organize comprehensive program of youth week at Taluka and District level with the help of voluntary organizations.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Persons and Organizations working for youth Welfare.
7	Fiscal help to voluntary organizations working in the field of youth development: Existing schemes of social service camps and fiscal help to youth groups of rural and urban areas will be made combined. Criteria of new	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Organizations working for youth welfare.

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	scheme will make uncomplicated and at the same time will effectively control its implementation procedure. The limit of fiscal help will be increased up to Rs. 1,00,000/ and share of the organization and State Govt. will be in the ratio of 25:75. District Planning and Development Committee will make budgetary provision according to the Youth population of the District.		
8	Organization of Youth Sahitya Sammelan: On the line of Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Sammelan, youth sahitya sammelan will be organized for the Youth in the age group of 18 to 35 years. State will make budgetary provision of Rs. 25,00,000/- every year and disbursed the said grant to organizing committee and remaining expenses will bear by the local organizing committee.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Directorate of cultural Affairs, Nehru Youth Center, Maharashtra Tourism Development, Finance and Planning, Universities. Organizations doing welfare work.
9	Information regarding employment: District industrial Center will collect information regarding the vacant post, available post and posts to be created in near future at various Private and Co-operative Industries in financial year and it will be published in April every year.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Employment and self employment dept.
10	Appointment of Yuva Mitra at Taluka and District level: Taluka Mitra will be appointed part time contract basis on remuneration of Rs 3000/ p.m. at Taluka level and on Rs. 5000/ p.m. at District level. At District level one Male and Female youth of senior Yuva Mitra will be appointed and to assist them two Yuva Mitra will be appointed at Taluka level. They have to work with the help of local youth groups and Sports Dept. machinery.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Organisations working for Youth Welfare.

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11	Creation of Website: Department of Industries will create Website in association with Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd. For registering qualification of Youth. On this website, Youth will register individual information in database format like minimum skills, technical and higher technical education, Knowledge of service industries, management training as well as degree graduation from various branches. It will be updated on monthly basis. This web site will be available for all related people and institutions. All recognised educational institutes of the state will be made compulsory to make the information of their students available on web site immediately after possession of requisite qualification. These institutions will be provided with all required facilities for this. Formation of youth website : Separate website will be designed to enable youth to get information related to interest of youth on various subjects, projects, guidance etc.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Ltd., Employment and Self Employment, Directorate of Education.
12	Programs for youth on Television channels: Provision will be made to telecast programs for youth on Govt. and Private T.V. Channels which will provide counseling, guidance and inspiration to the youth. Such programs will telecast daily at least for duration of one hour. Present Act related to Entertainment will be strictly implemented in order to abandon the telecast of programs countering traditions and culture of the State and minimum decency. State will take necessary	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Sahyadri doordarshan

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	steps to amend the Act, if required; State will also take firm stance to issue directives to concerned agencies through Central Govt. in this regard. In future, State will start its own Youth Television Channel to provide suitable platform for the Youth.		
13	Interstate youth exchange program: Youth exchange program will be carried out within the State and Inter-state level to encourage the Youth to understand cultural relation, cultural variety and geographical diversity of the one State to other State. Provision for this will be made in District planning. In this program, a group of 20 male - female youth from one region will visit and stay in other region for 10 days. The expenses of their stay will be managed with the help of local self govt., youth groups, celebrities and other reputed individuals and industrial groups. In this period, the group of these 20 youth will take review of inspirations of development, local language, food habits, life style, culture and traditions of the visited region. The project will not treat as tourism but it will be recognized as a study tour. For this purpose each district will make a provision of Rs 1,00,000 on experimental basis.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Sahyadri Doordarshan, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Maharashtra Tourism Development, Finance and Planning Department and Universities, Organizations working for youth welfare.
14	National youth exchange program: Taking into consideration the geographical and cultural variance of the nation, youth from one state will be exchanged with other state. Constructive provision for this will be made in State Budget. In this program a group of 50 male - female youth from one State will visit and stay in other State for 10 days. The	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Sahyadri Doordarsha, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Maharashtra Tourism

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15	Life skill Education: Educational curriculum will be comprised of scientific approach, experienced based comprehension, awareness about environment and emphasis on vocational education, respect of indigenous and traditional knowledge. Life skill education will be included in school and college curriculum.	School Education and Sports Department	Environment, Higher and Technical education Department, Directorate of Technical Education
16	Vocational Education Act: Govt. of India has implemented Right to Education Act since 2009, on the line of Right to Education Act, Vocational Education Act will be implemented.	Directorate of Technical Education.	School Education and Sports, Higher and Technical Education Department
17	Facility Center: The proper use of technical skills of youth can be utilized for generating employment at local level. Considering increase in Urbanization in the areas of corporations and municipalities Youth Service Centers will be formed by corporations and municipalities. In these Centers following services will be provided to Citizens for their	Municipal Corporations And municipalities	Directorate of Technical Education, Employment and Self Employment School Education and Sports dept.

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	day to day requirements like paying electric bills, repairing of fans, fridges, and other electric and electronic appliances, masonry and plumbing works, on line reservation of railway and S.T. tickets etc. Registration of the youth willing to work in such centers will be done. Govt. will take initiative in building such facility centers.		
18	Youth leadership and youth development training: Training programs will be organize for youth to give inspiration to their leadership and also to develop their personality. Likewise youth welfare schemes will be implemented. Share of Govt. and Organizations will be in ratio of 75:25 respectively. Grant will be allotted to organization in the limit of Rs.25000/- to Rs.3,00,000/- for short term and long term period projects.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Finance and Planning, Educational Institutes, Collages and Organizations working for youth welfare.
19	Youth Social Credit Index: The positive energy in the youth will be utilized to build the Nation and it will be possible by bestowing tribute and respect to social work. Three tier committee of expert will be formed to fix on standards of evaluation of social work done by Youth.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	All Administrative Department, Universities, Youth Groups Organizations working for youth
20	Establishment of Youth Skill Development Institute: Maharashtra Skill Development Institute will be establish in State for making Youth expert and competent for the adaptation and remain stable in Global competitions and to develop new skill among Youth.	Directorate of Sports and Youth Services.	Directorate of Technical Education, Universities, Youth Groups, Youth working for Social interest.