# KASHMIRI YOUTH EXACHANGE PROGRAMME

Coorg Public School and PU College, Gonikoppal The school designated as United Nations school in India

# 26-31 December 2023

# Organised by:

Govt. of India-Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports-Ministry of Home Affairs

Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Karnataka

Kodagu District Youth Federation, Karnataka

Coorg Public School and PU College, Gonikoppal

# Introduction

Kashmiriyat, Jamhooriyat aur Insaniyat' (social consciousness and cultural values of the Kashmiri people, democracy, and humanity), he said, "I will like to follow these three mantras which are the pillars of development of Kashmir. Sufi tradition has emerged from this land and this tradition has taught us oneness and strength of

# unity". (Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India)

Coorg Public School and PU College, Gonikoppal

#### Organisors



GOVT. OF INDIA-MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS-MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NEHRU YUVA KENDRA SANGATHAN, KARNATAKA

KODAGU DISTRICT YOUTH FEDERATION

COORG PUBLIC SCHOOL, GONIKOPPAL











26-31 DECEMBER

2023

#### Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme

#### A Warm Welcome

Introduction:

The Youth are vibrant and major human resources for strengthening democracy and development, and thus key agents for social and economic transformation of a country. There is a need for larger Youth involvement and participation in the socio-economic, cultural and political environment of the country and its development process.

The role and responsibility of the youth in Kashmir Valley is tremendous. They are the pride of the nation and considered as the real assets. They have innovative ideas and opinions. They have the capacities and capabilities of bringing positive changes in the working system of the State. However, in the present scenario, what they need is right direction that helps them to identify their strength and understand the vision they hold for the State of Jammu and Kashmir and their motherland – the India.

The fragile socio-political landscape, affected by continuing violent conflict and instability, has created a deep sense of uncertainty amongst the local population, particularly the youth. Kashmiri youth have grown up in this adverse environment and have faced tremendous stress. NYKS programme thus aims to fight the feeling of desperation, anger and helplessness is largely prevalent among them.

Kashmir Valley is facing multifarious problems due to sponsored terrorism and the youth sways away owing to a variety of reasons. A major reason behind youth getting involved in radical activities is the lack of access to various opportunities for their overall development.

What has now become increasingly important is to provide safe spaces to youth, mobilize, organize and channelize their energies towards their mainstreaming and partnership in Nation Building activities.

Government is taking several important measures for development process and peace initiatives in Kashmir Region.

#### Aims & Objectives:

 To orient and sensitize participants to act as proponents of national unity, integrity and peace among the young people in Kashmir Valley.

• To provide opportunities to the participants to visit different places of cultural, industrial, historical, religious and educational interest in the country.

•To help the participants develop an appreciative knowledge so that they understand their surroundings, misconceptions, gaps and situations as that are prevailing in Kashmir Valley.

• To share the information on tourism, cuisine, culture and handicrafts and other products of Kashmir Valley.

 To provide opportunity to understand, appreciate and compare each other understandings on socio-cultural, religious-political, economic as well as environmental situation.

• To provide information and knowledge on constitution of India, duties and responsibility of citizen, National Integration, Patriotism and Nation Development.

•To expose Kashmiri youth to the technological and industrial advancement that have taken place in different states of the country with focus on various activities, skill developmental development, educational & employment opportunities available there.

The National UN Volunteers-India

1/2

## **INAUGURAL FUNCTION**

Date: 26th December 2033

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: Coorg Public School Auditorium Gonikoppal, Kodagu Dist., Karnataka

INAUGURATION BY: Shri. B. Nagendra, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Empowerment & Sports and Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Karnataka

PRESIDED BY: Shri. A.S. Ponnanna, Hon'ble MLA and Legal Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

CHIEF GUESTS:

Shri. N. Manjunath Prasad, IAS - Principal Secretary to Government of Karnataka Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports.

