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**Vishwa Yuvak Kendra**



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At the time of Independence, 87% of India's population resided in villages. However, low agricultural productivity, increasing pressure of population leading to disguised unemployment, sub-division and fragmentation of land holdings, absence of employment opportunities coupled with marked disparity between rural and urban infrastructure and amenities has led to migration to urban centres at an alarming rate bringing the rural ratio down to 68.7%. A section of economists has been advocating urbanisation as the panacea for alleviation of unemployment and poverty.

However, a reversal of the trend has been observed wherever rural infrastructure – road connectivity, easier access to primary and secondary education, water for irrigation and drinking, availability of power – has shown marked improvement. A case in point is the Saurashtra region of Gujarat where the diamond industry workers of Surat have brought work home to their villages in and around Bhavnagar which saw such infrastructural transformation and are enjoying a much better quality of life.

It may not be out of place to briefly mention an example of integrated rural development work being undertaken on a PPP model in the Wardha district of Maharashtra by Kamalnayan Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation the highlight of which is a dramatic improvement in the availability of water for irrigation as well as drinking through a range of innovative water conservation measures such as check dams, river-interlinking, deepening of wells, rainwater harvesting. Coupled with a wide array of income generation and self-help schemes for women and skill development programmes for the youth including IT enabled services, there are growing signs of a deceleration in urban migration. This programme has already covered over 800 of the 1000 villages of Wardha. One earnestly hopes that such PPP models are replicated in other parts of India.

The year under review witnessed an expansion of state-level activities comprising 2 and 3 day programmes designed for empowering NGOs in the entire gamut of their activities – formation, management, fund raising, leadership and communication skills etc. Additionally, region specific courses were designed to familiarise NGOs with issues such as disaster management techniques in Odisha. It is a matter of pride that many of VYK's alumni have distinguished themselves in the field of social work by establishing reputed institutions. Particular mention may be made of Dr. P. K. Sahoo and his Centre for Youth and Social Development, Bhubaneswar, Dr. C.N.N. Raju and his Indian Foundation for Global Peace Education, Bengaluru and Dr. O.P. Dave and his Indian Institute of Social Development at Indore. These individuals and their institutions are now our close and valued mentors and collaborators in our state-level programmes for training of trainers which we acknowledge with gratitude.

I wish the VYK team a busy and productive year ahead.

Rajat Narain  
Chairman

# A Message From The Managing Trustee

Over the past fifty five years, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra [VYK] has been engaged in nation building activities and has been responsible for mainstreaming the marginalized sections of our society by providing them with skills and training necessary for their socio-economic transformation. The Kendra's training programmes have been proven exceptionally effective over the years, as evident from the scores of youth leaders and NGO workers who have made a mark for themselves in the social work field by heading some of the most reputed institutions in the country.



Since inception, Kendra's programmes have seen a direct participation of more than one lakh youth and reached nearly fifty lakh population. However, VYK realises that intensive efforts are required to be undertaken on a continuous basis.

In the Year, Kendra organised many unique programmes, which saw active participation from youth and students. Many of VYK's in-house programmes, including the National Seminar on "Gandhi Zinda Hai", International Youth Day and International Women's Day, achieved critical appreciation from thinkers and intellectuals alike for their unique concept.

To further widen the reach of Kendra's programmes, VYK is organizing thematic seminars/workshops/training programmes on important subjects in various states, in collaboration with reputed NGOs who have strong base in respective states and dedicated workforce capable of implementing the programmes effectively. Through collaborative association with other NGOs, VYK can ensure that grass-root level participants from various states, who often cannot afford the travel cost involved in commuting to Delhi and back, can take advantage of VYK training modules in their own region. A systematic feedback, monitoring and evaluation mechanism has also been instituted, which helps the Kendra in analysing its programme after its organization and eliminate the weak points observed, thereby enhancing the overall quality of the training and replicating the successful models in other field areas.

I convey my best wishes to Vishwa Yuvak Kendra for the forthcoming year and hope that VYK has a productive 2016-2017. I also hope that VYK would continue to contribute towards nation building through its unique approach and through the support of other like-minded institutions.

Shishir Bajaj  
Managing Trustee

# Foreword

2015-16 was a very satisfying and productive year for Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. We organized a number of training programmes in our campus. Lots of collaborative events were also held at state level. Besides, we also concentrated our efforts for the betterment of our adopted slum community and organised a number of activities for the upliftment of the residents of the community.



Without a doubt we could say that the highlight of last year was our National Seminar on "Gandhi Zinda Hai". The event, which was organized to commemorate the 146<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, aimed to gauge the level of understanding of Gandhian Philosophy by today's youth, understand their views on how to implement Gandhian philosophies in day-to-day lives and get their suggestions to inculcate and implement the same in the present context. The event achieved its glorious moment when Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, grand-daughter of Mahatma Gandhi, graced the occasion and shared her thoughts with the participants. The event, which was organized in collaboration with a number of reputed Gandhian institutions based in Delhi, drew great appreciation from thinkers and intellectuals, as well as the participants attending the programme. Similar accolades were showered on VYK's other in-house programmes like Youth Day Celebration, International Women's Day etc.

In the forthcoming year 2016-2017, we are expanding our activities nation-wide, and hope to cover 18 states by the year-end by organizing thematic programmes at state level, with the support of regional NGOs. Through these partnership programmes, VYK training programmes would reach far and wide and the Kendra would be contributing its share in training grass-root level NGO workers. In-house activities would also be organised on varied themes during the forthcoming year.

On our infrastructural front, we are planning to upgrade our facilities, particularly our conference hall facilities during the year, which would greatly benefit our institutional members who make use of the facilities to organize their events.

None of this would have been possible without the unflinching support and the invaluable guidance of our Board of Trustees for which we are highly grateful to them. We also would like to use this opportunity to convey our heartfelt gratitude to all our members and our partner organizations for their valuable contribution in making our programmes a grand success. Special thanks are also due to reputed media houses for encouraging us by publishing write-ups about our programmes and for promoting our activities. Last, but not the least, I would be remiss if I do not convey my deep sense of gratitude and appreciation to the Konard Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), who supported us during our formative years and played an important role in making VYK what it is today - one of the countries' premier youth training institute engaged in the service of the nation for over five decades.

We are hopeful that with the support of our partners and members, and the invaluable guidance from our higher management, VYK would continue to perform in similar manner and contribute to the betterment of the society through its innovative and unique activities.

Uday Shankar Singh  
Chief Controller

**5** *Years*  
*in the*  
**Nation's Service**



Vishwa Yuvak Kendra has a unique history. In 1959, the executive committee of the Indian Assembly of Youth came to the conclusion that if youth work has to be developed in the country on scientific lines, a national youth centre should be established, which would provide, on a continuous basis, training in youth work to the workers of youth organizations. The committee also visualized the centre as an international meeting place for young people from all over the world. Since a centre of this type had to have a certain permanency, it was decided to set up an independent trust, which would command the necessary respect and support. Thus, the Indian Youth Centres Trust was set up on 10 August, 1961. With the active support of Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, a decision was taken to build a youth centre. The first phase comprising mainly the hostel and the central hall was completed and inaugurated on 22 December, 1968 by Dr. Zakir Husain, the then President of India.

In order to facilitate the smooth running of various workshops, seminars and training programmes, the Kendra provides economical boarding and lodging facilities to the members and the participants. To conduct various programmes, the Kendra also has conference and training halls.

## Objectives

- Training in youth work
- Research and documentation
- Promotion of international understanding

Towards these objectives, VYK conducts workshops, seminars and training programmes for NGOs from all over India and youth exchange programmes internationally.

## Vision

- Orient the youth to the developmental process and enable them to participate in the process of nation building
- Foster initiatives for unfolding the potential of youth through a constant process of self-evaluation and self-exploration
- Enable youth to acquire such knowledge, skills and techniques which will help them in their personal and social growth as well as foster in them sensitivity towards problems in the community
- Promote national integration and international understanding by developing youth leadership and providing a forum for youth from diverse backgrounds
- Promote regional cooperation and cultural exchange between people of various countries, and
- Promote research work in youth work

## Founder Members

- ✦ Shri Morarji Desai : Former Prime Minister of India
- ✦ Smt. Indira Gandhi : Former Prime Minister of India
- ✦ Shri Naval H. Tata : Industrialist and Philanthropist
- ✦ Shri Ravindra Varma : Former Member of Parliament and President of the World Assembly of Youth
- ✦ Shri V. J. Shah : Business Executive
- ✦ Shri Ramakrishna Bajaj : Industrialist and Former Member of the Central Advisory Board of the Indian Youth Congress

**Shri Morarji Desai was founder Chairman and Shri Ramakrishna Bajaj was founder Managing Trustee.**



## Training Programme on Fund Raising

17-20 June, 2015

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) organized a 4-day residential training programme on Fund Raising from 17 to 20 June, 2015 at its campus. The objective of the programme was to improve the fund raising skills of NGO representatives and emerging social entrepreneurs. Total 41 participants from 6 states attended the training programme.

Responsibility, South Asian Fund Raising Group, Pulse Associates and Change Alliance to cover different aspects of Fund Raising in the training programme.

The training programme was devised meticulously and enabled the participants to learn tactics to face the challenges faced during



*Group photo of the participants*

The Chief Guest of the programme, Mr. Ritesh Sinha, Associate Director, CSR, DLF Ltd., highlighted the importance of proper communication with the donors regarding need of fund. He also conveyed the importance of presenting the proposal in a very lucid manner keeping in mind the guidelines of the donor organizations.

