



NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL 2023: HUBLI – DHARWAD

Background

12th January is the Birthday of Vivekananda and is celebrated as the National Youth Day, from the year 1985, the International year of Youth. The first National Youth Festival was held in the year 1995 from 12th to 16th January at Bhopal. This event of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India is celebrated annually in one of the States in a joint venture mode. The youth festival aims to propagate the concept of national integration, the spirit of communal harmony, brotherhood, courage, and adventure amongst the youth by exhibiting their cultural prowess on a common platform. NYF allows youth across the country to discuss, debate, share their experience and aspirations, understand and enjoy the rich pluralistic diversities, and appreciate the underlying current of oneness and unity in these diversities.

The activities held during the festival include competitive and non-competitive cultural events, Youth summits on various themes, indigenous sports, martial arts, Yuva Kriti-Social Development Fair, Food Festival, Young Artists Camp, and Adventure Sports. The presentation of the National Youth Awards also takes place during the festival.

The present National Youth Festival is organized in collaboration with the Karnataka State Government, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), and the National Service Scheme (NSS).

More than 7500 youth delegates representing state governments, NYKS, and NSS will take part in the five-day events showcasing their talents and exclusive culture. A mini-India in Hubballi-Dharwad will have joyful learning and living together.

On 15/01/2023 , a YOGATHON from 06.00 am to 08.00 am will be attempted to create a Guinness Book of World record, by mobilizing 5 lakh people from across 31 Districts of Karnataka, along with NYF Participants.

Competitive events

1. Folk Dance

Folk dance is the expression of a past or present culture. This competition showcases the rich folk dance art form from all the states and encourages the sense of unity in diversity through a healthy competition to outperform each other.

2. Folk Song

Folk songs are traditional rural music passed down through families and upholds the folk culture through generations.

Non-Competitive events

- Mindful morning-Yoga and Meditation**
- Youth Summit**

Youth get an opportunity to interact with chosen eminent personalities and experts having different areas of specialization.

Theme-” Future of work, Industry, Innovation and 21st Century Skills”

Sub Themes/Topics:

- New Education Policy
- 21st Century Life Skills for holistic personality development
- Start-up India Policy

Theme- ” Climate change and disaster risk reduction”

Sub Themes/Topics:

- Mission life- Green Energy
- Life on water & land- Indian ethos
- Disaster preparedness for youth

Theme-” Peace building and Reconciliation”

Sub Themes/Topics:

- India- the land of Peace
- Conflict Resolution & Negotiation skills
- India the mother of Democracy

Theme-” Shared future-youth in democracy and governance”

Sub Themes/Topics:

- Youth participation in local governance
- Digital India and service at your fingertip

Theme-” Health & Well-being”

Sub Themes/Topics:

- Mental Health and well-being
- Yoga, pranayama, and meditation for holistic health
- Health concerns in the post-covid era

3. Young artists’ camp

Young artists camp provides a platform to showcase youth skills in Sculpture, Painting, and Photography.

4. Food Festival:

The food festival includes an exhibition and sale of delicacies from various parts of the country. It helps in reintegrating value back into food systems and existing food cultures.

5. Yuva Kriti-Social Development fair:

Yuva Kriti – It showcases handmade products and skills in handcraft featuring the products of young artisans from all across the country.

6. Adventure Camp:

Adventure Camp Festival creates a supportive, growth-oriented community where youth encounter challenging new experiences and enjoy time outdoors

7. Indigenous Sports & Martial arts:

Indigenous sports and games are an integral part of India’s culture and rich history. Reviving traditional games will allow us to preserve the heritage for future generations.