Introduction:
As per Article 15, part 2 of the constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, it has been recognized that one of the fundamental responsibilities of the state is to attain, through planned economic growth, a chronological rise in productive force and a steady improvement in the substantial and cultural standard of living of the people. Except this, importance has been given to welfare and development of total population including youth community in articles- 14, 17 & 20 of the constitution.

The youth constitute one third of total population in Bangladesh. For this important portion of population, determination of national outlook is undeniable. The history of our nation is enlightened by the heroic contribution of the youth. The youth of country played vital role in the language movement of 1952, mass upsurge of 1969, liberation war of 1971 and in all crisis after liberation. It is indispensable to encourage the youth in light of their glorious history of the past.

The youth are the most strong, self-confident, creative and productive guiding force of any nation. It is possible to reflect hopes & aspirations of a nation through the youth. The endless potential of the youth shall be utilized for their own, for the society and for the nation. Development of a nation is totally dependent on the spirit & urge of work of the youth. For this, it is evident to explore and utilize all the potentialities of them. On the basis of above philosophy, the aims & objectives of the present National Youth Policy have been formulated.

To ensure favorable environment towards productive practical education, training and self-employment for the youth and bringing out all dormant potentialities including their leadership quality aiming at national progress. The main objective of the present national Youth Policy is to create disciplined and efficient work force having responsibility of good citizen and creative mentality with a view to involving the youth in the national development stream also having respect towards national heritage and culture through a planned process.

The present National Youth Policy is updated as well as comprehensive form of the youth policy which was formulated in the eighties of the twentieth century and is being followed in the youth sector of Bangladesh. In light of changing global socio-economic situation, rapid advancement in the fields of science & information technology, the problems, rights, responsibilities of the youth, existing youth activities etc. the subject matter of National Youth Policy has been determined. According to this National Youth Policy all Bangladeshi citizens aging 18-35 years shall be treated as youth.
Objectives:

To create sense of respect and awareness among youths towards the constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and justice and ethics along with moral values and social responsibilities.

To empower youths and create appropriate opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship development through proper practical education and skill developing training.

To encourage youths especially the unemployed youths towards self-employment through proper utilization of local resources and by providing credit and create favorable situation with a view to bringing out all the dormant potentialities of the youth.

To build the youths so that they can effectively involve themselves in the mainstream of national development.

To create awareness among the youth about all glorious heritage and feelings so that they feel encouraged engaging themselves in the ethical and social activities and keeping themselves aside from all kinds of unethical deeds.

To motivate and encourage the youths for voluntary services and at the same time to be effectively involved in national service oriented activities such as vaccination, tree plantation, preventive campaigns against AIDS and drug abuse, rehabilitation activities etc.

To create facilities and opportunities for participation of the youth and their contribution in literature, culture, sound recreations including sports and games and patronized these aspects from all corners.

To facilitate expansion of all sorts of IT facilities with a view to involving youths effectively with the tremendous advancement in the field of global IT.

To ensure uninterrupted flow of information on youth through information and research centre for the youth.

To implement appropriate and productive scheme with eligibility and efficiency of the youth creating modern facilities in rural areas.

To create opportunity for participation of male youth and female youth equally in every step of development and decision making process with a view to promoting national development activities.

To impart training on youth health, social right of handicapped youths including their human rights and introduce special program on developing leadership qualities among youths so that they can undertake
political, social and economic leadership of the country in the future.
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Youth Problems:

In identifying youth problems, it is essential to give equal priority to moral education and discipline, existing poor practical education, incompletion of formal education (dropout), negative attitude towards supply of labor, different types of unemployment, involvement of youths in antisocial and immoral activities including AIDS and drug addiction, unawareness in health care, scarcity of credit and less scope for undertaking self-employment project, backwardness in technology, inefficiency in IT, absence of favorable environment in the fields of sports and games and sound recreations, lack of sense of responsibility to family and society, moral degradation etc. It is necessary to identify youth related problems towards undertaking any step of development for the youth. It is urgent to emphasize opinion of the youth.
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**Youth Rights:**

Like every citizen of the country the youth community will have the right to meet all the basic needs including food, shelter, clothing, education, health care.