Subject specialists were invited from ActionAid India, National Foundation for Corporate Social

Fund Raising. The unique methods used during the programme made it more interactive and full of learning.

All the participants appreciated the training programme and requested VYK to extend its duration thereby making it more educational, informative and result oriented. The programme concluded with distribution of certificates to all the participants.

## “Talk with Amazing Indians” at Mount Carmel School, New Delhi

10 July, 2015

The “Talk with Amazing Indians” is a motivational programme which VYK organizes regularly at various educational institutions to introduce youth with change makers engaged in innovative work for the betterment of the society.

The “Talk with Amazing Indians” programme was launched in January 2014 with an objective to provide an opportunity to interact with courageous and path breaking individuals, who, as a result of their perseverance and innovative ideas, managed to overcome all odds and made a difference in their life as well as in the society.

Since launching the programme, 9 events of Talk with Amazing Indians have been organized at VYK and off campus, where 17 Amazing Indians/Social Innovators shared their experiences. Each event saw the participation of more than 350 students, mostly from various schools, colleges and institutions and the event has reached more than 8000 youth as of now. In 2015-16, two programmes of Talk with Amazing Indians were organized.

Ms. Namita Banka, CEO of Banka Bioloo, addressed the 10<sup>th</sup> show of “Talk with Amazing Indians” on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at Mount Carmel School, Anand Niketan, New Delhi. The programme was attended by 650 students. Ms. Namita communicated about her initiative Banka Bioloo, a woman-led business organization engaged in promoting and developing innovative environmental friendly products and services for Human Waste Management System.

In her address, Ms. Banka made the students aware about the disastrous situations of water and sanitation in India and the effectiveness of Banka Bioloo in providing innovative solution for the dignity of the downtrodden individuals, particularly women. The technology helps in degrading human waste in the most effective manner. This is a low cost sanitation system which is useful for the places where conventional toilet facility cannot be made available.



*Ms. Namita Banka addressing the students*

# Training Programme on Leadership and Communication Skills

29-30 July, 2015

Training programme on Leadership and Communication Skills is one of the important programmes which VYK organizes regularly. The objective of the programme is to enhance the leadership and communication skills of grass-root workers from different parts of the country. The programme, organized on 29 and 30 July, 2015 was attended by the representatives of 46 NGOs working in different sectors like education, youth intervention, agriculture, skill development and women empowerment, climate change etc.

The 2-day training programme was thoughtfully developed and addressed by experts who helped the trainees to understand the importance and critical aspects of topics related to leadership and communication. Through group activities and different modes of training, the participants learnt different mechanisms to

address the challenges and solutions related to the subject.

Mr. Surinder Narain Ahuja, Management Consultant, a seasoned professional and trainer with more than 50 years of experience, took the sessions on Barriers to Communication and How to Become an Effective Communicator. Mr. Lalit Sharma, a motivational trainer, took the sessions on Essence of Effective Leadership, Team Building and Conflicts Management. Participants enjoyed the sessions as they were participatory and full of activities. Mr. Haribhai Mori, Head, Corporate Social Responsibility, Bajaj Group was the Chief Guest during the valedictory session of the programme. He emphasized on the need to remove our inherent complexes and work for common causes for the sustainable development of the community.



*Mr. Surinder Narain Ahuja, Management Consultant and Trainer, addressing the participants*

## “Talk with Amazing Indians” at Amity Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi

10 August, 2015

The 11<sup>th</sup> show of Talk with Amazing Indians was organized at Amity Institute of Social Sciences which was attended by 212 students. The show was addressed by two young inspirers, Ms. Jodie Underhill, Founder, Waste Warriors and Mr. Ashmeet Kapoor, Founder, I Say Organic.

perseverance and innovative ideas.

Ms. Jodie Underhill informed the students about the work of Waste Warriors which she had started with a mission to have a cleaner India.

Mr. Ashmeet Kapoor shared the work of I Say



*Ms. Jodie Underhill lighting the lamp along with other dignitaries*

Mr. Rajat Thomas, Programme Associate, VYK, in his address, shared the objective of the programme which was to facilitate an opportunity to the youth to interact with courageous and inspiring individuals who surmounted the difficulties and challenges posed by life and managed to make a difference to the society and community through sheer

Organic, a social enterprise that believed in giving people the option of eating organic food while recognizing and supporting farmers who grew such food. Dr. Nirupama Prakash, Director, Amity University of Social Science in her address stressed upon the importance of social work in our society and thanked VYK for taking such a noble initiative.

## Talk on Spirituality and Personality Development of Youth

13 August, 2015

Brahmakumari Pranjali and Brahmakumari Jayashree from Prajapita Bhramakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya took a session on “Moral Values and Personality Development of Youth” at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra on 13 August, 2015. The talk emphasized on the need for inculcating spiritual values in young generation

as it is the basis of self-empowerment. Moral values help to strengthen the capacity of young people to effectively discharge their responsibilities to the society with integrity and self-worth. Total 48 youth attended this programme. The session was highly interesting as it included interactive methods and group activities.

# Joint Staff Development Programme at Goa

09-12 October, 2015

The concept of Annual Joint Staff Development Programme (JSDP) was initiated by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung with a view to provide a platform for directors and staff of the KAS partners to come together for annual meetings in order to exchange experiences, to learn from each other and to take up issues of common interest. It is heartening to note that VYK is the oldest KAS partner in India and the first JSDP member organization. Over the years, JSDP has become an annual event to which all KAS partners look forward to.

Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship and Technical Education (CREATE), Lucknow, organized the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual JSDP from 09-12 October, 2015 at Goa with the support of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), India. The focus of the discussion was on "Vocational and Skill Development – Impact on Youth".

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Lars Peter Schmidt, Resident Representative to India, KAS. The programme overview was delivered by Mr. Dayanand Tandon, Chief Executive, CREATE.

Total 50 delegates representing partner organizations of the KAS network participated in the 4-day event. During the event lot of fruitful discussions were held on the current scenario of skill development and its impact on youth.

Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, Chief Controller, VYK in his presentation said that India had world-class institutions, skilled manpower and brilliant minds; however, it facilitated only a marginal section of the population. He further emphasized that a broad based programme of equitable development was the need of the hour, without which the youth power that covered more than half of India's current populace could not be utilized in the channel of nation building.

The participants shared about their interventions in their field areas, experience and opinions on the skill development. VYK appreciated the efforts made by KAS and CREATE for successful organization of the programme and augmentation of knowledge of the participants.



*A view of 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Joint Staff Development Programme*

## National Seminar on “Gandhi Zinda Hai”

28 October, 2015

On 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) organised a National Seminar on Gandhi Zinda Hai to commemorate the 146<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The seminar effectively re-introduced Gandhian thoughts with its various facets to the youth from schools and universities. Various Gandhian organizations and Gandhian scholars came forward to support this noble idea of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and relentlessly worked to give shape to the idea and design of the event.

The seminar explained the importance of Gandhian values in the current socio-political and environmental contexts. The programme was broadcasted by AIR World Service in their special programme Bharat Ki Shan, and was

aired in 40 countries.

More than 300 youth from various universities, colleges and schools actively participated in the various activities organised on the occasion. Panel discussion of scholars from various universities, talks by renowned Gandhians, debate and drawing competitions, quiz and cultural programmes were the different components of the event. Positive philosophy and willingness of the youth to follow the Gandhian path clearly reflected throughout the programme. Farmers from Wardha district of Maharashtra, Sikar district of Rajasthan and Kodinar district of Gujarat who were following the natural method of farming were specially invited on this occasion.



(Left to Right) Prof. Anand Kumar, (Retd. Professor), JNU, Shri Uday Shankar Singh, Chief Controller, VYK, Shri Rajat Kumar Narain, Chairman, Indian Youth Centres Trust, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe, National Vice President, BJP, Shri Shishir Bajaj, Managing Trustee, Indian Youth Centres Trust and Shri Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer, VYK during inauguration of the programme

## Panel Discussion with University Scholars

A Youth Panel discussion was organized on the theme, Misunderstandings associated with Gandhi. Research scholars (M. Phil and Ph. D students) from various universities took part in the panel discussion.

## Panel Discussion by Renowned Gandhians

A second panel discussion comprising of renowned Gandhian Scholars was also organized wherein they expressed their views on Gandhi's socio-political and economic views.



*On dais: (Left to Right) Dr. R.C. Pradhan, Gandhi Vichar Parishad, Wardha, Shri Dipankar Srigyan, Director, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, (Moderator), Prof. Ramjee Singh, former MP and V C Jain Vishwa Bharti University and Dr. A. Annamalai, Director, National Gandhi Museum taking active part during panel discussion*

## Address by dignitaries

In his address, Sh. Rajat Kumar Narain, Chairman, Indian Youth Centres Trust, recalled the Gandhian era. He expressed his strong faith in Gandhian values and its relevance in present time, while optimistically recalling the eruption of people's movement for the social cause and its peaceful processing in recent times.

