



17th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme

Why in News?

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath addressed the **17th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme** in Lucknow.

- The program, scheduled from 25th September to 1st October 2025, involves approximately 200 participants from **Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha**.



Key Points

- **About:** The 17th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme is a week-long initiative aimed at integrating tribal youth into the national mainstream, providing them with exposure to India's diverse culture, history, and development.
- **Objectives:**
 - **Enhance Youth Aspirations:** Provide youth from remote tribal areas in 12 districts across five states an opportunity to visit 24 **diverse locations in India** to understand the cultural, linguistic, and socio-economic diversity of the nation.
 - **Exposure to Development Opportunities:** Introduce them to **technological, industrial, and skill development** advancements, as well as education and employment opportunities, while raising awareness about welfare schemes.
 - **Preserve Cultural Heritage:** Sensitise tribal youth to their **rich cultural traditions** and

encourage them to preserve and promote their heritage for future generations.

- **Build Self-Esteem:** Foster emotional bonds among tribal youth from different regions, enhancing their self-esteem and **creating a sense of unity**.
- **Career Development:** Provide interactions with key leaders, achievers, and experts, and offer career counselling, life skills training, and **awareness of government schemes** to support their personal and professional growth.
- **Participants:** A group of 40 tribal students from Kanker district, who were chosen from [Naxal-affected villages](#), are also part of the 'Bharat Darshan' tour.
 - These students will visit key cultural, historical, and educational sites in Lucknow and other locations.
- **Organiser:** [Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan \(NYKS\)](#) organises Tribal Youth Exchange Programme for the development of tribal youth with the support of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.
 - The 'Bharat Darshan' tour is being organised by the [Border Security Force \(BSF\)](#) and [Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan \(NYKS\)](#) jointly.

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