

# **KASHMIRI YOUTH EXCHANGE 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)

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<p><b>Organisers</b></p>  <p>सत्यमेव जयते</p> <p>GOVT. OF INDIA-MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS &amp; SPORTS-MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS</p> <p>NEHRU YUVA KENDRA SANGATHAN, KARNATAKA</p> <p>KODAGU DISTRICT YOUTH FEDERATION</p> <p>COORG PUBLIC SCHOOL, GONIKOPPAL</p>	<p><b>A Warm Welcome</b></p> <p>Introduction:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Aims &amp; Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To orient and sensitize participants to act as proponents of national unity, integrity and peace among the young people in Kashmir Valley.</li> <li>• To provide opportunities to the participants to visit different places of cultural, industrial, historical, religious and educational interest in the country.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• To share the information on tourism, cuisine, culture and handicrafts and other products of Kashmir Valley.</li> <li>• To provide opportunity to understand, appreciate and compare each other understandings on socio-cultural, religious-political, economic as well as environmental situation.</li> <li>• To provide information and knowledge on constitution of India, duties and responsibility of citizen, National Integration, Patriotism and Nation Development.</li> <li>• To expose Kashmiri youth to the technological and industrial advancement that have taken place in different states of the country with focus on various developmental activities, skill development, educational &amp; employment opportunities available there.</li> </ul>
     <p>The school designated as United Nations School in India</p> <p><b>26-31 DECEMBER</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Government is taking several important measures for development process and peace initiatives in Kashmir Region.</p>	
<p><b>2023</b></p>	<p><b>The National UN Volunteers-India</b></p>	<p>1/2</p>
<p><b>INAUGURAL FUNCTION</b></p>		

Date: 26th December 2033

Time: 3.00 pm

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

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Minister for Youth Empowerment & Sports and  
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PRESIDED BY: Shri. A.S. Ponnanna, Hon'ble MLA  
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**VALEDICTORY FUNCTION**

Date: 31st December 2023

Time: 3-00 pm

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS BY : Shri.  
Thawar Chand Gehlot - Hon'ble Governor of  
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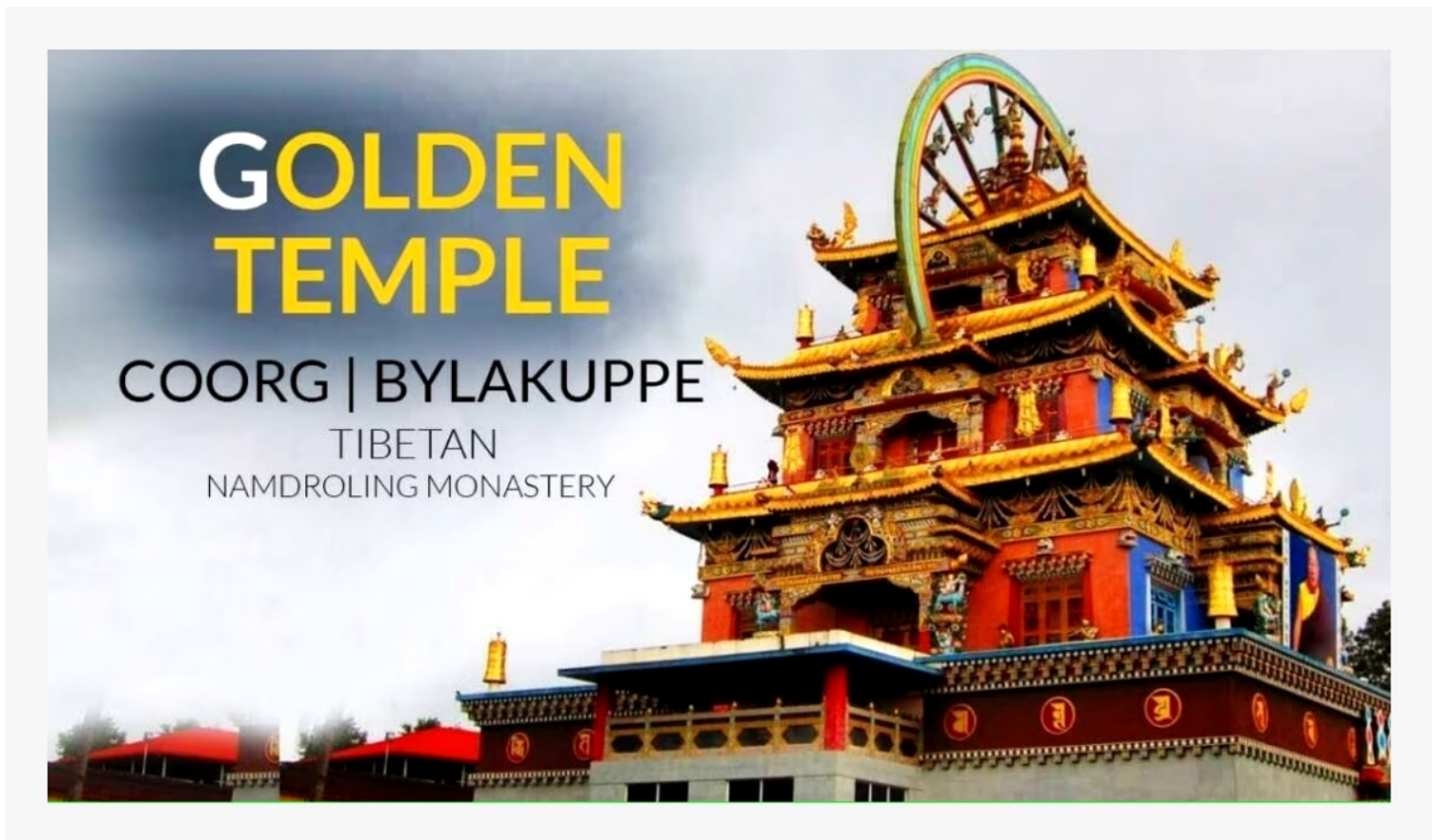
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**Day 4: Visit to Kushal Nagar**