Prof. M.D. Nanjunda (National Teacher Awardee) -President of Coorg School Trust, Gonikoppal

Dr. M. Ramachandran (The UN Designate) -Principal, Coorg Public School & Pre-University College, Gonikoppal

#### Coorg Public School and PU College, Gonikoppal

#### Organisors



GOVT. OF INDIA-MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS-MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

NEHRU YUVA KENDRA SANGATHAN, KARNATAKA

KODAGU DISTRICT YOUTH FEDERATION

COORG PUBLIC SCHOOL, GONIKOPPAL











26-31 DECEMBER

2023

INAUGURAL FUNCTION Date: 26th December 2033 Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: Coorg Public School Auditorium Gonikoppal, Kodagu Dist., Karnataka

INAUGURATION BY: Shri. B. Nagendra, Hon'ble Minister for Youth Empowerment & Sports and Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Karnataka

PRESIDED BY: Shri. A.S. Ponnanna, Hon'ble MLA and Legal Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

CHIEF GUESTS:

Shri. N. Manjunath Prasad, IAS - Principal Secretary to Government of Karnataka Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports.

Prof. M.D. Nanjunda (National Teacher Awardee) - President of Coorg School Trust, Gonikoppal

Dr. M. Ramachandran (The UN Designate) -Principal, Coorg Public School & Pre-University College, Gonikoppal

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION Date: 31st December 2023 Time: 3-00 pm

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS BY : Shri. Thawar Chand Gehlot - Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka

Venue: Coorg Public School Auditorium Gonikoppal, Kodagu Dist., Karnataka

ADMINISTERING NATIONAL INTEGRATION PLEDGE - Shri. U.T. Khadar, Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

PRESIDED BY: Shri. A.S. Ponnanna, Hon'ble MLA and Legal Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

GUEST OF HONOR: Prof. M.D. Nanjunda (National Teacher Awardee) President of Coorg School Trust, Gonikoppal Aims & Objectives:

Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme

• To orient and sensitize participants to act as proponents of national unity, integrity and peace among the young people in Kashmir Valley.

• To provide opportunities to the participants to visit different places of cultural, industrial, historical, religious and educational interest in the country.

•To help the participants develop an appreciative knowledge so that they understand their surroundings, misconceptions, gaps and situations as that are prevailing in Kashmir Valley.

• To share the information on tourism, cuisine, culture and handicrafts and other products of Kashmir Valley.

 To provide opportunity to understand, appreciate and compare each other understandings on socio-cultural, religious-political, economic as well as environmental situation.

• To provide information and knowledge on constitution of India, duties and responsibility of citizen, National Integration, Patriotism and Nation Development.

•To expose Kashmiri youth to the technological and industrial advancement that have taken place in different states of the country with focus on various activities. skill developmental development, educational ጲ employment opportunities available there.

The National UN Volunteers-India

2/2

## Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme

Govt Of India

Nehru Yuva Kendra

Kodagu Youth Federation

Coorg Public School and PU College (COPS)

# Day 3: Activity 2: Visiting Coffee curing plant

# Kashmiri Youths Learn About Coffee Processing in Coorg

As part of the Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme, sponsored by the Government of India, around 120 youths from the valley visited a coffee curing plant in Coorg on December 28, 2023. The programme, organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Kodagu Youth Federation and Government of Karnataka, aims to expose the Kashmiri youths to the rich cultural and natural diversity of the country and foster national integration and peace.

The coffee curing plant, located at Kushalnagar in Coorg district, is one of the most sophisticated facilities for processing raw coffee in India. The plant is owned by High Range Coffee Curing Private Limited, a company with over 50 years of experience in the coffee industry. The Kashmiri youths were given a guided tour of the plant and learned about the various stages of coffee processing, from sorting, grading, roasting, grinding, to packaging. They also got to sample different varieties of coffee, such as Arabica and Robusta, and appreciate the aroma and flavour of the brew.

The visit was appreciated by the principal of Coorg Public School and PU College, Dr. M. Ramachandran, who said that the programme was a great opportunity for the Kashmiri youths to learn about the coffee culture of Coorg, which is one of the major producers of coffee in India. He also said that the programme would help the youths to develop a positive outlook and a sense of belonging to the nation. The school authorities accompanied the visitor youths from Kashmir and ensured their safety and comfort. The youths also interacted with the local students and exchanged their views and experiences. The programme, which started on December 26, 2023, will continue till December 31, 2023, and will include visits to other places of cultural, historical, and educational interest in Coorg and Karnataka.

# Visit to Coffee Curing Plant

A magical, dark liquid that helps you get through the day

# Kashmiri Youth Exachange Programme 2023

## 26-31 December

Govt of India Govt of Karnataka Nehru Yuva Kendra Kodagu Youth Federation



# Day 3 Report







# We are inspiration in action





Empowered lives. Resilient nations.