

Model Youth Gram Sabha(MYGS)

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The **Centre is set to launch the Model Youth <u>Gram Sabha</u> (MYGS)**, a school-based initiative inspired by **Model UN simulations**, to provide students practical exposure to **local governance and Panchayati Raj functioning**.

 Model UN simulations involve hundreds of thousands of students each year, helping them learn about the UN's principles and functions.

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- About: It is a school-based initiative that introduces the democratic process of Gram Sabhas into classrooms across India, marking the first structured effort to involve students in grassroots governance.
- Objective: It aims to develop informed and responsible citizens who understand local governance, with students discussing issues and preparing village budgets and plans.
- Launched By: It is an initiative of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, in collaboration with Ministries of Education and Tribal Affairs.
- Implementation: It will be launched in a phased manner, beginning with Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) and Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS).
 - Each participating school will receive Rs. 20,000 to conduct the mock Gram Sabha.
- Key Features: Students of Classes 9-12 to role-play as sarpanch, ward members, village secretary, Anganwadi worker, ANM, junior engineers, etc.
 - Teacher training provided through National Level Master Trainers (NLMTs).
 - It features regional and national competitions with substantial prize money, along with certificates.

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