



REPORT ON

7TH NORTH EAST YOUTH FESTIVAL 2024



The four-day youth festival was a multi-cultural event for promotion of National Integration with an aim to provide opportunities to young people of the North-Eastern states to interact with each other and get acquainted with different places of cultural interest, language, life style, culinary and sartorial habits, historical and cultural monuments, and also the leisure-time activities.

It was also an endeavor to promote sharing of each other's traditional and cultural heritage as well as development in different spheres of life and encourage the youth to develop friendly relationships with people belonging to other parts of the country

Inaugural Ceremony:

The 7th North East Youth Festival was inaugurated by Shri Tinku Roy, Hon'ble Minister, Youth Affairs and Sports on 26th February, 2024. In his inspiring speech, the Hon'ble Minister said that vibrant youth festival is a beacon of hope, friendship and cultural pride for the nation. Also thanks the Central Government for providing the state with the opportunity of hosting the festival. The inaugural program was attended by the Co-operation and Tribal Welfare (TRP & PGP) Minister Shri Suklacharan Noatia, Chief Whip of the State Assembly Smt. Kalyani Saha Roy, Director, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Smt. Vanita Sood, Secretary of Youth Affairs and Sports Department, Government of Tripura, Dr. Pradip Kumar Chakravarty, Olympian Padmashree Smt. Dipa Karmakar and others. The program was presided over by the Director of the department Shri Satya Brata Nath.

The festival was organized by the Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of Tripura in collaboration with Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India with the theme "Unlocking the potential of the Yuva Sakti (Power of the Youth) in North East India." And My Bharat, Viksit Bharat.

As part of the inauguration, a colorful rally was conducted in front of Rabindra Bhawan and ended at Urban Haat, Purbasha Complex. Participants from different states performed a procession adorned with flags, balloons and festoons with traditional attire.

Around 873 youth from all the Northeastern States had participated in the Competitive and Non-Competitive Cultural events and different items like as Rock Band, One Act Play, Folk Dance, Folk Song, Suvichar for NSS (Motivational Talk), Instrumental Guitar, Adventure Activities, Martial Arts, Yuva Kriti for NYKS and food festival etc. Also 63 no.s Officials from NSS, NYKS, different State contingents Officials including Officials from Ministry Youth Affairs & Sports to take part in this festival.

Glimpses of Inaugural Ceremony



Glimpses of Rally



COMPETITIVE EVENT:

FOLK DANCE

Highly intrinsic part of North Eastern States, folk dance kept on swaying the enthralled audience at the sprawling Nazrul Kalakshetra. The competition garnered overwhelming response and in this category fought competition, Tripura came first, Meghalaya second and Mizoram third position.



Cheraw Dance by Mizoram



Traditional Bengali Dance by Tripura



Buiya Folk Dance by Arunachal Pradesh

The folk song competition witnessed maximum participation of the NE States and delightful presence of the audience at Nazrul Kalakshetra. The first prize went to the state Tripura, Meghalaya became second and Mizoram came third position.



Classical blend of Violin and Tabla



ONE ACT PLAY

A glittering segment of the festival has been the one act play competition which took place at Town Hall, Agartala. Four NE states were staged in the competition in which the host state bagged first position followed by Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh respectively.



INSTRUMENTAL GUITAR:

In instrumental guitar competition, the state of Nagaland took first position, Meghalaya and Sikkim secured second and third.



ROCK BAND

Rock Bands are known to generate mass hysteria with their foot tapping beats and catchy tunes. It was no different in this festival where four bands from different states took part in the competition. The state of Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland stood first position followed by second and third position.



PAINTING

The stroke of brush and color satisfies the artistic minds. The painting competition held in this youth festival appreciated by the art loving people. The host State Tripura took first position, Meghalaya stood second and third by the state of Nagaland.



CLAY MODELING

An exquisite and creative art form, the clay modeling captured the imagination of the art lovers. In the competition which brought sixth superb clay models, the state Nagaland stood first position, Tripura and Mizoram stood second and third position.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Photo speaks a thousand words. In photography competition, such word captivated the souls of the beholders. The host state was adjudged to be the first position, the state of Meghalaya secured second and Arunachala Pradesh came third position.



NON-COMPETITIVE EVENT:

TREKKING

The whole North East India is a trekker's paradise because of the hilly and terraneous topography of the area. Eighteen participants from seven NE States trekked and express their enjoyment. Trekking event held at Chandipur under Melaghar Block area.



KAYAKING

Kayaking is the use of a kayak for moving across water. The host state has some delightful water bodies where kayaking took place in this NE Youth Festival. In the water of Rudrasagar at Melaghar, the event attracted a number of spectators. In the event eighteen participants took part in this occasion.



CULTURAL NIGHT

Culture brings one the roots of communities. Every night from 26th to 28th February, 2024 there were cultural night performing talent, skills by the participants from all NE States in the non-competitive segment.



DAILY YOGA

Yoga is assimilation of mind and heart through asanas and mudras as prescribed in Vedic Texts. The Youth Festival conducted daily yoga session promoting thus our roots for better living as proclaimed by our Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi.