Prof. Anand Kumar, well-known Gandhian scholar and Retd. Professor of JNU, in his keynote address, informed the youth about worldwide recognition of Gandhi for his unique ideas of truth and non- violence. He exhorted the youth to be the change they want to see in the world and asked them never to give up hope for humanity.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabhdhe, National Vice President, BJP, in his speech expressed his deep concern over the lack of tolerance in current socio-political scenario and also expressed the need for teaching tolerance in schools, along with other values like – rashtrabhasha, swadeshi, shram-pratishta, sadagi, sacharitrata etc. He emphasized on the greatest lesson that one could learn from Gandhi's life – beauty in simplicity.

Sh. Shishir Bajaj, Managing Trustee, Indian Youth Centres Trust, shared the history of the establishment of Sevagram Ashram, Wardha and the contribution made by Sh. Jamnalal Bajaj and the Bajaj family during the freedom movement.



*Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee addressing the participants*

Smt. Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi expressed her concern over the word "Gandhivad", which according to her, should have been Gandhi Ki Khoj or Gandhi Prem. While elaborating this concept she further added that people were searching for Gandhi in their truth which was why they were becoming followers of Gandhi.

Sh. Ram Bahadur Rai, renowned Hindi Journalist and Padma Shri awardee, in his valedictory speech explained that the concept of "Gandhism" was being misconstrued by sections of the society as per their convenience. He further added that there were various "kinds" of Gandhians in existence today. He stressed upon the need to imbibe the core

philosophy of Gandhi, only through which we could ensure the mainstreaming of the deprived and downtrodden sections of the society, thereby bringing in the ultimate "Ramrajya" as envisaged by Gandhi.

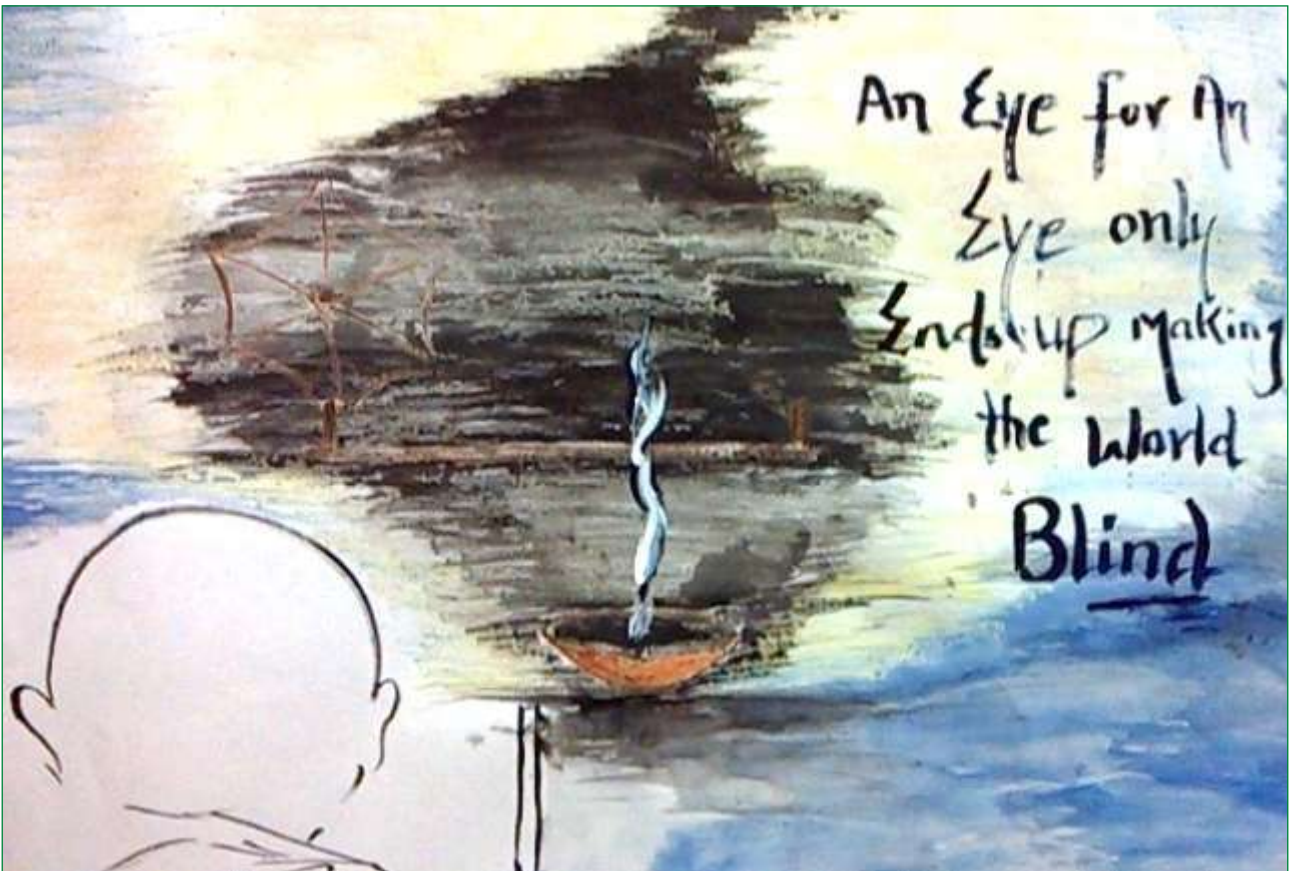
Sh. Haribhai Mori, Head, CSR, Bajaj Group, highlighted the importance of proper utilization of natural and human resources so as to bring prosperity to any community. He informed the participants that India had plenty of natural and human resources, which, if utilized properly, could bring prosperity to the entire world. In this context, he shared the innovative projects of Kamalnayan Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation, (KJBF) Wardha, which was working in 800 villages of Wardha, Maharashtra.



## Drawing and Debate Competition on "Gandhi Zinda Hai"

A total of 39 youth (22 boys and 17 girls) from 14 Delhi-NCR based organizations participated in the drawing competition. The first round of the debate competition was organised on 06th October, 2015 at VYK campus, wherein 30 youth (19 boys and 11 Girls), participated from various NGOs and NDMC schools. 6 youth who were shortlisted in the first round got the opportunity to present their views during the National Seminar on Gandhi Zinda Hai.

The winners were also felicitated on the occasion. Ms. Roshan from Dr. A.V. Baliga Trust, (First), Mr. Kailash Chetiwal from Dr. A.V. Baliga Trust (Second), Ms. Rukaiya Idrisi from Deepalaya School, Kalkaji, (Third) were the winners of debate competition whereas Ms. Chanchal Mahour from YWCA, Najafgarh, (First), Ms. Anuja Virmani from Navyug School, Peshwa Road, (Second), Mr. Appu from Don Bosco Ashalayam (Third) were the winners of painting competition.



First prize winning painting by Ms. Chanchal Mahour, YWCA, Najafgarh, New Delhi

## National Youth Day

12 January, 2016

To commemorate the 153rd birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) celebrated National Youth Day on 12 January, 2016. The event which was celebrated in an enthusiastic manner at VYK's Ram Krishna Bajaj Conference Hall, was attended by nearly 493 youth from various schools, colleges and representatives from 38 NGOs of Delhi-NCR.

A variety of activities like drawing and debate competitions, documentary show, cultural performances by NGOs and talks on Swami Vivekananda's ideals were organized as a part of the programme. The main objective of the programme was to familiarize the youth with the ideals of Swami Vivekananda and to provide a platform to the youth of disadvantaged sections of the society to exhibit their talents.

The Chief Guest, Swami Agnivesh, Founder, Bandhua Mukti Morcha, enthused the youth through his inaugural address. He asked the youth to take inspiration from Swami Vivekananda, who in the short span of his life, contributed a lot for bringing change in the society. He recalled Swami Vivekananda's speech delivered at the first Parliament of the World's Religions held in Chicago which is considered among his most significant contributions to the world.

In his speech, Swami Agnivesh exhorted the youth to make Swami Vivekananda as their ideal and to take initiative for bringing necessary change in the society. He further urged them to take a strong stand against the evil practices prevalent in the society i.e. dowry, gender discrimination, female foeticide, alcoholism, caste discrimination etc.



*Swami Agnivesh inaugurating the National Youth Day along with Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer and Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, Chief Controller, VYK (L-R)*

## Debate, Drawing and Cultural Performances

Debate, Drawing and Cultural activities were the special features of the programme in which 30 and 52 enthusiastic youth participated in debate and drawing competitions respectively. The topic of the debate was "Youth: Contributor or Obstructor in Nation Building", while the theme of the drawing competition was "All religions are the same".

Ms. Moni from Chetanalaya, (First), Ms. Priya from EFICOR, (Second) and Ms. Puja from Navjoti Foundation, (Third) were the winners of Debate Competition whereas, Ms. Pinky from SOS, Bawana (First), Ms. Baljit Kaur from Alamb, (Second) and Mr. Tenzen Lakten from Ritanjali, (Third) were the winners of Drawing Competition.

Youth's understanding of today's social problems and their willingness to adapt the positive changes were clearly reflected in their exchanges during the debate competition. The cultural programmes of various genres, i.e. theatre, folkdance, motivational songs and regional dances etc. were enthusiastically performed by the participants, which received a rousing response from the gathering.

Swami Shantatmananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Delhi was the Chief Guest during the valedictory session. In his address, he asked the youth to concentrate on their goal and work confidently to achieve it. He further emphasized on entre-preneurship development and motivated the youth to take initiative to start own ventures.

