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a brief description
of Central Government's
Scheme for
Social & economic progress
with relevance for
Promoting the well being
of youth and
their involment
in
the national development

- * Explains nature and purpose
of programmes
- * Indicates the relevance of
the programmes for youth work
- * Tells whom to contact
- * Indicates how to obtain details

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PREFACE

The youth force of the country, if appropriately harnessed, constitute the most powerful instrument for social, cultural and economic change. The imperative need of the hour is to offer to young people the possibility to contribute more to the development of their country and of the local community to which they belong; to involve youth in taking part in decision making; to offer challenges to the idealism and zeal of youth; to provide opportunities for channelising their energies; and to make available more facilities for the fulfilment of their aspirations and of their occupational, educational, cultural, social and other needs.

Many programmes and schemes aimed at these goals and needs are already being implemented by governmental and non-governmental agencies. Their efficiency and usefulness are varied. Their appeal and attractiveness for youth's imagination are diversified. But, basically, all of them have some potential for youth work and youth activities.

What is now needed is to arouse wider interest among young people in these programmes. The foremost need is to make available sufficient information about these programmes, their nature, purposes and methods of implementation. Many of these lend themselves very well to youth involvement. This inventory represents an effort to bring together the basic information about some of the schemes of the Central Ministries for ready reference of young people, youth workers and youth associations.

It is especially meant to serve the Coordinators and youth participants of the Nehru Yuva Kendras which are already established in 94 Districts. It is expected that ultimately all the Districts will be covered by a network of Nehru Yuva Kendras. One of the primary objectives of the Kendras is to provide a range of challenges and opportunities for non-student youth in the age group 15-25, which will enable them to participate in meaningful developmental activities. The function of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Coordinators is primarily that of a catalyst and more particularly:

to stimulate and coordinate various co-operative and developmental programmes already under implementation at the district level which offer opportunities to youth for direct participation;

- to encourage and organise youth for utilising and taking advantage of various governmental schemes;
- to stimulate youth energies and imagination to enrich the implementation of different programmes, to harness their innovative spirit for their own personal and collective benefit;
- to organise educational, promotional and training activities, which will enable young people to participate more vigorously and efficiently in developmental activities, and particularly to take advantage of schemes intended to increase employment opportunities or generation of self-employment.

The Nehru Yuvak Kendra Coordinators will find in this Inventory some indications for widening their work, for new directions in which they can move, for identifying and harnessing untapped resources and for promoting the Coordination between schemes and programmes which are often isolated.

The material in this Inventory has been based on the annual reports of the various Central Ministries for the year 1973-74. Those schemes have been included which seem to provide employment opportunities to youth, assistance for generation of self-employment, opportunities for youth participation in community services and national development, facilities for extension services, technical know-how and opportunities for training, re-training or updating of knowledge and skills, and facilities for the development of youth personality. The Ministries concerned are currently engaged in the process of finalising the details of schemes for implementation during the Fifth Five Year Plan and it is likely that new schemes would be formulated and old ones would undergo certain modifications. The users of this Inventory will, therefore, need to supplement the information given in this book by reference to the Ministries concerned. To the extent possible sources for contact for further information have been indicated at appropriate places.

It goes without saying that; all schemes and programmes mentioned in this Inventory are not implemented in each District; all of them are not equally relevant to the environmental conditions in all parts of the country; many more schemes, suited to local circumstances and needs, are organised by State Governments, authorities at District and Block levels, schools and universities, as well as by a large number of voluntary agencies. The Nehru Yuvak Kendra Coordinators are invited to identify the existing schemes and, eventually, to appeal to different authorities, organisations and institutions for organising or extending suitable programmes.

The schemes in this Inventory have been arranged Ministry-wise. To help the users in obtaining information on programmes applicable to their needs, an alphabetical index of subject-matter has also been provided.

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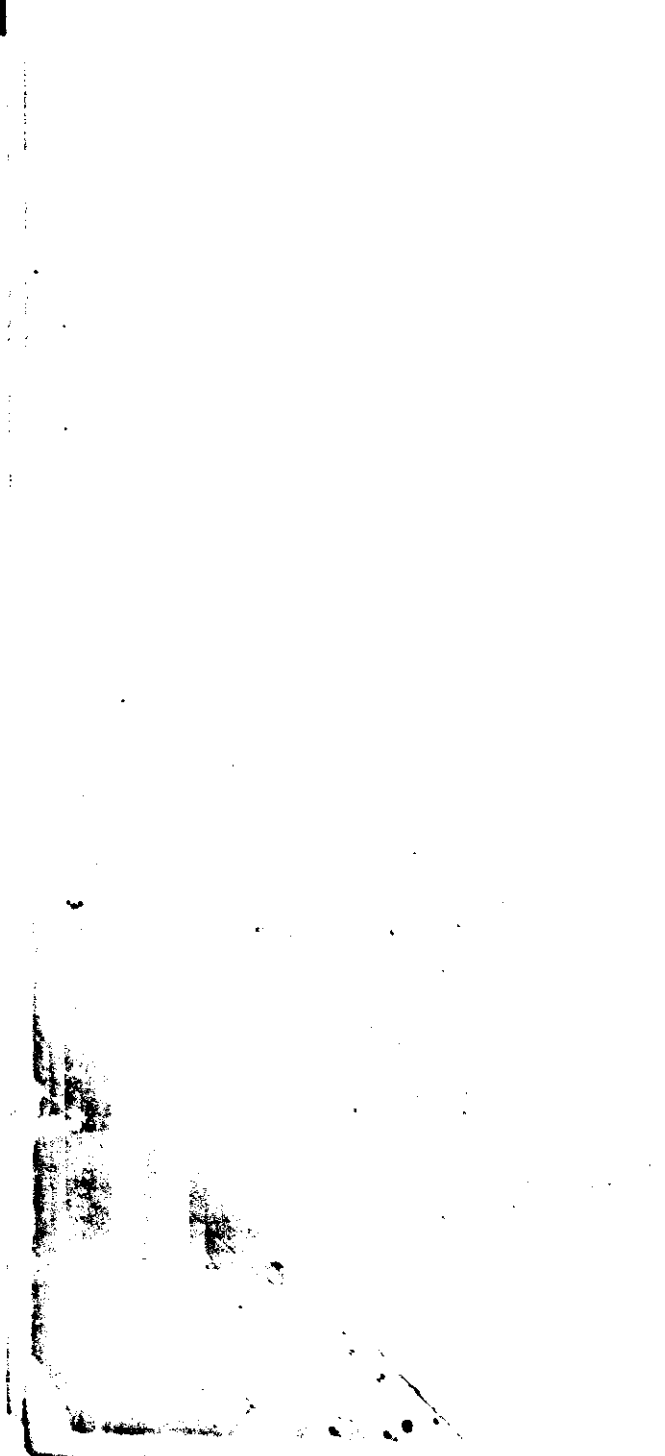
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