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FIVE DECADES WORK IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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## Chairman's Message



**Rajat Kumar Narain**

VYK has successfully implemented its four level programmes in the areas of skill development and vocational training, in-house training, integrated community development and sports and cultural activities for the youth.

For economic development, much importance is now given to skill, knowledge and innovations which in turn need more youth with cognitive intelligence to take initiatives toward self employment. Skill training is one way in which livelihood options can be widened for youth. Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, with its commitment to make concrete, positive difference in youth's lives, has started vocational training for underprivileged youth in five states- Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha and Delhi. Under this project, VYK trained more than 1000 underprivileged youth, in five states, in collaboration with 17 partner organizations.

VYK's Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP) implemented various educational, health, sanitation and awareness programs at Vivekananda Camp and Shankar Camp, which are reaching to maximum number of beneficiaries.

Sports, Cultural and Educational programmes have also been introduced in the campus to promote multiple intelligence among the children and youth through various extra curriculum activities. Yoga, Computer Classes, Spoken English classes, Sports and Cultural activities for children and youth have received a good response from participants.

VYK's team is continuously putting in their efforts to make all the programmes successful, I wish them all the best in their endeavors.

## Managing Trustee's Message



**Shishir Bajaj**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in its 54 years journey has constantly strived to foster initiatives for unfolding the potential of youth through its various programmes.

Sport Culture and Educational programme was initiated with similar objectives. VYK's vibrant and inspiring campus and infrastructural facilities were opened for children and youth studying in municipal schools and youth from VYK's adopted communities. We are getting very good response from children, youth and adults. Cultural programmes, theatre, debate, poster and drawing contest are other extra-curricular activities which saw huge number of regular participation of students. Teachers from NDMC schools and community members appreciated VYK's initiatives, as they see various activities are enhancing students' Life Skill Education which they hardly get in their academic sessions in schools.

To orient the youth to the developmental process and enable them to participate in the process of nation building, VYK organized various training programmes. Training Programme on Project Formulation, Micro Finance, Fund Raising, Panchayati Raj, NGO Management, Right to Information, Leadership and Communication Skills, and Utilization of grant in aid schemes of the Government were designed specifically for creating a fleet of young grass-roots workers, who would, in turn utilize their newly acquired skills in their own geographical areas and generate social awareness among the communities and create a society which is aware and sensitive towards issues faced by the country.

To motivate youth, a unique platform for interaction between youth and change makers was provided by VYK through its new initiative- "Talk with Amazing Indians". The programme aimed to provide an opportunity to interact with courageous and path breaking individuals. The program proved very inspirational to youth and receiving large number of participants.

On the occasion of "National Youth Day", VYK organized a "Youth Festival" on 10 and 11 January 2014, with the aim to aware youth about the works of Swami Vivekananda.

I congratulate VYK's team for their efforts and commitments, which has brought success to our programmes.



## Vishwa Yuvak Kendra's Resources

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, is associated with more than one thousand NGOs from all over India. This association helps Kendra in reaching grass-root level beneficiaries and strengthening the working of associated NGOs by providing necessary information and training facilities. Kendra provides assistance to its Member Institutions towards planning new programmes, and also conducting programmes in collaboration with its partner NGOs.

Kendra has various infrastructural facilities, which includes a well-stocked library of more than 12000 books on various social issues, conference halls with capacity ranging from 10 to 200, accommodation facilities including rooms and dormitories, a cafeteria, an auditorium with capacity of 500, bank and ATM facilities in its campus. These facilities are available to the institutional as well as individual members. The Kendra publishes its quarterly newsletter "Youth Horizons" and a bi-annual journal- Indian Journal of Youth Affairs.

# VYK's Four Level Programmes

The focus of Kendra's programme activities rest on, on campus and field programmes for the youth.  
The major areas of VYK's programmes are:

## Skill Development and Vocational Training Programme



## Integrated Community Development Programme



## In House Training Programme



## Sports, Cultural and Educational Programmes

## Vision of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) is one of the pioneering NGOs in India actively involved in empowering youth of our country. VYK, through its various activities and training, provides wide-ranging opportunities to youth for constructive participation in the larger arena of community life and in political and social life.

The Indian Youth Centre Trust, established Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK), on 10 August 1961 with the vision to:

- 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 background.
- Promote regional co-operation and exchange between people of various countries and promote research in youth work.



# Skill Development and Vocational Training Programme

## Skill Development Training Opened New Vista of Opportunity to Youth

For economic development much importance is now given to skill, knowledge and innovations which in turn need more fresh young minds. Skills and knowledge are the driving forces of economic growth and social development. Skill training is one way in which livelihood options can be widened for the youth. Vishwa Yuvak Kendra with its commitment to make concrete, positive difference in youth's lives, has started vocational training for underprivileged youth in five states- Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Odisha and Delhi, under its project Vocational Training Programme. The project work is situated in the vicinity of

industrial belts. The objective of this project is to enable youth to acquire knowledge, skills and techniques which will help them in their personal, economic and social development.

Under the Vocational training programme, VYK trained 1000 underprivileged youth in four states in collaboration with 16 partner organizations. Fellows got training in more than 25 skill development trades. After the training, more than 60 per cent youth embarked in either self employment or got jobs in respected sectors in which they have got training.

VYK is thankful to the partner organizations for organizing training in skill development for youth. Skill development training opened a new gamut for youth, where they become



Participants of skill development programme organised by Indian Institute of Youth and Development (IIYD) at Nayagarh, in collaboration with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.

aware of their potential and gained self confidence to work hard. Their exposure to entrepreneurship gave them more opportunity to exercise their creative freedom and developed in them greater sense of control over their own lives. Skill development training in various trades developed

their cognitive intelligence to take initiatives toward self employment. Training helped them to become dependent. Youth beneficiaries of various skill development training are very thankful to partner organizations who constantly helped them in the process of self reliance.

**The names of the partner organization and proposed skill development activities are given below:**

State		Orissa
Sr.No	Name of NGO	Vocational/Skill Development Programme
1.	Centre for Action Research and Training (CART)	Bamboo Craft, Computer Trg
2.	Jiban Bikash	Mushroom Cultivation, Driving Training-
3.	AAINA	Tailoring & Embroidery, Mobile Repairing, Leaf Plate, Incense stick, biscuit, napkin
4.	Indian Institute of Youth and Development	Mushroom Cultivation, Beekeeping, Appliqué Craft
5.	UDYAMA	Electrician, Tailoring

State		Madhya Pradesh
Sr.No	Name of NGO	Vocational/Skill Development Programme
1.	Institute of Social Research & Development	Stitching and Embroidery
2.	Indian Institute of Social Development	Bamboo Skill Development
3.	Swami Prakasan and Samiti	Stitching and Embroidery
4.	Bread for Tribal Village	Cutting and Tailoring

State		Maharashtra
Sr.No	Name of NGO	Vocational/Skill Development Programme
1.	Shri Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal	Computer Hardware Training
2.	Ambuja Cement Foundation	Mason Training, Home Appliances Repair, Welding, Beautician, Mobile Repairing, Fashion Designing, Computer Networking, & Hardware, Tally
3.	Kherwadi Social Welfare Association	Basic Beautician, Warli Painting, Mobile Repairing, Nursery (Forest/Fruit) beneficiaries, Bio Fertilizer
4.	Society for Sustainable Development	Dress Designing, Petticoat Making, Beauty Parlor, Undergarments Making, Sanitary Napkins Making, Saree Business, Snacks and Tea Stalls

State		Rajasthan
Sr.No	Name of NGO	Vocational/Skill Development Programme
1.	Ambuja Cement Foundation	Beauty Parlor, Mobile Repairing, Electrician, Laptop Repairing
2.	Arya Yuva Kendra	Electrician, Fruits & Veg Shop, Traditional Rajasthani, Cuisine Cooking, Sheep & Goat Farming, Traditional Rajasthani, Cuisine Cooking, Jute Bags, Sheep & Goat Farming, Tourist Guide
3.	Gramin Vikas Navyuvak Mandal	Tailoring & Stitching, Computer Training, Electricians, Diesel Mechanic



Mr. Kapil, opened a Momo stall at Vivekanand Camp, after he got training in entrepreneurship at VYK, in collaboration with Dhriiti.

## Success stories from the field

Training provided to Bamboo workers by Indian Institute of Social Development (IISD) Indore in collaboration with VYK opened new horizon for youth. Their creativity, team spirit, and hard work created beautiful bamboo work which was got noticed by state government. In order to assist artisans to make the traditional bamboo articles rapidly and increase the manufacturing capacity, the District Panchayat, Indore under the department of rural development, Madhya Pradesh sanctioned Rs. 10.00 Lakhs grant for the installations of modern machinery, tools and equipments for processing of bamboo.

Jila Panchayat, Indore also agreed to allot three shops to bamboo artisans under the scheme of National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). Jila Panchayat also announced to send bamboo artisans to attend various melas/hats in different locations of the India for marketing their bamboo articles.

Ms. Mangala More and Ms.Mamta Malviya got training in Sewing and Tailoring at the Institute of Social Research and Development (ISRD), Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, in collaboration with VYK. Training provided them livelihood opportunity and helped them to start their own business. They are thankful to ISRD for providing them opportunity to learn, and take decision to make themselves empowered by initiating own business in tailoring.

Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Institute, (SEDI) Chirawa, Dist Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan provided training to youth in various trades like tailoring, electrical training, computer and accounting and training in beautician. Skill got under various training made them either empowered to start their own initiatives or they got employment in related field. Ms. Deepa, in her thirties, who got training in beauty parlor, informed that training she got from (SEDI) proved to be a shield in hard time she had to face due to the untimely death of her husband.

Kesa Ram, 21, was agriculture labor before he got training in Plumber cum Sanitary Fitter, provided by (SEDI) Chirawa. The training helped him to get job at The Gateway Hotel, Jodhpur. Niyaj Khan was unemployed before he got training in Front Desk Assistant, got job at Café Coffee Day, Jaipur.

Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Chandrapur, Maharashtra, provided training in Goat Rearing, Welder Fabrication, Industrial Electrition, Computer Hardware and Networking and Mason etc. Mr. Bhimrao Sidam got the training in Masoning and become self employed by taking contracts at nearby households. His successful work boosted up his confidence and he decided to start small unit of Fly Ash Cement Bricks shortly. He informed that the training he got opened new vista for him.

In Odisha Skill Development project has been implemented in phased manner in five districts Nayagarh, Puri, Ganjam, Balangir and khorda in partnership with five NGOs. Under

this project 60 per cent tribal youth have been provided training in various trades such as mushroom cultivation, bee keeping, Appliqué, basic Computer, tailoring, electrician, mobile repairing and driving.

As a part of its Skill Development Programme, VYK provided training in entrepreneurship to 16 youth from Vivekananda camp, Sanjay Gandhi camp and youth from other communities, in collaboration with Dhriiti, Generation Enterprise (GEN) and World Bank. Six months training from September 2013 to February 2014 was held at VYK, where youth were trained in various aspects of entrepreneurship.

Skill development programme recognized the multiple intelligence of youth and helped them to initiate their own ventures. To make a demographic dividend a potential, much attention need to give on skills and vocational training to make youth self dependent. In this context, VYK's step towards ensuring quality life for underprivileged youth is very important milesto



*Dhriiti an NGO, in collaboration with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Generation Enterprise and World Bank provided training in entrepreneurship to 16 youth from Vivekananda camp, Sanjay Gandhi camp and youth from other communities in the area of skill development.*



Women group participated in the Entrepreneurship training Programme held on 5-10 August 2013, in collaboration with Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Institute (ACF) at Chirawa.

## Orientation of Partner Organization

VYK has organized orientation programme for the sixteen partner organizations from 30 to 31 May, 2013. The objective of the orientation was to orient the partner NGOs on the skill development issues-problems and perspectives and various process of implementation of the programme. Under the skill development project VYK has targeted to train 250 youth in each state in this year. Six days' entrepreneurship training for the youth in four states have been completed in the months of July and August 2013. Skill development training in more than 50 trades and for nearly 1000 youth from sixteen organizations, has began since August 2013 and continued for six months.

## Entrepreneurship Training in field

The objectives of entrepreneurship training were:- to equip the participants with entrepreneurial traits and skills, to create awareness with the business and industrial environment and to equip them with the information about various resources, incentives, opportunities and the facilities available to them for establishing small, cottage and tiny industrial units for business.

Following topics were included in the training: qualities of successful entrepreneur, different stages of entrepreneurship, Govt. programmes and schemes on self employment, market research and survey, financial management in entrepreneurship development, legal formalities for loan disbursement were discussed amongst the participants.



Participants of Orientation Programme for partner organization (Skill Development/Vocational Training programme) on 30 May-2013.



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## Entrepreneurship Meet at VYK

20-21 March, 2014

**A** two days “Entrepreneurship Meet” was held at the Vishwa Yuvak Kendra from 20-21 March, 2014. The purpose of the meet was to review the impact of the VYK’s-Skill Development programme in four states with sixteen partner organizations. The programme focused on the problems and challenges faced during the implementation of the programme at state level and reached to solution through mutual sharing.