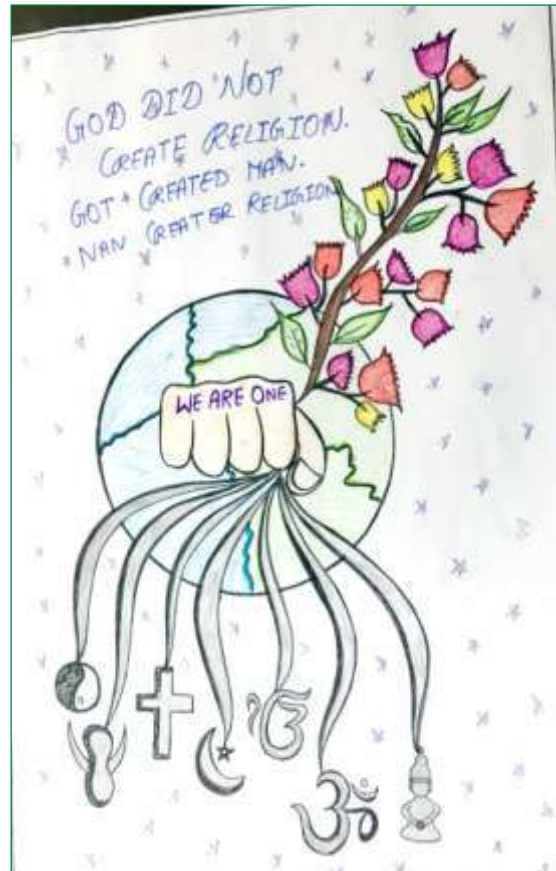


*A glimpse of cultural programme on the occasion of National Youth Day*

Paintings of winners of the drawing competition



Painting by the first prize winner  
Ms. Pinky from SOS, Bawana, New Delhi



Painting by the second prize winner  
Ms. Baljit Kaur from Alamb, New Delhi



Painting by third prize winner Mr. Tenzen Lakten from Ritanjali, New Delhi

# Training Programme on NGO Management

19-23 January, 2016

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) organized a five-day residential training programme on NGO Management from 19 to 23 January, 2016 at its campus. The main purpose of the training programme was to train and empower participants to develop their aptitudes to operate and manage NGOs more efficiently.

sector to be more effective. He also stressed on the values of our culture while proudly highlighting his Indian origin.

The training programme covered important topics like NGO registration and its formalities, accounts and financial procedures, FCRA, audit,



*His Excellency, Mr. Jagdishwar Goburdhun, High Commissioner, Republic of Mauritius, addressing the participants*

The programme was attended by 64 participants from 16 states of the country representing 50 grassroots-level NGOs working in various fields like education, awareness, disability, health, entrepreneurship, cultural promotion etc.

His Excellency, Mr. Jagdishwar Goburdhun, High Commissioner, Republic of Mauritius, inaugurated the programme. In his address, he emphasized on the need of having proper planning and collaboration with the Government and communities for the development

income tax exemption, human resource management, resource mobilization, project proposal, project implementation, monitoring & evaluation, communication, reporting, documentation and corporate social responsibility etc. All the topics were addressed by distinguished national level trainers and experts in this field.

At the end of the programme, a cultural event was also organized wherein all the participants enthusiastically participated.

Various essential topics of NGO Management were covered by the eminent professionals including Mr. J.P. Malik from Development Associates, Ms. Selvi Sivamani from Credibility Alliance, Mr. Vishal Bhardwaj from Dalmia Bharat Group, Mr. S.K. Gautam from Manage India, Mr. Kalyan Satpathy from Action Aid India, Dr. K.C. George from NIPCCD, Mr. Rajesh

Upadhyaya from NACDOR, Mr. Harsh Jaitley from VANI and Ms. Geetanjali Gaur from National Foundation for CSR, IICA.

At the end of the programme, a cultural event was also organized wherein all the participants enthusiastically participated.



*Group photo of participants*

# International Women's Day

March-2016

Gender disparity is widespread in our society. In our largely male dominant society, equal participation of women is essential to eradicate gender disparity. International Women's Day represents an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality. The theme of International Women's Day 2016 was "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality". To commemorate the event, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) organized a daylong workshop at its campus with an objective of gauging better understanding of women empowerment through socio-political aspects.

Dr. Zeenat, Chairperson, Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM), in her keynote address, asked young women participants to respect themselves and work hard to achieve their goal in life. Dr. Kavita Sharma, Vice Chancellor and President, South Asian University, New Delhi, in her address, recalled the journey of women's struggle and demand of rights since 18th century and also threw light on American Labour Movement. In her inspiring address, Dr. Sharma encouraged the participants to dare to dream and work relentlessly to achieve it.



*Dr. Kavita Sharma, Vice-Chancellor and President, South Asian University, New Delhi being felicitated by Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, Chief Controller, VYK.  
Dr. Zeenat, Chairperson, SPYM (right) and Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer, VYK (left) looking on*

Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, Chief Controller, VYK, in his speech drew attention towards the decline in sex ratio during the last two decades and its irreversible consequences being faced by our country today in the form of gender disparity, social evils, increasing crime rates etc. He also shared his views on the need to ensure better women participation in the decision making process for bringing about societal change.

The event saw participation of 295 women from 6 colleges, comprising of J.D. Women's College, Patna, Aditi Mahavidyalaya, Lady Irwin College and Kamala Nehru College from Delhi University, Mewar Institute of Management, Ghaziabad and South Asian University, New Delhi. Apart from the college students, around 80 students represented Delhi NCR based NGOs including Naz Foundation, Ritanjali, Navjyoti Foundation, SOS Faridabad, SOS Bawana, Love & Care Foundation, Salaam Balak Trust and Udayan Care.

Distinguished women speakers addressed the various sessions of the event. Besides the talk by renowned persons, the programme also featured panel discussion, talks by social

entrepreneurs, student-speak, documentary movies (prepared by students themselves), quiz, cultural activities and a unique "Gender Mela."

## Talk by Successful Social Entrepreneurs and Leaders

The session revolved around the theme, "Women Empowerment Status – Introspection and the Way Ahead". Dr. Ranjana Kumari, Director, Center for Social Research, in her special address, asked women to be strong, not to suffer silently but raise voice against violence

and injustice, if they were to bring a change in the current scenario of gender disparity.

Gitanjali Babbar, Founder, Katkatha, and Vanita Bakshi, Founder, AAMBRA, shared their views on women's status and advised the way ahead.

## Youth Voice

The session "Youth Voice" received an enthusiastic response from the students. 12 selected students from various institutions actively took part in the session and discussed on various topics including 'Perspectives on women's status in past and present' 'Women's contribution for sustainable development – the way ahead' 'Women empowerment and policy level loopholes' 'Political participation–challenges and Scope and Legal provisions – uses and misuses'.

Ms. Neha, Ms. Khushboo and Ms. Pankhudi from Aditi Mahavidyalaya, Ms. Shriya and Ms. Monika from Lady Irwin College, Ms. Geetika Johar and Ms. Tanvi Nayar from Kamala Nehru College, Ms. Urvashi Singhal and Ms. Ishita from Mewar Institute of Management, and Ms. Akanksha Tyagi, Ms. Ambereen Abbas and Mr. L. Bongkong from Department of Social Work, Mewar University, represented their respective institutions in the Youth Voice session.



*Students during the session "Youth Voice"*





*A glimpse of the play Daayan, written by Mahasweta Devi*



*Women enthusiastically participating in a game during Gender Mela organized by the students of Lady Irwin College, University of Delhi*

## Training Programme on Youth and Disaster Management

09-11 September, 2015

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra's training programmes for youth have always reflected the contemporary socio-political needs and have helped devise an effective action plan for the grass-root workers, development professionals and policy makers. Focusing on the need to have community-based disaster preparedness among youth, VYK, in collaboration with Center for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), organized a 3-day training programme on Youth and Disaster Management at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. CYSD is a 33 year-old non-government organization, working to improve the quality of lives of rural and urban poor with special emphasis on tribal community in Odisha.

The major objectives of the training programme were:

- To explore the present status of the Disaster Mitigation Teams (DMTs) and the problems faced by them in the field
- To assess the efficacy of the roles and responsibilities of the DMTs in community

disaster management

- To develop desired skills of the participants in relation to rescue and evacuation, first-aid, shelter management, warning and information dissemination and relief and rehabilitation
- To chalk-out plan of action in the line of long-term functioning of the DMTs as well as shelter management committees and their internal coordination and external strategic linkage

Total 125 youth from 13 disaster prone districts of Odisha participated in the training programme and received in-depth knowledge from technical resource partners of the programme, namely Odisha Red Cross and OSDMA. Important sessions comprising of Disaster Contexts, its Classification and Impact, Disaster Management Act, Policies, participatory exercises on rescue operations, first aid, etc. were covered by renowned resource persons during the programme.



*A photograph of training programme on disaster management*

# Training Programme on NGO Management

11-13 September, 2015

In order to enhance the capacity of NGO representatives with critical perspective and tools in the art of organizational management and development, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK), in collaboration with Indian Foundation for Global Peace Education (IFGPE), organized a 3-day training programme on NGO Management at Bengaluru, Karnataka from 11-13 September, 2015. This was the second programme in the series. It was inaugurated by Dr. K. Jairaj, IAS (Retd.), Former Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Karnataka whereas Dr. W.P. Krishna, President, IFGPE presided over the function.

