International Youth Day is globally observed on 12 August, dedicated to celebrating the invaluable contributions of young people to society and promoting their empowerment. This year’s celebration focuses on “Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World”, emphasizing the pivotal role young individuals play in driving positive change, fostering sustainable development, and building resilient communities.

As the world is embarking on a green transition, the shift towards an environmentally sustainable and climate-friendly world is critical not only for responding to the global climate crisis but also for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With India being the world’s youngest country and the Youth a vital demographic for India’s Amrit Kaal, it is the time to inculcate youth-centric thinking in the urban reforms and planning.

The Urban Youth Unit (uYu) at NIUA is celebrating its first “NIUA -Youth Week”, with an aim to gradually induce active participation of Youth in decision making process. Starting from 8th August spread across the following week, uYu has called for an exciting set of engagement avenues to be held across the country. Competitions, quizzes, Youth Dialogues, surveys, games etc. are planned to celebrate the energy that the youth have. The NIUA-Youth week, in association with partner organisations, youth forums, academic institutions across the country will be celebrated collectively for:

**Empowering Youth** by creating a community of young leaders to drive the green transition and climate agenda.

**Engaging Youth** in driving the awareness program highlighting the contribution of Yuva Shakti in sustainable urban development for achieving the SDGs.

**Networking platform** for building a platform for participatory approach by fostering frequent dialogues on policies and practices that can help in nurturing the skill development of green skills among the youth.
AGENDA
(युवा महोत्सव सप्ताह)

8 AUGUST 2023
Youth Survekshan
Nation-Wide Campaign And Youth Survey
Mode: Online

9 AUGUST 2023, WEDNESDAY
Launch of Dialogue Series
YOU-विचार
Young voice for Urban Development
Mode: Recorded videos

10 AUGUST TO 11 AUGUST 2023, FRIDAY
Competition:
Grand Finale of Thesis Competition Student, Season 3 on
‘Reimagining Urban Rivers’ Youth sensitization activities on
River and Water
9:00 am to 6.30 pm at CEPT University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Co-organiser: W&E, CEPT
Mode: Online

12 AUGUST 2023, SATURDAY
1. Yuva talks: Youth messages on urban areas
2. Introduction to the Prajatantra Journey on Youth engagements
Co-organise: UVCT and Praja Foundation
Mode: Online

13 AUGUST 2023, SUNDAY
संदेश
Leaders for Future Leaders
Mode: Recorded videos

14 AUGUST 2023, MONDAY
मंचन
Panel Discussion on Role of Youth as Drivers of Sustainable Development
3:00 pm to 4pm
Co-organiser: Urban Strategy Unit
Mode: Online

16 AUGUST 2023, TUESDAY
Knowledge session for youth on Urban Governance
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Co-organiser: Praja Foundation
Mode: Online

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