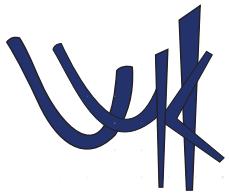




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# Annual Review 2022-23





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## **Message from the Chairman and Managing Trustee**

Annual Report 2022-23 succinctly highlights few of the programmes carried out by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra during the year. Apart from its own in-campus activities, field initiatives and state-level collaborative programmes, VYK also implemented a few projects with the support of reputed institutions. Among them, Bosch-supported projects PRIDE and Sashakt were highly appreciated by the participants and the resource persons alike. Project Sashakt, which was a comprehensive training course spanning over three modules, was highly appreciated for its detailed focus on NGO capacity building, due diligence and governance.

Workshops and trainings on leadership and motivation, resource mobilisation, skill development and entrepreneurship, women safety and security etc. were organised in VYK campus and in different parts of the country drew great participation from enthusiastic learners. Kendra, through its partnership network reached out to a number of people from across the country, thereby showcasing the power of networking and collaboration.

VYK also celebrated its Diamond Jubilee during the year in a grand manner. A number of dignitaries graced the event with their august presence. It was truly a memorable moment for everyone at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. The event was not merely a celebration, but was also an opportunity to reflect and contemplate, and to forge ahead.

The dedicated and untiring efforts put in by VYK team ensured the success of its activities. I convey my best wishes to them and hope that they would continue to work in similar manner and contribute to the nation building process.

**Shishir Bajaj  
Chairman and Managing Trustee**



## Foreword

With the society returning back to normalcy after an extended pandemic-afflicted period of unprecedented levels, it is time to increase pace in order to catch up. Only when the government, Corporates, CSOs, academia and other key stakeholders collaborate their efforts and work together, can the holistic development of the society be ensured. With CSR set to play a greater role in the development process, it is the right time for corporates to take advantage of CSOs' experience of working at the grass roots level and use the same to implement their vision in the field, which would be a win-win situation for everyone involved.

Carrying on the experiment initiated during the past year, VYK celebrated the International Women's Day in campaign mode, which saw the direct participation of more than 15000 participants from across the country. Drawing inspiration from its success, we are planning to implement this model to commemorate other important days, like National Youth Day, World Environment Day etc. The Diamond Jubilee celebration was a momentous occasion for us at VYK. While on the one hand it was a great opportunity for introspection, on the other hand it leaves us with the onerous task of building upon the legacy left behind by our illustrious founders. On the occasion we also launched DigiKendra, our digital initiative for the benefit of the masses. The idea of this endeavour is to create content on important topics and ensure that the same is accessible virtually to everyone. This would not have been possible without the wholehearted support and guidance of our Board of Trustees for which we are ever grateful.

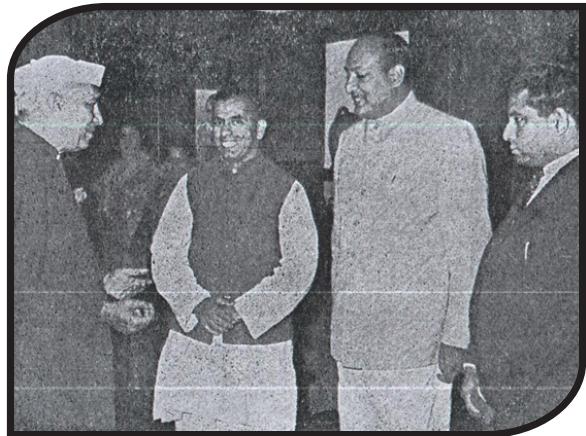
At this juncture, I would like to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported us in our endeavours. I would like begin by thanking Bosch India for allowing us to collaborate with them on Project Sashakt, Project PRIDE and Project CareGiver. I would also like to thank our regional partners, be it CSOs or educational institutions for supporting our events and projects. Our programmes would not have been successful, had it not received support of our resource persons, participants, media and all other stakeholders. Thank you all very much!

We are highly hopeful with concerted efforts of everyone involved and support from all quarters, we will be able to implement our activities in such a manner so that it benefits the society to a greater extent.

**Uday Shankar Singh  
Chief Executive Officer**

## VYK at a Glance

### Our Beginning



Prime Minister Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru discussing project Vishwa Yuvak Kendra with (L-R) Prof. Ram Lal Parikh, Shri Ramkrishna Bajaj and Shri P T Kuriakose



The Founder Trustees (Clockwise): Founder Chairman Shri Morarji Desai, Smt. Indira Gandhi, Shri V J Shah, Shri Naval H Tata, Shri Ravindra Varma and Shri Ramkrishna Bajaj, Founder Managing Trustee

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



Dr. Zakir Husain, the then President of India, inaugurating the building of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra

# **Vision**

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

# **Objectives**

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

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

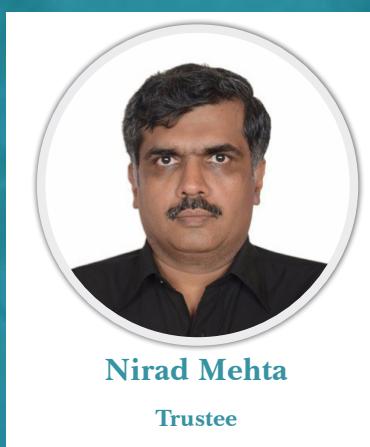
# **Founder Members**

<b>Shri Morarji Desai</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Former Prime Minister of India</b>
<b>Smt. Indira Gandhi</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Former Prime Minister of India</b>
<b>Shri Naval H. Tata</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Industrialist and Philanthropist</b>
<b>Shri Ravindra Varma</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Former Union Minister</b>
<b>Shri V. J. Shah</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Former Governor of West Bengal</b>
<b>Shri Ramkrishna Bajaj</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Industrialist and Philanthropist</b>

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

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# Programmes



# Seminar on Mental Health and Well-being

WHO estimates that the burden of mental health problems in India is 2443 disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) per 10000 population. The economic loss due to mental health conditions, between 2012-2030, is estimated at USD 1.03 trillion. Considering the importance of the subject, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a Seminar on Mental Health and Well-being on 18th May, 2022 in its campus.

The programme began with lighting of the lamp by invited dignitaries. Ms. Monica Kumar, Managing Trustee, Manas Foundation, who was invited as chief guest of the event, shared her insightful thoughts and ideas about mental health and well-being with the participants.



*Dr. Sangeeta Gotewal, Consultant Psychiatric Social Worker, IHBAS during the session*

Dr. Sangeeta Gotewal, Consultant, Psychiatric Social Worker, Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS), Delhi, spoke about Positive Mental Health.

The technical session on “Building Resilience Among Youth and Resilience in Action” was facilitated by Dr. Jagdish Sadiza, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, IHBAS, and Dr. Himanshu Singh, Consultant Psychiatric Social Worker, IHBAS. The session briefly touched upon resilience, its components, and its significance in leading an overall healthy lifestyle. An interactive discussion was also carried out with the audience on ways to improve mental health and the benefits of being resilient in life.



*Group photo of the audience during the programme on Mental Health and Well-being*

# Seminar on Environmental Protection and Conservation

Environment encompasses of ecological units and elements which are naturally present on the Earth. The exploitation of natural resources and adding artificial components of nature to the environment has led to serious damage of flora & fauna and environmental conservation. The continual news of erratic weather, global warming, extinction of flora & fauna & disruption of natural habitats have forced the human population to talk about protection and promote Environmental Conservation. There is a need to use it judiciously and in a sustainable manner.

World Environment Day is the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people across the world. To commemorate World Environment Day and to create awareness about environment conservation, a Seminar on Environmental Protection and Conservation was organized by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, The Bajaj Foundation and Yuva Vikash Kendra on 5th June, 2022 at Muktidhara Auditorium, Agartala, Tripura.

Eminent Guests Shri Apoorv Nayan Bajaj, Trustee of Bajaj Foundation, Shri Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and Shri Debasish Majumder addressed the participants on various aspects of the theme. Eminent resource persons spoke on global warming, natural resource management, Rainwater harvesting & groundwater recharge, roles and responsibilities of government and local bodies to ensure sustainable natural resources.



*Experts and Speakers during the Q&A session*



*Children spreading message through role play*



*Eminent Guest and Speakers lighting the lamp*

# Training Programme on Resource Mobilisation

In these unprecedented times, every individual and organization worldwide, including CSOs and NGOs, are affected directly or indirectly. The development sector's long-term outlook is uncertain, and organizations' survival is unclear. However, the constantly changing scenario poses acute challenges for these organizations, including difficulty acquiring sufficient and continuous funding, accessing appropriate donors, lacking a cohesive strategic plan, disorganized networking, limited technology use, and limited access to training and skill development programmes.

Taking into account the challenges posed before the development sector, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, organized a five-day national-level residential training programme on Resource Mobilization during 20th-24th June, 2022 in its campus. The overall objective was to equip the participants with the necessary tools and techniques to develop effective and successful resource mobilization plans.

The inaugural session began with lighting of the lamp, followed by welcome address by Mr. Manjunath K., Programme Officer, VYK. Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK, provided a detailed and insightful explanation of the topic and emphasized the critical role that effective resource mobilization plays in the success of any development initiative.

Chief Guest of the event, Prof. Sudhir Sinha, Former Head - CSR & Sustainability at Cipla, shared valuable insights and perspectives on the role of businesses and organizations in driving positive social and environmental impact.



*Inaugural session in progress*



*Glimpses of the programme*

The five-day training was a remarkable experience for all the attendees as it included multiple technical sessions delivered by renowned resource persons, comprising of Ms. Yasmin Riaz, Director-Resource Mobilisation, Save the Children, India, Mr. Kunal Verma, CEO, Centre for Fundraising, & Founder-School of Fundraising, Mr. Dev Verma, CEO, Fundreamz, Director: School of Fundraising, Mr. Karn Kohli, Fundraising Digital Analytics, UNICEF, Mr. Vishal Thakur, Head- Tech for Good, NASSCOM Foundation, Dr. Harish Vasishth, Executive Director, Credibility Alliance and Ms. Gayatri Subramaniam, Director, Association for Women in Business.

Chief Guest of the valedictory session, Dr. Poonam Sinha, Director-Entrepreneurship Education, NIESBUD, applauded the efforts put by VYK to build the capacity of civil society organisations.

Around 60 NGO representatives from all parts of the country attended the training.

# Career Guidance: Stepping Stone to Career Selection and Analysis

In today's extremely competitive world, it is becoming more and more difficult for students to achieve success. Many are not aware of the numerous options available for employment & entrepreneurship. It is here that the role of a career guidance coach & counsellor comes into play. Career counselling and guidance helps students understand the various career options available to them and also the ways to move forward on the selected path.

