

**Regarding need to ensure Nehru Yuva Kendra as a platform for youth empowerment and social harmony-Laid**

**SHRI E. T. MOHAMMED BASHEER (MALAPPURAM):** Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK), established in 1972 under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, is a vital platform for empowering youth and engaging them in community development. Its primary objectives include promoting volunteerism, fostering leadership, and raising awareness on social issues. The NYK aims to create an inclusive space where youth can actively contribute to nation-building and participate in nation-building activities. However, recent actions by the Central Government have raised concerns regarding the communalization of the Nehru Yuva Kendra. There is every attempt to infuse religious and political ideologies into the institution threaten to undermine its secular foundations and mission. The NYK was originally conceived as a platform for social cohesion, transcending communal and religious lines. The growing influence of a specific ideological agenda could jeopardize its ability to unite youth from all backgrounds and instead foster division. I strongly suggest that the central Government will reconsider these changes and refrain from communalizing such an important institution. May the Nehru Yuva Kendra remain a beacon of unity, secularism, and inclusivity, as envisioned by Jawaharlal Nehru. We hope it continues to serve as a platform for youth empowerment, social harmony, and national progress, free from ideological manipulation.