Considering quality and quantity of work, in exchange of reasonable labor, the youth will have employment opportunity at home and abroad including self-employment.

The youth will have opportunity to spend rest and recreation and leisure under reasonable circumstances.

The youth will have the right of social security, that is to say, the public assistance in cases of undesired want arising from unemployment, illness or disablement, or suffered by widowhood or orphanage or other such cases.

The youth will have the right to work as representatives in decision making process regarding youth affairs.
To facilitate the unemployed youth for gainful employment/self-employment providing vocational/skill development training and micro-credit support.

To involve the youth in the mainstream of national development process.

Responsibilities of Youth:

To have respect on national unity, social solidarity, general consensus, tolerance and law and order.

To strengthen themselves for self-dependence and creativity by having regular education, training and other fruitful exercises.

To enrich and preserve all historical and cultural heritage.

To create good mentality to pay respect and good services to women, children, elders, handicaps and neglected people.

To play pivotal role in creating a wealthy society free of terrorism, social injustice, exploitation, corruption and crime.

To have active role in accelerating sustainable development through different development oriented activities undertaken by government. To have positive participation in industrialization, afforestation & tree plantation for conservation of environment.

To be confident in working initiatives through expansion of job oriented education and make contribution towards expansion of creative education.

To work as ambassador of national, regional and international development.

To ascertain the rights and interests of future generation by dint of present performance.

To build up mentality in playing pivotal role for facing natural calamities, epidemics and national problems.
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Youth Activities:

With a view to building up a national outlook massive programs on skill development training and self-employment opportunities for the youth will be extended throughout the country irrespective of caste, religion, color, creed, education and geographic situation. In this respect, facilities will be given in creating integrated initiatives among government and nongovernmental sectors at grass root and national levels.

At the time of taking youth programs equal distribution and proper utilization of local resources and resources received from abroad will be ensured with a view to giving special attention to disadvantaged and unemployed youths living under poverty.

It will be a part and parcel of every youth activity to encourage the youths to be respectful to labor and be confident upon working ability.

Representation of youths will be ensured in all decision making processes relating to all round development of the country. This will help ensure the rights & responsibilities of the youth.

For creating avenues of youth self-employment and making it easier micro credit will be distributed at low rate of interest under simple terms and conditions.

Steps will be taken to make provision of registration of non governmental youth organizations/ youth cooperatives to organize and involve them in development work.

Necessary steps will be taken to support registered youth organizations with monetary grant of the government for adoption and implementation of youth activities.

Awareness building programs will be taken regarding HIV/ AIDS, STDs, worse effect of drug abuse and such type of terrible problems. Motivational programs will continue to abstain the youths from these unwanted circumstances.

Massive youth development programs including utilization of rural resources will be introduced with utmost importance for self-employment of the rural youths to discourage their migration tendency towards urban areas. Advocacy program will be undertaken through various medias and registered youth organizations with a view to promoting awareness among youths seeking employment abroad.

Right will be ensured for all young women in decision making process including education, health, especially reproductive health including cultural amenities of life.

A special initiative will be taken to give concrete ideas to adolescents and related people on adolescence
reproductive health.

Youth organizations will be encouraged and patronized to involve the people in the planned industrialization, fish cultivation, afforestation and plantation for the conservation and development of environment.

IT projects will be introduced to create skilled manpower in the fields of computer and acceptable technology enriching the youth through science based thoughts and knowledge.

Adoption of special program for increasing the leadership quality among the youth.

Attempt will be taken in all youth activities to create constructive outlook and mentality amongst the youth to pay significant contribution in resisting terrorism, exploitation, corruption, offence and menace to build up a free society.

To establish youth related information and research centre to support the preparation of youth development programs.

Youth exchange program will be extended and strengthened in different countries and inside the country. Govt. acquired uncultivated lands and marshes will be leased out to the youth on simple terms and conditions for the purpose of poverty alleviation.

The youths confronted with distress and problems will be given necessary legal support.