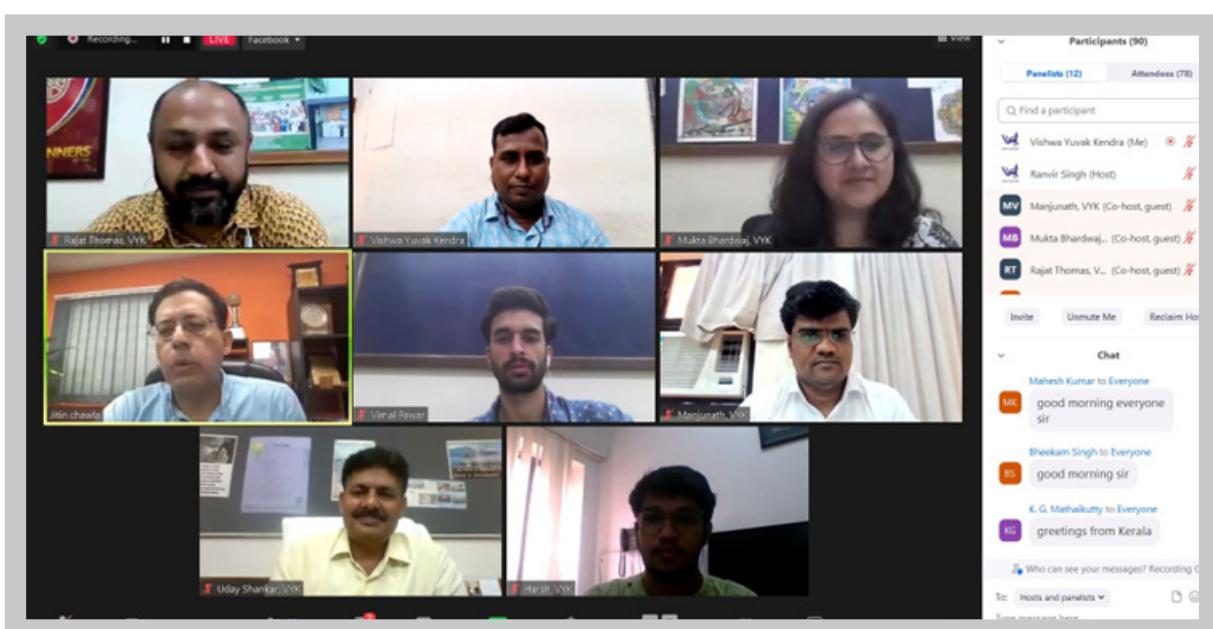
Considering the importance of the topic and to make students of class X and XII, teachers and parents aware of the importance of career guidance, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organised a webinar on Career Guidance, on 29th June, 2022.

Mr. Rajat Thomas, Programme Officer, VYK initiated the session with brief introduction about the series Career Guidance and how it could be beneficial for the participants. Ms. Mukta Bhardwaj, Programme Officer, VYK welcomed the distinguished speaker, Mr. Jitin Chawla, Founder & Director, Centre for Career Development.

Shri Jitin Chawla, Founder & Director of Centre for Career Development, began with the overview of the webinar and said that the students would learn to understand oneself, understand emerging options and ways and means to strengthen oneself at the end of the seminar.

He interacted with the audience by asking questions and encouraging them to answer the same. He connected with the younger generation and put weight in the thought of entrepreneurship, by telling that it could be a good income source, at times better than conventional jobs, and youth should explore all options until they find something that fits them. He also shared success stories of some past attendees of the career counselling training

The event concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Rajat Thomas to both Mr. Jitin Chawla and all the attendees. More than 100 participants attended the training and got benefited.



*Webinar in progress*

# Seminar on Skill Development for Employability and Entrepreneurship

In any country, skill and knowledge drive economic growth and social development. Countries with better skill levels can better adapt to domestic and international job opportunities. Skill development aims to empower workforce by upgrading their skill-sets and knowledge, and by providing access to better employment opportunities in the growing market scenario. This is true particularly for a fast growing economy like India, which has unique demographic advantage with more than 60% of the population in young age group. However, in order to reap the demographic dividend, employability and entrepreneurship has to be improved.

To work for the mission of making India skillful, VYK, on the occasion of World Skill Day, organized a daylong seminar on “Skill Development for Employability and Entrepreneurship” on 15th July, 2022 in its campus.

Mr. Ranvir Singh, Officer – Sustainability and Development, VYK welcomed the Chief Guest Mr. Vidyasagar Singh, Sr. General Manager, National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), who shared his thoughts on self-employment and small business startup training programmes run by the government focusing on the importance of skill development in today's era.

Following the inaugural address, a technical session was conducted by Mr. H.P Singh, Founder, Chote Vyapar Ki Pathshala, who shared his views on the topic “what, when and how to start an enterprise.”



*Mr. Vidyasagar Singh, Sr. General Manager, NSIC addressing the gathering*



*Mr. H.P. Singh, Founder, Chote Vyapar Ki Pathshala, sharing his views during the session*

Chief guest of the valedictory session, Col. Anil Kumar Pokhriyal, (Retd.) CEO and Executive Board Member of Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council (MEPSC) motivated the attendees and gave details about schemes being run by different Sectors Skill Councils (SSCs), highlighting the importance of innovations for setting up entrepreneurship.

Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK concluded the session with his remarks on importance of skill development for employability and entrepreneurship. The proceedings concluded with vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Anand Kumar, Programme Officer, VYK. The seminar was attended by more than 280 participants, who greatly appreciated the mix of motivational as well as technical information.

# Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on 9th-10th August, 2022 in its campus. Since its inception in 1961, VYK has been working towards empowering youth and promoting their active participation in nation-building. The two day event was not merely an occasion for celebration, but rather a learning-sharing experience. It was an occasion of contemplation of past activities, and discussion for future actions. VYK's close associates and well-wishers shared their expectations from VYK and also suggested measures for more effectively carrying out its activities.



*Shri Shishir Bajaj, Managing Trustee, Indian Youth Centres Trust, lighting of the inaugural lamp*

Like all events, the proceedings began with the traditional lighting the lamp by the dignitaries Mr. Amod Kanth, IPS, General Secretary- PRAYAS JAC Society, Shri Shishir Bajaj, Managing Trustee, Indian Youth Centres Trust (IYCT) and Shri S.R. Halbe, Trustee, IYCT.

This was followed by a soulful rendition of Saraswati Vandana by talented artists, filling the air with positivity and spiritual energy.

Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Sr. Officer- Sustainability & Development, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, formally welcomed the distinguished dignitaries. During his opening remarks, Shri Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK provided an overview of the context and objectives of the event, highlighting the need for greater collaboration and partnership in the field of social development.





*Shri Shishir Bajaj, Managing Trustee of IYCT  
sharing his views*



*Shri S.R. Halbe, Trustee, IYCT sharing his views*



*Shri Amod Kanth, IPS addressing the gathering*



*Shri Pankaj Madan, Deputy Head-India Office (KAS)  
addressing the gathering*

Shri Shishir Bajaj, Managing Trustee of IYCT expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the dignitaries, partners, and participants for their support. With great passion, he reminisced the glorious history of VYK. Following him, Shri S.R. Halbe, Trustee, IYCT highlighted the importance of community engagement and collaboration in achieving the objectives of VYK. He emphasized the need for sustained efforts and unwavering commitment towards social upliftment and transformation. Shri Pankaj Madan, Deputy Head-India Office Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), shed light on the long association between Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and VYK. He spoke about the strategic partnership that has been forged between the two organizations. During his address, Shri Amod Kanth, IPS, spoke about the importance of creating a conducive environment for the holistic development of children and youth, and shared his insights on how the government and civil society can work together towards achieving this goal.

Following the inaugural session, an experience-sharing session was held, which was the highlight of the event. This provided a platform for participants - VYK's close associates, partner institutions, resource persons, JSDP network partners and long term course trainees, to reflect on their association with VYK and envision a brighter future for bigger role for VYK in the nation building process.

On the second day of the event, Shri V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for both the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India, graced the event with his august presence.



*Shri Muraleedharan, Minister of State for both the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, GOI, during the session*

During his address, Shri Muraleedharan recalled his long association with VYK and highlighted the role NGOs can play in youth development process.



*Shri, Shishir Bajaj presenting momento as a token of appreciation to Shri Muraleedharan*

The second day also witnessed two insightful panel discussions. The first panel discussion on “Youth Development: Challenges and opportunities ahead” was moderated by the esteemed Prof. Nawal Kishor Chaudhary, former Professor-Economics, Patna University and had eminent personalities Mr. Jagadananda, Padma Shri Popatrao Pawar, and Mr. Rajnikant Suthar as panelists. The second-panel discussion, “Perspective and Prospects of not-for-profit organizations,” was



*Panel discussion sessions in progress*



*Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, IAS, addressing the gathering virtually*

moderated by Mr. Mathew Cherian, Board Chairperson of CARE India. The renowned panelists, Mr. Satish Girija, Dr. P.K. Sahoo, and Mr. Surendra Kumar shared their insights on the topic.

The event was also marked by the launch of multiple projects - Project PRIDE and DigiKendra. Amidst great excitement and anticipation, the highly anticipated project PRIDE was launched by BOSCH India, with VYK as the implementation partner, aiming to empower the youth of the nation to become Job Givers instead of Job Seekers. The hybrid launch was carried out in the presence of dignitaries including Shri Rajesh Aggarwal IAS, Secretary of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, Shri Shishir Bajaj, Managing Trustee, IYCT and Dr. O.P. Goel, Project Leader, among others.



*Launching of DigiKendra*



*Launching of Project PRIDE*

The launch of the DigiKendra was a momentous occasion for the VYK Team, as a part of the vision to establish a Digital Library and Digital Studio in its campus.

Chief Guest of the valedictory session, Prof. Anand Kumar, (Retd.), JNU, spoke passionately about the importance of quality education in shaping the future of the nation. The session was also graced by BK Anusuya, Sr. Rajayoga Teacher, Brahma Kumaris, who spoke about the importance of inner peace and harmony in achieving prosperity and progress in all aspects of life.

Winding up the proceedings, Shri Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK expressed his gratitude towards the esteemed guests, participants, and the organizing team for making the event a grand success.

A grand cultural evening was also organised as a part of the programme, where the performers enthralled the audience with their astonishing performances and also gave a glimpse of the culture of different parts of the country.

Overall the two day event was a memorable experience for everyone. Everyone present requested VYK to play a larger role in the development arena and wished the team best of luck for all future endeavours.



*Glimpses of cultural activities*



# Remembering the Great Personality of India: Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

India's history is full of renowned personalities who have contributed their life towards India's development. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was one of them who significantly contributed to the growth and development of the country. In India, September 5 is celebrated as Teachers' Day as a tribute to the contribution made by teachers to the society.

Recognizing the immense role that Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan played in the development of our country, VYK organised a seminar on 5th September, 2022 on Teacher's Day, entitled "Remembering Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan" in its campus.

Mr. Ajit Rai, Sr. Officer – Sustainability & Development, VYK, welcomed all the youth from different organizations, introduced the programme and invited Padma Shri Prof. J.S. Rajput, former Director, NCERT to address the gathering.

Dr. Rajput gave a life sketch and spoke about various contributions of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and said that it was the responsibility of the teacher to ensure the passing of knowledge and its absorption by the students. Dr. Alka Agarwal, Director, Mewar Group of Institutes, focused on the importance of values and ethics in education. Following Dr. Agarwal Session, Mr. Satya Prakash Bhardwaj, Sr. HR Manager, Shahi Exports, also spoke to the audience about self employment and the importance of skilling and entrepreneurship for youth.

A short quiz session related to the life of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was also held in which the attendees enthusiastically participated.

Nearly 300 students and youth actively participated in the programme.