Total 61 participants (44 male and 17 female) participated in the training programme from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

The participants appreciated the programme sessions and acknowledged the relevance of the training programme. They also appreciated the extra-curricular activities integrated into the schedule, including yoga and cultural performances in the mornings and evenings respectively during the training programme.

The important sessions covered in this programme included NABARD Schemes, Effective Communication and Presentation Skills, CSR and Resource Mobilization, Managerial Skills and Development, Effective Role of NGOs for Sustainable Development, Community Development and Monitoring and Evaluation. In the valedictory address, (Rtn.) Mr. Sudhir Navle focused on the importance of working together as a team with passion and perseverance to achieve the set goals. He shared his own experience of setting up a Diagnostic Centre which was helping hundreds of patients every day.

Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, Chief Controller, VYK thanked the participants in his address for their active involvement in the day-to-day activities, yoga session in the mornings, cultural programme in the evenings and networking efforts among different NGOs. He appreciated the efforts of IFGPE team for professionally managing the programme with special emphasis on sincerity, discipline and punctuality.



*Participants of the training programme*

## Workshop on Grant-in-aid Schemes in Government and Corporate Sectors for NGOs

14-15 December, 2015

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Social Development (IISD), organized a state level workshop on 14-15 December, 2015 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Grant-in-aid Schemes in Government and Corporate Sectors for NGOs was the topic for the workshop. The objective of the workshop was to equip the participants with latest techniques and methods of fund raising. There was an intensive effort to make them aware of the various schemes of different departments of the Government and Corporate Sectors.

The programme was inaugurated by Shri Mukund Kulkarni, a renowned social activist of Madhya Pradesh and Chairman, Abhyas Mandal. He appreciated the efforts made by VYK for promoting and developing competence in the NGO Sector. He said that the programme structure was excellent and would be highly useful to the NGO representatives attending the workshop.

The important topics covered during the workshop included Resource Mobilization – Concept, Techniques and Sources, Various Types of Government Grants, Formulation of Project Proposal, Financial Aspects related to NGOs etc.

Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer, VYK took the sessions on Resource Mobilization, Techniques and Sources of Fund Raising. Dr. Om Prakash Dave, Executive Director, IISD took a session on Formulation of Project Proposal and other important aspects related to grant obtaining from the Government and Corporate Sectors.

Total 141 participants from 7 districts namely Dewas, Indore, Jhabua, Dhar, Khargaon, Badwani and Ujjain of Madhya Pradesh attended the programme.



*Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer, VYK interacting with the participants*

# Training Programme on Fund Raising

01-02 February, 2016

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK), in collaboration with Kalyanam, organized a 2-day training programme on Fund Raising on 01-02 February, 2016 at Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh. The objective of the programme was to provide technical support and methodologies relevant to resource mobilization for NGOs.

The training programme was inaugurated with lighting of lamp by Mr. Jameer Ahmed, District Minority Officer, Hardoi, Mr. Vivek Awasthi, Programme Manager, Uttar Pradesh Voluntary Health Association (UPVHA) and Mr. Nand Kishore, Oxfam India, Lucknow along with other dignitaries. While welcoming all the resource persons and delegates, Mr. Krishna Murari Bajpai, Director, Kalyanam asserted that the non-profit sector should work towards having a 'united voice' for a brighter prospect of fund raising and to achieve sustainable

development of the community.

The important topics covered during the programme included Fundamentals of Fund raising, Perception on Fund raising, Importance of Network, Requisite Documentation Formalities, Corporate Social Responsibility etc.

Total 126 participants from four states (Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Rajasthan) attended the training programme.

Major participation was seen from grass-root level organizations belonging to Uttar Pradesh. The training programme enhanced the participants' knowledge of fund raising, through group activities and technical sessions. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Rajeev Nirmal, Programme Officer, VYK



*Group activity in progress during training programme on Fund Raising*

## Training on Youth Leadership and Community Development

26 February–01 March, 2016

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra's multidimensional training programmes enable youth to acquire such knowledge, skills and techniques which help them in their personal and professional growth. As a part of its state level activities, VYK organized a 5-day training programme on Youth Leadership and Community Development from 26 February-01 March, 2016 in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

The objective of this training programme was to enhance capacity and leadership skills, imbibe a spirit of mutual cooperation in the youth and enable them to contribute optimally towards nation building.

Topics like critical awareness of social dynamics, training on personality development, training on organizational skills with special focus on formation of youth groups and youth clubs were covered during the programme. Elaborated discussions on community welfare

programmes and schemes were also held.

Eminent resources persons were invited for the training programme, who addressed the trainees on various aspects of Youth Leadership and Community Development. The programme was attended by 70 youth participants from different youth groups. Some of the key resource persons included Mr. Jaswant Gandhi, Joint Secretary and Chief Protocol Officer (Retd.), General Administration Department, Govt. of Gujarat, Mr. Rajni Kant Suthar, Youth Coordinator from Nehru Yuva Kendra, Gandhinagar, Ms. Kusum Kaul Vyas, Managing Trustee from Utkarsh Healthcare Foundation, Mr. Pulak Trivedi, Secretary, Gujarat Press Academy, Dr. Mayur Joshi, Managing Trustee, Udgam Trust, Gandhinagar, Mr. Hiren Brambhatt from Utthan Education Trust, Gandhinagar. The event was also covered by some of the leading media houses.



*Training programme on youth leadership and community development – session in progress*

# Workshop on Peace Education for Younger Generations

February-March, 2016

In collaboration with Yuvak Vikas Trust (YVT), Ahmedabad, a 4-day workshop was organised on Peace Education for Younger Generation to promote Gandhian ideals among youth and children during February–March, 2016.

As youth consist of more than 60% of the Indian population, there is a need to develop critical thinking among the youth and inspire young leaders to bring forth innovation for social transformation. Once, Benjamin Disraeli said, “We live in an age when to be young and indifferent can no longer be synonymous. We must prepare for the coming hour. The claims of the Future are represented by suffering millions and the Youth of a Nation are the trustees of Posterity”.

Once, our Father of the nation said, “Nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people”.

It is therefore essential to engage the youth creatively in activities to build their capacities and empower them with such life skills that are required to become effective leaders of tomorrow.

There is dire need to create a space where they can interact with one another, putting aside their biases and prejudices, so that they can work together to uphold the spirit of India as stated in the preamble of our Constitution. With this perspective, VYK and YVT initiated a unique programme to empower, inculcate leadership and innovative qualities in the field of peace education among younger generations.

Various activities were organised at different stages as listed below:

- (i) Preparatory workshop: Dialogue on Peace Education at ISCE: Feb 16-17, 2016
- (ii) Workshop on Peace Education in English language at ISCE: Feb 18-19, 2016
- (iii) Workshop on Peace Education in Gujarati language at Gujarat Vidyapith: Feb 22-23, 2016
- (iv) Workshop on Peace Education in Gujarati language at Rajkot: March 19-20, 2016

Altogether 138 participants attended the workshops and learnt the Gandhian way of moving towards peace.



*A glimpse of session of workshop*

## Capacity Building Workshop on Fund Raising and CSR

09-10 March, 2016

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK), in collaboration with Uttar Pradesh Voluntary Health Association (UPVHA) organised a 2-day workshop on Fund Raising and CSR at Lucknow on 9-10 March, 2016. UPVHA is a state-level network of NGOs established in 1985 and working in the field of community health. Most of the member organizations of the UPVHA network are grass-root level NGOs working primarily in the health sector.

The capacity building workshop was attended by 87 participants representing UPVHA network and other NGOs. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Satya Singh, PRO, Mahila Samman Prakoshth, Uttar Pradesh.

The programme was designed very systematically and covered all relevant topics like overview of fund raising, opportunities for funding available in various sectors including government, industries and international donors, importance of documentation, effective communication, liaison and networking and so on.

Apart from related topics, one session on the role of NGOs in Health Sector and collaboration with National Health Mission (NHM) was also included for the benefit of the participants. The topic covered information related to the importance of health awareness for families, accessibility and affordability aspects of health services and funding opportunities for NGOs in the health sector.



*Dr. Masud Rashidi addressing the participants during the training programme*



# Training Programme on Documentation of NGO

12-13 March, 2016

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra in collaboration with Indian Institute of Social Development (IISD), Indore, Madhya Pradesh, organized a 2-day meet for non-government organizations on Documentation of NGO on 12-13 March, 2016 at Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh.

The basic objectives of this training programme were:

- To enhance knowledge on various topics to efficiently run an NGO
- To provide legal information and compliance of the various sections related to Madhya Pradesh Societies Registration Act
- To highlight the importance of financial documents, Audit Reports, Annual Reports and NGO Profile
- To upgrade knowledge about FCRA registration and its compliances by NGO

- To develop a platform to encourage NGO representatives for effective execution of programmes

Representatives of 45 NGOs belonging to three Districts i.e. Jhabua, Alirajpur and Dhar of Madhya Pradesh actively participated in the training programme. The programme was addressed by well versed resource persons including Dr. O. P. Dave, Executive Director, IISD, Shri Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer, VYK and Shri Gopal Sharma, Project Officer, IISD, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

All the participants conveyed their appreciation to VYK for conducting very useful, informative and contextual programme at Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh.



*Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer, VYK, addressing the participants*

## Training Programme on Project Proposal Writing

13-14 March, 2016

VYK conducted a 2-day training programme on Project Proposal Writing for NGOs in collaboration with Indian Institute of Social Development (IISD), Indore on 13-14 March, 2016 at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. Total 64 representatives from various NGOs belonging to Indore, Ujjain, Ratlam, Dewas, Shajapur and Ashok Nagar districts participated in the programme.

The major objectives of the programme were:

- To promote and develop skills related to Project Proposal Writing among the representatives of NGOs
- To develop comprehensive skills and techniques to prepare proposal considering the local needs and requirements
- To discuss various components of project proposals

- To make NGO aware about the project planning and assessment of financial budget for grant-in aid
- To encourage NGO representatives to prepare project proposal on their own

Prominent resource persons addressed the participants on the intricacies of project proposal writing. They stressed upon having qualitative project proposals keeping in mind its presentation and effectiveness. The resource persons highlighted about the application of Logical Framework Analysis (LFA) as an integral component of proposal formulation.

The participating NGO representatives appreciated and conveyed their gratitude to VYK and IISD for organizing such an interactive, informative and useful training programme.



*Inauguration of training programme on project proposal writing*

# Computer Training Programme for Rural Youth at Wardha

March, 2016

An in-depth discussion was made between Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and Kamalnayan Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation (KJBF), Wardha, Maharashtra on the present scenario of unemployment. A combined effort was made to explore various opportunities for employment. After due deliberation over emergence of computer technology, it was decided to launch a joint Computer Training Programme at Wardha, Maharashtra, to tap into the employment potential available in the IT sector. Under this collaborative programme, 50 rural youth benefitted during the year 2015-16. The major objective of the programme was to upgrade skills and generate livelihood opportunities among rural youth. The various contents of the training programme were:

- 3 month long professional IT course covering modules like Tally 9.0 with Tally ERP 9, Desktop Publishing (DTP) course, Hardware Support Technician Course, Financial Accounting Basics etc.

- Training in Information technology, internet, web and e-commerce, basic application of software, specialized application software, system software, communication and networking

Strategically there was an intensive focus on structured selection process to identify trainees. The mechanisms adopted for the purpose include:

- The trainees were selected based on their keen interest to learn
- Due attention was given to their backward economic status (small and marginal families)
- Final participants were selected after individual counseling

A personality development programme was also organized for the participants to orient them on the art of necessary social and interactive skills to improve their communication abilities.



*A glimpse of classroom session*

# Integrated Community Development Programme

## Weekly Health Camp

Charitable Activities and Inclusive Sustainable Development are the core philosophies of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. Keeping this in mind, VYK's Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP) is totally dedicated towards socio-economic growth of the deprived, vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the society. Through this, VYK implemented several developmental interventions for the promotion of education, skills, health and sanitation. To achieve the objective, VYK deeply involves in

service delivery and awareness generation campaigns in a few target resettlement colonies of Delhi.

The activities under ICDP include organising weekly health camps, health counselling, free distribution of prescribed medicines, general clinical examinations, promotion of education, skill enhancement training programme etc. for the target community.



*A glimpse of weekly health camp*

# Special Events Observed

## International Literacy Day

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra observed International Literacy Day on 8th September, 2015 at Vivekanand Camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. Women, children and youth from the community participated in the event. A motivational movie which highlighted the importance of education was screened on the occasion. Promotion of education and literacy was the key focus of the dialogues and interactions made with the participants. The programme was highly appreciated by all the attendees.

programmes for the community children were organised on this occasion, which received an enthusiastic response from the children of the community.

## Children's Day

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra celebrated Children's Day on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at Vivekanand Camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. Drawing competition, documentary show and cultural

## World AIDS Day

VYK observed World AIDS Day in collaboration with Society for Participatory Integrated Development (SPID), on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 at Mangolpuri, New Delhi. People from local communities of Mangolpuri and Sultanpur Majra, New Delhi, attended the programme.

The programme included talks by subject experts and street play performance by Mahek Theatre Group, which threw light on the misconceptions associated with HIV/AIDS. The community women who attended the programme greatly appreciated the street play performance and thanked VYK and SPID for taking such an initiative.



*Mr. Rajeev Nirmal, Programme Officer, VYK, addressing the participants on International Literacy Day*

## “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan”

17 December, 2015

A cleanliness campaign was launched to develop collective consciousness among the community people on the importance of having clean surroundings. As a part of the event, an exposure visit was organised for the students of Presentation Convent School at Vivekanand Camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. The students took active part in the rally to promote good practices among

community holding placards with informative messages on cleanliness and its benefits. The students visited all the narrow lanes of the community with wonderful slogans. After the rally, they performed a play on “Importance of Cleanliness” and shared their views on the necessity to have a clean environment to lead a healthy and happy life.



Students of Presentation Convent School and the community children are being addressed by Mr. Manjunath Karemunge, Programme Associate, VYK

## VYK Learning Programme

VYK executed educational training programmes in the livelihood driven courses for the youth in slum areas of New Delhi. Digital literacy, spoken English and personality development classes were organized for the needy youth under this programme. Moreover, VYK also imparted various Life Skills training to youth for overall development. The youth responded to this programme very enthusiastically.

According to a trainee named Ms. Mansi, “VYK Learning Programme brought drastic transformation in my life. Before attending the programme I was a person of very shy nature and hesitant towards everything, whereas after completion of the training I feel very confident and can respond very positively towards any challenges”.

# Awareness Generation Programme

## Street Play on Gender Equality

VYK organised a street-play captioned 'Mardaangi' at its working community Vivekanand Camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2016. A 20-minute play was performed by Men Against Violence and Abuse (MAVA), a Mumbai based social activist group.

The play addressed the perceptions of young men on prevailing discrimination against women and its impact. It also described various social evils prevailing in the society. In the end it compelled audience to think upon the discrimination against female. Through the

play it was aimed to sensitize the community to provide women with equal rights, which is the ultimate way of development.

VYK also organized an awareness generation programme on education titled "Shikshit Samaj - Vikasit Rashtra" (शिक्षित समाज - विकसित राष्ट्र) at Shankar Camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. Major focus was to promote education among the slum dwellers with a special emphasis on girl education.



*A glimpse of street play: performance by MAVA in progress*

## Programme on Promotion of Leadership



*Prof. S. V. Eshwaran (3<sup>rd</sup> from Left) along with the coaches and team of VYK*

VYK organized a training programme on leadership for 40 women tennis coaches in coordination with NAZ Foundation at Sarita Vihar, New

Delhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016. Prof. S.V. Eshwaran, a renowned motivational speaker was invited to address the trainees.

## Documentary/Movie Shows

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra regularly organises motivational programmes for youth and children at its campus and at different institutions and colleges. Through talk, discussion, interaction and documentary shows, students are oriented on the issues of human values and social issues. The programme receives good response from the schools and colleges.

Fr. Linus Francis Xavier Lakra, Assistant Director, Don Bosco Ashalayam, Mr. T.K. Mathew, Secretary and Chief Executive Director, Deepalaya and Mr. Ashok Kumar, Executive Director, Balsahyog actively supported to organise the documentary/movie show in their institutions. All these shows earned due appreciation from all the corners. It was observed that students loved watching



*Documentary is being screened at Deepalaya, Kalkaji, New Delhi*

Movies: Hawa Hawaii, Up (animated comedy adventure film), I am Kalam, and Stanley Ka Dabba were screened at various locations in New Delhi i.e. Sanskar Ashram for Boys, GTB Enclave, Dilshad Garden, Don Bosco Ashalayam, Palam Gaon, Deepalaya, Kalkaji, and at Balsahyog, Connaught Place respectively.

movies. All the shows were followed by the discussion sessions where the students shared their views/thoughts on the movies and its messages which were correlated with their experience of life. VYK received suggestions from the institutional heads to organise many more such activities for the underprivileged youth to bring them into the mainstream.



# Family Day

07 November, 2015

Family Day is an occasion which promotes cohesiveness and the sense of oneness among the staff and their families. With very noble spirit, VYK organised "Family Day Meet" at its own campus on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. This was a special annual event in which VYK staff and their family members enthusiastically took part

in the various activities. Family members actively participated in the sports/games competitions, cultural events and quiz contest. It was very heartening to observe the rousing participation of the children who enjoyed the programme to the fullest and were greatly pleased at the prizes and gifts they received.



## Exposure Visit of Students

The students from various universities throughout the country come to Vishwa Yuvak Kendra for exposure visits, with the objective to understand its functioning as a Model Youth Centre. VYK has been one of the premier Learning Centers of the country for over five decades and has been consistently fostering initiatives for unfolding the potential of youth through multidimensional training programmes

In the year 2015-16, MSW students from various institutions including Gulbarga University, Karnataka, Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri, Inamdar MSW College, Karnataka & RUDS, Raichur visited VYK and appreciated the exclusivity of its programmes focused towards youth interventions.



*MSW students from Gulbarga University, Karnataka during their social work study tour to VYK*

# National Seminar on 'Social Work Practices in Health Care: Emerging Health Issues among Women'

VYK, as a part of its Institutional Partnership Development activity, supported a national seminar on "Social Work Practices in Health Care: Emerging Health Issues among Women" which was organized at Old Lecture Theater, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, on 26-27 March, 2016.

