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Youth Approach of Gujarat

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Introduction

In India, youth are defined as those aged 15 to 29 according to national youth policy (2014). This age-group constitutes 27.5% of India's population. Youth of the nation are trustees of prosperity of any nation. At present, India has the largest number of youth in the world and will continue to hold so far for the next twenty years. But in this challenging time, provide human resource and maximum use of them is the key to develop the economy of country. Young people are major human resource for development of country. According to United Nations, Now-a-days, the problems that young people face as well as their vision and aspirations are essential components of the challenges and prospectus of today's societies and future generation.

The nearly 1.8 billion of them are not only central to the social and economic progress of human kind. They also hold the key to the attainment of sustainable development goals 2030 India is no exception to this reality. According to UN-India office, by 2020, the country is set to be the world's youngest country. An estimated 27.5% of its population is youth, as defined by the National Youth Policy, 2014, who belong to the age group of 15-29 years.

Gujarat is among the most developed State in the country. It can safely be said that Gujarat has a youth population (age 15-29 yrs) in excess of 2 crores. The development of Sport, Youth and Cultural Activities is the nodal department which implements' policies and programmes relating to sports, youth and culture. A sports Policy for the State was formulated in 2016. It is a seminal document which seeks to promote the physical wellbeing of young people through sports for all approach, beside excellence in sports among those

who are more gifted. These include promoting arts, crafts, music and culture among the youth through festivals, fairs and awards, adventure activities such swimming in the high seas and trekking, Yoga camps and youth leadership training camps at district levels. Gujarat government always tries to develop youth approach for last twenty years. "*Small and medium enterprises and the self-employed are the backbone of our industrial and service economy. They are the major generators of productive employment for our youth.... pledges a "new deal" for SMEs and for first-generation entrepreneurs by assuring them greater access to collateral-free credit, liberating them from the multiplicity of laws and forms, and freeing them from the clutches of inspectors.*" - Narendra Modi.

"Effective youth policies can play a major role in creating an enabling environment in which youth can develop their full potential and aspirations through the creation of a framework for action for all agencies and organizations interested in the needs and contributions of young women and men" (ESCAP, 1998a : 2). In Gujarat, government has its own vision.

It is a State policy document serving as a guiding framework for convergent and coordinated action for youth development in a State, consistent with the National as well as the State Development Agenda.

It is broadly in consonance with the principles and objectives of the National Youth Policy but with a State specific focus on youth situation and action.

It signifies political will and the commitment of the State to the development and empowerment of young people.

It outlines challenges young people face; offers opportunities; and motivates them for action to overcome those challenges.

This type of vision and thoughts has many advantages like:

- Places youth at the Centre of the State's Development Agenda.
- In many ways, it is complementary to the State Development Plan.
- It helps integrate the youth with other sections of the society and establishes a bond between young people and the adult community by outlining mutual expectation and correcting distortions in their understanding of each other.
- It is an instrument for identifying the needs and concerns of young people and depending and protection the rights of the youth, especially those belonging to economically disadvantaged sections of the society.

- It provides opportunities and avenues for the youth to effectively participate in and contribute to the process of State development.
- Creates a framework for the strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes which impact on young people.

Gujarat government has find out some target groups for implement this approach, which are-

Urban and Rural youth, Tribal and non-tribal youth, Students, Youth belonging to ethnic and religious minorities, Society and economically disadvantage youth, Differently-abled youth, Youth at risk, Migrant youth etc.

Some rights of youth in Gujarat are as under.

- (1) Right to education
- (2) Right to health services
- (3) Right to gainful livelihood
- (4) Right to information
- (5) Right to participate in decision making processes

As government does many things for youth of Gujarat; young persons have some responsibilities, and these are like- youth should be active and responsible citizenship and respect for the constitution and its principles and values, laws and rules of the State. Youth should also respect for and promotion of the cultural heritage of the State and should commitment to serve the community through voluntary service. Moreover, youth must involve in the promotion of social harmony.

Some objectives of this youth approach are -

- Integrate youth development into te mainstream of the State development agenda policies and programs
- Ensure effective and meaningful participation of youth in the process of governance formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes, particularly those that impact their lives.
- Foster in young people an abiding commitment and adherence to the principles and values enshrined in the Constitution
- Foster love and respect for the composite culture of the country and pride in the cultural traditions of the state

- Help young people become economically self-reliant and productive members of the society through provision of a range of service such as skill development, training, credit and marketing support
- Ensure equitable access to education, health and recreation opportunities for all sections of the youth population
- Promote gender equality in all areas of development
- Meet the special needs of disadvantaged and marginalized section of the youth and those at risk
- Foster self-development and leadership skills amongst the youth
- Promote a spirit of voluntary service among the youth
- Effectively engage the youth in environment protection and conservation disaster management and mitigation

Some education related approaches of government are-

- Develop educational opportunities and ensure that the benefits reach the deserving and the needy. This should be a collaborative venture of the state agencies and civil society organizations.
- Provide incentives to young women and tribal youth to pursue higher education beyond the secondary level and arrest the sharp drop-out rates now evident.
- Integrate life skills, physical education, community service, financial literacy and entrepreneurship in the educational curricula.
- Create educational opportunities through grants and scholarships for underprivileged youth of the state. This should be a collaborative initiative of the state agencies, civil society organizations and the private sector.
- Scale up educational opportunities for differently abled youth.
- Facilitate access to reputed coaching centers by way of scholarship for youth of the state to compete in all India level service.
- Institutionalize career counseling in the school education system to facilitate students to choose an appropriate career path.