*Participants posing in group during the event*

# Joint Staff Development Programme (JSDP)

The adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015 set in motion the development agenda for 2015-2030 across countries. It served as a package to address the unfinished agenda of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The 38th Joint Staff Development Programme (JSDP) was held from 15th to 18th October, 2022 at Hotel Taj Ganges, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The theme for the year was SDGs – An inclusive development agenda. Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, in collaboration with CREATE organized the 38th meeting for partner organisations of the JSDP network. The objective was to deliberate further and draw action plans to attain the objectives of the SDGs.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Daya Shankar Mishra, Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Ayush, Food Security and Drug Administration, UP Government, Padma Shri Dr. Rajeshwar Acharya and Dr. Abhishek Singh Raghubanshi, Director, Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development, BHU, Varanasi. Eminent subject experts spoke on the theme and gave presentations on issues like Clean Water and Sanitation, Good Health and Well-being, Gender Equality, Quality Education and Climate Action.

An integrated working group was also constituted to discuss the various presentation and draw up an action plan.



*JSDP participants during the event*

# **National Level Training Programme on Social Entrepreneurship: An Opportunity for NGO Sustainability and High Social Impact**

Traditionally, NGOs have been largely dependent on donations and funds from governments, corporations, and philanthropists. In these changing times, NGOs have increasingly been facing the issue of fund crunch and inadequate donor support. This trend has been observed in the recent past across the world and has worsened with the COVID pandemic. In such times, it is necessary for an NGO to reinvent itself by adopting innovative and disruptive models. Social entrepreneurship is one solution for NGOs to rediscover themselves without losing sight of their vision and generate their own revenues and profits to become sustainable.

Bala Vikasa's People Development Training Centre (PDTC), in collaboration with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK), organised a two-day training workshop on "Social Entrepreneurship: An Opportunity for NGO Sustainability and High Social Impact" on 27th–28th October, 2022 in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Chief Guest Dr. C.V. Tomy, Director of Sreenidhi Institute of Technical Sciences addressed the participants highlighting the importance of social entrepreneurship. He gave an overview of the range of topics encompassed by social entrepreneurship, starting from an introduction to entrepreneurship, the need for social enterprise, its basic structure and social enterprise business models.

Eminent resource persons and subject experts spoke on various aspects of the theme and enlightened the participants. At the end of the two-day event, it was observed that NGOs need to become innovative in response to changing development trends and achieve results while creating social impact among communities. The training organised post-COVID-19 pandemic was a step in the right direction and a good opportunity for NGOs to create high social impact and sustain their operations by setting up social enterprises.

The training saw the participation of 34 senior-level participants representing NGOs and development consultants from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.



*Group photo of the participants*

# Role of Youth in Agro Entrepreneurship Development

A daylong Seminar was jointly organized by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra in collaboration with Sri Akilandeswari Women's College, Wandiwash, Tamil Nadu on the Role of Youth in Agro Entrepreneurship on 2nd November, 2022.

The programme was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries, followed by a cultural performance. Following the presidential address by Dr. S. Rukmani, Principal, Mr. Rajat Thomas, Programme Officer, VYK, spoke on the role of youth in Agro Entrepreneurship Development.

Mr. V. Suresh, Senior Scientist and Head of ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thiruvannamalai gave a speech on Agro Entrepreneurship Development in detail through which students got a clear understanding about their role in Agriculture, Agro Entrepreneurship and its allied activites.



*Dignitaries lighting the lamp during inaugural session*



*Participants during the event*

Ms. T. Margaret, Subject Matter Specialist, ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, encouraged students to become young entrepreneurs in agro/agri-produce, small fisheries, spices, medicinal plants sector.

Mr. M. Vijay Neehar, District Development Manager, NABARD, explained NABARD's support system for Young Entrepreneurs. Ms. Dharani Muralidharan, Chief Executive Officer of Rural Education And Development Society motivated students to opt for entrepreneurial pursuits.

The highly successful programme was attended by more than 850 students of the college, who appreciated the timely intervention by VYK.

# NGO Management and Resource Mobilization Conference for CSOs

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with IRDRP Trust and Gramium, jointly organized a state level conference for CSOs on NGO Management and Resource Mobilization from 3rd November, to 5th November, 2022 at PMSSS, Kalapet, Puducherry. The objective of the programme was to train regional CSOs in the nuances of NGO management and make them aware about the various opportunities for resource mobilization.



*Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telengana and Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Puducherry lighting the lamp*



*Eminent guests and speakers being felicitated during the session*

The programme was inaugurated by MLA of the assembly constituency, Mr. Kalyanasundaram, who appreciated all the NGOs for serving needy people. He further stated that any NGO could contact him in case they needed any support for helping the poor.

The technical session for the day focussed on transition of NGOs post independence and present scenario, along with detailed information on statutory and legal compliances, including 12AA registration, 80G exemption, document filings etc.



*Active participation of the participants*



*Resource person addressing the participants*

The evening session of the day was made special when Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telengana and Lt. Governor of Puducherry graced the conference with her august presence. Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan appreciated the services of NGOs during pandemic period and encouraged the sector to work with more dedication and commitment.

The second day of the conference began with previous days' recap and covered sessions on Crowd Funding, Media Management, information about FPO formation, basics of proposal writing etc. by eminent resource persons and subject experts. The participants were also made to prepare NGO Vision, Mission and Objective. The day concluded with the cultural performances by the participants. .

The last day of the conference also began with reporting of previous days' activities. Eminent resource persons spoke on NGO leadership and briefed the participants about requisite documentation and reporting skills in the development sector.

The event, which was attended by 115 CSO representatitves from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry was a resounding success and all the attending participants thanked VYK and the organisers for the efforts put in.



*Group photo of the participants at closing ceremony*

# Exposure Visit for Students of RUDS MSW College

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) is engaged in making its continuous efforts to encourage students in applying their learning and contribute optimally towards transformation of the society.

As a part of this endeavour, a group of 34 MSW students from College of Rural and Urban Development Society (RUDS), Raichur, Karnataka made an exposure visit to VYK campus on 4th November, 2022.

The students were imparted with a brief introduction of VYK, role and activities of VYK across India, its working culture, reporting and documentation, overview of development sector, strategic planning of development and scope of career opportunities in the development sector.



*Team members from both organizations posing in group during the event*

During the visit, key issues such as community engagement and tools and techniques for mobilization, strategic communication and its importance for development professionals, and the role and responsibility of professional social workers in the sector were discussed as part of the agenda.

Many students shared their objectives of their institution and the purpose of this study tour. The enthusiastic response and active participation of students during the visit

encouraged VYK team to significantly take up further development initiatives with a broader perspective.



*Group photo of the participants*

# Workshop on Women's Safety and Security

Women safety and security have become pressing concerns in today's society. It is paramount to shed light on the critical aspects of women's safety and security, exploring the challenges they face, the existing initiatives for their protection, and potential solutions to empower women and foster a safer society for all.

To deliberate upon the issues, VYK organized a daylong Seminar on Women Safety and Security in Mandya University Campus, Mandya, Karnataka, on 16th November, 2022.

Ms. Swarana, Asst Prof of Mandya University delivered the welcome address wherein she extended warm welcome to all the participants, the dignitaries and the speakers. Mr. Manjunath K., Programme Officer, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra shared VYK's vision and mission and briefed about VYK's activities. Mr. Maheshchandraguru, Director, Vikasana IRUD explained the significance of the programme and how it was necessary for a society to have gender parity. Dr. Puttaraju, Vice Chancellor, Mandya University, also shared his views.

Guest of Honour Dr. H. L. Nagaraj KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner shared his



*Inaugural session in progress*



*Participants actively participating during the session*

experience of working with people and stressed on the importance of having a good education. Chief Guest, Smt. Shantha L. Hulmani KAS, CEO, Zila Panchayat – Mandya, spoke how one should empower and achieve equality among community members and reduce the gender inequality. Ms. Keerthana IAS, Assistant Commissioner, Mandya said that there was a growing need to address the growing incidents of violence against women.

Dr. Chaya R., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Commerce, Dept. of Studies & Research, Muktagangothri, Dr. Manjula, Programme Director, MSK Bangalore and Dr. Anil Kumar, RCH Officer Mandya spoke on various aspects of the theme. The event was attended by nearly 300 students.

# **Vision 2030: Achieving SDGs through Inclusive CSR Strategy for Namma Karnataka**

Keeping in view the importance of the theme and to ensure active participation of multi-stakeholders in the successful implementation of CSR, a two-day workshop titled “Vision 2030: Achieving SDGs through Inclusive CSR Strategy for Namma Karnataka was jointly organised by FEVOURD-K, SELCO Foundation and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) with Dhwani Foundation and INGO as knowledge and digital partners respectively. The event was held on 17th-18th November, 2022 in Bangalore, Karnataka.

The Ramon Magsaysay awardee, Dr. Harish Hande, Co-founder, SELCO India, Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO- VYK, Mr. Nishant Sinha, Head- CSR, Exide Industries Ltd., Mr. Dola Mohapatra, Executive Director- Rise Against Hunger India, Mr. Maheshchandra Guru, State President- FEVOURD-K, along with other dignitaries inaugurated the conference by lighting the lamp.

Participants got an opportunity to interact with Senior CSR leaders and got better insight about CSR and also got to know how to deal with companies when approaching for CSR. They gained



*Dignitaries during the inaugural session*

practical insight on how to connect their organizations with CSR and sustainability specialists.

The workshop covered various aspects of the theme including challenges and opportunities in the sector, avenues for collaboration between NGOs and Corporations, aligning CSR spending with SDG 7 and SDG 13, CSR Laws etc. The resource persons were diverse set of faculties, domain experts of national repute and included leading corporate heads, CSR practitioners, senior development professionals, government officials, academicians, etc.

A total of 120 participants from Corporate sector, NGO, Govt. Officials, CSR professionals, and Development Consultants attended the workshop and got benefited.



*Glimpses of the event*

## Heritage Fest 2022

Youth have the advantage of being connected to the current generation and also have power to shape the future. As a result, their role in nation building process is very important. The work they do and the ideas they help to bring to the table can take the country to the path of success, freedom and peace.

To commemorate 50 years of statehood of Tripura, Yuvak Vikash Kendra (YVK), a reputed NGO based in Tripura organised Heritage Fest 2022 from 20th-27th November, 2022, at Agartala, Tripura. The objective of this event was to provide a much needed cultural exposure to the youth of various states and make them aware of the heritage and culture of different parts of the country. The programme was organised with the active support of Bajaj Foundation and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.



*Tripura Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha, Sri Apoorv Nayan Bajaj, Trustee of Bajaj Foundation, accompanied by dignitaries lighting the lamp during inaugural ceremony*

The programme included a National Integration Youth Peace Rally, wherein participants from 18 states across India attended. Chief Minister of Tripura, Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha graced the event with his august presence and inaugurated the festival in the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Hon'ble Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation Shri Dipak Majumder, Trustee of Bajaj Foundation, Sri Apoorv Nayan Bajaj, CEO of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Shri Uday Shankar Singh, Chairman of Organizing Committee Er. Tapan Lodh, President of YVK Shri Debasish Majumder, Managing Trustee of YVK Sri Pinku Das and others.

The camp also included Shramdaan by participants, planting of saplings, cleanliness drive, language classes, discussions on various topics relevant to youth, community games, indigenous fair and exhibition and a mega cultural show wherein representatives from 18 states participated in their traditional attire and performed traditional dances. Apart from the 18 states, a troupe from Bangladesh also performed in the event as a mark of respect for Tripura's role in Bangladesh's Independence movement.

All the participants and attendees were felicitated in a grand closing ceremony.

Nearly 500 youth from across the country attended the event.