The Kashmiri Youth Exchange Programme, sponsored by the Government of India, concluded on Friday at Coorg Public School and PU College, Gonikoppal. The programme was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Government of Karnataka and Kodava Youth Federation.



The programme aimed to provide exposure and awareness to the youth from Kashmir about the rich cultural and natural diversity of the country, as well as to foster national integration, peace and harmony. Around 120 youths from six districts of Jammu and Kashmir participated in

the six-day programme, which included visits to various places of historical, religious, educational and environmental interest in Coorg and nearby areas.

On the fourth day of the programme, the participants visited Kushalnagar, a town on the Kaveri River, where they witnessed the Buddhist Namdroling Monastery, also known as the Golden Temple, an ornate structure surrounded by groves of sandalwood trees. They also explored the Chiklihole Reservoir and Dam, and the Dubare Elephant Camp, where they interacted with retired logging elephants, crocodiles and leopards.

The programme also involved interactive sessions with social workers, CRPF officials, school students and local youth, where the participants shared their experiences, opinions and aspirations. They also showcased their talents and skills through cultural programmes, sports and games.

The programme concluded with a valedictory function, where the Principal of Coorg Public School and PU College, Dr M Ramachandran, who is also the Secretary General of National UN Volunteers-India, appreciated the organisers and the participants for making the programme a success. He said that the programme was a unique opportunity for the Kashmiri youth to learn about the diverse and vibrant aspects of India, and to develop a sense of belonging and pride for their country. He also hoped that the programme would inspire them to contribute to the development and peace of their state and the nation.

The participants expressed their gratitude and happiness for being part of the programme, and said that they had gained a lot of knowledge, confidence and friendship through the programme. They also said that they would like to visit Coorg and other parts of India again, and to invite the local youth to visit Kashmir.

The programme was one of the several initiatives taken by the Government of India to engage and empower the youth of Kashmir, and to promote the vision of ‘Kashmiriyat, Jamhooriyat aur Insaniyat’ (social consciousness and cultural values of the Kashmiri people, democracy, and humanity), as articulated by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi.





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## Day 4 Visit to Golden Temple

Kushal Nagar, Coorg,  
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# Day 4 Report



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