The seminar covered a wide range of interdisciplinary discussions among 200 participants, comprising of health practitioners, academia and researchers highlighting the growing issues pertaining to social, economic, environmental and health aspects of women. The event created a national platform for professionals/NGO representatives and volunteers engaged in healthcare and social work. The event provided them an opportunity to ponder over some of the pressing problems of women.

The theme of the seminar was categorized into various aspects which were:

- Violence against Women (Abuse, Violence and Mental Health Concerns)
- Health, Hygiene and Nutrition
- Challenges in Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Health Issues of Working Women: Organized and Unorganized Sectors
- HIV/AIDS/STDs and Women
- Disability and Women's Issues
- Challenges and opportunities for promoting the Girl Child's Rights
- Women's Health and Marginalized Groups: Muslims, Dalits, Tribals
- Women's Health: State and Governance

The programme was highly appreciated for its contents, discussions and deliberation on social work practices on health issues among women by all the participants.

## Internship Programme

The students from different social work universities are placed for concurrent field work under the 'Integrated Community Development Programme' organized by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. The students are inspired to improve their understanding and ability to analyze the needs and problems of individuals, families, groups and community. They are also encouraged to develop professional attitude

during the field work to respond to human needs, secure information about community resources and services in order to utilize them effectively. Under VYK's supervision, a number of interns were trained to develop process-oriented skills in working with individuals, families, group and communities with special reference to social support system.

# Existing Facilities

Ensnconced in the highly secure diplomatic enclave of New Delhi, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra is a full-fledged campus within itself and comprises of accommodation facilities, conference/seminar facilities, cafeteria, library, lush lawns etc. The Kendra also provides all the necessary support services like Wi-Fi, satellite TV, photocopy, sound system and other audiovisual equipment, backed by professionally qualified and experienced support staff. The campus also has space for showcasing artwork/craft exhibits.

## Accommodation

In keeping with its mandate, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra extends capacious accommodation amenities with modern conveniences to the trainees, students and NGO partners from within and outside the country. The centrally located Kendra hostel has 38 well-furnished rooms with basic modern amenities.

The Annexe building has 115 dormitory beds (5-6 beds in a room) which are mostly availed by youth groups/young students, NGOs etc. The dormitory accommodation provides a viable, inexpensive accommodation option for NGO representatives and youth workers who are often on a limited budget. Complimentary breakfast is served to all the trainees/members staying in the campus. Being located in the safest neighborhood in the capital region and having excellent commuting facilities to all transport hubs (airport, railway station, bus terminal) makes VYK one of the favorite staying options of the youth from across the country and from outside India.

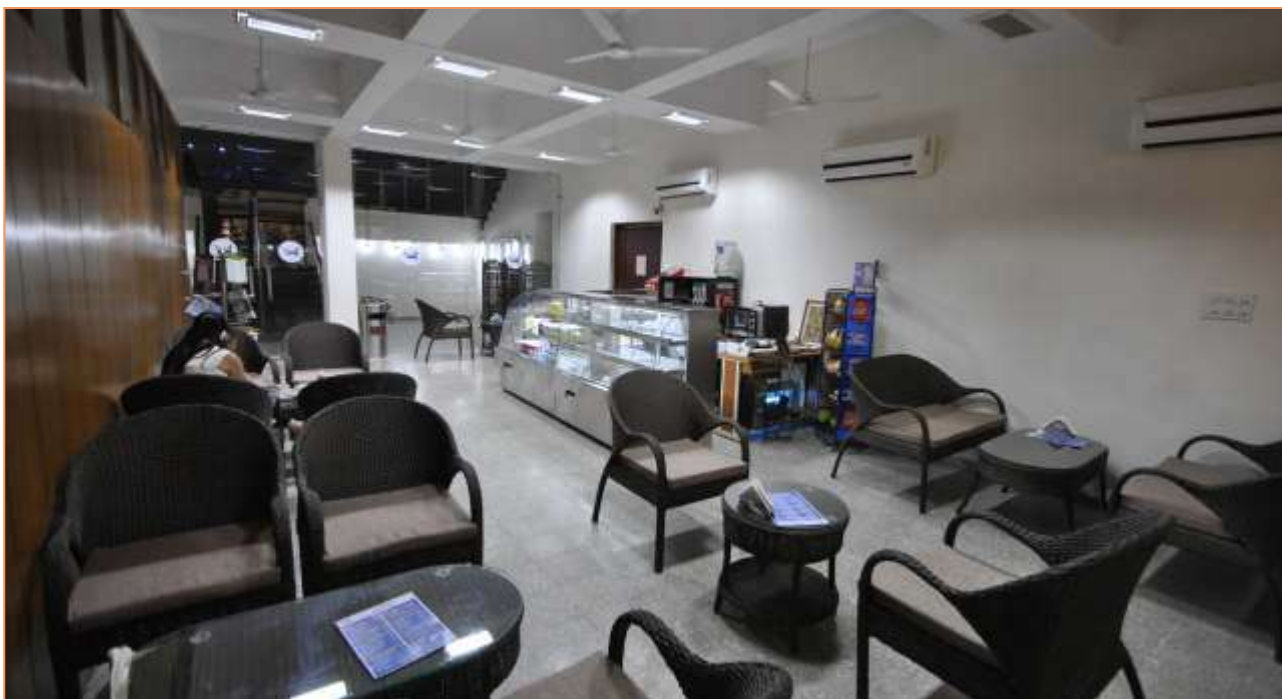
The VYK campus serves as a nucleus for the promotion of national harmony and international understanding in an ambience of warmth and friendship.



## Dining Hall and Youth Café

A Dining Hall serves modestly priced food to trainees and members attending conferences/seminars and training courses. The Kendra has recently opened a "Youth Café" in the campus, which serves as a venue for our members to

congregate, entertain their guests or to pass time, individually and in small groups. Like all its other facilities, the Dining Hall and Youth Café can be used only by individual/institutional members of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.



## Auditorium and Conference Halls

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra's campus has state-of-the-art (fully air-conditioned) training halls and a large auditorium. These halls and auditorium are used to conduct in-house training programmes for grass root level NGOs on various issues related to social development. No training fees are charged from the participants, except for a very nominal registration fee from the sponsoring NGOs. VYK has venues ideally suited for all kinds of requirements, be it a small board meeting or training workshop, or be it a large gathering with up to 500 persons.

All the facilities, be it accommodation, conference hall or dining hall, are used for our training activities. When not in use for Kendra programmes, these are provided to like-minded member NGOs/individuals at highly subsidized and very nominal tariff. In case of any additional query or information regarding our facilities or about our programme activities, one may contact [welcome@vykonline.org](mailto:welcome@vykonline.org) or [vyk@vykonline.org](mailto:vyk@vykonline.org)



## Library

The Kendra's library, specializing on youth development and other social issues, has a collection of over 12,000 books in English and 1,000 books in Hindi on various aspects of youth and social work. VYK Library subscribes to 48 journals and receives over 100 complimentary journals, newsletters etc. regularly. Its Digital Repository has a collection of Kendra's activities and a number of documentary films on social issues. It also receives over 100 complimentary publications e.g. newsletters, annual reports and conference proceedings of various ministries, NGOs and international organizations, and has exchange relation with over 20 Journals.

VYK Library is fully computerized making for

quick and easy retrieval of information. It has linkages with other libraries in Delhi and has a resource sharing and Inter-Library loan facility through Developing Library Network (DELNET), a Delhi-based network of libraries for promoting resource-sharing activities among Indian libraries. This gives research scholars an easy and quick access to the required information available in other libraries. Its Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) is accessible through DELNET.

The Library Reading Room is open for reference purpose during library hours, i.e. from 9.30 AM to 5.30 PM (Monday to Saturday, excluding National Holidays).



## Art Gallery

As a part of its endeavour to promote art and culture, VYK has launched the VYK Art Gallery in its campus. The gallery is provided to artists including upcoming artists, to showcase their work. The Art Gallery Space, which is fully air-

conditioned, has adequate and proper lighting and decor required for such a use and is slowly gaining recognition among the art fraternity as a viable alternative for organizing exhibitions and similar events.





## Member organizations that regularly used VYK facilities for organising their programmes

1. Lawyers Collective
2. Pratham Education Foundation
3. Indian Environmental Society
4. The Educational Resources Centre Trust
5. Delhi Foundation of Deaf Women
6. ChildFund India
7. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Institute (Wash)
8. NASSCOM
9. National Coalition for Education
10. Asha Community Health and Development Society
11. Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan
12. National Trust
13. Save the Children
14. State Council of Educational Research and Training
15. A P Goyal Shimla University
16. Action Aid Association
17. Centre for Catalyzing Change
18. Oxfam India
19. Indian Grameen Services
20. Population Council
21. Smile Foundation
22. World Society for the Protection of Animals
23. Magic Bus India
24. Swadhikar- NCDHR
25. Socio-Legal Information Centre
26. Centre for Advocacy and Research
27. KIIT University
28. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
29. SOS Children's Villages of India
30. New Delhi Municipal Council ( NDMC )
31. Centre for Alternative Dalit Media
32. World Vision India
33. J D Women's College, Patna
34. American India Foundation
35. Himalayan Buddhist Cultural Association

## Media Coverage of Programmes

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In the era of globalization, VYK intervened in environmentally sound practices to promote handloom based livelihoods to the community people. In order to protect the steeply degrading environment, indigenous industry forms, promotion and protection of handlooms and hand spinning is the need of the hour.

