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Department of Youth Affairs

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The Department of Youth Affairs has launched a scheme to train Block Level Disaster Response Teams (DRTs) of NYKS volunteers for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) so that a cadre of first responders amongst the youths is available in an emergency. This will help build resilience of communities in disaster and institutionalize the mechanism for organised engagement of volunteers.

2. The scheme has been launched in collaboration with NDRF as a pilot in 32 hazard prone districts and 296 blocks (Annexure-I). The hazard prone districts have been selected by NDRF. 30 youth volunteers from each district will be imparted six (6) days customized training by NDRF at 12 Battalion, Headquarters. In all, 8850 youths will be trained during this Financial Year. The pilot will be up-scaled in the next 5 years to train 55,000 volunteers. The training has already commenced from 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019. The trained DRTs will be deployed by SDMAs/DDMAs in the event of disaster. The complete data will be maintained by NYKS and updated with access being provided to the Districts/States (NYKS website nyks.nic.in; Username: 2019; Password: Nyks@2019).

3. The Ministry has already informed the District Collectors/District Magistrates about this initiative. Continued community engagement of the trained volunteers is planned (including during normal times) and for this a protocol has been developed by the Department which has already been shared with the concerned Deputy Commissioners.

4. I write to inform you about this initiative and to emphasise that the State Governments may utilize the services of these trained volunteers of NYKS for emergency and such services during normal times as may be deemed appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Upma Chawdhry)

Encl : As above

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