

Nuapada Gears Up for MY Bharat –National Sports Day 2026

NUAPADA, 25/08(DMS) : Nuapada is gearing up to host the 'MY Bharat – National Sports Day 2026, Yuva Connect Programme' with the objective of encouraging young people to actively participate in sports, develop leadership and discipline, and contribute to nation-building.

The programme, scheduled to be held on August 27, 2026, was announced at a press conference held at National College, Nuapada, on Tuesday. The conference was chaired by Hitesh Kumar Sahu, Principal, National College, Nuapada.

According to the information shared at the press conference, 60 institutions and colleges across Odisha have been identified for the programme as per the directions issued by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, and the NSS Regional Directorate, Bhubaneswar. From Nuapada district, National College, Nuapada, and Autonomous Khariar College



have been selected to host the initiative.

A virtual address by the Prime Minister will be a key highlight of the programme. Following the address, interactive sessions, discussions and sports-related activities will be organised involving local sportspersons, public representatives and youth.

The initiative aims to use sports as a powerful platform to promote discipline, leadership, teamwork, responsibility and a spirit of nation-building among the youth.

To ensure smooth conduct of the programme, arrangements are being made for two-way communication, audio-visual facilities, projection systems, adequate bandwidth and live-screen connectivity.

NSS volunteers will also be identified and deployed for various responsibilities, including discipline management, seating arrangements, guest reception and other support activities. Necessary orientation and training will be provided to the volunteers to ensure effective coordination.

Maximum Participation of Students and NSS Volunteers

Special emphasis has been placed on ensuring the maximum participation of students and NSS volunteers. A virtual meeting of the Nodal Officers/NSS Programme Officers of the designated institutions was held on August 21, 2026, as part of the preparations.

The participating institutions have also been directed to create the programme as an event on the MY Bharat Portal and encourage wider participation

among young people.

'Yuva Connect' to Build a Stronger Link Between Sports and Nation-Building

The 'Yuva Connect' programme is envisioned not merely as a sports event but as an important youth engagement platform connecting the younger generation with sports, social responsibility and nation-building.

With active participation from students, NSS volunteers, sportspersons and community representatives, the initiative is expected to create greater awareness about the importance of sports and inspire the youth of Nuapada to contribute towards a healthier, stronger and more empowered India.

The press conference was attended by Hitesh Kumar Sahu Principal National College, Ankit Sharma District Youth Officer MY Bharat, Hemal Sa NSS Programme Officer, Nandini Manjari Hota, Baidyanath Gartia, and Prakash Kumar Sahu (PET).

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