



School Education Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

Letter No.2961/GL1(2)/2026-1, dated:20-05-2026

From
Thiru.N.Mohan, B.Com, D.Co-op.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To
The Director of School Education,
Chennai-06.(w.e)

Sir,

Sub : School Education - Submission of Details for
Ashtalakshmi Darshan Youth Exchange
Programme (FY 2026-27) - Regarding.

Ref : From the Under Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region,
New Delhi, Letter.No.Coord/5/2025-O/o Assistant
Director (AK) (124136), dated 20.04.2025.

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the reference cited for
information and taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

for Deputy Secretary to Government.

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20/5/26

சென்னை-06 இயக்குநரின் அலுவலகத்திற்கு அனுப்பிவைக்கப்பட்ட
ந.க.எண். 026520/0112/02/2026 நாள்: 06-2026.

[நகல்] தக்க நடவடிக்கைகளைக் கொடுத்து உடனடி
பிரச்சனைகளை அபிவிருத்திக்கும் அலுவலகத்துக்கு

மேலும்:

பிரச்சனைகளை அபிவிருத்தி
கொடுத்து உடனடி நடவடிக்கை.



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11/05/2026

Reminder-1



Coord/5/2025-O/o Assistant Director (AK) (124136)
Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

Jodhpur Officers' Hostel,
Pandara Park, New Delhi – 110003

Date: 20.04.2025

To

The Chief Secretaries of 28 States/UTs (as per list annexed)

Subject: Submission of Details for Ashtalakshmi Darshan Youth Exchange Programme (FY 2026–27) reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's D.O. letter No. D.O.No./5/2026 dated 01 April 2026 on the subject cited above (copy enclosed) and to say that the requisite information in this regard is still awaited from the States/UTs.

2. It is, therefore requested to kindly furnish the details in the prescribed format, at the earliest to facilitate smooth planning and implementation of the programme.

3. This issue with the approval of the competent authority.

Encl.: As above

Yours sincerely,


(Neha Dheeman)

Under Secretary to the Govt of India

Copy to-

PPS to Joint Secretary (Niraj Kumar), MDoNER

Secy, ESN
Mr. Edn

Annexure

List of Chief Secretaries:

- (1) Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- (2) Shri G. Sai Prasad, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh
- (3) Shri Pratyaya Amrit, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Bihar
- (4) Shri H. Rajesh Prasad, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Chandigarh
- (5) Shri Vikas Sheel, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Chhattisgarh
- (6) Shri. Ankur Garg, Advisor to the Administrator to the Govt. of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu
- (7) Shri Rajeev Verma, Chief Secretary to the N.C.T of Delhi
- (8) Dr. V. Candavelou, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Goa
- (9) Shri Manoj Kumar Das, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Gujarat
- (10) Shri Anurag Rastogi, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Haryana
- (11) Shri Sanjay Gupta, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh
- (12) Shri Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir
- (13) Ms. Avinash Kumar, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Jharkhand
- (14) Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Karnataka
- (15) Dr. A. Jayathilak, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Kerala
- (16) Shri Ashish Kundra, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Ladakh
- (17) Dr. S B Deepak Kumar, Advisor to the Administrator to the Govt. of Lakshadweep
- (18) Shri Anurag Jain, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
- (19) Shri. Rajesh Aggarwal, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Maharashtra
- (20) Ms. Anu Garg, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Odisha
- (21) Shri. Rajeev Verma, Chief Secretary to the Pondicherry
- (22) Shri K.A. Prasad Sinha, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Punjab
- (23) Shri V. Srinivas, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Rajasthan
- (24) Shri K Ramakrishna Rao, Chief Secretary to the Govt. Telangana
- (25) Dr. M. Sai Kumar, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu
- (26) Shri Shashi Prakash Goyal, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
- (27) Shri Anand Bardhan, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Uttarakhand
- (28) Shri Dushyant Nariala, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

Annexure

Nodal officer for the Programme-

Detail of students												
Sr No.	Name of the Student	Date of Birth	Gender	State	Name of the University/Institute	Name of the Course	Pursuing Year	Permanent Address	Domicile except NER	Aadhar No.	Mobile No.	Email id

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नीरज कुमार
संयुक्त सचिव
NIRAJ KUMAR
JOINT SECRETARY

भारत सरकार
उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र विकास मंत्रालय
Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region



D.O.No.Coord/5/2026

Respected Sir,

As you are aware, this Ministry has successfully launched the *Ashtalakshmi Darshan – Youth Exchange Programme* with the objective of strengthening emotional bonding, fostering people-to-people connections, and enhancing awareness about the cultural richness and strategic importance of the North Eastern Region (NER). The programme aims to build a deeper understanding among youth about the region and promote a sense of shared national identity.

2. Under this programme, a total of 1,280 students (aged 15–29 years) from 28 States and Union Territories participate in a 14-day immersive exposure visit to leading universities and institutions across the North Eastern Region. The programme also includes 9-day certificate courses designed to provide academic and cultural exposure to the participants. It is noteworthy that in the first phase during the financial year 2025–26, 530 students from non-NER States/UTs have already visited the North Eastern Region under this programme.

3. First phase of the programme for the financial year 2026–27 is scheduled from 1st April to 31st October, and the second phase will be conducted from 1st November to 31st March.

4. In view of the above, and to ensure the smooth implementation and further momentum of the programme, details of the students for both phases are required. Accordingly, it is requested that the list of nominated students, along with the details of the respective State Nodal Officers/Coordinators may kindly be shared at the earliest in the prescribed format. Timely receipt of the information will facilitate effective scheduling, coordination, and logistical arrangements with the host institutions in the North Eastern Region.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Niraj Kumar
(Niraj Kumar)

Shri Thiru N.Muruganandam, IAS
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Tamil Nadu
(cs@tn.gov.in)