The programme started with welcome address by Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller of the Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. He informed that the major barrier in youth development is not lack of jobs, but a lack of employability. He further said, we need to create circumstances where youth can access quality education and training for improving their skills. He thanked partner organizations for their commitment in providing skill education to youth.

The chief guest of the programme was Mr. Ashmeet Kapoor, Founder and CEO of “I say Organic”. He shared the journey of his organization, which was very inspiring. He emphasized that rural India need more entrepreneurs to bring changes in the lives of community members. Skill development plays an effective role in reducing the problem of unemployment in the country which in turn clears the path towards economic development of the nation. This is the vehicle for employment

generation, which is providing income to millions of underprivileged people.

Talk by Ms. Sangeeta Pohkar an entrepreneur, motivated the audience. It was an example of determination and hard work to bring desired changes in one’s life. Her journey from nothing to successful entrepreneur by starting catering business inspired all.

Representatives of partner organizations presented their work of skill development, which was followed by discussion on problems faced during the training programme. Other important topics like employment opportunities in various trades, importance of networking with Government and other sectors were also discussed.

Skill development and Vocational training programme proved very successful programme of VYK, More than 60 per cent youth trained under this programme either become self employed or got jobs in various entrepreneurs sector. Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer of VYK, informed that, through skill development training youth became aware of their potential and gained self confidence to work hard.

During the valedictory session mementos were presented to the representatives of partner organizations. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Shailender Singh, Mr. Rajeev Nirmal and Mr. Chander Mohan Mishra, Programme Officers VYK. Overall coordination was done by Mr. Ajit Rai, Programme Officer, VYK.



Participants of the training programme, “Entrepreneur Meet”, organized by VYK on 20-21 March 2014.

### VYK in News

Skil Development Programme in four States- Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Odisha





# In-House Training Programme

## Training Programme on Project Formulation

**22-26 April, 2013**

The in house training programmes are specifically designed for creating a fleet of young grass-roots workers who would, in turn utilize their newly acquired skills in their own geographical areas and generate social awareness among the communities and create a society which is aware and sensitive towards issues faced by the country.

**P**roject Formulation has gained immense importance in the developmental sector. Project formulation consists of project planning, designing, resources mobilization, project implementation, monitoring and evaluation and reporting.

A project is a plan with specified objectives to be achieved within a specified period of time and with limited resources. It is also a means to bring certain desirable changes to the condition of the beneficiaries or target groups within the stipulated time and within an estimated budget.

Effective **Project Formulation** is necessary in order to ensure that the project is technically sound, economically and socially

viable and fits within the overall development objectives of the stakeholders (donor/sponsoring body etc). Keeping in mind the above, a training on **Project Formulation** was organized from 22-26 April, 2013 at VYK. Fourteen participants from Odisha, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi attended the programme.

The training programme was organized with the following objectives:

- To bring ideas, concepts, in-depth information and knowledge on project formulation to youth working in grass root level organizations, across the country.
- To impart theoretical as well as practical knowledge of project formulation.

Following resource persons from NGOs in Delhi were invited to take various sessions on Project formulation. In-house faculty from Vishwa Yuvak Kendra also took sessions. The programme was coordinated by Shri Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer, **Training Programme on Project Formulation**

### List of Resource Persons and Subject Covered

Date	Name of Resource Person	Institution	Topic
22.04.13	Mr. J P malik	Development Associates	Project Formulation: Concept and importance
23.04.13	Dr. Zeenat	Society For Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM)	Need Assessment
	Mr. J P malik	Development Associates	Planning and implementation of programme/ activities
24.04.13	Mr. J P Malik	Development Associates	Preparing Project Proposal
25.04.13	Ms. Nandita	South Asian Fund Raising Group	Fund Raising: Concept and techniques, Sources of Fund Raising: National and international.
26.04.13	Dr. Zeenat	Society For Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM)	Monitoring and evaluation of the project Dr. Zeenat SPYM



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*Participants of Project Formulation Programme held on 22-26 April, 2013.*

## Training Programme on Microfinance

**23-25 July 2013**

Microfinance sector has grown rapidly over the past few decades. With financial inclusion emerging as a major policy objective in the country, microfinance has occupied centre stage as a promising conduit for extending financial services to unbanked sections of population. Although the microfinance sector is having a healthy growth rate, there have been a number of concerns related to the sector, like grey areas in regulation, transparent pricing, low financial literacy etc. Microfinance is not just about giving micro credit to the poor rather it is an economic development tool whose objective is to assist poor to work their way out of poverty. It covers a wide range of services like credit, savings, insurance, remittance and also non-financial services like training, counseling etc.

Keeping this in view and with an objective to create awareness, sensitization, literacy and to build an insight among the civil society, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a three day training programme on Microfinance from 23 -25 July, 2013.

The training programme started on 23 July at 9.30 am. Seventeen participants from various states of India participated in the training programme. Chandra Mohan Mishra, Programme Officer, VYK, who coordinated the programme, welcomed all the participants and gave a brief introduction of VYK,

its mission and the role played by VYK in the development sector. Participants were also informed about the various activities/projects being executed by VYK during the current financial year.

The topics of the programme were selected to build a basic sense about formation of successful SHGs and development of Micro entrepreneurs from successful SHGs. Besides these topics, analysis of Microfinance needs for various stake holders, legal and regulatory framework for the successful Microfinance in India, Information technology and MFIs and Micro-macro Linkages were also covered.

During the training programme, a case study was presented by Mr. Rohit Ratna, Director of IDSRG, on the formation and management of MF institutions. Case study was appreciated by all the participants. In-house faculty Mr. Chandra Mohan Mishra, gave a detailed presentation on product development. He informed the participants about risk associated with development of new product, marketing and sustainability. Apart from in house faculty, other experienced resource persons from various Microfinance Institutions such as Sa-dhan, Basix, Chetanalaya etc. took sessions during the programme.

At the end of the programme valedictory session was taken by Mr. Ajit Rai, Programme Officer of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. The programme concluded with giving away the certificate of participation to all the participants.

### Details of Resource persons

Particulars	Resource Person	Name of the Organization
Economics of poverty, basics of Microfinance its opportunity and growth in India	Mr. Dinesh Saili	Basix
Analysis of Microfinance need for various stake holders	Mr. R. K. Verma	Bal Chetna Samity
Concept of SHG, formation of successful SHG and development of micro entrepreneur from successful SHG	Mr. Himanshu Rai	Chetanalaya
Various microfinance Schemes in India	Mr. R. K. Verma	Bal Chetna Samity
Successful MFI models and borrowers sustainability	Mr. Harihara Mahapatra	Sa-dhan
Legal and regulatory framework for successful Microfinance in India	Mr. Harihara Mahapatra	Sa-dhan
Information technology and MFIs	Mr. Sanjay Rastogi	Basix
Product Development	Chandra Mohan Mishra	P.O (VYK)
Micro-macro Linkages	Mr. Himanshu Rai	Chetanalaya
Micro financing through SHGs and NGOs by Industrial Bank	Mr. Himanshu Rai	Chetanalaya
Formation and management of a MF institution – Case study	Mr. Rohit Ratna	IDSRG



Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, programme officer VYK distributing certificate to the participant of Training on Microfinance, held on 23-25 July-2013, Mr. Chandramohan Mishra, Programme Officer VYK look on.



Mr. Mukul Gupte, (in centre) Chief Controller VYK distributing certificate to the participant of Fund Raising Programme held on 22-24 August-2014, Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer VYK look on.

## Training Programme on Fund Raising

**22-24 August, 2013**

For sustainable development, equity or equal opportunity needs to exist in the society. Every human being must have the same opportunity to succeed in life, irrespective of where she/he is born. Unfortunately, not everybody gets equal opportunities. The last three decades have witnessed a widening of the gap between the rich and poor in India. While the poor in India don't get a fair chance to succeed in life due to lack of access to decent education, healthcare and livelihood opportunities, the well-off continue to enjoy benefits from a globalizing economy. This widening gap is often the cause of social unrest.

Non-profit organizations are playing major role in reaching out to marginalized section of the society and help getting them equal opportunities. The sustainable development of any voluntary organisation depends on its resources. Funds are one of the most important resources for any organization, because every organization needs money to survive. Funds are required to meet the project costs and develop programme for the future. Fund raising is easy with effective strategies. Comprehensive and customized capacity development equips NGOs with the strategy, skills, knowledge and capacity to

mobilise resources. Focusing this need, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a Training Programme on Fund Raising from 22-24 August, 2013.

The following topics were covered during the programme: concept of fund raising, arrangements of pre-funding appraisal, principles of fund raising, skills and techniques of fund raising, proposal for fund raising, enhancing scope of fund raising, developing fund raising strategies and different sources and methods of fund raising.

The programme commenced with lighting of lamp by Shri Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. In his address, he welcomed the participants of the programme and discussed the role of various resources in the development of any organization. He advised the participants to take benefit of the programme.

Thirty eight participants from different parts of the country participated in the programme. Mr. J P Malik from Development Associates, Mr. Rajesh Upadhyay from NACDOR, Ms. Nandita from South Asian Fund Raising Group, Mr. Rohit Singh from Development Labs, Ms. S P Selvi from Credibility Alliance and Mr. Suvabrata Dey from Micronutrient Initiative facilitated the sessions. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.

## Training Programme on Panchayati Raj

23-25 October 2013

Panchayati Raj system ensures people's participation at the lowest levels. It is democracy at the base level. PRIs become a training ground for developing leadership at the primary stage because they become well-versed with the local problems and ways to deal with such problems.

Thus, the Panchayati Raj Institutions can ensure grass roots democracy in true spirit, provided that all the powers and functions regarding rural development, along with proper resources and staff, are vested in them. This should undoubtedly pave the way for Gram Swarajya in India. Keeping in view the above, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra conducted a three day training programme on Panchayati Raj to give the basic knowledge of the functions of Panchayati Raj System for the

NGOs workers.

The training programme commenced with lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Controller of the Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Mr. Mukul Gupte. Mr. Ajit Rai welcomed the participants and briefed them about the activities of the Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and explained the role played by Kendra in the development of the Society. Thirty six participants representing various youth organizations from across India attended the programme. Amongst participants elected Sarpanch, former Sarpanch and Ward Panch of Malpura (Tonk) of Rajasthan actively participated in it. Ms. Parwati Devi, a woman Sarpanch of Malpura Tonk of Rajasthan was also one of them. Representatives from United Nation Development Programme (UNDP), National Social Watch (NSW), National Coalition on Education (NCE) and Restless Development were also attended the programme.



Participants of training programme on Panchayati Raj, held at VYK from 23-25 October-2013.

## External Faculty

S No	Name	Institution	Subject Covered
1.	Ms. Seema Chelat	Kerla Development Society	Philosophy of Panchayati Raj
2.	Prof. Darvesh Gopal	Director, School Social Sciences, IGNOU	Growth and Development of Panchayati Raj
3.	Mr. Chandrasekhar Pran	Former Director of Nehru Yuvak Kendra	Panchayati Raj Institutions in India: Organizational and Functional Perspective & Financial Administration in Panchayati Raj
4.	Dr. Ashok Kumar Sahay	Institutes of Social Sciences (ISS), New Delhi	People's participation in Panchayati Raj Panchayati Raj in Tribal (5th Schedule) areas
5.	Dr. Mahavir	Ministry of Panchayati Raj (Govt of India)	Programmes and Schemes of Ministry of Panchayati Raj
6.	Shri Onkar Mittal	SACH, New Delhi	Panchayati Raj Institutions: Problems and Challenges
7.	Dr. Rajesh kumar Sinha	Ministry of Rural Development (Govt of India)	Panchayati Raj Institution: Case Study / Success Story

During his Keynote address, Shri mukul Gupte described the course, the modules and the sessions in detail. He pointed out that once local body leaders and civil society functionaries at the grassroots are trained, they will be involved in training the ward members and committee members on the effective functioning of the Panchayati Raj Institutions. Once the Panchayati representative and Committee members are trained, it is hoped that the local self governance would become more effective, central/state government schemes would be implemented in a better manner, and people would derive greater benefit. He further stressed that after the completion of the training, the learner would have a thorough understanding of the PRI system in India, including its historical background. He / She would

have a clearer view of the entire decentralization, process, role of panchyat in social and gender justice and tribal welfare and the challenges and opportunities faced during the effective implementation of the PRI system.

The sessions were highly participatory and interactive. The group from Rajasthan presented colourful folk songs at the end of the programme.

The training programme concluded on 25 October 2013 with a valedictory speech. Certificate was distributed by Ms. Parwati Devi, elected Sarpanch of the Malpura, Tonk of Rajasthan. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Shailender Singh, Programme Officer of the Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.



Dr. Neera Agnimitra, Delhi School of Social Work, taking the session, at training programme on NGO Management, held at VYK from 23-27 December.

## Training Programme on NGO Management

**23-27 December 2013**

In recent years, non-governmental organizations have increased in number and scope. They are influential in communities and grassroots activities. NGOs are also active in the area of policy making, planning and implementation. In today's highly competitive environment with limited resources in the public sector, effective leaders and creative management is crucial. Managing and leading an NGO is becoming increasingly complex and sophisticated. A wide range of knowledge, skills and strategies are necessary to achieve results, enhance impact and remain effective.