- Ensure meaningful engagement of youth / youth organizations in the educational committees as members at all levels.
- In health, establish ongoing functional linkages with government bodies, international agencies, and some good NGOs dealing with health and seek their support in terms of financial resources, training and educational materials and services of experts.
- Collaboration with some good international agencies to develop behavioral change communication materials in the areas of disease spread areas. Organize awareness campaign to collaborate with other agencies, conducting seminars and workshops to sensitize young people against early marriage and tobacco and alcohol habits. Youth should scale up existing drug de addiction centers, where it necessary. Youth friendly counseling centers for girls, adolescent girl and boy students, and health programs.

Youth should involve in promotional activities in national unity, values and social harmony in society. Mutual understanding and respect to others, respect their customs, languages and other rituals of people of society. Organize national integration camp, sports activities and explore the unity in society. Government should identify youth icons and promotes them as youth icons for many promotional events. It should help to promote the national unity values and social harmony.

Some community activities give youth the chance to apply the skills they already have. Volunteer work and community activities are also great opportunities to **show initiative and develop skills** to get a job. Youth should be able to **manage free time** while balancing leisure, work and study is an important life skill. Being part of community activities could motivate your child to get more organized and start to manage his own time.

Moreover, some other community activities can boost youth's self-confidence and self-esteem. Young children can learn to deal with challenges, communicate with different people and build up their life skills in a supportive environment. It's also necessary for general and mental health and wellbeing for them. Young people often feel good about being involved in something where others expect them to turn up, where they feel helpful and valued, and where they are supported to achieve something as part of a group. These positive feelings can help protect young people from sadness and depression. Being involved in some kind of

community activity can also reduce the likelihood of substance abuse, mental illness and criminal activities of youth in Gujarat.

Young people in Gujarat, with additional needs can get just as much out of being involved in community activities as typically developing children. It's also important for them to be represented in all kinds of community projects. If youth children are interested, they could link up with a group that understands her particular. Youth sometimes prefer mainstream opportunities. Their views as a young person will be valued in these activities, and their involvement will benefit other young students. Youth might want to consider hands-on experiences, things with tangible results and projects with a commitment to diversity. In practical way, it can help to consider youth children's needs in relation to medications, bathroom routines, eating and so on. Youth could also think about how to make it easy for them to fit in.

Computer Training for the youths is also important for state. For it, government should provide computers, Accessories, equipments related to it. The main objective of the computer training should create computer awareness among the youth in urban area and also in rural areas and remote areas of the State.

Government should try to give training related to leadership to youth of state. Programs related to functions and management of youth organizations and youth related activities and also to develop their personality and leadership qualities.

Government also facilitates youth students to youth exchange programs for them. Thus youth being familiarize and understand other cultural differences of Gujarat.

Many youth are interested in risk related activities. Youth people have spirit of risk taking, quick response to dangerous situations, Adventure Sports and Mountaineering activities are organized by the Gujarat for them; moreover trekking, rock climbing, river rafting, para aailing, hang gliding etc. are some of the activities. The government has sufficient equipments to conduct these activities.

Gujarat government has started many youth Hostels for boys and girls in all metro cities in Gujarat state. In these hostels, other backward class, scheduled class and scheduled tribes meritorious and marginalized college youth students gets free lodging and boarding.

Promotion of National Unity, Values and Social Harmony

Promotion mutual understanding and respect for diversity through scaling up of state and national level integration camps, sports meets and exposure visits.

Identify 'Youth Icons' from the State to act as 'ambassadors' for promoting national values and social harmony.

Encourage singing of the National Anthem and taking of the pledge for national unity in educational institutions.

Integrate the concept of national unity and values in the training programs of all youth organizations.

Youth participation and leadership is essential for every state in every field of structure. Government started structures such as state council or district youth councils to ensure effective participation of youth in decision making processes of state. Government ensures to representation and participation of youth in formulation of policies programs, in their implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Collaborate with the youth approach in strengthening the network of youth clubs at the village level is also started. Promotion of youth participation in local self-governance structures such as village councils in state. Encourage political parties to promote youth participation in electoral politics at all levels. Government also ensures active and substantive engagement of young people from diverse backgrounds in the state-level planning, implementation and monitoring of policies and programs related to the sustainable development goals since progress will significantly influence the lives of young people. Revamp the existing scheme of youth leadership training camp at district level to a youth and community leadership training program with a suitable module in line with such a program being implemented by the youth.

Traditionally, sports and physical education activities were limited to schools and colleges. Due to limited career options, sports used to be treated as an extra-curricular activity by students and their parents. However, with interventions and encouraging policies by Government, Sports is set to emerge as an organized business leading to many job opportunities and also help sportspersons achieve excellence at the national and International Sports Arena.

Government was started Khel mahakumbh six years ago and it is very much successful in state. The success of Khel Mahakumbh has energized the grass roots and provided platform for the people of Gujarat, especially youth, to showcase their talent and skills in the field of sports. Nurturing the talent identified through this robust competition structure at excellence academies will require best quality coaches, trainers and support staff. Also scientific approach with the help of technology needs to be adopted to train the raw and

proven talent to continuously improve their skills. Thus government started Swarnim Gujarat Sports University in Gujarat. The Swarnim Gujarat Sports University plays a pivotal role in providing trained human resource for Sports Development in the state. The University through its proposed High Performance Centre will help players enhance their physical and mental skills required to shine at the global sports arena. Emphasis will be laid on developing fitness techniques through traditional methods like Yoga and Meditation for youth. The university is the epicenter of Sports development in Gujarat and helps the state contribute to India becoming the sporting powerhouse of the world. Gujarat government has started District Level Sports Schools in every district throughout the state.

The government should review the state youth approach on the outcomes of the implement it on ground level and change in it time to time.

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