## 8<sup>th</sup> FINGODAP Conference on Drug Abuse Prevention

The Eighth National Conference of the Federation of Indian Non-Governmental Organizations for Drug Abuse Prevention (FINGODAP), in collaboration with 28th World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (WFTC) was conducted from 2nd-4th December, 2022. The conference was organised and hosted by the Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM) with the support of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. The conference provided an interactive platform for various NGOs and concerned experts to share their views and exchange valuable information related to issues surrounding drug prevention, treatment including international and domestic perspectives of therapeutic community (TC) models of care.

The key venue was the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC) throughout the conference. However, Indian delegates associated with FINGODAP attended the sessions at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra venue on 2nd December, 2022.

The programme began with the identification of various components related to the issue, followed by deliberations on the theme.

More than 220 representatives actively participated.



*Group photo of the participants during the conference*

# Interactive Session with Disabled Persons on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

As per Census 2011, the differently abled people in India constitute 2.21% of the total population. While the Constitution of India provides ample scope for the protection of the rights of the differently abled, they get less opportunity to grow and prosper as compared to others.

On the International Day of Disabled Persons, VYK, in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Viklang Vridhdha Sewa Samiti, organized an Interactive Session with the children of Anukriti Special School, Old Seema Puri, Delhi on 3rd December, 2022.

Many dignitaries, including Dr. Rakesh Jha, Chairman-Member, Delhi Viklang Board, Mr. Vinay Yadav, SHO, Seemapuri and Mr. Sunahri Lal Yadav, Chairman, Anukriti School graced the gathering.

Mr. Abhishek, General Secretary, Anukriti School and Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK along with other team members of VYK and Anukriti School were also present on the occasion. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Alok Vats of VYK and Miss Vandana of Akhil Bhartiya Viklang Vridhdha Sewa Samiti.

The dignitaries stressed on the importance of focusing on the positive aspects of life and to try and convert the challenges into opportunities. The children enthusiastically participated in the painting competition and gave various performances that deflected the focus from their disability and highlighted their astounding spirits. The event was attended by more than 100 participants.



*Some glimpses of the event*

# North India Regional Dialogue on Working with Youth: Challenges and Opportunities in Nation Building

A two day North India Regional Dialogue was jointly organised by the Indo-Global Social Service Society (IGSSS) and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) on the theme of 'Working with Youth: Challenges and Opportunities in Nation Building' on 15th-16th December, 2022 at VYK campus. The key objective of the Dialogue was to understand ways to explore the various pathways to utilise the tremendous potential of the youth by the civil society for country's socio-economic progress. This two day event saw the participation of more than 50 organisations from 10 states.



*Dignitaries during the inaugural ceremony*



*Active participation of the audience*

During the inaugural session, Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Senior Officer, Sustainability and Development, VYK, welcomed the participants and the dignitaries. Ms. Shikha Srivastava, Lead, Organisation and Programme Sustainability, IGSSS, introduced IGSSS and also outlined the objectives of the Dialogue.

Shri Amod Kanth, IPS and Founder and General Secretary, Prayas JAC Society, spoke in depth about the National Youth Policy and its convergence with the Sustainable Development Goals. The second half of the session witnessed

an exciting dialogue between the participants of the various organisations divided in groups, highlighting the core issues and challenges while pursuing youth development.

Padma Shri Prof. J.S. Rajput spoke about the present condition of youth, placing them in the context of the climate change crisis and a precarious job market. At the conclusion of the event, exceptional ideas emerged as a result of the deliberations and the recommendations were noted down for further development into action plan.

# Seminar on Fostering Entrepreneurial Mindsets in the Youth of India

A seminar on Fostering Entrepreneurial Mindset in the Youth of India was organised by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with K.R. Mangalam University and KEIC on 28th December, 2022 in the KRMU Campus, Haryana.

After the traditional welcome, Guest speakers Shri. Shrashtant Patara, CEO, of Development Alternatives and Executive Vice President of DA-Group and Shri. Alok Kumar Maurya, Co-Founder and Principal Architect at Saral Methodized Ideas were invited to address the participants on the scope and prospects of entrepreneurship for youth.

Apart from the guest speakers, Shri. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK, Mr. Rajat Thomas and Mr. Anand Kumar, Programme Officers, VYK, Mr. Abhishek Gupta, Chairman, K.R. Mangalam University, Vice-Chancellor Prof. C.S. Dubey, Pro- Vice-chancellor Prof. Pushpalata Tripathi, Group Captain Praveen Mahajan, Registrar, Dr Anshika Prakash Aggarwal, Associate Professor, SOMC & Chairperson, KEIC and Prof. (Dr.) Tania Gupta, Dean, School of Education also addressed the participants.

The programme was attended by more than 150 students of K.R. Mangalam University where students interacted and discussed their queries on initiating the start-ups with the guest speakers. The guest speakers were felicitated with Mementos and the dignitaries presented certificates to the participants.



*Dignitaries lighting the lamp during the inaugural session*

# National Youth Day Celebrations

National Youth Day is celebrated in our country on 12th January, every year, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. His teachings on education, nationalism, and spirituality continue to be relevant and greatly impact the youth of India.

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) observed National Youth Day on 12th January, 2023 in its campus to commemorate the 160th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The key objective in organising the event was to sensitize the youth from various NGOs and educational institutions about the philosophies, principles, and ideas of Swami Vivekananda, while at the same time provide a platform and opportunity for the youth from disadvantaged sections of the society, to express and exhibit their talent.



*Dignitaries lighting the lamp during inaugural session*



*Swami Rudreshwaranand from Ramakrishna Mission being felicitated by VYK Team*

The function officially started with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries and the VYK Team. This was followed by the traditional welcome of the dignitaries by Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK and Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Sr. Officer – Sustainability and Development, VYK and Rajat Thomas, Programme Officer, VYK.

In his address, Swami Rudreshwaranand from Ramakrishna Mission advised the youth to follow the principles of Bhagawad Gita and Swami Vivekananda to lead a happy and peaceful life. Following Swami Rudreshwaranand's address, BK Sonica Didi from Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya took stage to address the youth on spirituality. BK Sonica Didi shared that one should take responsibility for one's actions and that happiness, love and peace can be found inside one's heart.

This was followed by a technical session on Life and Ideology of Swami Vivekananda where Prof. (Dr.) Alka Agarwal, Director, Mewar Institute and Dr. A.K. Merchant, Head BAHAI Foundation of India, Prof. (Dr.) Jayanti Dutta, Professor, Delhi University also shared their views. Post lunch, Mr. Manjunath K., Programme Officer, VYK facilitated the session Youth Voice.

Ms. Sonal Kapoor, Founder, Protsahan, Mr. Vicky Roy, Photographer and Documentary Film Maker and Mr. Amit Tuteja, Co-Founder, Connecting Dreams Foundation shared their views with the audience. Their youthful ideas resonated with the participants who were greatly motivated.

After the technical sessions, cultural performances were held which was facilitated by Ms. Mukta Bhardwaj, Programme Officer, VYK and Mr. Alok Vats, Officer I.T. & EDP, VYK. In the session, students from around 16 NGOs and universities actively participated with great enthusiasm and energy. Nearly 300 youth from various NGOs, CSOs and colleges actively participated with zeal and enthusiasm making the programme a grand success.



# Workshop On Sustainable Development Goals and Youth

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 objectives are part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It was adopted by 193 member states at the summit of the United Nations General Assembly. This agenda came into effect from 1st January, 2016. A target has been set to achieve this in the next 15 years by the year 2030. An increase in education, skills, and employability of the youth will not only play an important role in bringing India closer to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Agenda 2030 but will prove to be extremely helpful.



*Eminent Speakers during the session*



*Eminent speaker sharing his thoughts and ideas during the session*

Keeping this in mind, especially towards meeting SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 5 (Gender Equality), SDG 8 (Dignified Work and Economic Growth), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) and SDG 13 (Climate Action), Vishwa Yuvak Kendra in collaboration with Yuvak Vikas Trust, Ahmedabad organized a programme on "Sustainable Development Goals and Youth" at Indian Society for Community Education, Ahmedabad, Gujarat from 19th-21st January, 2023 in which 59 participants including NGOs, individuals associated with social service and education organizations from various districts of Gujarat participated.

The program was inaugurated by Dr. Pankaj Joshi, Director, Ahmedabad University, Dr. Mandaben Parikh, Managing Trustee, Yuvak Vikas Trust, and Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Senior Officer, Sustainability and Development, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.



*Session in progress*



*Speaker addressing the gathering*

Dr. Vidyutbhai Joshi, Director, Institute of Equity and Development, Gujarat Vidyapith, Professor and Economist, Dr. Hemantbhai Shah, Dr. Hardik Parikh, Assistant Professor, Gujarat National University, Gandhinagar, Dr. Janki Shah, Programme Director, Center for Environment Education (CEE), Ahmedabad, Mr. Vivek Purohit, Senior Officer, Gujarat Energy Development Agency, Gandhinagar, Dr. Mahavir Golecha, Registrar, Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar, Dr. Ushaben Upadhyay, Development Advisor, Dr. Sweta Purohit, Programme Director, Center for Environment Education (CEE), Ahmedabad, Dr. Mahendrabhai Chotalia, Dr. Jharna Pathak, Secretary, Dr. Dhirendra Patel, Founder, HELPS Foundation shared their views on various SDGs and suggested measures for realising the same.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.



*Attentive participants listening to the speaker*

# Seminar on Leadership and Personality Development for Youth

Leadership and personality development are core skills that are required in current times. These skills increase the ability to self-regulate and be responsible for contributing to the safety and benefit of others. These skills need to be developed explicitly as it is not something that comes intuitively or genetically to us.

To make the youth aware of those skills, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi in collaboration with Yuvak Vikas Trust, Ahmedabad organized a one-day seminar on “Leadership and Personality Development” on 23rd January, 2023 at M.B. Patel Rashtrabhasha Vinyan and Vanijya College (MBPRVVC), Ahmedabad, Gujarat.



*Dr. Mandaben Parikh, Managing Trustee, Yuvak Vikas Trust, addressing the gathering*



*Inaugural session in progress*

The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Mandaben Parikh, Managing Trustee, Yuvak Vikas Trust, Dr. Ashokbhai Patel, Principal, MBPRVVC, and Shri. Ajit Kumar Rai, Senior Officer, Sustainability and Development, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.

Shri Ajit Kumar Rai while sharing the objective of the programme, gave a brief introduction about Vishwa Yuvak Kendra. Dr. Mandaben, while welcoming the participants and guests, talked about the importance of the programme. Dr. Ashokbhai Patel, in his address said in the era of youth and it is society's responsibility to show them the right direction.

Dr. Vikalp Kotwal, Founder, Constitution Career Academy, Mr. Vinay Trivedi, Founder, Youth Connect Foundation, Dr. Manojbhai Parmar, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Gujarat Vidyapith and Dr. Dhirendra Patel, Founder, HELPS Foundation shared their views on personality development and leadership.

More than 100 NSS students from different colleges of Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad participated in the seminar.

# Training on the Role of CSOs in Accelerating Equitable and Inclusive WASH Progress in India

Indian Institute of Youth Development (IIYD) and FANSA Odisha Chapter and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Delhi jointly organized a two days state level residential training programme on the role of Civil Society Organisations in accelerating equitable and inclusive WASH Progress in India on 27th-28th January, 2023 at Odisha Red Cross, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



*Book release function of "Right Path for Reaching the Unreached" book by the Dignitaries*

The programme was inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp in the presence of Mr. Bibhuti Bhusan Patnaik, IAS (Retd), Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society Odisha, Dr. Manish Taywade, Associate Professor, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, Mr. Gouri Shankar Mishra, WASH Expert, Er. Bipin Bihari Panda, Chief Engineer (Retd.) Govt. of Odisha, Mr. P.C. Misra, Director, IIYD, Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, and other dignitaries.



