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As you are aware, the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda is observed every year on **12<sup>th</sup> January as National Youth Day**, commemorating his timeless message of youth empowerment, self-belief, discipline, and nation-building. On the occasion of the **164<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda**, the Ministry of Education vide its letter of 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025 has recommended organizing of a nationwide youth outreach programme titled "**Run for Swadeshi**" on **12<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

The objective of the *Run for Swadeshi* programme is to sensitise students and youth to Swadeshi values, *Atmanirbhar Bharat*, physical fitness, discipline, teamwork, and national unity, drawing inspiration from the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. The programme may include activities such as 2 km / 3 km / 5 km runs, motivational talks, dissemination of messages on Swadeshi and self-reliance, participant registration, and distribution of certificates.

The event is envisaged as a participatory initiative involving students from colleges and universities, NSS/NCC units, youth clubs, faculty members, and the general public, thereby fostering community engagement and a sense of collective responsibility. Educational institutions and organisations may conduct the event within their campuses or at suitable public locations, subject to local feasibility.

All Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are requested to organise the *Run for Swadeshi* programme on **12<sup>th</sup> January 2026** in a befitting manner, ensuring maximum participation in this nation-building initiative. HEIs are also requested to share details of the activities undertaken through the Google Form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/3tXf8RgUJcu6qccu6>.

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