To refurbish knowledge and skills in NGO sector in order to capacitate NGO workers with critical perspective and tools in the art of organizational management and development, and to promote credibility in NGO sector, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a five-days training programme on NGO Management from 23-27 December, 2013.

Forty one participants from various states of India participated in the training programme. The students from Amity University, Greater Noida and Aditi Mahavidyala, New Delhi were also participated in the programme. The training programme was inaugurated by Shri S.S.Negi, Finance Controller, VYK with lighting of lamp. During the programme various important sessions were organised. Techniques of fundraising, project management, formulation of project proposals and utilization of government schemes were the important topics covered in the programme. Mr. Chandramohan Mishra, Programme Officer, VYK coordinated the programme.

Participants appreciated the training programme and thanked Vishwa Yuvak Kendra for providing a platform of learning and networking.

Valedictory session was taken by Mr. Ajit Rai, Programme Officer of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. The programme concluded with giving away the certificate of participation to all the participants by Mr. S.S.Negi, Finance Controller, VYK. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Chandra Mohan Mishra, Programme Officer of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.

**The details about the topics covered and resource persons are given below.**

Topics	Resource person
NGOs – introduction, concept and function	Mr.Rohit Ratna, ISRDG
Legal procedures for formation of NGO, constitutions , bye laws and taxation	Mr.Rohit Ratna, ISRDG
Basics of accounting and budgeting	Mr.Anil Barnwal, Help Age India
Reporting and documentations	Ms.Neha Agarwal, Mensentoc
Social Marketing (Concept and Principles), difference between selling and marketing and concepts of marketing mix	Mr.Narendra Sindh, State Training and Resource Centre, Delhi University
Research Methodologies	Mr.Digvijoy Phukan, Delhi School of Social Work
NGOs and changing trends of development	Mr.Prashant Chauhan, Amity University
Issues and challenges in NGO Management	Mr.Prashant Chauhan, Amity University
Project Management – Basic concepts of project management, project identification, project life cycles and success factors.	Dr. Neera Agnimitra, Delhi School of Social Work
Formulation of project proposal	Mr.Apurba Saha, Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi
Need assessment	Mr.Apurba Saha, Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi
Techniques of fund raising, funding agencies and rules regarding receipt of funds from foreign countries.	Ms.Nandita Mishra, South Asian Fund Raising Group
Participatory Rural Appraisal/Participatory Learning Appraisal (PRA/PLA)	Mr.Subrato De, Christian Aid, New Delhi
Government schemes for NGOs	Ms.Neelam Bhardwaj, Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi
Monitoring and Evaluation	Dr. Habbebul Rahman, Jamia Millia Islamia

## Training Programme on Utilization of Grant in aid schemes of the Government

6 –8 January, 2014

Indian Government, at all levels announces welfare schemes for a cross section of the society from time to time. These schemes are either central, state specific or a joint collaboration between the centre and the states. Under the schemes the assistance is granted in the form of credit, training and employment to groups or individuals. But it has been observed that due to the lack of information most of the people can't take advantage of the programmes and schemes of the government.

To make the people aware of various Government programmes and schemes of the different ministries of the Government of

India and to sensitize the people to utilize it in better manner, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a three day programme on "Utilization of grant in aid schemes of the Government" from 6 – 8 January, 2014. Total 46 NGO activists from different parts of the country took part in the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer and Mr. S S Negi, Finance Controller, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.

The programme concluded with giving away the certificates of participation and vote of thank by Shri Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.

### Details on resource persons and topics covered during the programme are given below:

Name of the Resource Persons	Designation and Institution	Topics Covered
<b>6 Jan -2014</b>		
Mr. H Rahman	Director,Pulse Associates	Programmes and Schemes of Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Shri Narendra Sindhi	State Training and Resource Centre Unit of NACO	Programmes and Schemes of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
<b>7 Jan 2014</b>		
Mr. H Rahman	Director, Pulse Associates	Programmes and Schemes of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Mr.N K Sahoo	Economic Advisor,Ministry of Rural Development	Programmes and Schemes of Ministry of Rural Development
Dr.Sudesh Kumar	Joint Director,Ministry of Women & Child Development	Programmes and Schemes of Ministry of Women and Child Development
Dr. Sudesh Kumar	Joint Director,Ministry of Women & Child Development	Programmes and Schemes of National commission for Women
Ms. Jannifer	Programme Coordinator,Pulse Associates	Programmes and Schemes of Ministry of Agriculture
<b>8 Jan 2014</b>		
Shri Ranjan Choudhury	Principal - Program Development National Skill Development Corporation	Schemes under National Skill Development Corporation
Mr. J K Jain	Deputy Director Central Social Welfare Board	Schemes of Central Social welfare Board
Mr. J K Jain	Deputy Director Central Social Welfare Board	Schemes of Central Social welfare Board
Ms Jannifer	Programme Coordinator, Pulse Associates	Schemes of Ministry of Culture
Mr.M P Sharma	Assistant Director Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangthan	Programme and Schemes under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports





*Training programme on Utilization of grant in aid schemes of the Government-Participants of training programme on Utilization of Grant in Aid Schemes of the Government was organized by VYK from 6 to 8 January, 2014.*

## Training Programme on Right to Information (RTI)

**18-20 February, 2014.**

A three days training Programme on Right to Information was held at the Vishwa Yuvak Kendra from 18-20 February, 2014. Total 28 participants representing civil society organizations across India attended the training. The purpose of the training programme was to raise awareness about the importance of the right to Information as well as to provide expertise to civil society groups.

The programme was begun with welcome address by Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller of the Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. He welcomed all the participants saying that everyone should take active interest in RTI because this is a tool which has the potential to usher in transparency and reduce corruption. He further suggested that, NGO workers can play a major role in ensuring the transparent and accountable government.

Mr. Gupte greeted eminent RTI speakers Prof. Jagdeep Chhokar, Shri Subhash Chandra Agrawal and Commodore Lokesh Batra present on the dais.

Mr. Shubhash Chandra Agrawal, suggested that NGO workers should provide support to the community members in drafting RTI applications and filling Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

He also said, RTI is a useful tool in curbing corruption and solving people's problems in the rural and urban areas. He informed that VYK's training programme on RTI would help all the participating NGOs to come together and understand the issues around RTI. He also briefed the participants about the role of RTI in proper functioning of various Government schemes like Public Distribution System (PDS), MNREGAs and NRHM etc. He further added that NGO workers should use RTI as a tool to reduce corruption involved in implementation of Govt Schemes. Prof. Jagdeep Chhokar from Association for Democratic Reforms talked about the importance of Transparency and Accountability in the functioning of Political parties in India.

The participants informed that programme was very informative and deepened their knowledge on RTI. The training programme was concluded by the vote of thanks given by Mr. Rajeev Nirmal, Programme Officer VYK. Mr. Mukul Gupte presented the certificates to the participants during the valedictory session. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Shailender Singh, Programme Officer.

### List of resource persons and topics covered during the programme are given below.

Name of the Resource Persons	Designation and Institution	Topics Covered
<b>18 Feb 2014</b>		
Mr. Venkatesh Nayak	Coordinator of Right to Information Team, Commonwealth Human Right Initiative	Background of RTI
Commodore Lokesh Batra	Founder Member, Bring Change Now	Scope and Provision of RTI, Process in RTI
<b>19 Feb 2014</b>		
Mr. Rakesh Agarwal	Secretary, Nyayabhoomi	1) Machineries under the RTI Act: Role of PIOs, APIOs and Appellate Authority. 2) Role and duties of Information Commission.
Mr. Rajiv	Founder Member, Pardarshita	1) How to get information from different Depts. of Govt. 2) Case Studies and Group Exercise on RTI
<b>20 Feb 2014</b>		
Mr. M S Kasana	Former joint Director, Institute of Secretariat Training & Management (ISTM)	Implementation of RTI Act: Problems and Challenges
Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai	Sr. Programme Officer, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (International Youth Centre)	Preparation of Plan of Action

## Training Programme on Leadership & Communication Skills

### 25-26 Feb 2014

Leadership is a position of responsibility and influence. It is a responsibility to take an organization in the desired direction of progress by influencing and inspiring others to accomplish individual as well as organizational goals. Without leadership, organizations become stagnate, and lose their way. Leadership is about decision-making and implementation of that decision. Leadership is crucial in implementing decisions successfully.

Focusing the crucial need of leadership in youth development Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a two days training programme on Leadership and communication skills from 25-26 February, 2014.

The training programme was inaugurated by Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, VYK with lighting of lamp. Mr. Gupte welcomed all the participants and expressed the need of programme for individuals as well as for organizations. The

inauguration was followed by self introduction and experience sharing sessions.

The topics of the programme included both theoretical and practical sessions. In theory session participants were informed about the leadership and various ways to turn setback into success under good leadership, managerial effectiveness and communication. In the practical sessions participants were informed about the importance of yoga and meditation for healthy mind and body. The session helped them to understand the connection between peaceful mind and leadership quality.

Valedictory session was taken by Mr. Ajit Rai, Programme Officer of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. The programme concluded with giving away the certificate of participation to all the participants by Shri Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, VYK.

The programme was coordinated by Mr. Chandra Mohan Mishra, Programme Officer of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.

### The details about the topics and resource persons are given below:

Name of the Resource Persons	Designation and Institution	Topics Covered
<b>25 Feb 2014</b>		
Mr. Suneel Keswani	Freelance Trainer	Leadership and Traits
Mr. Suneel Keswani	Freelance Trainer	Positive attitude & turn setbacks into success
Mr. Suneel Keswani	Freelance Trainer	Managerial effectiveness
Mr. Sanjay Anand	Yoga Director, ION, Tata Consultancy,	Emotional intelligence
<b>26 Feb 2014</b>		
Mr. Sanjay Anand	Yoga Director, ION, Tata Consultancy,	Emotional Intelligence
Mr. Lalit Sharma	President, Life Cradle	Interpersonal communication skill,
Mr. Lalit Sharma	President, Life Cradle	Stress Management
Sister Anusuya	Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.	Meditation



Participants of the training programme, "Right to Information", organized by VYK on 18-20 February, 2014. Mr. Shailendra Singh, Programme Officer, VYK, (Second Right) Commodore Lokesh Batra, RTI activist, Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller VYK, Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai and Mr. Rajeev Nirmal, Programme Officer, VYK, are seen with participants.



Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer VYK, addressing the training programme on Leadership and Communication Skill, organised by VYK on 25-26 February 2014. Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, VYK, and Mr. Chandramohan Mishra, Programme Officer VYK present on dais.

## Integrated Community Development Programme

The main objective of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra's Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP) is the social, economic and educational development of the Vivekananda Camp residents, situated at a distance of approximately two kilometres from VYK. The slum cluster, which has been "adopted" by VYK, has approximately 500 households, with most of dwellers being daily wage workers who have migrated to Delhi from Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Through its ICD programme, VYK is committed

to eradicate all forms of injustice and discrimination against the downtrodden in general, and the women and children in particular.

VYK's Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP) implemented various educational, health, sanitation and awareness programs at Vivekananda Camp and Shankar Camp, which is reaching to maximum number of beneficiaries.



Community children are in action, for performing the play on sanitation, under the guidance of VYK team of ICDP project.

## Awareness Generation Programme

13-14 June, 2013

Urban slums lack access to basic amenities. Basic service provisions, like education, health and sanitation are either absent or inadequate in slums which pose serious threats to the lives of those who reside in them. Access to basic services in slums are lacking because Government is not willing to assess the needs of the community, and on that basis, identify and fulfill the demand. As a result, the urban poor see the futility in expressing their demands to those with the capacity to fulfill them. There is major gap at implementation level, which hampers the progress and access to various facilities, like health, sanitation and education.

The condition in Vivekanand Camp, located merely two km away from VYK, is not different from the other slums in the Delhi, where basic services are much needed. For the approximately 1600 people living in the slum, there are two ten-seated toilets – one for men and one women. Scarcity of water is another issue. Due to the lack of proper garbage

disposal and waste water disposal, community is on the verge of health risks for all, particularly the women and children, since they spend most of their time in and around this unhygienic environment.

There is a direct relationship between water, sanitation and health. Consumption of unsafe drinking water, improper disposal of human waste, improper environmental sanitation and lack of personal and food hygiene have been major causes of many diseases in the community.

Keeping the above scenario in mind, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized an Awareness Generation Programme on 13-14 June 2013 at Vivekanand camp, under its Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP).

A survey was conducted in the community to ascertain the status of sanitation and people's common understanding on the sanitation issues. A unique methodology was adopted to spread the awareness message in the community. It was decided that sanitation messages will percolate well in the community if children from the community are involved. This methodology worked very well. Under the guidance



Children of Vivekananda camp participating in the sanitation rally around the settlement



Patients gather at Specialized Health Camp at Vivekanand Community, organised by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, on 19 April 2013

of Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, and coordination of VYK team, which included Ms. Deepali Kumari, Programme Associate Mr. Pramod Tiwari, Community Coordinator, Mr. Aritra Banerjee and Mr. Siddharth Gadgil, interns from Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal, a drawing competition and short play were organized in the community. This play was presented by a group of 10 children, which got overwhelming response from the community dwellers.