Shri P.C. Misra formally welcomed all dignitaries present and elaborated the major objectives of the training programme. Chief Guest Mr. Patnaik enlightened the participants regarding the purpose and importance of WASH in daily life. He also added that CSOs have greater responsibility towards community. Dr. Manish Taywade, Er. B.B. Panda, Mr. G. S. Mishra and Dr. Sitakanta Sethy shared their views on the subject. The event also saw release of a book – The Right Path for Reaching the Unreached: A Handbook

on Human Right to Water and Sanitation in India and Mechanisms for its Redressal – written by Mr. P.C. Misra and Dr. M.R. Seetharam. Mr. Sahoo, Founder CYSD highlighted the main contents of the released book.

Prior to the culmination of the programme a special session was organized to recognize and give wide publicity to the achievements of selected Sanitation Ambassadors from the entire State. After sharing their experiences, all the Sanitation Ambassadors were awarded Certificates and mementos. A total of seventy Water and Sanitation Volunteers from 84 NGOs and CSOs from the entire State of Odisha actively participated in the training programme.

# Seminar on Role of Youth in Agro Entrepreneurship Development

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and OISCA South India Chapter, along with RSM SNDP Yogam Arts and Science College, Koyilandy, Kerala organised a one day seminar on 'Role of Youth in Agro Entrepreneurship Development' on 31st January, 2023. The objective of the seminar was to make the youth aware of the income generation opportunities available through agro-entrepreneurship.

The programme started with welcome address by Shri Ramdas, President, OISCA Koyilandy. Mr. Rajat Thomas, Programme Officer, VYK shared a brief introduction of VYK and informed the participants about the objective of the seminar. The programme was inaugurated by Adv. K Sathyan, Vice Chairman, Koyilandy Municipality, by lighting of the lamp.



*Dignitaries lighting the lamp during the inagrual session*

The inaugural session also included talks by other dignitaries i.e. Mr. M. Aravinda Babu, Secretary General, OISCA South India, Shri Sukumaran V.P., Ombudsman, NREGA Kozhikode, and Dr. V.S. Anita, Faculty and NSS Programme Officer, RSM SNDP Yogam Arts and Science College.

The Technical Session was handled by Dr. Abdul Jabbar PK, Scientist, Kerala Agricultural University and Head Instructional Farm, Thavanur.

Apart from the talks, the programme also featured a dance performance from one of the college students.

The successful event was attended by 668 participants including students, NCC and NSS Volunteers from the college and other nearby colleges.

# Training Programme on Agro Entrepreneurship Development

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and OISCA International South India Chapter jointly organized a Training Programme on Agro-Entrepreneurship Development during 1st-3rd February, 2023 at SRC Auditorium, Christ Hall, Kozhikode, Kerala.

Dr. Manoj P. Samuel, Executive Director of CWRDM, Calicut, inaugurated the programme after brief introductory remarks by Mr. Rajat Thomas, Programme Officer, VYK. Dr Abdul Jabbar, Director, Agricultural Programmes, OISCA, welcomed the participants. Mr. Aravindababu M, Director and Secretary General of OISCA, Fr. Renny Abraham of SRC and other dignitaries also addressed the meeting.



*Inaugural session in progress*



*Shri Aravinda Babu, Director and Secretary General of OISCA, addressing the gathering*

Master Trainer Mr. P. Hemapalan addressed the topic 'How to be a Dynamic Entrepreneur' and other eminent speakers like Dr. Rajeesh Nair, College of Dairy Science and Technology, Mannuthy, Dr Saji Varghese, Founder, Sun Bird Straws and Associate Professor of Christ University, Bangalore and Dr P.K Abdul Jabbar, Scientist of Kerala Agricultural University addressed the technical aspects of the topic in detail.

More than 120 NGOs/FPOs from 6 states, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Puducherry, Andra Pradesh and Telangana attended the training.

# Role of Youth in Digitization and Cyber Security

With an aim to make youth aware about cyber security and keep themselves ahead for digital dividends, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and Prem Youth Foundation, Patna in association with Patna Women's College organised an institutional tie-up programme on the theme "Role of Youth in Digitization and Cyber Security" in the campus of Patna Women's College in Patna, Bihar on 21st February, 2023.

Chief Guest Ms. Dilmani Mishra (Ex- MLA Brahmpur Vidhasabha and Ex-chairperson), State Women Commission Bihar inaugurated the event. Dr. Vinita Priyadarshi, Head- Dept. of Political Science, Patna Women's College, Prof. Prem Kumar, Founder- Prem Youth Foundation and Mr. Manjunath K., Programme Officer, VYK were also present on the occasion.

The importance of cyber safety awareness for youth in the present context, social media as a boon or a bane, etc were discussed in detail as part of the agenda. Besides active participation of students from Patna Women's College in the seminar, the poster launch for project Youth4Change was the key highlight of the event. More than 350 students actively participated in the event.



*Some glimpses of the inaugural ceremony*

# Role of Youth in Women Safety and Security

With a view to give utmost importance to women empowerment by sensitizing them to be aware of the safeguards and mechanisms to reduce violence against women and girls. Keeping this in mind, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and Prem Youth Foundation in association with Sri Arvind Mahila College organised a seminar on the theme 'Role of Youth in Women Safety & Security' at Sri Arvind Mahila College in Patna, Bihar on 22nd February, 2023. Ms. Rashmi Kumari, Deputy Mayor, Patna Municipal Corporation inaugurated the seminar along with other dignitaries. An open discussion, students speak and launch of a unique initiative by VYK called Youth4Change were the highlights of the event. More than 150 girl students from the institute actively took part in the programme.



*Glimpses of the Event*

# International Women's Day Celebrations

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra zealously works towards the advancement of women's rights through a meticulously structured array of programmes aimed at fostering gender equality, equipping women with equal opportunities, restoring their sense of safety and security, and promoting a culture of unwavering respect towards women.



*Eminent speakers and guests lighting the lamp during the inaugural session*



*Ms. Sarika Minda, Chairperson of Spark Minda Foundation, addressing the gathering*

This year, on 3rd March, 2023, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) enthusiastically celebrated International Women's Day on the theme “DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality” in its campus. The event was a resounding triumph, attended by more than 200 representatives from civil society organisations, educational institutions, women change makers, etc. from various NGOs, who graced the occasion with their physical presence. In addition, over 1250 participants from educational institutions and NGOs from across the country joined virtually, adding to the event's grandeur. Distinguished dignitaries

graced the occasion with their presence, including the Chief Guest Ms. Sarika Minda, Chairperson of Spark Minda Foundation, Guest of Honour B.K. Anusuya Didi, Senior Rajyoga Teacher, Delhi, and Keynote Speaker, Prof. Vasanti Raman, of the Centre for Women's Development Studies.

Sh. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK, shed light on women's pivotal role in society, and his words resonated deeply with the audience. Prof. Vasanti Raman set the tone for the event by delving into a thought-provoking discourse on the pivotal role that digital education plays in society, particularly for women. B.K. Anusuya Didi spoke at length on the Role of Spirituality in Physical and Mental Health and offered her insights on the importance of spiritual well-being

for a healthy and fulfilling life.

Chief Guest of the event, Ms. Sarika Minda shared her profound insights and ideas on the indispensable role of innovative technology in advancing gender equality, leaving the audience inspired and enlightened. Capt. Divya Sharma, Assistant Professor at the Amity School of Communication, Amity University, Noida, shared her experiences, which served as a powerful reminder of the human spirit's resilience and the limitless potential that lies within us all.

An informative and enlightening panel discussion on “The Role of Digital Education in Women’s Empowerment” was organised to highlight the crucial role of digital education in empowering women. A second panel discussion focused on “Empowering Women to Lead and Succeed: Challenges and Opportunities Ahead.”

Apart from enlightening talks, spellbinding dance performances, soulful music, enchanting poetry and a thematic play enhanced the beauty of the event.

On the occasion Vishwa Yuvak Kendra launched a Field Initiative Campaign, which focused on ensuring increased involvement of young women from marginalised communities in decision-making process. This campaign was successfully conducted in 11 states of India with the support of over 20 state partners and directly reached more than 15,000 participants



*Some glimpses from field campaign activities*

# Workshop on Sashakta Panchayat – Khushahal Samuday

Change in the country and the state can start from the villages only. When the village is developed, then only we can imagine the all-round development of society and the country as a whole. And for developing the villages, it is a must to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system and empower the Panchayats.

These thoughts emerged in a three-day workshop on the topic of Sashakta Panchayat – Khushahal Samuday organized by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra in collaboration with Manthan Yuva Sansthan and Live Foundation at Shaileshwari Bhavan, Torpa Road, Ranchi, Jharkhand which started on 1st March, and concluded on 3rd March, 2023.

The workshop was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Mr. Masih Gudiya, President of Zilla Parishad Khunti, Mr. Sudhir Pal, Director, Manthan Yuva Sansthan, and Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Senior Officer, Sustainability and Development, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Delhi by lighting the lamp.

Addressing the programme, the Zilla Parishad President said that for a strong Panchayat and a happy community, one has to be aware of and know our rights and duties. He said unless one was aware of his/her rights, one cannot even think of development. Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai and Mr. Sudhir Pal also addressed the gathering outlining the importance of having a strong governance system at village and panchayat levels.

Mr. Anil Bhagat, Master Trainer of the Panchayati Raj Department specially discussed the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Bill, the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission. Mr. Prakash Rana, Master trainer, Department of Jharkhand Panchayati Raj threw light on the three-tier Panchayati Raj system.

The workshop concluded with vote of thanks by Ms. Shaileshwari Devi. Around 100 PRI representatives from the region attended the programme.



# Conference on Empowering Women to Mitigate Climate Change

Investing in women is investing in generational development. With an aim to highlight the critical role of women in climate change mitigation and adaptation, and also to explore strategies to increase women's participation in climate action, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra successfully organised a conference on Empowering Women to Mitigate Climate Change at the AMA campus in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 10th March, 2023 in collaboration with Udgam Trust and Ahmedabad Management Association.

The speakers invited to speak at the conference, brought in immense knowledge and experience of working on environmental issues through educational institutions and corporates like Gujarat University, UNICEF India, Indo Count Industries Ltd., Centre for Environment Education, Sci. Know.Tech, Abhikram.

Around 100 policymakers, women environmentalists, researchers and members of non-profit organisations actively took part in the conference.



Session in progress



Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Head-ICIL Ltd. addressing the participants



Glimpses of the Conference

# National Level Capacity Training on ICT Tools and Techniques for NPOs

Embracing and integrating ICTs as a tool for communication, organizational development, and service delivery represent huge opportunities in the process of transforming and strengthening the Indian NPO sector.



*Eminent guests and speakers during the inaugural session*

Considering the importance of the subject and in order to capacitate NPOs and make them aware of the potential of ICT and how ICT could aid an organization's growth, VYK organised a three-day residential training programme on "ICT tools and techniques for NPOs" from 13th–15th March, 2023, in its campus.



*Group photo of the participants*



*Mr. Sandeep Jain, Additional Director-Govt. Affairs and Head CSR, ASSOCHAM, during the inaugural session*

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The training was successful in meeting the expectations of the grassroots organisations, who are doing incredible work at the local level but aren't digitally equipped enough to utilize ICT's vast potential. Fifty NPO representatives from 16 states across India participated in the training.



