



YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

An ISO 9001:2015 Certified Organization

(Affiliated to Hostelling International, U.K.)



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Dear Youth Hostellers

Greetings from Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI).

Youth Hostels Association of India (YHAI) is an *ISO 9001: 2015 certified NGO* and is registered under the *Societies Registration Act 1860 with No. 932 of 1955-56 dated 02-02-1956*. The vision of YHAI is to work for the promotion of youth of the country and offers an ideal meeting place for people of varied nationalities, religion, colour and to provide budgeted and safe accommodation to the youth. It also conducts various mission-based activities like adventure sports with trekking cum training, awareness rallies on various important social issues and youth forums for more than **45 years**. All the adventure programmes of YHAI are organised on a **"No profit - no loss"** basis so that youth from all levels of life may enjoy the nature of the country.

To fulfil its vision, YHAI has started three own International Youth Hostels at New Delhi, Mysore, Darjeeling and one International Youth Hostel at Leh on leased property for the youth of India and different countries. A large number of youths are staying in these hostels during their travels.

YHAI is organising maximum adventure programmes in Kullu-Manali area of Himachal Pradesh with the base camps at different places and spends a big amount of money for the management at each base camp. A large number of youths participate in these adventure programmes and after completion, they stay in the hotels near by different base camps and pay high accommodation charges. Therefore, to provide them an affordable and safe accommodation as per the vision of YHAI to curtail the management expenses, it is decided to establish a common Base camp along with International Youth Hostel building at Sumaropa area of Jari village, near Kasol in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh. It is an ideal place to make it as the base camp of many programmes and as a result, the management expenses will come down and the adventure programmes will be more affordable to youth of India. The cost of the land including registration and other legal expenses, are approximately Rs. 6 crores and further Rs.3.5 crores will be required to develop the camp site and construction of International Youth Hostel, Somarupa to provide budgeted facilities to our Youth Hostellers.

It is pertinent to inform you that non-resident of Himachal Pradesh cannot purchase land in that State. We are pleased to inform you that with the guidance and support of Shri Rajendra V. Arlekar, National President, YHAI who is also Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh, we got the permission to purchase the land under Section 118 of HP Tenancy and Land Reforms Act, 1972.

Further you are also acquainted that First International Youth Hostel (IYH), New Delhi was inaugurated in 1977 by the then President of India, Shri Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy on the land donated by the Government in 1970 and its Foundation Stone laid by the then President of India, Shri V.V. Giri. With the support of Shri R.G. Padki, Founder Member of YH movement in India, the contribution of members by donating funds as per the cost of per brick is remarkable for the construction of IYH, New Delhi at that time. Because of the contribution of Youth Hostellers and other institutions, the First IYH, New Delhi was started in 1977 and became part of International Standards.

Friends, because of to Covid-19 situation in the country, YHAI had to cancel its all programmes in 2020 and 2021 and as a result there was no income. Though the administrative expenses of YHAI were not reduced and a surplus of previous programmes spent to meet these expenses. The two years of Covid situation has affected the YHAI's financial condition adversely and even in the year 2022, the participation was reduced. Because of this situation in the last two years, at present YHAI is having much shortage of funds but still YHAI again started with great enthusiasm, with its own available funds and with the generous contribution of esteemed members who always supported for strengthening the YH movement.

Therefore, it is decided to create a fund named **“YHAI Sumarupa International Youth Hostel and Camp Site Development Fund”** so that a common Campsite and International Youth Hostel could be developed there. **YHAI appeals to you all to contribute a minimum Rs. 200/- in this Fund for this noble cause.** You may contribute more as per your wish. With your contribution, it will provide the opportunities to youth of the country to explore that area at budgeted expenses in coming years. YHAI will be highly obliged if you contribute generously for the above project of YHAI.

The donation given to YHAI is exempted u/s 80 (g) of Income Tax Act. The official receipt for your contribution will be issued to you.

Please deposit your contribution in the following account:
OR You may also deposit it with your local Unit/State Branch of YHAI.

Account Name : YHAI Sumarupa International Youth Hostel And Camp Site Development Fund
Bank Name : Punjab National Bank
Account No : 1736000100175779
IFSC Code : PUNB0173600
Branch Name : Sardar Patel Marg, Malcha Market, Chanakyapuri New Delhi 110021

(Please furnish the Name of the Donor, Address, Mobile Number, Email ID and Pan Number also.)

For any assistance or more information, please contact us:

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With regards,

S. Venkat Narayanan
National Chairman

International Youth Hostels



IYH New Delhi



IYH Mysuru



IYH Darjeeling



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