A drawing competition for the children was organized on 13 June, 2013, on the theme "Sanitation and Hygiene". Twenty five children in the age group of 9-12 participated in this drawing contest. The community's children also participated in a "sanitation rally" on 14 June, 2013. Holding placards, the children, looking vibrant, energetic, and full of enthusiasm, took a round of the entire community.

When Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, VYK, visited the community, people informed that they cleaned their drains and surroundings after watching the short play performed by the children. It is felt that such kind of awareness programmes

are needed in the community which would prove beneficial for the overall improvement of community's sanitation need.

## Specialized Health Camp for Skin Diseases

19 April 2013

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organizes a weekly health camp every Tuesday at Vivekanand Camp, Chanakypuri. During such a camp, it was observed that skin diseases were prevalent among the populace. Focusing on this, a special health camp was organized on 19 April 2013 from 11 am to 2 pm at Vivekanand Camp. The main objective of organizing the special camp was to provide low cost treatment to the patients suffering from various skin diseases, and make them aware of the need to maintain proper hygiene. The camp was attended by 64 patients who were suffering from scabies, pigmentation, leukoderma, allergic dermatitis, acne, sun burn, spots and marks on skin, eczema etc., among other diseases. Dr. Pradeep Srivastava attended to the patients during the

special camp. He informed the patients on the spreading of skin diseases and the ways to prevent them. He also informed the residents that most of the skin diseases spread as a result of bacteria/microbes, were often contagious and therefore it was necessary to maintain proper hygiene to prevent the spread of skin diseases. Patients were also provided free medicines for skin diseases.

The programme was coordinated by Ms. Deepali Kumari, Programme Associate and Mr. Pramod Tiwari, Community Coordinator. The health camp proved very helpful to the residents as they could access the treatment easily at their door step.

### Adult literacy and Remedial classes

A survey conducted in the Vivekanand camp revealed that a large number of women population was illiterate. Education of women is fundamental in

determining economic and social outcomes and protecting their' rights. VYK has started an adult literacy programme for girls and women, at Vivekanand Camp. Classes are run four times in a week. The campaign is getting good response as women are attending classes on regular basis.

The Objective of the adult literacy programme is to make women acquire skills like basic reading, writing and basic Maths. It is hoped that improved literacy skills would help them in better expression and articulation of their social realities and experiences. The condition of girls and women ripples out to their families, communities and countries, and echoes into future generations. VYK's effort in the area of adult literacy will hopefully be a major step in its community development programme.

Remedial classes are another initiative of VYK for the children from the community. Classes are run four times a week.



Children from Vivekanand Community actively participating in the remedial classes run by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra

## Awareness Generation Programme

7 August, and 30 September 2013

Under the Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP) Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organises Awareness Generation Programmes (AGPs) at Shankar camp and Vivekananda camp with the aim of creating awareness in the community on issues relating to the health, sanitation, human rights and prevalent social issues like gambling, substance abuse and alcoholism and its social impact. Awareness generation camps promote the active participation of the community members in decision making both in the family and community on development issues and

social issues. By adopting an 'infotainment' approach in its AGPs, VYK is able to reach out to the community in a better way, and is able to sensitize the residents.

On 7 August, and 30 September 2013, puppet shows were organised at Vivekananda camp and Shankar Camp respectively, which focussed on topics like impact of domestic violence, substance abuse and gambling. It also focused on the issues of women education, health and hygiene. The 45-minute programme was attended by the community members, including women and children.



Populace of Vivekanand Community enjoying the puppet show, organised by VYK on 30 Sept-2013.



## Specialised Health Camp on Eye Ailments

28 September 2013

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra aims to improve the quality of life of the underprivileged sections of the society living in urban slums, and to make available qualitative and specialized treatment, which is otherwise not accessible to them. As a part of its ICD Programme, VYK organized a Specialized Health Camp on Eye Ailments on 28 September, 2013 at Vivekanand Camp, Chanakypuri, New Delhi. This camp was organized in association with Mahavir International Organization, New Delhi, from 9:30 am to 1:00 am.

Mr. Karan Singh Tanwar, MLA was the Chief Guest during the event. He shared his thoughts and views about Kendra's activities, and thanked the members of VYK for their generous and continuing support to serve the people of his constituency, and making a positive impact on their lives. Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, Mr. S. S. Negi, Finance Controller, and

programme team were present for the programme.

Dr. Rajinder Singh and Dr. Dheeraj Verma examined and attended the patients. Total 271 patients attended the camp. Free medicines were distributed during the camp to the patients. Nine patients of cataract were detected and were recommended for free surgery. Free transport facility was provided for bringing the patients to the hospitals for surgeries and dropping them back home.

The Camp was a resounding success with an unprecedented number of patients turning up during the event and benefiting from the programme. Residents of the community, particularly those from Vivekanand Camp expressed their gratitude to VYK for organizing the Camp, and requested the Kendra to arrange for such specialized health camp in future too.

Awareness generation programme and specialized health camp were coordinated by Ms. Deepali Kumari of VYK.



Vivekanand Community Members gather for eye check up on the occasion of Specialised Health Camp on Eye Ailments, held on 28 September 2013.

## Specialized camp on Orthopedic Ailments

23 December 2013

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra aims to improve the quality of life of the underprivileged sections of the society living in urban slums. To make available qualitative and specialized treatment to the community, VYK organized a specialized camp on orthopedic ailments in collaboration with Best Orthopedic Hospital, Najafgad, New Delhi, on 23 Dec 2013 at Vivekanand Camp, Chanakyapuri.

It was observed that many people from community were suffering from joint and muscle pain and were unable to go for treatment due to heavy cost. Specialized camp on Orthopedic ailments brought solace to 117 people from community suffering from orthopedic ailments.

Camp was inaugurated by former MLA Mr. Karan Singh Tanwar, who thanked VYK for organizing free camp for community members.

This camp covered complete consultation for bone related problems. The camp gave patients good opportunity for free consultation on joint, hip, back (spine) and shoulder pain. Patients were given discounts on X-ray and Pathology tests. Surgeries of the registered patients will be performed soon at discounted rates. The efforts of VYK's programme team in organizing the camp were appreciated by community members.

## Awareness programme on Human Rights

10 Dec 2013

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra under the Integrated Community Development Project organized a programme on Human Rights Day on 10 Dec 2013 at Vivekanand Camp. It is observed that basic service provisions, like education, health and sanitation are inadequate in Vivekanand community which poses serious threats to the lives of those who reside there. The programme created awareness on human rights among the community members. More than 150 community members were present at the programme which included men, women and youth of the community.



Community Members at specialised camp on Orthopedic Ailment, conducted at Vivekanand Camp, Chanakyapuri.



*Mr. Pramod Tiwari, Community Coordinator, addressing the community members at awareness generation programme conducted on 10 Dec 2013, at Vivekananda Camp. VYK Programme team (Left to Right) Mr. Shailender Singh, Mr. Ajit Rai, and Ms. Deepali Kumari, sitting on the Dias.)*

The programme was facilitated by VYK's programme team. Ms. Deepali Programme Officer VYK, in her welcome speech, informed the community members about the basic human rights and various ways to protect them. Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer VYK, informed the community members about the prevailing issues in the community, in the area of health, education and sanitation. He also informed them how to access the basic services and stand for their rights. Mr. Shailendra Singh, Programme officer VYK, informed the community members about the right to education and the importance of education in the life of human being. He also emphasized the importance of education in the lives of children and conveyed parents to help them to pursue elementary education.

The session was very informative. VYK's programme team addressed the issues raised by community members and had discussion over the problems faced by them. The programme was concluded by the vote of thanks given by Mr. Pramod Tiwari, Cluster Coordinator, VYK.

## **Awareness Generation Programme on Violence against Women**

**25 November-2013**

Violence against women in India is an issue rooted in societal norms and economic dependence. Discriminatory practices are underlined by laws favoring men. Inadequate policing and judicial practices deny female victims proper protection and

justice. Although female participation in public life is increasing and laws have been amended, India still has a long way to go to make Indian women equal citizens in their own country.

To make the women aware of their rights, the Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized an awareness generation programme for the women and girls of Vivekanand and Shanker Camp. Around 200 participants attended the programme.

The programme commenced with the lightening of lamp by Miss. Neera Misra, Trustee, Draupadi Trust and Dr. Zeenat, Chairperson, Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses. Ms. Deepali, Programme Officer, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra welcomed the participants and guests and gave a brief introduction of VYK. Dr. Zeenat in her presentation gave a brief history of Indian society and the status of women as goddesses in the country. She also discussed the present scenario and the different form of violence like dowry deaths, acid attacks, honor killings, rape, abduction, and cruelty by husbands and in-laws. She said that the modern life style as well as the food we take is the main cause of the menace. Citing example of the Draupadi of Mahabharat, Miss Neera Misra gave different forms of Indian women. She described the different acts which has been passed by the Government and advised to take benefit of those schemes.

Dastak a play on voice against atrocities on women was performed by Asmita Theatre Group. The street play created awareness on the increasing incidents of atrocities against women.

### Asmita theatre group performed the play Dastak at Viswa Yuvak Kendra



Asmita theatre group performed the play Dastak, on the occasion of, International day on Violence Against Women, on 25 November 2013.

## Advocacy for Anganwadi Centre at Vivekanand Camp

VYK's Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP) insures proper functioning of Government schemes in the adopted communities. Focusing the nutritional needs of 0-6 year children, pregnant women and lac tating mothers of Vivekananda Community, VYK decided to do the follow up for the opening of an Anganwadi Centre at Vivekanand Camp.

VYK's programme officials, Ms. Deepali and Mr. Pramod Tiwari, looking after the Kendra's Integrated Community Development (ICD) Project made several efforts to open up an Anganwadi Centre at Vivekanand camp. An initial survey was undertaken in the community to find out the exact number of likely beneficiaries, and the details of which was shared to the concerned government department for opening Aganwadi centre. Constant, nine months follow up by programme team and filling RTI brought success to the efforts of VYK team members. Anganwadi centre was set in the last

week of March 2014. Currently 50 children are coming to the Anganwadi centre regularly.

Currently the Anganwadi is providing following services to the residents of the Vivekanand Camp:

1. Supplementary nutrition to the children between 0-6 years of age.
2. Supplementary nutrition to pregnant and lactating women, especially from low income families.
3. Antenatal care of expectant mothers, post natal care for lactating mothers.
4. Caring for new born babies.
5. Non-formal pre- school education to children of 3-5 years age group.
  - Make home visits for educating parents to enable mothers to plan an effective role in the child's growth and development with special emphasis on the new born children.



Children are seen enjoying their time at Anganwadi, opend at Vivekananda camp, with the efforts of VYK, in March-2014.

## Success stories of ICDP Project

### Where there is a wish there is way..

“ I never imagined a life outside the four walls of my home. I used to go out only for using the toilet.... but today I am going everywhere. Life has more meaning today”, said 26 year old Rachana, while sitting in her wheel chair at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, where she is attending entrepreneurship training for a month.

The wheel chair, donated by an NGO in collaboration with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, has changed her life completely. Earlier dependent on others, Rachana is now planning to start her own small business soon.

Born in Chatrapur district of Madhya Pradesh, Rachana was polio affected since the age of two and half. Being a handicapped girl nobody bothered for her school education. She was forced to stay at home after class IV. She grew up without education, and as soon as she attained puberty, she got married and joined her husband at Vivekanand Camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

At the age of 20, Rachana was a mother of two children. Though the life was going at its pace, she was restless as she was not able to shape it in accordance to her wishes. Every day was the same for her; as she had to drag herself on her hand to go anywhere. She never cursed her disability, but in fact she wanted to win it, though her disability was a big hurdle in her way of wishes.

Wheel chair brought her mobility. Soon she joined the tailoring class located less than half km away from her shanties. As she was learning the new skills she was feeling more confident. She learned cutting and stitching of various cloths and stitched some the cloths for her family members. She showed her newly stitched blouse, which she was wearing while talking with VYK coordinator. “This is the blouse I stitched for myself”, said Rachana with a smile of satisfaction spread across her face.

Women in general face inequalities whenever they choose the path of success and progress for themselves. Women with

disability face multiple inequalities when they take the similar decision, but persistent effort makes their difficult path a little easier. Rachana’s quest for way to fulfill her dream brought her to the entrepreneurship training programme organized by VYK in collaboration with Dhriiti.

Rachana is regularly visiting a month long programme of entrepreneurship training of Project UDAAN at VYK.

All our best wishes and help are with Rachana to fulfill her dream. We salute her not to give up spirit.