*Shri Krishna Kant Jha, Chief Executive Officer of Biomass India, sharing his thoughts*

Chief Guest of the Inaugural Session, Mr. Sandeep Jain, Additional Director-Govt. Affairs and Head CSR, ASSOCHAM, in his inaugural address spoke about the significance of ICT tools and techniques for NPOs in the present world.

Eminent resource persons like Ms. Aarti Chauhan, Asst. Manager, BigTech, NASSCOM Foundation, Ms. Priyanka Upreti, Project Manager, NASSCOM Foundation, Ms. Reva Moghe, Communications Lead, Project Parag-Tata Trusts, and Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Associate Director, Sesame Workshop India provided the participants with ways NPOs can empower themselves through ICT tools for effective reach and to create impact, real-time data collection, organizing online training, and sharing toolkits

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# Seminar on Developing Youth Leadership: Inform, Involve & Inspire

The power of youth is a valuable asset for the world's commonwealth. The youth population, which makes up around 25% of the world's population, plays a crucial role in the development of any nation. Investing in young people's education, health, and rights can result in tremendous growth in all sectors of developing countries.



*Dignitaries lighting the lamp*

Considering the importance of the theme, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Ved Mata Gayatri Jan Kalyan Samiti, Govt. PG College Seema, and NSS Cell Govt. PG College Seema, Rohru, Himachal Pradesh jointly organized a seminar on “Developing Youth Leadership: Inform, Involve and Inspire” on 20th March, 2023 to raise awareness about youth participation in nation-building.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Rai Singh Negi, Dr. Harish Sanjta, Sh. Brijesh Raitka, Mr. Anil Kumar, and Mr. Manoj Kumar. Eminent subject experts and panellists spoke on various aspects of youth leadership and sensitized students and youth to come forward to support and participate in the development process. Nearly 500 students attended the highly informative seminar and benefitted from it.



*Participants during the session*

# Capacity Building Workshop for CSOs on Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (WASH)

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 6, which focuses on achieving clean water and sanitation, is a top priority for all states and central agencies across India. The government's Swachh Bharat Mission has made significant progress in this area, but achieving universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene remains a challenge. CSOs can play a crucial role in this process, and capacity-building can help enhance their knowledge, skills, and advocacy efforts, thereby positively impacting the WASH sector.



*Eminent guests and speakers during the inaugural ceremony*



*Group photo of the participants*

To address this, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK), End Water Poverty (EWP), Fresh Water Action Network South Asia (FANSA), and Indian Institute of Youth and Development (IYD) organised a capacity-building workshop for CSOs on 28th March, 2023, in the VYK campus in New Delhi.

Mr. Rajat Thomas, Programme Officer, VYK gave the welcome address. The programme began with the address of

Shri Surendra Kumar, former secretary of the Gandhi Peace Foundation, who emphasized Gandhiji's approach to cleanliness and drinking water sanitation. During the speech, Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK, highlighted the need for partnership and collaboration among different stakeholders.

The Chief Guest of the event, Ms. Jyoti Sharma, President, FORCE, stressed the need for collaborative efforts to tackle water, sanitation, and hygiene challenges and urged participants to use the platform to improve their advocacy and capacity-building skills.

The technical sessions provided valuable insights into legal provisions for access to safe drinking water and sanitation, the significance of community involvement in addressing WASH issues, and strategies for effective water advocacy. The event provided a platform for meaningful discussions and knowledge-sharing. More than 40 representatives from civil society organisations (CSOs) from Delhi-NCR and UP working in the field of WASH attended the workshop.

# Seminar on Mental Health and Well-being

Sound physical and mental health and wellbeing is a prerequisite for a dignified human life. India is a signatory to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG 3 to “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.” As India continues to be impacted by the challenges caused by the extended COVID-19 pandemic, its unprecedented impact on the mental health of the young individuals (15 to 29 years), who constitute nearly 27.5 percent of the Indian population, must be addressed.

Recognising the needs and rights of youth to receive mental health care is the need of the hour. Keeping this in mind, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with Mewar Institute, and Arihant Charitable Educational Trust, organised a seminar on “Mental Health and Well-Being” at the Mewar Institute of Management, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, on 29th March, 2023.

The inaugural ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Eminent guest speakers Prof. (Dr.) Chavi Bhargava Sharma, Senior Clinical Psychologist and Dr. Himanshu Singh, Consultant, Psychiatric Social Worker, Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IBHAS), Delhi, spoke in detail about mental illness, its symptoms, causes and prevention. Dr. Alka Agarwal, Director, Mewar Group of Institutions, Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Mr. Alok Vats, Officer – IT and EDP, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra also spoke on the occasion.

Mr. Rajat Thomas, Programme Officer, VYK gave the concluding remarks and talked about the way forward. More than 250 students attended the seminar and gained insight on a highly important topic.



*Eminent speakers and guests during the inaugural session*

# PRIDE Stakeholder Meet

A two-day stakeholder meet was organised at the Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education in Tumkur, Karnataka (SSAHE), from 28th–29th March, 2023, to commemorate the successful completion of the PRIDE Project. Mr. Ranvir Singh, Officer-Sustainability and Development at VYK, represented Vishwa Yuvak Kendra among the 30 distinguished attendees. The Stakeholder Meet provided a platform for attendees to share their feedback on the effectiveness of the PRIDE Project and explore potential collaborations for future initiatives.



*Team PRIDE posing during the session*

Dr. O P Goel, PRIDE Project leader, gave the opening remarks by sharing insightful details about the project's conceptualization and successful implementation. The keynote speaker, Dr. Lingegowda, Vice Chancellor, SSAHE, spoke about the need for collaboration between the government, private sector, and NGOs to create sustainable solutions that empower individuals with the skills they need to succeed in the workforce. Special guest Shri Gangadharaiyah Parameshwara, former Deputy CM of Karnataka, stressed on the need for skill development and entrepreneurship in today's world. The meeting was a great success, with participants gaining valuable knowledge and skills in entrepreneurship, branding and website creation.



*Glipses of felicitation ceremony*

# Exposure Visit for the Students of Don Bosco College

Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri, Tamil Nadu aims to train and equip young minds for a challenging and fulfilling career under the esteemed guidance of Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu. The objective of this visit was to provide the students with a comprehensive understanding of the practical aspects of their respective fields of study.

In light of this, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK), welcomed the faculty and students of Don Bosco College on 31st March, 2023 at its campus.

Ms. Sukanya Nair, Programme Associate, VYK, delivered the welcome address. The welcome note was followed by an interactive session, where the students and faculty of Don Bosco College had the opportunity to share their experiences and insights with the VYK team.

Following the interactive session, Mr. K. Selvanathan, Assistant Professor & Head, P.G Department of Social Work, Don Bosco College, gave a brief yet insightful introduction of Don Bosco College.

VYK Team members briefed the students on collaborative approach to sustainable development, importance of skill and entrepreneurship as a route to livelihood, role of innovation and creativity in entrepreneurship, importance of strategic communication and reporting/documentation for professional social workers. growing importance of digitalization in the social work sector. and current challenges & opportunities ahead in the field of social work.

A group of 34 members, including students and faculty attended the highly engaging exposure visit. Mr. Rajat Thomas, Programme Officer, VYK gave the vote of thanks.



*Group photo of the participants*

**Integrated Community**

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**Programme (ICDP)**



# Integrated Community Development Programme (ICDP)

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra always makes efforts to reach out to community members. The philosophy of ‘Leave No One Behind’ is ingrained in each team members’ mind and the same is incorporated in all activities carried out by VYK in the field. Through its various activities, VYK tried to help out women, adolescent girls, youth, and others through a range of programmes aimed at their benefit. Community residents were made aware of various diseases and preventable illnesses and were informed about important topics like WASH, personal hygiene, etc. from awareness camps organised, where eminent subject experts shared their views with the residents in an easy-to-understand and informal manner. A glimpse of the various activities conducted in various communities during the year can be seen in the below table.

S.No.	Date	Topic	Place	No. of Participants
1	06 May 2022	Utilization of Digi Locker	Vivekananda Camp	40
2	28 May 2022	World Menstrual Hygiene Day	Srinivaspuri	65
3	28 Jul 2022	Environmental Awareness	Shankar Camp	55
4	26 Aug 2022	Waste Management with Art and Craft	Vivekananda Camp	40
5	22 Sep 2022	Nutrition Month (Poshan Maah)	Various locations	2504
6	16 Sep 2022	Water Sanitation Hygiene	Vivekananda Camp	65
7	22 Sep 2022	Menstrual Health Management	Kusum Pur Pahari	35
8	30 Sep 2022	Swach Bharat Abhiyan	Bhaiya Ram Camp	150
9	19 Oct 2022	Special Health Camp (Orth)	Vivekananda Camp	93
10	09 Nov 2022	Self Defence	Vivekananda Camp	145
11	11 Nov 2022	Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao	Hanuman Mazdur Camp	150
12	18 Nov 2022	Special Health Camp (Orth)	Bhaiya Ram Camp	77
13	12 Dec 2022	Breast Cancer Awareness Camp	Vivekananda Camp	47
14	26 Dec 2022	Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao	Ravi Das Camp	70
15	09 Jan 2023	Computer Internet and Livelihood	Kusumpur Pahari	70
16	18 Jan 2023	Special Health Camp (R.T.I./S.T.D.)	Vivekananda Camp	45
17	20 Jan 2023	Kho-Kho	Vivekananda Camp	125
18	30 Jan 2023	Special Health Camp (R.T.I./S.T.D.)	Bhaiya Ram Camp	57
20	02 Feb 2023	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	Kusumpur Pahari	70
21	23 Feb 2023	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	Shankar Camp	65
22	24 Feb 2023	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	Bhaiya Ram Camp	200
23	16 Mar 2023	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	Ravi Das Camp	65
24	24 Mar 2023	Awareness on Health & Hygiene	Hanuman Mazdur Camp	125

## Awareness Programme on Utilisation of DigiLocker

In modern times, everything has become digital – be it meetings, classes, movies, events, etc. The impact of the digital trend can be seen around us easily especially in the COVID times wherein most of the works have taken online mode. The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) under the Digital India Cooperation (DIC) launched a platform called Digital locker or Digi Locker under the Digital India Initiative. It is a platform where it stores all the documents of an individual like PAN card, Aadhar card, Birth Certificate, Mark sheets, COVID Vaccination certificate, etc. This initiative was launched to promote the digital sharing of authentic documents.

To make community residents aware of the government initiative aimed at facilitating document sharing, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organised an Awareness Programme on Utilisation of DigiLocker at Vivekananda Camp, New Delhi on 6th May, 2023. Shri Anand Kumar, Programme Officer, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, facilitated the session, wherein he informed the group about downloading DigiLocker app, its key features, creating a DigiLocker account on mobile phone, uploading documents to DigiLocker and accessing DigiLocker at a later stage for document retrieval. He also addressed the security concerns of the community residents, regarding the safety of the documents stored online and concerns of data privacy. Apart from explaining the advantages of DigiLocker, he shared information about its disadvantages as well.

After attending the programme, the community residents realised the importance of DigiLockers and recognized how it could ease the process of carrying their document carrying and sharing worries. The camp was highly appreciated by the residents who thanked Mr. Anand Kumar and requested VYK Team to organise similar informative programmes in future also.