An initiative will be taken separately to be sure on youth population aging from 18-35 years during the period of census.
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Implementation Strategy:

To establish network of training and technical advice centre for the youth from national to grass root level with a view to imparting skill development training to youths for human resource development under the initiatives of government and private sectors. Training program of the centre will be conducted by consulting with local administration, youth representatives and internationally reputed persons, if necessary, in accordance with local needs.

Self-confidence and sense of respect to personal working capacity and labor among youths will be enlightened with the help of documentary film, short film, reporting and interview etc. with the assistance of government & private medias. Awareness building activities will also be introduced amongst the youth against drug abuse, AIDS, STD including terrorism, all sorts of anti-social activities and immoral deeds. Initiatives will be taken for regular and widespread publicity of existing youth related activities and success stories of exceptional self-employed youths through broadcasting medias for motivating other youths. For this purpose, a high level steering committee will be established headed by the Ministry of Youth & Sports including representatives from different related Ministries and Divisions.

To make the process of self-employment easier the trained youth will be given micro credit easily at low rate of interest. For this purpose a suitable credit manual will be followed too.

Logical framework will be made to empower Department of Youth Development for registering youth organizations. In this regard, Ministry of Youth & Sports will take necessary steps with the cooperation of other related Ministries.

On the basis of development projects, grants will be given to youth organizations registered by Department of Youth Development for their active participation, inspiration and recognition in development activities. Arrangement will be taken to award youths/ youth organizations/ youth organizers at national level.

Realistic and updated training centers will be established throughout the country including supply of modern training equipments in the existing training centers. Proper training on entrepreneurship development will be given to youths from these centers.

By turns computer training infrastructure will have been brought under internet connection up to Upazilla level.

Cooperation will be extended towards youth cooperative societies, voluntary youth organizations and self-employed youths for marketing their products.

Government and private organizations working in youth sector will be encouraged to introduce programs
for keeping young women away from all kinds of social superstition, exploitation and violence, expansion of education facility for young women, youth health especially rendering services towards reproductive health; empowerment of young women etc. The noted organizations will also extend their cooperation towards other organizations for the initiatives in these fields.

Assistance will be given to concerned Ministry/ Department and, if necessary, to youth organization for offering grant and recognition in developing industry, fish cultivation, afforestation and plantation by youth organizations.

Appropriate technology based training program will be extended with the cooperation of related Department/ Organizations for creating scientific mentality and environment amongst the youth.

Books relating to spiritual development of the youth, creation of family and social values, improved life style, patriotism and creating belief in national feelings will be published in easy language by subject related specialist and scholars. These books will be distributed free of cost in different training centers, voluntary organizations, library & students of educational institutions.

An information and research centre will be established under the Department of Youth Development for collection of correct statistics, information and data and for analysis and research with a view to preparing right plan for the youth.

Action will be taken to appraise the result of all youth activities undertaken by the government for welfare and development of youth community.

Advocacy program will be given emphasis for encouraging members of youth organizations towards sports and healthy recreation for their physical and mental growth honestly. In this regard, an effective communication will be made with other organizations including local shilpakala academy and sports agencies.

Realistic planning will be formulated through coordinating efforts of related Ministries and private organizations for adopting youth exchange program in country and in international level. Financing will be there. Initiative will be taken to link up this program with regional and international organizations like SAARK, Commonwealth and United Nations. Besides, initiatives will be taken to introduce “Youth Award” under these organizations.

A non-governmental central body will be established for effective coordination amongst the voluntary youth organizations.
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Advisory Committee for National Youth Policy:

For necessary directions and instructions in implementing National Youth Policy smoothly, there will be a high powerful Advisory Committee headed by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. As members, Hon'ble Ministers relating to youth development will be included in the committee. Ministry of Youth & Sports will be responsible for secretarial services of the Advisory Committee.
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Implementation, Monitoring and Review of National Youth Policy:

Having representatives from the youth community, there will be an Inter-ministerial standing committee headed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Youth & Sports to implement and monitor the National Youth Policy. On the other hand, the National Youth Policy will be made up to date keeping changing time and requirements in view on the basis of counseling of Advisory Committee for National Youth Policy and recommendations of Monitoring Committee. The Ministry of Youth & Sports will be responsible for implementing, monitoring and reviewing of the National Youth Policy.