*Ambitious Rachana at VYK, during the skill development programme of Project Uddan, which is a collaboration project of Dhriiti, Generation Enterprise, World Bank and VYK*

## VYK's efforts towards total sanitation.....

Urban slums lack the access to basic amenities which pose serious threats to the lives of those who reside in slums. Access to basic services, like health and sanitation in slums are lacking because Government is not willing to assess the needs of the community, and on that basis, identify and fulfill the demand. The condition in Shankar Camp, was not different from the other slums in the Delhi, where basic services were much needed. Vishwa Yuvak Kendra's initiatives under its Integrated Development Project are in the process of changing the entire scenario in the area of health, sanitation and education.

When the Shankar Camp came into existence around 32 years ago, it was merely a cluster of houses belonging to migrants, and lacked even the basic infrastructure. Residents used to go to the nearby open areas for their morning ablutions, and the locality didn't have the basic infrastructure for sanitation and drinking water supply. Years passed and nothing really

changed. Around 15 years ago, succumbing to the pressure of the residents, NDMC set up a 4 seater community toilet in the area. That, however, was not of much use. Since there was no drainage in the area, the toilet lines were connected to rainwater drains, which frequently got choked. The water pipelines and taps were often non-functional. A mobile 10-seater toilet was arranged for the residents, which majority of the residents, including the women, children, aged and the infirm, found inconvenient to use.

Access to potable water supply was another problem faced by the community. NDMC used to supply water through two pipelines from 01.30 pm to 4.00pm and from 01.30 am to 4.00 am in the morning. It was hazardous tasks for the 85 households of the community to collect water from the two pipelines. Exist water facility was not sufficient to meet the needs of the 500 population of the Shankar Camp. Focusing the pressing needs of water and sanitation in the community, Mr.Mukul Gupte,Chief Controller of VYK, advised Kendra to find solutions to these two pressing needs of the residents on priority basis.



Mr. Shishir Bajaj, Managing Trustee of VYK and Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller VYK, interacting with community members at Shankar Camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.



Community children are in action, for performing the play on sanitation, under the guidance of VYK team of ICDP project.

Kendra's Programme Officer Ms. Deepali, and Cluster Coordinator Mr. Pramod Tiwari, regularly met the concerned government officials and MLA for improving the status of water and sanitation in the camp. The advocacy brought success and soon the drain lines got cleaned using pressure cleaning machines, broken toilet seats got replaced, water pipelines got repaired and new taps got fixed in the toilets. An electricity line was also drawn to provide electric supply to the toilet. Within a short span of time (less than one month) of identifying the problem, the Kendra was able to get it renovated and completely operational community toilet open to the residents for use. The programme team also motivated the residents to contribute Rs. 20/- per month per household for employing a Cleaner (safai wala) for the regular cleaning and upkeep of the toilets. The Kendra also arranged for removal of the debris from the site. More than 60% of the Camp's women, children and the old residents use the community toilet, for which they often express their gratitude.

Waiting for potable water in a long queue soon become a past for the residents, specially women and girls of the camp. Water is now available to the community at the doorsteps. Due to VYK's effort, one 10,000 liter water tank got installed at the community by the NDMC, and stand post and proper pipeline connection for water supply also got fixed by VYK.

Now, thanks to the efforts of VYK, and the concerned programme officers looking after the project at Shankar camp. VYK's programme team constantly motivating the community members towards the importance of sanitation through various awareness programmes. Street plays, focus group discussion, and public hearing organized by VYK are creating awareness among community members and helping them to come forward for decision making for the sustainable development of the community.



## Sports, Cultural and Educational Programmes

VYK has become a model youth centre for educational and recreational services to youth. VYK's Sport Cultural and Educational Programme is a customized programme that uses Sport, cultural and educational activities as a platform to engage with children and adolescents from disadvantaged backgrounds and make them available various services under the project which would lead towards their cognitive development.

### Yoga Classes.

To promote physical and mental health, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra started Yoga classes, free of cost for Women and Children at its campus. Students studying in NDMC schools, housewives are among the groups who are attending the classes regularly. December 2013 onwards we started separate batches for women and children in collaboration with Morarji Desai

National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY). Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) is an autonomous Institution fully funded by Govt. of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of AYUSH.

Yoga classes commence since October-2013, has received immense response from the students and especially from women. 25 Children and 50 women regularly attended the Yoga-classes from 3 pm to 6 pm, from Monday to Friday. Doing yoga was fun for children and they enjoyed it. Interaction with women revealed that they are gaining health, happiness and harmony due to regular practice of Yoga. They appreciated the teaching and informed that many chronic illnesses such as back pain, headache, and joint pain, cold got cured due to regular practice of Yoga. Women are very much thankful to VYK and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) for providing them healthy lifestyle.



Women and children in Yoga class, organized by VYK in collaboration with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY)



Students are seen in computer class, initiated by VYK at its campus in collaboration with NASSCOM Foundation.

### Basic Computer course

Basic Computer Certificate Courses has been started since September 2013, in collaboration with NASSCOM Foundation. Eighty students got enrolled in three batches from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm for the basic computer course-Microsoft Unlimited Potential. Students studying in NDMC schools, drop out students, housewives are among the groups who are attending the classes regularly. Computer classes have been conducted by Mr. Alok Vats, I.T. incharge of VYK.

Twenty students from Aanchal School (School for intellectually challenged students), Chanakypuri, attended the computer class for one month, where they learned basic functions of the computer.

### Spoken English Classes

Spoken English Classes started in the campus since October-2013. Eighty students successfully completed basic Spoken English course, in two batches from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

### Testimonials of Participants

Giriga, aged 38, who attended Computer classes, along with her son, informed that she learned a lot in computer class and felt confident after completing the course. Lissitha, 40, who attend spoken English class along with her neighbors, informed that, in Spoken English classes they have overcome their fear to speak in English. Chaitra, 27 felt more confident after joining computer classes, she also informed that soon she is planning to help her husband in business. Renu, 28 informed that her mother-in-law felt proud after knowing that she could operate the computer. Pushpa, 31 and Chaitra 27, informed that timings of the classes are very suitable to them as they can bring their children along with them after school, who also can attend the other classes simultaneously.

Ms. Kiran Maliya, principal of Sr. Secondary School, Mandir Marg, appreciated VYK's educational project as she sees the courses are enhancing students' life skill, which they hardly get in their academic sessions in schools.



*Young girls undergoing training of Self defence conducted by VYK.*

## Self Defence

20 girls got the Krav Maga-self defense training. Krav Maga was developed by the Israeli Army and is considered to be the most effective and practical form of self-defense in the present day scenario. As a self-defense system, it relies on simple, instinctive body movements rather than rigid

techniques. Girls enjoyed the one month training conducted by Ultimate Tactical and Combat Pvt. Ltd.

Teachers of municipal schools community members and coordinators of various NGOs working with youth appreciated VYK's sport and Educational programme. The programme was coordinated by Ms.Rujuta Deshmukh, Programme Officer VYK.



*Children and youth are practicing Yoga at VYK campus.*

## Cultural programmes

### Debate, Drawing and Quiz Contests

21-22 June, 2013

Under this project, VYK has planned a plethora of activities specifically targeted for the children and youth. These initiatives aim at enhancing the mental and physical fitness of the students which would lead towards cognitive development.

Debate, Drawing and Quiz contests were organized at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, on 21 and 22 June with the aim of promoting multiple intelligence among the youth. Various sessions were organized into two days' event, which evinced participation from 350 youth belonging to twelve organizations.

The organizations which participated in the programme were as follows: ALAMB, Bal Sahyog, Love and Care, St. Stephen's Hospital Community Health Department, Udyan Care, Young Women Christian Association of Delhi, YWCA of Delhi, Rural

Development Project (RDP), SOS-Faridabad, Abhigyan Natya Association, Prakash Foundation, Aanchal School Vivekanand Community.

### Motivational Programme

A motivational programme, FIT HO TO HIT HO, was organized on 21 June. The Programme was conducted by renowned scholar, Mr. Suneel Keshwani. The following topics were covered in the programme, which has got effervescent response from the youth.

1) We all need Motivation, 2). All is Well 3). Being lively & Mast. 4) Zinda Dili + Activity, 5) Zindagi Na Milegi Dobra, 6) Respect for Elders & Teachers, 7). Self Image.

The motivational talk lasted for two hours and was very interactive. Slide shows, movie clips, and activities were the various methodologies used for making the sessions lively.



Mr. Premnath Arya of Parkash Foundation, lighting the lamp at inaugural of Debate, Drawing and Quiz contests, held on 21 and 22 June 2013. (Right to left) Mr. A.K. Merchant, chairperson of Sarvodaya International Trust-Delhi, Mr. Sunil Keshwani, a motivational speaker, Ms. Anuradha from Love and Care, join the ceremony



Mr. Kunal Savarkar in the centre, with the teams of participants of Quiz contest, held on 21 June, 2013.

### Song Session

Twenty youth from 10 organizations participated in the music session on 21 June, 2013. They sang songs individually and in groups. Best talent in the singing was recognized and appreciated by all.

### Drawing Contest

A drawing contest was organized on 21 June, 2013. theme for the contest was "Vividhata mein Ekta". Seventy nine

participants from 12 organizations participated in the drawing contest. Five students from Aanchal Special School also participated in the drawing contest.

### Quiz Contest

A quiz was organized on 22 June 2013. Mr. Kunal Savarkar from Quizcraft Pvt. Ltd was the quiz master. The quiz was on general awareness. Six groups were shortlisted for the contest from among 350 participants. Enthusiastic response was received from the audience.



The short play, Swachata Ka Mahatwa, was performed by the children from Vivekanand Community on the occasion of Cultural Programme, held on 22 June 2013.



*Youth participating in drawing Contest at VYK, held on 21 June, 2013.*

## Debate Contest

A debate contest was also organized on 22 June, 2013. Theme for the debate was “Vikasit Takniki ka Hamare Paryavarn per Prabhav-Ya-Dush-Prabhav” A total of 48 participants actively took part in this debate contest. The two days’ programme was coordinated by Ms. Rujuta Deshmukh, Programme Officer VYK.

**The winners of the contests were as follows:**

### Drawing Competition:

- I Prize: Samarth-Abhigyan Natya Association.
- II Prize: Deepak Kumar- Abhigyan Natya Association.
- III Prize: Manish Kumar- St. Stephan Hospital Community.

### Debate Competition:

- I Prize: Ms. Durga- St. Stephen Hospital Community.
- II Prize: Ms. Pooja-YWCA-RDP
- III Prize: Mr. Prabhat-SOS Faridabad.

## Quiz:

- I Prize: Akash Bhagat and Pawan Kumar.-Love and Care.
- I Prize: Bablu and Rahul-YWCA RDP
- III Prize: Aditya and Bijaya.-Bal Sahyog

## Theatre and Other Cultural Programme

Theatre is an effective medium to sensitize youth. The Kendra also organizes theatre programmes keeping the youth in mind, and through such programmes, creates awareness and enables thought-provoking discussions on various relevant issues.

Theatre, traditional dance and short play were conducted, on 22 June 2013, during the two and half hour programme, and was organized as a part of the two-day programme “Debate, Drawing and Quiz Competition”.

The play Naya Kafan, by Abhigyan group and directed by Ms. Nisha Trivedi is based on drug abuse and its social and



Youth participating at debate contest "Vikasit Takniki ka Hamare Paryavarn per Prabhav-Ya-Dush-Prabhav", organized by VYK on 22 June-2013.



Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, VYK, felicitating the winner of the debate contest.



"Naya Kafan" -play performed by Abhigyan Natya Association at VYK, on 22 June,2013.



The play, Yam Lok se Prithvi Lok tak, was performed on 22nd June 2013

emotional impacts on human life. Yam Lok se Prithvi Lok tak was another play that was shown. The play was based on population control and was performed by the youth of Vivekanand Community, under the direction of Mr. Lalit.

Another short play was performed by children from Vivekanand Community. The short play, Swachata Ka Mahatwa, was performed by the children in the age group 8-12, and was centre of attraction.

The Manipuri dance “Dhol Chalan” – stick balance dance, performed by the group Brahmputra, mesmerized the audience.

## Cultural Programme for School Students

8 May, 2013

Cultural Programme for two schools-N.P. Middle school and Aanchal school for differently abled was organized on 8 May, 2013 from 10 am to 12.30 pm. A puppet show based on moral stories, and Rajasthan folk dances were organized during the event.

Ninety two students and 13 teachers participated in the programme. The participating schools expressed willingness for participation in future activities of VYK’s programme.



Dhol Chalan dance performed by Brahmputra Bihu Husori Group-New Delhi, on22 June, 2013.



The programme was very much appreciated by Mrs Sudha Bharati, Aanchal School Principal, who said that it was a good exposure opportunity for special school children,

which they always missed in their day to day life. Ms.Rujuta Deshmukh, Programme officer VYK, coordinated the contest and cultural programme.



Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, VYK, lightening the lamp with Aanchal School's girls (special school for intellectually challenged students) on 8 May 2013 at VYK



Girls from Aanchal School participating in the dance performed by Rajasthani dance group on 8 May 2013 at VYK

## Poster and Debate Contest for Youth

26-September 2013



Mr. Mukul Gupte Chief Controller-VYK, Dr. Ranjana Kumari-Director of CSR and Mr. Frederic Erdet-Political Counselor, German Embassy, were Chief Guests at the event, held on 26 Sept-2013.