The training programme on weaving transformed the lives of deprived rural youth. The motivation and skill they got during the training made them commercially viable entrepreneurs for their sustenance.



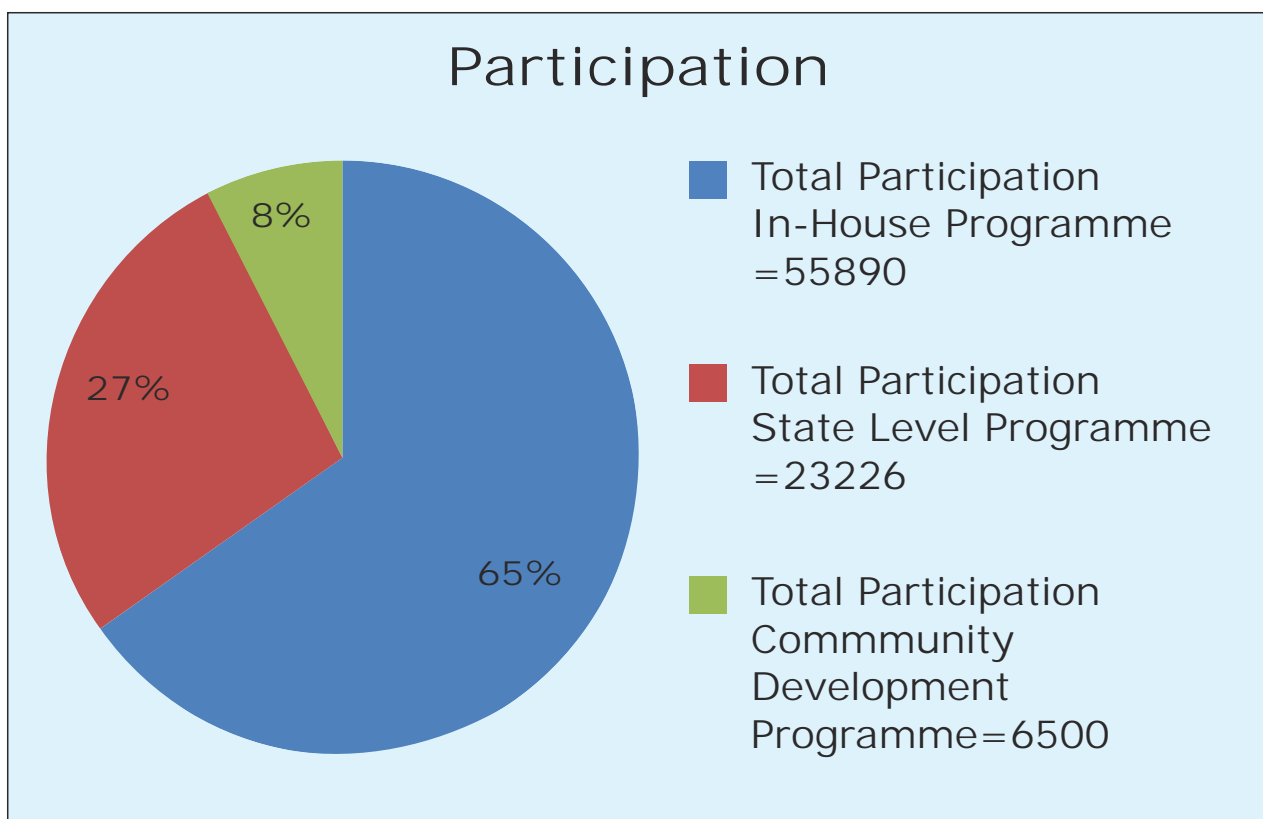
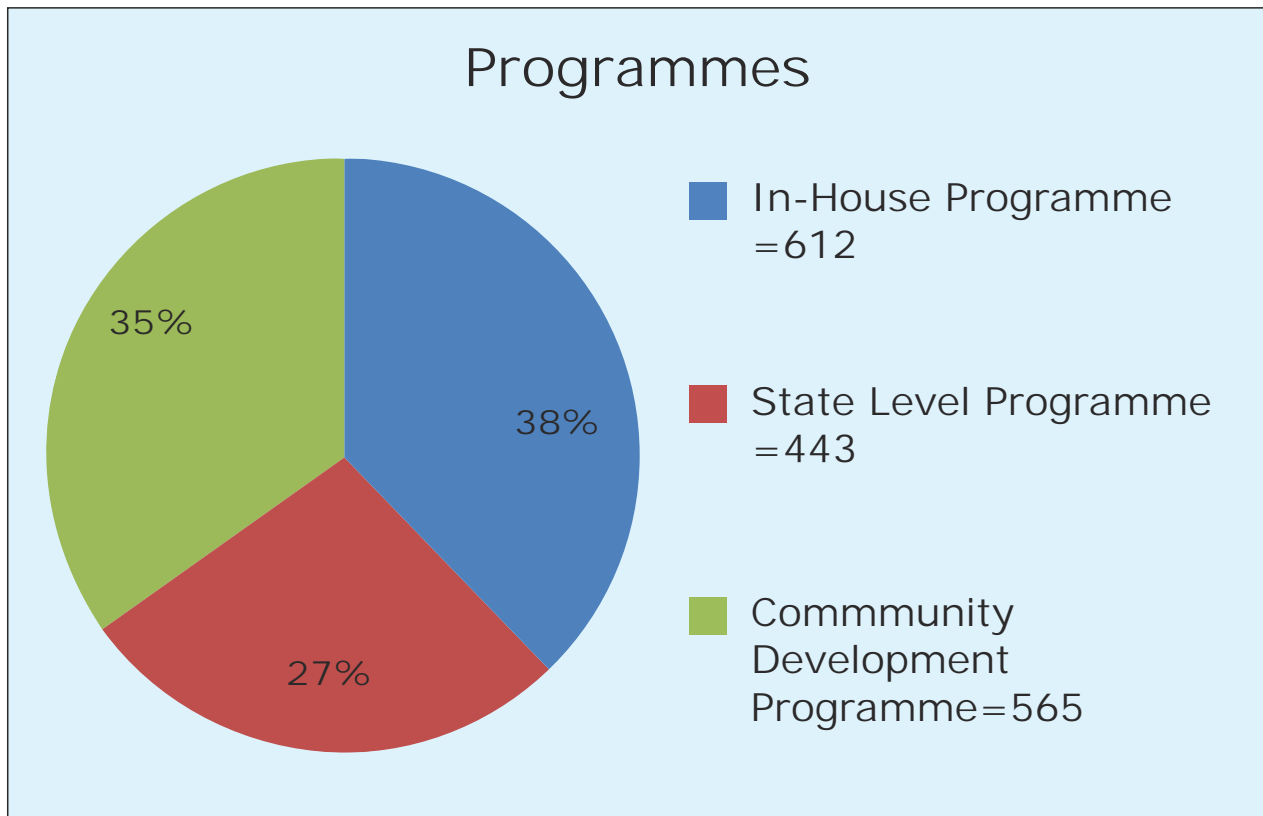
*Rural youth engaged in weaving after the vocational training*

# Programmes and Participation Details in the Year 2015-16

S. No.	Programmes	Date/Month	Total Participation
A	In-House Training Programme		
1	Documentary/Film Shows	May & June, 2015	394
2	Training Programme on Fund Raising	17-20 June, 2015	41
3	Talk with Amazing Indian" at Mount Carmel School	10 July, 2015	650
4	Training Programme on Leadership and Communication Skills	29-30 July, 2015	46
5	Educational Programme	July, 2015	49
6	Talk with Amazing Indian" at Amity Institute of Social Sciences	10 August, 2015	212
7	Talk on Spirituality and Personality Development of Youth	13 August, 2015	48
8	Participation in 32nd Annual Meeting-Joint Staff Development Programme	09-12 October 2015	-
9	National Seminar on "Gandhi Zinda Hai"	28 October, 2015	300
10	National Youth Day	12 January, 2016	493
11	Training Programme on NGO Management Exposure	19-23 January, 2016	64
12	Visit of Gulbarga University Students to VYK	January, 2016	87
13	International Women's Day	04 March, 2016	295
	Total Participation		2679
B	State Level Training Programme		
1	Training Programme on Youth and Disaster Management, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	09-11 September, 2015	125
2	Training Programme on NGO Management, Bangalore, Karnataka	11-13 September, 2015	61
3	Workshop on Grant-in-aid Scheme in Government and Corporate Sectors for NGOs, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	14-15 December, 2015	141
4	Youth for Peace, Ahmadabad, Gujarat	December, 2015	71
5	Training Programme on Fund Raising, Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh	01-02 February, 2016	126
6	Peace Education for Younger Generation	February-March, 2016	138
7	Leadership and Community Development, Ahmadabad, Gujarat	26 February-01 March, 2016	70
8	Capacity Building Workshop on Fund Raising and CSR, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	9-10 March, 2016	87
9	Training Programme on Documentation of NGO, Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh	12-13 March, 2016	45
10	Training Programme on Project Proposal Writing, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh	13-14 March, 2016	64
11	Programme on Computer Training for Rural Youth	2015-16	50
	Total Participation		978
C	Integrated Community Development Programme		
1	Health Camps (OPD) Beneficiaries		412
2	Community Outreach		1088
	Total Participation		1500
	Total Outreach (A+B+C)		5157

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# Programmes and Participation since Inception



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