*Participants during the session*

## World Menstrual Hygiene Day

Menstrual hygiene is a hygiene practice to be adopted during menstruation which can prevent women from the infections in reproductive and urinary tract. Menstrual hygiene is vital to the empowerment and well-being of women and adolescent girls. It also ensures that women and girls live in an environment that values and supports their ability to manage menstruation with dignity. Despite efforts and many initiatives, menstruation and menstrual practices are still clouded by taboos and socio cultural restrictions resulting in adolescent girls lacking knowledge and remaining ignorant of the scientific facts and hygienic health practices, which often results in adverse health outcomes.

To help the adolescent girls practice safe and hygienic menstrual practices with dignity, Vishwa Yuval Kendra in collaboration with FANSA India, Stand Sustainable Foundation, Mukti Mission and SHODH Foundation organised a camp on menstrual hygiene on 28th May, 2022 in Srinivaspuri, New Delhi to commemorate World Menstrual Hygiene Day.

During the informal discussion, members from all five organisations interacted with the residents and explained to them about menstruation and safe practices of menstrual hygiene. They were made aware of the concepts of reproductive system, menstrual cycle and importance of sanitary napkins and other healthy practices to be adopted during menstruation. The speakers made sure that all the girls could freely speak about various health issues related to menstruation without hesitation and clarified their doubts and cleared their misconceptions. After the discussion, reusable sanitary napkins were distributed among all the participants. About 65 women and adolescent girls joined the camp.



*Participants during the event*

## Environmental Awareness Camp

India is experiencing rapid urbanization while being a country of physical, climatic, geographic, environmental, social, cultural, and linguistic diversity. India generates about 62 million tonnes (MT) of waste annually, including 5.6 MT of plastic waste, 0.17 MT of biomedical waste, 7.90 MT of hazardous waste, and 15 tonnes of e-waste per year. A healthy, clean, and pure environment is a precious gift of nature to humanity. Like many other organisms, man has to depend, for his life on this environment.

In order to educate the community children about environmental problems and the small initiatives that they can take in their everyday lives to protect the environment, VYK organized an Environmental Awareness camp in Shankar Camp, Moti Bagh, New Delhi on 28th July, 2022.

A poster-making competition was organized in which around 55 community children participated. The theme for the competition was “Clean & Green Environment.”

VYK Team also addressed the gathering about the importance of having a healthy and clean environment and suggested initiatives like recycling and reusing, saving water during rains, and developing environment-friendly habits like throwing waste in the dustbins only.



*Glimpses of the event*

## Waste Management with Art and Craft

Paper waste constitutes almost one-third of the solid waste generated across the globe. Disposal of paper waste by incinerating results in enhancement of greenhouse effect, which results in global warming and climate change. Paper recycling is a “green” solution for the management of paper waste.

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra gave an introduction about waste management through craft to the youth of Vivekanand Camp, New Delhi on 26th August, 2022.

The VYK team and the interns of Aditi Mahavidyalaya and Bhim Rao Ambedkar College, DU taught them methods of making paper bags and pen holders, thereby utilising waste paper which would otherwise have been disposed. Approximately 40 participants attended the programme and learnt waste management in a fun manner.



*Glimpses of the event*

## Poshan Maah

In 1975, members of the American Dietetic Association (ADA), now called the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, started the National Nutrition Week in March in the United States. It was observed to raise public awareness about the value of good nutrition in life and also to promote the profession of dietician among the people.

Poshan (nutrition) is a matter of great concern for our country. According to GHI Report, India is ranked 102nd out of 117 countries. Malnourishment found in children under 5 years (stunting, wasting and underweight) according to NFHS-5 (2019-21) is 35.5%, 19.3% and 32.1% respectively. Malnourishment among women aged 15-49 years is 18.7%. To combat these warning rates, Indian government also launched PoshanMaah Mission 2.0 from 1st September, 2022 to free India from malnourishment, aimed at achieving SDG goal and make “Suposhit India.”

Taking this into account, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, SHODH and FANSA India organised “Poshan Maah” during the entire month of September 2022.

The programme aimed at spreading awareness about healthy diet. Eminent resource persons and subject experts spoke to the participants about importance of healthy diets, immunity booster foods, need for balance diets, relevance of WASH and clean drinking water etc.



The Nutrition Month was carried out successfully and in the month-long event, 10 video shows, 3 street plays, 2 drawing competitions and 13 group discussions were organised. The month-long series involved various experts who assisted the organisers in providing accurate information about Healthy Diet and Balanced Nutrition. The event was carried out with the involvement of various communities who participated with full enthusiasm. The community residents implemented positive changes in their diet and cooking, which helped them to improve their quality of life. A total of 2504 participants were benefitted through this programme.



Event in Progress

## Awareness Generation Programme on Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

In India, almost 600 million people do not have access to safe drinking water. Less than 35% of total population in India gets drinking water in their households. Quality of water is also a serious issue. Almost 34% of Indian states face high levels of water contamination. It is also estimated that 68% of total households and 82% of rural households in India have no access to treated water. Nearly 38 million Indians suffer from waterborne diseases every year.

Taking into consideration the significance of safe drinking water and good health, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra collaborated with SHODH and FANSA India and organized an awareness programme on “Water Sanitation & Hygiene” on 16th September, 2022 at Vivekananda Camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.



*Eminent speaker sharing his ideas and views*



*Active involvement of the participants*

Speakers informed the attendees about the importance of spreading awareness about sanitation and hygiene among women and the need to drink only clean water and ways by which water gets contaminated and the methods to prevent them. They were also informed about the six steps of washing hands.

It was also shared that improved water supply and sanitation, coupled with better management of water resources can boost country's economic growth and can greatly contribute to poverty reduction. Around 65 participants attended the programme.

## Awareness on Menstrual Health Management

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in joint collaboration with SHODH, India Is Calling Youth and FANSA India, organised an awareness programme on menstrual hygiene management on 22nd September, 2022 as a part of Poshan Maah activities. The event was organised in the community of Kusumpur Pahari, Delhi

The speakers described the importance of good menstrual hygiene and explained the process of menstruation. The discussion covered the various myths and misconceptions associated with menstruation.

VYK Team also addressed the gathering and distributed reusable sanitary pads among the adolescent girls and women present on the occasion. There were around 35 adolescent girls and women from the community who attended the awareness and enthusiastically participated.



*Glimpses of the event*

## Swachh Bharat Abhiyan

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a targeted mission, launched on 2nd October, 2014, to build a clean, hygienic, and healthy India with adequate sanitation facilities, which will create more dignity for all Indians. The premise of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is to give the necessary sanitation facilities like toilets, solid and liquid waste disposal systems, village cleanliness, and safe and adequate drinking water supply to every person.

Keeping in mind, the importance of health & sanitation, VYK organized an Awareness Generation Programme on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan on 30th September, 2022 to spread awareness among community about environmental issues like poor waste management, importance of cleanliness etc.

A drawing competition was also organised for the Children of Bhaiya Ram Camp on the set theme. They were provided with colours, pencils, chart papers and other accessories for implementing their ideas. The programme was efficiently driven by VYK interns.



*Glimpses of the event*

The young participants put in their best efforts spreading the message of cleanliness through their drawings. Almost 150 participants were part of the drawing competition.



## Self Defence Training

Crimes against women in India spiked by 15.3% in 2021. According to the recently released data by NCRB, Delhi topped in the list of crimes against women compared to the rest of the metropolitan cities. All this points to the increasing trend of gender based violence.

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized an empowering training session on Self Defense on 9th November, 2022 at Vivekananda camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi to spread awareness and to sensitize people about the accelerating numbers of crimes against women in the capital city, Delhi and to equip them with self-defense techniques so that they can protect themselves and escape from the attackers uninjured.

Ms. Varsha Venugopal, national level medal winner in Karate, along with Ms. Diya Cyril, Karate Black Belt 2nd Dan were the designated trainers for the session. Both the trainers successfully trained community members in the basics of martial arts as well as taught the core techniques of self defense.

Nearly 150 participants attended the self-defense session. Participants were cooperative, energetic and enthusiastic throughout the programme. From the feedbacks given by some of the participants it was observed that they felt more strong and equipped to face any impeding attacks after attending the programme.



*Participants being guided by the trainer*

## Awareness Generation Camp on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

Child sex ratio in India had been going down at an alarming rate. In the population census of 2011, the child sex ratio in India was 919 females for girls aged one to six years old. During the 2014 International Day of the Girl Child, Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the public to help end sexism against girls in India.

The Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao (BBBP) scheme was launched on 22nd January, 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It aims to address the issue of the declining child sex ratio image (CSR) and is a national initiative jointly run by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Education.

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized two awareness generation programmes on Beti bachao, Beti padhao – the first one at Hanuman Mazdur Camp, Delhi and the second one at Ravi Das Camp, Delhi on 11th November, 2022 and 26th December, 2022 – to spread awareness about the drop in girl child sex ratio and to encourage women's empowerment in order to improve women status in the country.

As a part of the awareness drive, drawing competitions were organised on 11th November, 2022 and 26th December, 2022 at Hanuman Mazdur Camp and Ravi Das Camp respectively. The participants were provided with pencils, chart papers and other accessories for implementing their ideas.

The community people who were watching the event could easily understand the importance of the programme by looking at the amazing art work of the students. The participants also discussed with each other regarding the importance of education of girl child.

Altogether 220 participants attended both the camps.



*Glimpses of the event*

## Awareness Programme on Computer Literacy and Income Generation

Computer literacy is the ability or knowledge to use computers efficiently and effectively. Acquiring computer literacy would enhance the learning process for students manifold. With access to computers, students can learn to read and write, as well as build specialized skills for the future.

To make the underprivileged youth aware of the income generation opportunities available as a result of undergoing basic computer training, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and India Is Calling Youth organized an awareness camp in Kusumpur Pahari, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi on 9th January, 2023. The camp was organized to empower the community residents. During the session, ways of generating income by creating digital products was covered and efforts were made to empower the youth digitally. The attendees were also made aware of the potential of social media usage and how social media can be used to increase the reach of one's online presence. A total of 70 students participated in the camp and got benefited from it.



*Glimpses of the event*

## Kho Kho Competition

Kho Kho is a traditional field game and considered as a part of the Indian culture. It is a tag game like Kabaddi. The game is played in both, rural and urban areas of the country. The major reason behind the popularity of the game is its affordability. There are no major prerequisites to play Kho Kho. Playing Kho-Kho also helps in promoting better coordination flexibility and team spirit, apart from improving stamina.

With an objective of promoting sportsmanship among the community residents and to make them aware about the traditional games of the country, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a Kho-Kho competition for the youth of Vivekanand Camp, New Delhi on 20th January, 2023.

A total of 10 teams of boys and girls participated in the competition.



*Glimpses of the Competition*

## Specialized Health Camps

Apart from regular health camps organized to identify common ailments afflicting the community residents, VYK also organizes specialized health camps on select subjects, to sensitize them about various issues and to provide them guidance in case future course of action was required.