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with Centre for Social Research, organized a 'Poster and Debate Competition' on 26th September 2013. Topics for debate and poster were "Samaj ke liye beti bhi utni jaruri jitna beta" and "Ling Anupat Mein Gair Barabari Bharat ke Vikash mein Badha"

The event was attended by 250 students from 10 organizations. Students from Vivekananda Community and Sanjay Gandhi Community also participated in the programme.

The organizations which participated in the programme were: ALAMB, Salam Balak Trust, Centre for Equity studies, Butterflies, Young Women Christian Association of Delhi(UDP), YWCA of Delhi, Rural Development Project (RDP), Mahila Vikas Sansthan, St.Stephen's Hospital Community Health Department, Aaditi College, Vivekanad Community and Shankar Community.

The Chief Guests at the event were Mr. Frederic Erdet- Political Counselor, German Embassy, Dr. Ranjana Kumari, Director, CSR; and Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, VYK. The inaugural session commenced with Dr. Kumari's welcome address. Dr. Kumari highlighted how the menace of 'female foeticide' had its roots in the flawed psyche of society that assigned an inferior role to girls and women. Girls are

perceived as an additional burden on the family and are less desired than boys, Dr. Kumari said. It is this flawed mentality need to change, added Dr. Kumari. Society must recognize that for the smooth functioning of society a balance between men and women is necessary. It is when this equilibrium is shaken and lost that violence against women, in the form of rapes, abuse etc are witnessed said Dr. Kumari. She placed the onus on the youth of the society to bring a change within them and resultantly in the society in order to create a world that is more respectful to women.

Mr. Frederick Erdet, representing the German Embassy, conveyed German Ambassador H.E. Mr. Shteiner's best wishes to the 250 plus- strong audience present at the event. He congratulated both Centre for Social Research and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra for their commendable achievements in engaging and empowering the youth to address the burning issues of the day.

Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra also commended Centre for Social Research for its outstanding contribution in the field of women's empowerment. He expressed special interest in collaborating with Centre for Social Research for helping to engage the youth in addressing the most significant challenges that our society faces today.

## Youth Talk on Status of Girls in India

The 'Poster and Debate Competition' commenced after the inaugural session. The students present participated with great vigour and excitement. A total of 55 contestants competed in the "Debate Competition" and 59 participated in the 'Poster Competition.'

Participating students expressed their deep concern over female foeticide – a malady that affects the entire social stratum irrespective of class and caste and religion. The discussion during the debate touched the different levels of discrimination girls and women face in their lives. Participants opined that girls' widespread aversion in the form of female foeticide was a harbinger for social violence and imbalance which can ruin human development if not eliminated on time. Son preference and daughter aversion was the result of society's weak mindset which considered girls' status secondary stated some of the participants. It was also discussed that legislature had failed

in saving the girls from aversion, as technology continued to determine the sex of a foetus and abort it if it is girl.

## Oath for Never Supporting Female Foeticide

Standing straight and spreading their right hands ahead in front of them, 250 youth took a unique oath on 26 September 2013 – they would never support female foeticide and would actively participate in the advocacy for equal rights of the girls.

The competitions were judged by Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Mrs. Poonam Virmani-Mrs. Aparna Bose- Department of Higher Education- Ministry of Human resource Development and Dr. Manasi Mishra, Head of the Research Division at Centre for Social Research.



*Pukaar – a play was performed by the students of Bhaskarachary College, Dwarka at the Poster and Debate contest, held on 26 Sept-2013.*



Winners of the Poster and Debate Contest on Gender based Sex Selection, standing with Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller VYK (Fourth from left).

## Theatre and Poetry Recitation

Young girls recited poems which questioned the tradition which put girls and women in secondary position. 'Pukaar' – a play directed by Mr. Pradeep and starring students of Bhaskaracharya College, Dwarka was staged. The play with a social message on the need to protect the girl child was met with resounding applause. The entire audience took a pledge to never indulge in the practice of 'female foeticide' and to become agents of change in the society.

## Screening of Short Movies

Three short films – 'Second Wind', 'Nanhi Chidiya', and 'Save the Girl child' – were screened next. The films highlighted the pressing need and significance of the need to empower women. The films were greatly appreciated by all present and were met with a standing ovation.

## Prize Distribution Ceremony

The film screening was followed by the 'Prize Distribution Ceremony' where winners of both the Poster and Debate

Competitions were announced. The Debate Competition was won by Ms. Durga Bhargav, from St. Stephen's Hospital Community Health Department, Ms. Siddhi Vasishtha from Mahila Vikas Sansthan and Ms. Komal from Aaditi College, placed in the second and third positions respectively. The 'Poster Competition' was won by Mr. Manish from Young Women Christian Association of Delhi (UDP), Anamika Gautam and Ambika Gautam were from St. Stephen's Hospital Community, placed in the second and third positions respectively.

The winners were felicitated with trophies and certificates. The trophies and certificates were handed over to the winners by Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller VYK and Mrs. Aparna Bose, judge of the contest.

The programme was coordinated by Ms. Rujuta Deshmukh, Programme Officer VYK. The programme came to a close with 'Vote of Thanks' by Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer, VYK and Anindita Bose from CSR, to the Chief Guests and Judges, as well as all to the audience for their overwhelming participation.



Youth participated in poster competition on female feticide held on 26th September-2013 at VYK, on the occasion of Poster and Debate Contest.



Students and audience having a look at picture gallery after the poster competition held on 26th September 2013, on the occasion of Poster and Debate Contest.



Participants of Poster and Debate contest, took oath on 26th September-2013 at VYK, for not supporting female feticide.

## Diwali Festival

**31 October 2013**

Cultural Programme for school students was organized on 19 December 2013, which included regional dances and theatre based on life skill education. The event was attended by 400 students from 10 organizations and schools.

The Chief Guests for the event was Ms. Vidushi Chaturvedi, Director Education-NDMC. In her address she congratulated VYK for organizing various educational, sport and cultural activities for the students studying in NDMC and other schools.

### Theatre and Cultural Performances

To develop a sense of cultural integrity VYK organizes various cultural performances from different states of India. The Bamboo dance or a Cheraw dance from Mizoram was presented by the group from Mizoram, which was enjoyed by all. Eighty students representing 12 organizations performed regional, folk and motivational dances. Mahak Theatre group performed the play, "Khaishe" and "Phark", the plays were based on gender equality and girls' right. "Khaishe" was based on the sexual harassment at workplace and "Phark" was based on the message for stopping female feticide.



*Students from Aman Biradari performed the dance on the occasion of Diwali Festival, held on 31 October, 2013 at VYK, on the occasion of Diwali Festival.*



*Girls students from YWCA-New Delhi, performed the dance on the occasion of Diwali Festival, held on 31 October, 2013 at VYK.*

## Rangoli Contest and Stalls by Organizations

Rangoli contest and stalls by organizations were another attraction of the programme. Total 55 students participated in the contest. The competitions were judged by Dr. S.Muttulakshi, Principle, Sahana Special School for Mentally Retarded, Mr. Surendra Singh Negi, and Mr. Ajit Rai from Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. Rangoli contest (13 to 15 age group) was won by Ms. Preeti, Ms. Lovely and Ms. Nisha from N.P. Middle School, Malcha Marg, Chanakyapuri. Ms. Sonal from YWCA, (UDP) was placed second and Aanchal school students, Mr. Suresh, Ms. Riya and Ms. Purnima won third prize. Rangoli contest (15 to 18 age group) was won by the group

from Alamb. Ms. Sheweta and Joti from YWCA (RDP) were placed second and the group from St. Stephen's Community was placed third.

## Movie on Differently Aabled

To sensitize the students on disability, five short movies were screened with the message to respect the ability of differently abled. Participants of Rangoli contest and Cultural performances were felicitated by certification. Mr. Surendra Negi, Finance Controller from Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, handed over the certificates to the participants.



Schools girls participating in the Rangoli contest, held on 31 October, 2013, at VYK, on the occasion of Diwali Festival.



The Bamboo dance or a Cheraw dance from Mizoram was presented by the group from Mizoram, on the occasion of Diwali Festival.



Abhigyan Natya Association performed the play *Bade Bhai Saheb* by Munshi Prem Chand, on 19 Dec 2013

## Cultural Programme

19 December 2013

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The Chief Guests at the event were Ms.Nisha Trivedi, Director of Abhigyan Natya Association, and Ms.Lakshmi Waila, Principal of St.Giri Public School, Malcha Marg, New Delhi. Ms.Nisha Trivedi, highlighted the importance of theatre in education in her speech. She also explained the importance of extracurricular activities in the lives of children. Programme

was coordinated by Ms.Rujuta Deshmukh, Programme officer VYK.

### Play *Bade Bhai Saheb*

Abhigyan Natya Association performed the play *Bade Bhai Saheb* by Munshi Prem Chand. This is the story of the relationship between two brothers, which gives us message about life education. Thirteen dances were performed at the event which included folk dances, regional dances and dances based on motivational songs. Best talents in the dances were exhibited during the programme. Programme was coordinated by Ms.Rujuta Deshmukh of VYK.



Girls from Lions Vidya Mandir, performed the candle dance on 19 December 2013.



## International Chinh India Kids Film Festival

11 and 12 November 2013

Two days film festival organized by Chinh, on 11 and 12 November 2013, in collaboration with VYK. Screenings were held at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra for 400 children from N.P.Middle School, Malcha Marg, Chanakyapuri and Aanchal School. (Aanchal school is a school for intellectually challenged children). The International filmmakers from Germany, Russia, Canada, Italy and India interacted with children at VYK.

Two days festival was the part of 7th International Chinh India Kids Film Festival, which was organized from 9 to 14 November 2013 in New Delhi. The objective of the film festival was to inculcate taste for quality children programme and to generate awareness about new genre, innovations, and formats linking education with culture & development issues among children. Post screening discussions among children and International experts from Russia was very well received by the participating children and accompanying educators. The screening of CHINH award winning production SPANDAN demonstrated the potential of media literacy among special children.



Aanchal School students posing with filmmaker, Mr. Sergie from Russia, at the International Chinh India Festival on 11 November 2013, at VYK.



(Left to Right) Ms. Meenakshi Vinay Rai, Founder of Chinh, filmmaker, Ms. Annie from Canada, Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller VYK, Ms. Jessie from Canada, Mr. Sergie from Russia, Ms. Natascia from Italy, at VYK for the International Chinh India Festival, on 11 November 2013.

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## Family Day at VYK

**VYK staff gathered at Family Day, organized on 24 December 2013.**

Family day programme is a regular feature of VYK. This year it was organised in December. All the staff members came with their families and enjoyed the full day event with various programmes, which comprised of programmes for children and women. It was a good opportunity to know each other's family members.



Women are seen enjoying the Bindi-Pasting -game organized on the occasion of Family Day, organized at VYK,



VYK staff at Family Day on 24 December 2013.

## VYK's initiative for differently abled

### We are differently abled...

They like to do assigned work and expect your feedback on it. They are ready to learn and try to make their work better under your guidance and little appreciation of their work brings smiles to their innocent faces.

Ankur, Tannu and Dishant are students from Aanchal Special School. They were placed at VYK for three months internship. Despite being intellectually challenged, the students, who were punctual, committed to work, honest and trustworthy, enthusiastically carried out the tasks assigned to them. They helped in VYK library, learned the use a Photocopier, help in despatch process and also assisted in VYK kitchen.

Disability is still ignored at policy level. Even though a substantial percentage of the population is affected by disability, there is no mention of disability in the MDGs. This, despite the well-established connection between disability and poverty and the fact that children with disabilities are the ones who have been left behind.

India is home to 70-100 million people with disabilities. A study conducted by the National Centre for Promotion for Employment for Disabled People (NCPEDP) showed that only 0.51 per cent of students with disabilities were enrolled in mainstream schools. Likewise, a survey of the top 100 companies of India in 1999 showed an average rate of employment of 0.4 per cent for persons with disabilities. These figures haven't improved over the years. A review done by NCPEDP recently shows that less than one per cent of students with disabilities are in top colleges and universities, and less than one per cent of people with disabilities are finding employment.

There is a need to have inclusive policy focusing the need of differently abled. With internship programme for differently abled, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra has initiated the steps towards inclusiveness.



Mr. Ankur and Mr. Dishant students from Aanchal school, giving bouquet to Ms. Vidushi Chaturvedi, Director Education, NDMC, on the occasion of Diwali Festival, held on 31 Oct-2013, at VYK.

# Programme in Partnership with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra

## Project Udaan in Partnership with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra is partnering with Dhriiti for Project Udaan, which is a collaboration project of Dhriiti, Generation Enterprise, and the World Bank. The aim of the project is to train low-income youths with the necessary skills to start their own small businesses. Udaan is a business incubator for low-income youth.

Through a combination of business skills training, mentorship, and small business testing, project works with youth and launches their self-sustaining small businesses.

