



### **AP Youth Minister addresses the media**

**Hyderabad, Nov 23:** Minister for Youth Services P Ramulu today unveiled the plans for the Hyderabad Regional YES forum 2003 to be held in the city from Dec 14 to 18, 2003. Also present at the occasion were director for youth services G Kamal Vardhan Rao, Managing director SAAP, Ashok Kumar and Global Alliance coordinator, YES campaign Dr Puneetha S Palakurthi.

Elaborating on the forum, Ramulu said delegates from a number of countries would participate in the Hyderabad YES forum 2003 and would deliberate on the issues of Sanitation, rural development, water, renewable sources of energy and HIV/AIDS. He also said that a number of papers on issues of public concern like HIV/AIDS would be presented at the forum.

Addressing questions from the media on how ideas from the Hyderabad Regional YES forum 2003 would reach the grass root level, Rao explained that a number of youth delegates from all over the country had been invited to the Hyderabad Regional YES forum 2003 and these people would, in turn act as trainers and guides for the rest of the people. He said that invitations had been issued to students and the heads of the various educational institutions to attend the forum.

“The Hyderabad Regional YES forum 2003 will create a platform for countries of South Asia and South East Asia to share information and promote mutual learning by the exchange of experiences,” said Ramulu.

Elaborating on the arrangements made by the government of Andhra Pradesh for hosting the forum, He said that a number of cultural programmes had been organized for the visiting delegates, which would include a tabla recital by Zakir Hussain.

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