MARTIAL ART DEMONSTRATION

Different form of martial arts were demonstrated during this festival with the motive to popularize the game. Participants and the spectators alike were elated to perform in the land of famous gymnast “Padmashree” Dipa Karmakar.”



SUVICHAR FOR NSS VOLUNTEERS:

On the second day of Festival i.e. 27th February a three days “YOUTH CONVENTION & SUVICHAR” programme was inaugurated by Mrs. Vanita Sood, Director, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India in the presence of respected dignitaries Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Mr. Samuel Chelliah, Dy. Programme Advisor, NSS India, Mr. Satya Prakash Pattnaik, Director, NYKS, Mr. S.B Nath, Director, Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Tripura, Mr. Jangilong, Regional Director, NSS R.D Guwahati, Mr. N.C Deori Youth Officer, NSS R.D Guwahati & Mr. Prabal Kanti Deb, State NSS Officer, Tripura State NSS Cell.



YUVA KRITI AND FOOD FESTIVAL:

The 7th North East Youth Festival promoted Craft Work and special Skill of the Young people. The Exhibition of handicrafts, Art materials, and traditional food stalls by the budding skill youth and enchanted by the audience.



CLOSING AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY PROGRAMME:

The 7th North East Youth Festival 2024 concluded at Swami Vivekananda Maidan (Astabal ground) in Agartala on 29th February, 2024. Prior to the close, there was a prize giving ceremony to the prize winners in different competitive disciplines were befittingly awarded with prizes as well as a mesmerizing musical night organized by the festival committee. It was attended by a staggering fifty thousand people. India Idol, Sourabhee Debbarma, renowned singer Sinha sisters and local artist enchanted the audience with some hindi, bengali, kokborok songs followed by Bollywood celebrity singer SHAAN warmed up the night with his melodious Hindi and Bengali songs. The Chief Minister of state Prof. Dr. Manik Saha in the middle of the musical extravaganza addressed the assembled. Shri Tinku Roy, Hon'ble Minister Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri Sukla Charan Noatia, Hon'ble Minister, Cooperation and Tribal Welfare (TRP & PGP), Shri Sudangshu Das, Hon'ble Minister ARDD, the Chief Secretary, Shri Jitendra Kumar Sinha, IAS, Chief Justice High Court of Tripura, Shri Aperesh Kr. Singh, Shri P.K. Chakravarty, Secretary, Youth Affairs & Sports Tripura, Mrs. Vanita Sood, Director, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India in the presence of respected dignitaries Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Mr. Samuel Chelliah, Dy. Programme Advisor, NSS India, Mr. Satya Prakash Pattnaik, Director, NYKS, Mr. S.B Nath, Director, Department of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of Tripura, Mr. Jangilong, Regional Director, NSS R.D Guwahati, Mr. N.C Deori Youth Officer, NSS R.D Guwahati and other high level officials were present in this ceremony.



STATISTICS OF PARTICIPATIONS

A) Competitive Events:

Sl. No.	Name of State	Folk Dance	Folk Song	One Act Play	Rock Band	Instrumental Guitar	Photography	Painting	Clay Modeling	Total nos. of participants
1.	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.	Arunachal	16	10	12	7	1	1	2	2	51
3.	Mizoram	16	10	-	-	1	1	2	2	32
4.	Meghalaya	16	10	12	7	1	1	2	2	51
5.	Manipur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Nagaland	16	10	12	7	1	1	2	2	51
7.	Sikkim	16	10	-	-	1	1	2	2	32
8.	Tripura	16	10	12	7	1	1	2	2	51
	Total	96	60	48	28	6	6	12	12	268

B) Non-Competitive Events :

SN.	Name of State	Kayaking	Trackng	Traditional Cultural Programme	Food Stall	YuvaKriti Handicrafts exhibition)	Martial Art	Yoga demo	Total nos. of participants
1.	Assam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4	4	16	4	2	2	2	34
3.	Mizoram	2	2	16	4	2	2	-	28
4.	Meghalaya	4	4	16	4	2	2	-	32
5.	Manipur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6.	Nagaland	2	2	16	4	2	-	-	26
7.	Sikkim	2	2	16	4	2	-	-	26
8.	Tripura	4	4	16	4	2	2	2	34
	Total	18	18	96	24	12	8	4	180

Participants from NYKS of different States

SN.	Name of State	Total nos. of participants
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	04
2.	Assam	25
3.	Manipur	07
4.	Meghalaya	21
5.	Mizoram	07
6.	Nagaland	-
7.	Sikkim	-
8.	Tripura	134
	Total	198

C) Participants from NSS of different States

SN.	Name of State	Total nos. of participants
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	25
2.	Assam	33
3.	Manipur	05
4.	Meghalaya	22
5.	Mizoram	47
6.	Nagaland	20
7.	Sikkim	22
8.	Tripura	53
	Total	227

Statistics of Officials

State Contingent	NYKS	NSS	Ministry of YAS	National Youth Awardees	Total
11	26	8	8	10	63