On 4 July, 2013, Dhriiti, in collaboration with VYK organized the screening of youth from Vivekanand Camp, Sanjay Gandhi camp and Shankar camp for the training programme on skill development. Fifteen youth got selected from the communities for the training programme at VYK.

The screening phase was a combination of psychometric testing, cognitive testing, and interviews which assisted in selecting Fellows with strong entrepreneurial potential and also the drive and dedication needed to start a small business.

The Programme is divided in the four phases. Second phase of

the programme is about training. The one-month training programme, being held thrice a week has already begun at VYK. The curriculum focuses on helping the fellows develop the tools needed to complete basic marketing, accounting, and business strategy, as well as gaining the self-confidence and leadership crucial to beginning and sustaining their business.

In the third phase, selected candidates are given seed funding to test a variety of small business ideas. Through mentorship from business leaders and partner organizations, the candidates would have a unique opportunity to apply the business skills they have learned as well as their own interests and passions in the business sector to test different ideas and business strategies.

In the fourth phase, candidates present their business idea to a panel of local and international entrepreneurs and experts. Up to 10 loans are available for the strongest business pitch with each loan valued at Rs. 35,000. Funded businesses will work closely with GEN-Dhriiti and various business mentors to ensure their business launch occurs successfully.



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Youth from Vivekanand Camp and Shankar Camp participating in Skill development programme of Project Udaan-which is a collaboration project of Dhriiti, Generation Enterprise, World Bank and VYK

## Felicitation ceremony in collaboration with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra

14 June 2013

**P**ravah and Commutiny – the Youth Collective (CYC) *Change Looms Learning and Leadership Journey* is a program that supports young people who have started their own social initiatives. During the course of one year, organizations help to strengthen these initiatives through collective and individual learning opportunities, mentoring and financial support. In the last 6 years, they have supported over 125 youth-led organizations and individual change leaders and are currently working with 21 teams. June 14, 2013 marked a significant day in the lives of 22 young change leaders from across the country as they completed the Change Looms Learning and Leadership journey.

At the felicitation ceremony, which was co-hosted by Pravah, CYC and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, the young leaders shared their experiences of initiating social change, the motivation that drove them to walk this path, the challenges they faced and the impact of their work.

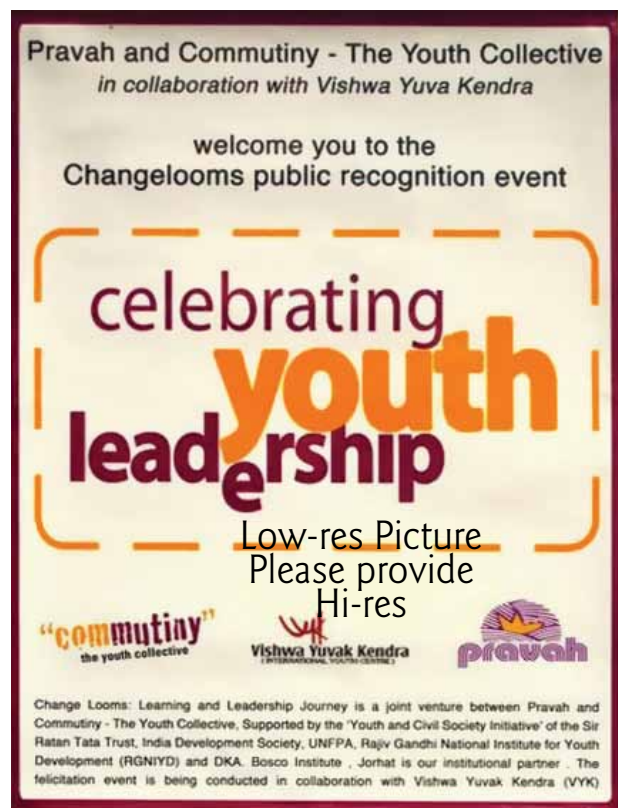
Amitabh Behar, Executive Director of National Foundation for India, the keynote speaker, set the context for the programme and talked about the critical role that youth play in civil society by providing alternatives to the status quo.

Rujuta Deshmukh, Programme Officer VYK, felicitated the leaders and initiated a dialogue with leaders towards the inspiration for their work.

The young leaders spoke about the internal conflicts and debates that drive them to address social conflicts. Hejang Misao, one of the fellows shared the frustration and futility that he experienced at the ethnic violence in Manipur and how it spurred him to start 'INSIDE - NE', an initiative that seeks to build peace and provides young people an alternative path to the violence.

Pravah and Commutiny – the Youth Collective (CYC) also facilitated a dialogue between the young change leaders and representatives of the United Nations and other development agencies, including UNFPA, UNICEF, UNV, NFI, Oxfam India, IGSSS, Unnati Foundation, Action Aid, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and The Sir Ratan Tata Trust.

The invitees engaged in a dialogue with the young leaders and told them about their youth work and their experiences of supporting youth led organizations. They shared valuable insights on how youth led organizations can identify partners and access resources for their initiatives. Indu Prakash from IGSSS said that donors needed to understand the true impact of the work on the ground rather than focus only on numbers. Ena Singh of UNFPA advised the young leaders to select a donor who was interested in building their long term institutional capacities rather than supporting short term projects. Mr. Sandeep Dwivedi, Programme Officer, VYK, briefed the group on activities of VYK. The young leaders shared their work and its impact with the invitees from the development agencies through a creative visual display.



## Induction Programme on Human Rights Issue

13 August 2013

The YP Foundation, a youth led and run organisation, conducted its annual inductions on 13 August 2013, in collaboration with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. It was a three hour long event consisting of various activities aimed at creating a space where participants would start thinking on various issues like human rights, power, privilege and share their views on the issues.

The event started with introduction of the various participants done in the form of an activity which was both inclusive and

enjoyable. Post introduction, the participants were involved in an activity where they analysed a set of statements in terms of privileges and how it lead to the creation of power with some people.

The participants found the activity useful as it helped them get a new perspective on power and privilege. This was followed by an energizer. After the energizer, the participants were divided into six groups, where each group was given the task of coming up with five basic rights for an island. The aim was to create an awareness of human rights and interlink the various issues the participants came up with.

During the programme, Ms. Rujuta Deshmukh,



Youth engaged in the discussion on Power and politics, organised by YP Foundation in collaboration with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, held on 19th August 2013.

Programme Officer, VYK, gave a brief introduction about Vishwa Yuvak Kendra's activities. She encouraged the youth to participate in the various in-house trainings conducted by VYK. She also encouraged them to become volunteers of the Integrated Community Development Programme of VYK.

At the end, the various programs of YP Foundation were showcased and volunteers from every programme shared their experiences. The event reached out to 75 young people who signed up for four different programs of the organisation. Fifty youth from Shankar Camp and Vivekanand Camp participated in the programme.

## My Space – My Un-Manifesto

19 August 2013

As many as 26 per cent in the first Lok Sabha and 32 per cent in the second were youth (aged between 25 and 40 years). But in the ninth Lok Sabha the same figure dwindled to 6.3 per cent. Though the youth representation in the first two Lok Sabhas looks healthy but the number of Cabinet Ministers

aged between 26 and 40 in the First Cabinet was zero and the average age was 52, which has gone up to 64 in the current cabinet. We are the youngest nation (average age 27 yrs) ruled by the oldest cabinet in the world! This exclusion of youth from the "serious business" of governance and nation building and instrumentalizing their energies only during the act of representation (viz. electoral process) is responsible for this dismal apathy among youth towards politics.

Communitiythe Youth Collective partnered with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra for an event My Space – My Un-Manifesto on 19 August 2013. The programme was organized in collaboration with 23 organizations which brought all the streams of Reflection together in a large confluence. The main objective of the programme was to make the youth realize that we should be "celebrating" politics by participating in it every day of our lives and not merely on Election Day.

The event witnessed a participation of nearly 400 individuals, a mix of youngsters from schools & colleges, youth facilitators and people from different communities in Delhi.



Group song on the theme of UnManifesto by Manzil Mystics - for an event My Space – My Un-Manifesto, held on 19 August 2013.

## Event Details

### Clown Performance

The event started with a clown performance that not only lifted the mood and the energy but also highlighted the need to work together and participate as the foundation of a democratic system in a fun and experiential way. Elucidating, “We are all politicians involved in everyday politics”, the clown artists got all the participants together with a giant kite and string activity, highlighting how everyone is a part of the political process.

### Vox- Pop Screening

The context of the campaign was introduced to the group through a Vox-pop about young people’s attitudes towards politics. It was also highlighted as to how young people generally went out of their way to research and invested time in order to get the best gadget, but when the same came to choosing the national leader, the youth were easily misled by media and the opinion of others.

### Brain-writing session

Three hundred new promises were collected during the event through a brain-writing session where young people inscribed new promises on a kite and passed it around in small groups where others were able to add on comments and suggestions for that promise.

### Top ten Promises

The interim list of Top 10 promises collected from youth gathered was displayed on the day of the event. The participants present voted further for the Top 3 promises.

### The Top 3 voted Promises were as follows

Make education relevant and impactful. Ensure safety and dignity of women.

Mandate 35% reservation of youth in legislative assemblies and cabinet equivalent bodies along with 33 % reservation for women

Panel Discussion and handing the manifesto to Members of Parliament

The crowd-sourced youth UnManifesto was presented to Parliamentarians Meenakshi Natrajan from Congress and Manvendra Singh from Bharatiya Janata Party.

# Joint Staff Development Programme

**7-10 September, 2013**

PHD chamber, Delhi in collaboration with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, organized the annual Joint Staff Development Programme from 07-10 September, 2013 at Chandigarh. The theme of the JSDP was “Youth and Inclusive growth”. Around 40 participants from the partner organizations of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung participated in the programme.

The programme commenced with the lightening of lamp by Honourable Shri Parminder Singh Dhingsa, Hon’ble Minister of Finance, Government of Punjab. In his welcome address Mr. Ashok Khanna, Former President, PHD Chamber gave a brief history of Joint Staff Development, its inception and network. Mr. Pankaj Madan highlighted the activities of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the way it works with its partner organizations all over India and South Asia.

All the speakers highlighted India’s demographic advantage and expressed the need for education and skills to young people for inclusive growth.

Following topics were covered in the three day programme- Youth Power, The future Scenario in which Youth have to perform, Inclusive Growth, Roadmap for making inclusive growth a reality and Role of NGOs in harnessing youth power for inclusive growth.

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra presented the paper on Role of NGOs in harnessing youth power for inclusive growth, where the concept and meaning of inclusive growth along with the role of voluntary organizations was discussed. The Kendra’s effort towards inclusive growth, with the involvement of youth was also discussed.

The programme was concluded with valedictory address by Mr. Manu Emmanuel of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Mr. Shailender Singh and Ms. Rujuta, Programme Officers of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra attended the programme.



## Jamaavda – The Gender Mela

17 October 2013

Pravah and Commutiny – The Youth Collective's Changelooms Learning and Leadership program organized Jamaavda – the Gender Mela on the 17 October 2013, in partnership with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. The Gender advocacy event, conceptualized and presented by the 2013-14 batch of Changeloom Fellows, emerged as a creative platform for reflection and dialogue on the subject of Masculinities and Gender.

The event, designed both as a gathering and learning experience for organizations and individuals working towards the prevention of Gender Based Violence as well as a gender progressive carnival open to all, saw the participation of over 120 people.

The morning event was geared towards exploring ideas of and around Masculinities in the form of a World Café activity. Facilitators from organizations like Breakthrough, Manzil, Action India, Kat Katha and Tehelka Foundation shared their experiences and challenges of working with young men in furthering Gender conversations, which was followed by a panel discussion with Pramada Menon, Sanjay Srivastava and Satish Kumar Singh.

The evening open event was a festive expression of Gender thoughts and ideas in the form of performances and installations. Rahul Roy's The Little Book on Men was displayed as panels in the mela, along with the Must Bol Campaign's videos on Gender. A corner was dedicated to the 'Armchair Philosopher' in the form of an opinion poll, where Gender statements stuck to the spine of chairs got votes on its seat from the audience. An Ad Bhoot – Horror show stall debated the terror of advertisements as intensely sexist with an agenda to foster fear in order to raise consumption. Blank Noise's Safe City Pledge Campaign stall invited audiences to take a pledge on how they can individually contribute to making their city safe. Their other stall - Love Letter to the Body was a display of letters written by various persons examining their relationships with their bodies in the form of a letter. The mela also saw a puppetry performance from Anuroopa Roy's Katkatha and two plays by Space Theatre Ensemble.

The gender mela was followed by the four days residential workshop for Changelooms participants from 18 to 21 Oct 2013. Youth interest groups working on Gender Based Violence were brought together to showcase their work, participate in a learning workshop and to share their concerns and hopes about the work that they do and celebrate youth leadership together.



Theatre performance on 17 October 2013, at the event, Jamaavda-The gender Mela, organised by Pravah and Commutiny – The Youth Collective in partnership with VYK.

