

### Scouts and Guides Programme in Schools

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The Boy Scouts Movement had a simple start in the year 1907 when a retired Army General Lord Baden Powell conducted an experimental camp on Brown Sea Island in England with 20 boys. The successful conduct of the camp and publication of the book, “Scouting for Boys” in a fortnightly marked the start of the Boy Scout Movement.

Scouting started in India in the year 1909, when Captain T.H. Baker established the first Scout Troop in Bangalore and got it registered with Imperial Headquarters, London. Subsequently, Scout Troops were formed in Kirkee (Pune), Shimla, Madras, Jabalpur, and Lonavla (Mumbai) and registered with the Imperial Headquarters between 1910 and 1911. These units were open to European and Anglo-Indian Children only. The first Guide Company in India was started in Jabalpur, Central India in 1911.

As the Scout Movement was not initially open to the Indian boys, Nationalist leaders of India decided to offer scouting activities to Indian boys and Sewa Samiti Scout Association was formed with Headquarters in Allahabad by Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, Pandit Hriday Nath Kunzru and Pandit Sriram Bajpai. Annie Besant with the help of Shri G.S. Arundale started a separate Scout Association for Indian boys in Madras.

After the independence of our country, efforts were made for the unification of the Scout and Guide Associations functioning in India and the unified Organisation came into existence under the name, “The Bharat Scouts and Guides” on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1950. The Girl Guides Association formally joined the Bharat Scouts and Guides a little later on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1951. The Bharat Scouts and Guides is a registered society under

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Societies Registrations Act. It is a voluntary, non-political and secular organisation.

Keeping in view the objective to enrol more and more boys and girls in scouting, another organisation named Hindustan Scouts and Guides has been recognised by the Govt. of India in 2001.

### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Scouts and Guides Movement is to contribute to the development of the youth (boys & girls from 05 to 25 years of age) in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of local, national and international communities through a value-based and character-building training. It teaches the youth to respect such values as mutual tolerance, helping others, eco-friendliness and World Brotherhood through a well-defined system of training activities and camps, rallies, standard judging camps, blood donation camps, campfires, all faiths prayer, service camps, adventure and trekking camps, jamborees, jamborettes, camporees, etc. The total number of beneficiaries (students of various schools) in the State is more than 12 lakhs.

### FINANCIAL OUTLAY

The Department of School Education, Haryana has been providing financial support to run these activities and training programmes for the vital benefit of school children (boys & girls of 05 to 18 years of ages mainly the students of Classes I to XII). A budget to the tune of Rs. 300.00 lakhs and Rs. 55.00 lakhs on the non-recurring side was allocated under this program during the year 2018–19 out of which the amount of Rs. 150.00 lakhs + 27.50 lakhs = 177.50 lakhs was provided to the 'Bharat Scouts and Guide' and the same amount to the 'Hindustan Scouts and Guides' for the execution of this programme in the State.

### A PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

The aim is achieved through a combination of activities and programmes offered at the Unit level and a structured syllabus which offers programmes and activities through a progressive Advancement Scheme which is designed to satisfy the needs of each age group and is contained in APRO Part II for Scout Wing and in APRO Part III for Guide Wing. The section-wise detail is as under:

#### Scout Wing

Section	Age Group	Name of Unit	Motto
Bunny	03–06 Years	Tamtola	Keep Smiling
Cubs	05–10 Years	Cub Pack	Do Your Best
Scouts	10–17 Years	Scout Troop	Be Prepared
Rovers	16–25 Years	Rover Crew	Service

### Guide Wing

Section	Age Group	Name of Unit	Motto
Bunny	03–06 Years	Tamtola	Keep Smiling
Bulbul	05–10 Years	Bulbul Flock	Do Your Best
Guide	10–17 Years	Guide Company	Be Prepared
Ranger	16–25 Years	Ranger Team	Service

### Stages of Advancement

Cubs	Bulbuls	Scouts & Guides	Rovers & Rangers
Pravesh	Pravesh	Pravesh	Pravesh
Pratham Charan	Komal Pankh	Pratham Sopan	Praveen
Dwitiya Charan	Rajat Pankh	Dwitiya Sopan	Nipun
Tritiya Charan	Suvarna Pankh	Tritiya Sopan	Rashtrapati Award
Chaturth Charan	Heerakh Pankh	Rajya Puraskar	
		Rashtrapati Award	

The programmes of the Scout & Guide Movement are based on the activities of open-air including camping and hiking organised right from the Unit level to the National level. The following are some important activities organised section-wise annually at various levels:

**Cubs and Bulbuls:** Cub Bulbul Utsav is a gathering of the Cubs and Bulbuls in which opportunities are provided to the Cubs and Bulbuls to enjoy the activities specially carved out for them, and also help them to demonstrate their skills and talents. Some of the activities in the camp/Utsav are a demonstration of Cub Bulbul greetings, decoration of Bulbul tree, enacting the jungle stories, jungle dances, exhibitions, play acting, fancy dress, etc.

**Scouts and Guides:** Adventure activities, coastal trekking, desert trekking,

Himalayan trekking, skating tour, water activities, nature study camps, patrol leaders jamborettes, youth forum, patrol leaders training programme, national integration programmes, inter-state cultural exchange programmes, etc., are organised annually at various levels. Training programmes on first-aid, map reading, star gazing, and disaster preparedness are imparted in addition to the awareness activities on peace and harmony, AIDS/HIV, anti-tobacco, anti-drug, etc.

**Rovers and Rangers:** Rover Ranger Samagam (National Gathering of Rovers and Rangers), Rover Moot/Ranger Meet, Rover Service Camps, Adventure Programmes, trekking camps, etc.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Presently, more than 12 lakh students of Classes I to XII are involved in various

training programmes and activities at various levels. The participation of the students from Haryana in Scouting and Guiding at the National level is 14 per cent against our population of around 2 per cent. Haryana State has bagged 17 National Awards for excellence in various Scouts & Guides activities during the year 2018–19 for the year 2017–18, which is the highest number of awards won by a state.

### **FUTURE PLAN**

To further promote the 'Scouts and Guides' activities in Haryana state and following the pattern of the Government of India, the 'Hindustan Scouts and Guides Association' has been permitted to render the 'Scouts and Guides' activities in the Educational

Institutions/Schools in the State from the year 2016–17 in addition to the existing association, i.e., the 'Bharat Scouts & Guides Association'. This form of activity plays a very crucial role for children in primary school as it opens new avenues of fitness and discipline for them.

With this practice, it is expected that both the associations will work in a competitive approach, and the number of 'Scouts and Guides' units in schools and activities will be increased. Accordingly, more students will be benefitted from the same budgetary provisions. It is imperative to introduce the competitive spirit well early in time. Primary school is an important stage for children to enter the real world.