## Digital literacy Programme

**12 and 13 December 2013**

Digital literacy programme was organized at computer centre at VYK, in collaboration with NASSCOM Foundation, on 12 and 13 December 2013. This was a part of the Digital Literacy week, a weeklong initiative that was undertaken by the partner organizations of the National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) including Intel, DEF, HP, Dell, Lenovo, Microsoft, NIIT and NASSCOM Foundation. During this week, employees from these partner organizations were encouraged to volunteer to provide adult learners an opportunity to improve their social and economic self-sufficiency through digital literacy. The program helped the adult students with little or no prior computer experience to learn practical and relevant digital skills. Two day programme was attended by eighty students from NKN-VYK centre. Ms. Rujuta Deshmukh, and Mr. Alok Vats from VYK, coordinated the programme.

## Un-manifesto Sessions with VYK students.

**23 and 24 Dec 2014**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra is partner for the Community the Youth Collective's programme- My Space – My Un-Manifesto .The objective of the programme is to make the youth realize that we should be “celebrating” politics by participating in it every day of our lives and not merely on Election Day. Two Un-manifesto sessions were organized at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, for 40 Computer class students and 45 women of yoga class. Un -Manifesto team took the sessions on 23 and 24 December 2014. Team member of Un-manifesto explained the groups the importance of participating in politics which is nothing but “Organising groups and influencing decision making” Women who attended the sessions informed that sessions were very informative and made them aware of various social issues and also realized them their responsibility towards decision making. Groups also enjoyed the movie on political rights, Known but Untold.



Students of NKN-VYK computer Centre participated in Digital Literacy programme of NASSCOM Foundation held at VYK on 12 and 13 December 2013.

## Youth Festival

**10-11 January 2014**

On the occasion of “National Youth Day” the Kendra organized a two - days programme from 10 – 11 January, 2014. The programme commenced with the welcome address by Shri Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. In his welcome address he conveyed his sincere thanks to all the participants who came a long way to attend the programme. The programme was jointly inaugurated by Swami Shantatmanand, Secretary, Ram Krishana Mission, Delhi and Shri Karan Singh Tawar, Former MLA, Cantonment Area, Delhi by lightening the lamp. During the inaugural address the life history of Swami Vivekanand was shared. The participants were motivated to follow the philosophy of Swami Vivekanand for leading a meaningful life.

During the programme “Debate, Drawing and Dance Competitions” were organized for the youth from NGOs of Delhi. The programme was an endeavour to provide a platform and opportunity for the children of weaker

section of societies to express and exhibit their talent. Stalls put by various organizations were another attraction of the programme. Around 200 participants from 15 organizations of Delhi participated in the event.

A motivational speech on “Swami Vivekanand and Youth” was given by Dr. Vandana Shiva of Navdanya and Dr. S V Eswaran of St. Stephens College motivated youth to follow the teaching of Swami Vevekananda. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks given by Shri Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.



Swami Shantatmanand, Secretary, Ram Krishna Mission, Delhi, lightening the lamp at the inaugural ceremony of Youth Festival on 10-11 January. Mr. Bhupendra from SOS Faridabad, Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme Officer VYK, Mr. Gynendra, Director, Mahila Vikas Sansthan, and Mr. Mukul Gupte, Chief Controller VYK look on.

## Talk With Amazing Indians

**29 Jan-2014 and 28 Feb-2014**

**T**alk with Amazing Indians”, is the new initiative of VYK, which aimed to provide an opportunity to interact with courageous and path breaking individuals, who, as a result of their perseverance and innovative ideas, have managed to overcome all odds, and have managed to make a difference in their life as well as in the community. The endeavors of these courageous people have been documented by Times Now, English News Channel in their programme “Amazing Indians”.

Quality of life is the key of development. Various services like education, health and sanitation are still missing from many rural and urban parts of our country. Children and youth do not get quality education and other services at the most formative years of their life and this has severe repercussions on their quality of life, and awareness levels, which also make them unable to contribute to sustainable social and economic development of the community.

“Amazing Indians” realized the missing link of quality of life between poverty and development and constantly working

hard to fill this gap through their efforts in the area of health, education, sanitation, environment etc.

The first event of “Talk with Amazing Indians” was organized on 29 January 2014. The event was attended by more than 360 students and individuals from 11 organizations/ Institutions. Students from following organizations participated in the programme: ALAMB, Bal Sahyog, Slum Children Educational and Development Trust, YWCA Rural Development Project (RDP), Nav-Srishti, Dr. A.V. Baliga Trust, CASP, Sr. Secondary School, Mandir Marg, Aditi College, Centre for Equity Studies, SOS Faridabad. Students from VYK computer lab and students from VYK community also attended the programme.

The unique platform for interaction between youth and change makers was provided by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK), with the aim to motivate youth.



Students from Senior Secondary School, Mandir Marg. The event Talk with Amazing Indians, organised on 29 January 2014, was attended by students from Senior Secondary School, Mandir Marg, New Delhi.



Mr. Mukul Gupte presenting the mementos to Mr. Govind Singh Rathod (Amazing Indians), who was one of the speaker at the event "Talk with Amazing Indians" organized by VYK on 29 January 2014.



Youth from schools and colleges interacting with "Amazing Indians", at an event, "Talk with Amazing Indians" organised by VYK on 29 January 2014



*Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Programme officer VYK, Ms. Rajani Paranjape, Mr. Lakshman Singh, Mr. Govind Rathod, Ms. Sujata Sahu, and Mr. Mukul Gupte, at the inaugural ceremony of "Talk With Amazing Indians" held on 29 June 2014.*

Mr. Govind Singh's crusade against secondary status of women and girls' in the patriarchal society of Rajasthan was very encouraging. Work of Sambhali Trust, Jodhpur, established by Mr. Govind Rathod, inspired students. Trust focuses on empowerment of women and girls in Rajasthan, and specifically works with the Dalit community, who experience discrimination on a daily basis because of their low standing in India's stratified social hierarchy or 'caste system'. Sambhali Trusts help these women break their cycle of poverty and financial dependence on family members, by teaching them valuable practical skills.

Interaction with Ms. Rajani Paranjape, motivated youth to help, out of school children to attend the school. Door Step School was established by Rajani in Mumbai, in 1989 with the aim of addressing literacy amongst the marginalized sections of society. The school provides education and support to the often-forgotten children of pavement and slum dwellers, construction site families and many other underprivileged families.

Ms. Sujata Sahu's relentless work to create an impact and

improve the quality of school education in the remote villages of Ladakh, at 1700 feet sent chill to our bones. These schools have given a new lease of life to the Ladakhis. Her organization 17000 ft Foundation is a multi-disciplinary team of Corporate Professionals turned Social Entrepreneurs with a focus on transforming lives at the remotest and most inaccessible regions of High Altitude Ladakh.

Everyone was enthralled by the work Lakshman Singh is doing. Life was difficult for villagers in the Arid village of Laporiya in Rajasthan until a fellow villager, Laxman Singh, developed a unique water harvesting technique to recharge the local groundwater. This in turn regenerated both livestock and agricultural production, in an otherwise parched and barren landscape.

Mr. Lakshman Singh established Gram Vikas Navayuvak Mandal(GVNM) in (1985) focuses on enhancing the living conditions of rural communities in Rajasthan. GVNM do this by managing natural resources to tackle climate change, providing reproductive health care and fighting for children's rights.

The second event of "Talk with Amazing Indians" was organized on 28 Feb 2014. More than 300 youths from schools and colleges inspired by the great work of "Amazing Indians", in the area of Education and Rural Development. Youth from following organization attended the programme: PRAYAS, Bal Sahyog, Aanchal Charitable Trust, SPTWD Delhi Centre, YWCA Rural Development Project (RDP), Slum Children-Educational and Development Trust, Senior Secondary School, Mandir Marg, Aditi College, Salam Balak Trust, Social Welfare Department (Disability), Govt. of NCT of Delhi. Youth from VYK's community and educational programme also attended the programme. The events, Talk with Amazing Indians, held on 29 January and 28 February were coordinated by VYK's Programme officers, Ms. Rujuta Deshmukh, and Mr. Rajeev Nirmal, respectively.



*Ms. Rajani Paranjape, Door step School, Mumbai, addressing the gathering at the event, "Talk With Amazing Indians" organized by VYK on 28 Feb-2014.*

Mr. Anant Nevatia from Work of Rural Health Care Foundation (West Bengal), made the students aware of health care facilities in rural area. Mr. Nevatia's effort towards eradication of lack of health care facilities in rural India through the deliverance of affordable quality health care by opening primary health care units in those remote villages where health care delivery system is very thin, appreciated by all. The Rural Health Care

Foundation has treated over fifteen lakh rural people in West Bengal through 6 Primary Health Care Centres (RHCF). Each RHCF centre has a General Physician, a Dentist, an Optometrist and Homeopathy.

Mr. Jagat Singh Chaudhari known as a Green Ambassador, and work in the area of Pauri Garhwal, Rudraprayag and Tehri



*Mr. Anant Nevatia, Mr. Jagat Singh Chaudhari, Mr. Ajay Chaturvedi, Mr. Subhash Mendharpurkar, four Amazing Indians on the dais, at the event "Talk With Amazing Indians" held on 28 February 2014.*

Garhwal. The idea of mixed-forestry presented by Jagat Singh Chaudhary inspired all. He created a mixed forest which was once described by experts as barren land. He has grown more than 100 plants species in four hectares of degraded land. Man-made jungle soon attracted by the variety of flora and fauna and number of local and migratory birds started gathering there. Many dormant natural water sources have also burst forth in response.

Mr. Subhash Mendharpurkar, briefed on the work of his organizations called Work of Society for Social Uplift Through Rural Action (SUTRA). SUTRA is concentrating on the dissemination of information and the upgrading of women's skills, in order to sensitize women about their self and the society, mainly in the fields of gender and health. This is done through training programmes and awareness camps. Various strategies adopted for awareness of women were well informed.

In fourth session students came to know about HarVa, an organization founded by Mr. Ajay Chaturvedi, which

means harnessing value of rural India, which aims to assist rural India to access and harness the opportunities that urban India / local environment offers for a better quality of life. It includes supporting various development projects that create employment for villagers. HarVa's model to take up the challenge by blending both a profitable and social model was very informative. The hybrid model of HarVa, takes entrepreneurship to a new level where profits are maximized by adapting various innovative steps aimed to reap benefits from the current rural labor and address the social issues like rural employment and education.

Both the events of "Talk with Amazing Indians" motivated and inspired the youth. Teacher and coordinators of the organizations from where students participated thanked VYK for organizing such event, which motivated young students to take initiative to bring positive change in the society they live. The events held on 29 January and 28 February-2014 were coordinated by Ms.Rujuta Deshmukh, and Mr.Rajeev Nirmal, Programme officers VYK, respectively.



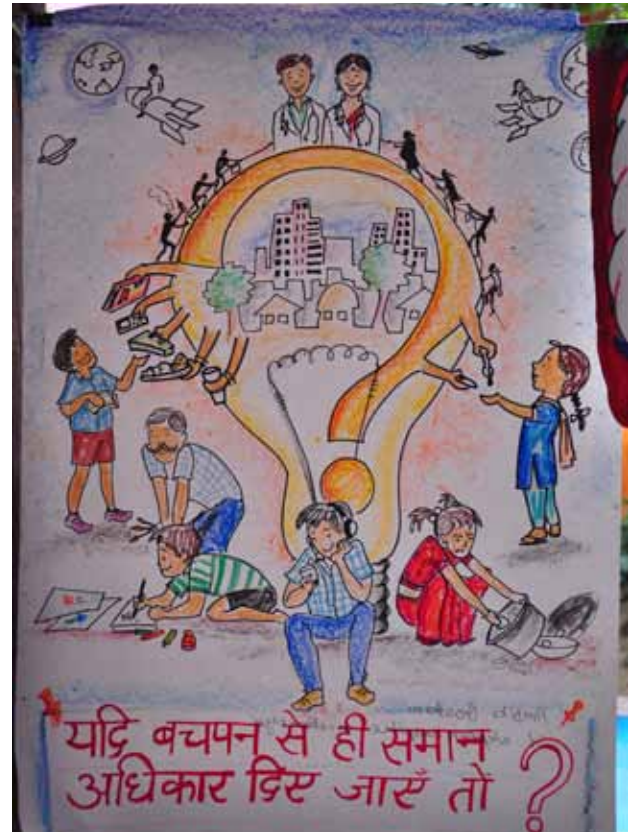
Mr. Anant Nevatia lightening the lamp at the inaugural ceremony of the event "Talk with Amazing Indians, held on 28 February 2014. Mr. Jagat Singh Chaudhari, and Mr. Subhash Mendharpurkar, Mr. Shailendar Singh and Mr. Rajeev Nirmal look on



## Poster Competition

26th September 2013.

Posters Competition was organised by VYK in collaboration with Centre for Social Research on the theme: "Samaj ke liye beti bhi utni jaruri jitna beta" and "Ling Anupat Mein Gair Barabari Bharat ke Vikash mein Badha". The event was attended by 250 students from 10 organizations. Students from Vivekananda Community and Sanjay Gandhi Community, VYK's project area, also participated in the competition.



Posters from the competition organized on 26th September-2013

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