As part of the same, six specialized campus were organized by VYK Team during the year as per following details:

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1	19-10-2022	Special Health Camp(Orth)	Vivekananda Camp	93
2	18-11-2022	Special Health Camp(Orth)	Bhaiya Ram Camp	77
3	12-12-2022	Breast Cancer	Vivekananda Camp	47
4	18-01-2023	Special Health Camp(R.T.I./S.T.D.)	Vivekananda Camp	45
5	30-01-2023	Special Health Camp(R.T.I./S.T.D.)	Bhaiya Ram Camp	57

The two Specialised Health Camps on Reproductive Tract Infection focused on sensitizing the community on the issues related to Reproductive Tract Infection/ Sexually transmitted diseases. It also helped to provide quality based diagnosis to patients from the community. The doctors, VYK Team and interns talked to the community residents about the symptoms of RTI and informed them about the need to maintain personal hygiene and ways & means of preventing RTI/STDs.

Vishwa Yuval Kendra organized two free Orthopedic and BMI Health Checkup Camps for its adopted community residents with a view of identifying potential bone risks in patients, particularly senior citizen and women. Bone densitometry tests were performed on every patient and the results enabled the doctor to prescribe further course of action to rectify/repair the situation. The doctor carefully listened to the problems the patients were facing and suggested appropriate measures such as eating food that were rich in vitamin D and calcium. They were also provided nutritional supplements free of cost. All the patients were counselled by expert dieticians for weight management.

Breast cancer is emerging as the leading cancer in women. Early detection in case of cancer was drastically improve the cure rates in case of cancers, particularly breast cancer. Considering the increasing prevalence of the disease amongst the women, Vishwa Yuval Kendra organized an Awareness Programme on Breast Cancer. The session was conducted by Dr. Apala Baduni, who briefed about breast cancer, symptoms and likely causes for breast cancer. The doctor then demonstrated on how to self-examine for breast cancer and advised all the women to self-examine periodically. The programme was successful in creating awareness in the community about the breast cancer.

More than 300 participants altogether attended the five camps and got benefited.



*Glimpses of the health camps*

## Awareness Generation Programmes on Personal Hygiene

Good personal hygiene involves keeping all parts of the external body clean and healthy. It is important for maintaining both physical and mental health. In people with poor personal hygiene, the body provides an ideal environment for germs to grow, leaving it vulnerable to infection. On a social level, people may avoid a person with poor personal hygiene, which may result in isolation and loneliness. Factors like poverty and lack of access to clean water can both have a detrimental effect on a person's personal hygiene. A person's mental health can also affect how they take care of themselves. People who are living with certain conditions, such as a psychotic disorder, severe depression, or drug or alcohol use disorder, may find it very difficult to keep up a personal hygiene routine. Poor personal hygiene may also have an effect on the workplace.

Considering the importance of the theme, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organised five awareness programmes at various locations as per details below:

S.No.	Date	Topic	Place	No. of Participants
1	02 Feb 2023	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	Kusumpur Pahari	70
2	23 Feb 2023	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	Shankar Camp	65
3	24 Feb 2023	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	Bhaiya Ram Camp	200
4	16 Mar 2023	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	Ravi Das Camp	65
5	24 Mar 2023	Awareness on Health & Hygiene	Hanuman Mazdur Camp	125

The main objective of these camps was to make community residents aware of the high importance of health and personal hygiene, and to provide them information about maintaining proper hygiene. They were informed about the importance of bathing, hand washing, wearing clean clothes and keeping their surroundings clean. After attending the programmes the residents realised that they could avoid many common illnesses by adopting a good level of personal hygiene. Altogether 525 participants attended the camps and gained knowledge about the important theme.



*Glimpses of the event*

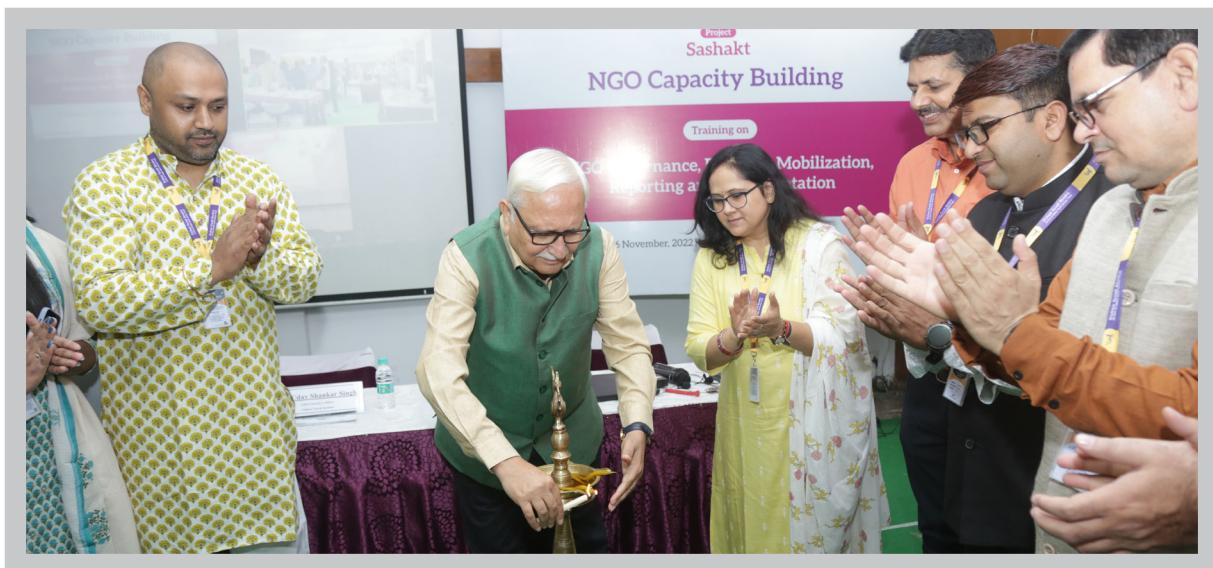
# Projects

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# Project Sashakt

NGOs often face challenges such as limited resources, inadequate funding, and bureaucratic hurdles. NGOs also need to have strong systems and processes in place to manage their operations effectively. Capacity enhancement programmes can help NGOs develop strategies to overcome these challenges and improve their operational efficiency. They can help them develop their organisational capacity, including governance, financial management, and human resource management, and in turn help them become more efficient, effective, and sustainable in the long run.



*Chief Guest lighting the lamp during the inaugural session*

Keeping the above in mind and drawing upon its six decades of experience working with youth and NGOs, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra put up a proposal to Bosch India Foundation (BIF) regarding “NGO Capacity Building”. With their experience of working in the development sector as well as their expertise in working on CSR activities, BIF, being acutely aware of the need for capacity enhancement, supported this initiative, and Project Sashakt was conceptualised.



*Felicitations of Chief Guest at Valedictory Session*

Project Sashakt was aimed at serving as an ideal course for target participants, which included higher and middle managers from the NGO sector. The training, imparted over three modules, provided detailed information about the development sector, such as NGO formation and management, stakeholder engagement, reporting and documentation, financial management, and resource mobilisation. It also gave exposure to corporate social responsibility (CSR) in the current national context. The objective of the training programme was to enhance the knowledge, awareness, and basic skills of participants on NGO governance and management and its sustainability.

## Module I: Training on NGO Governance and Due Diligence

The first module of Project Sashakt on “NGO Governance and Due Diligence,” started on 22nd November, 2022, and was completed on 26th November, 2022 at VYK campus. Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder-President, Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), was invited as the chief guest for the inaugural session.



Dr. Harish Vasishth, Executive Director, Credibility Alliance, led the first-day session on NPO governance, its structure and processes.

The second day's technical session began with Mr. Rajneesh Singh, Managing Partner, SimplyHR Solutions LLP, talking about reasons for conflict and conflict resolution styles. Ms. Anjali Makhija, Trustee and CEO, Sehgal Foundation, explained the significance of organisational culture in her session and spoke about ethical practises to be followed by everyone.

The third day of training was facilitated by Dr. Harish Vasishth who provided an overview of organisational management, project management cycle and organisational preparedness.

CA (Dr.) Subhajit Sahoo, Founder and Principal Partner, S. Sahoo & Co. Chartered Accountants, spoke on financial management, its process and its importance in his session on the fourth day. CA Anjani Kumar Sharma, Co-founder and Director, Southern Accountability & Governance (SAGA) Pvt. Ltd., gave an outline on incorporation laws, legal compliances for NGOs and timelines to be followed by NGOs.

On the last day, Mr. Karn Kohli, Digital Fundraising Analyst, UNICEF, discussed NGOs digital presence and effective utilisation of social media platforms. Module I concluded with Ms. Nivedita Datta, Programme Manager at Voluntary Action Network, shedding light on stakeholder analysis, networking, and partnership and their benefits.



## Module II: Training on Resource Mobilization and Documentation

Module II training was held on Resource Mobilisation and Documentation on 19th–23rd December, 2022 at VYK campus.



Mr. Kunal Verma, Chairman and Managing Director, Centre for Fundraising, facilitated the first technical session of Module II. He laid out the resource mobilisation context in an easy-to-understand manner for the participants and gave an overview of India's funding landscape. Ms. Gayatri Subramaniam, Director, Association of Women in Business, discussed about the evolution of CSR in India and CSR law.

The second day's technical session was led by Dr. Harish Vasishth who took a session on community-based Project planning, Project need assessment, Contextual analysis, and

Problem analysis and articulation.

The third-day session began with Mr. K.P. Rajendran, Chief Executive of the Society for Action in Community Health (SACH), who explained monitoring, evaluation, and documentation in project context.



Dr. Harish Vasishth led the fourth-day session wherein he provided the participants with a framework to write a project proposal and a concept note to approach donors.

In the first session of the last day of Module II, the resource person, Mr. Yousuf Saeed, filmmaker, researcher, and designer explained ways NGOs can present and publish their audio-visual documents.

Module II concluded with Dr. Harish Vasishth, Executive Director, Credibility Alliance, discussing the process documentation framework and result-based reporting.

## Module III: Skill Employability & Reporting

The third module was on Skill Employability and Reporting started on 6th February, 2023 and completed on 9th February, 2023 at VYK campus.

The proceedings commenced with Dr. Rohit Dhingra, founder of Pregyanam, taking a session on the use of IT tools, software, and templates in designing reports and documents. Prof. Sudhir K. Sinha, founder of CSR Inc. and former Professor, Institute of Rural Management Anand, linked the concepts of organisational leadership and organisational culture.

Mr. Shinu Joseph, Manager, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Data Analyst, Jesuit Conference of India and South Asia, facilitated the second-day session on 'MIS Data Management' and 'Data Analysis and Report Writing,' while Dr. K K Bandyopadhyay, Director of PRIA and Head of PRIA International Academy, on "Organisational Development and Sustainability" and "Tools and Methods of Organisational Analysis and Planning."

In the third day's technical session, the resource person, Ms. Shikha Srivastava, LEAD, Organisational & Programme Sustainability, Indo-Global Social Service Society, talked about writing contents for different reports. Prof. Sudhir K Sinha took a session on 'Communication and Presentation Skills in the Context of Organisations.'

The last day's session of Module III was taken by Mr. Dharm Rakshit, Head of Employee Relations, Hero MotoCorp Ltd., on "Mentoring, Coaching, and Supportive Supervision for Team Development."

Project Sashakt concluded with a valedictory session in the presence of distinguished dignitaries including Hon. Chief Guest Dr. Sujeet Ranjan, Associate Director, Nutrition, Tata Trusts and Ms. Sakina Baker, Head, CSR, Bosch Ltd. and Bosch India Foundation, along with honourable resource persons and VYK and Bosch CSR Teams.

During the post-programme feedback, it was observed that the training was highly instrumental in enhancing knowledge relating to the various aspects of NGO Governance, including CSR. From the feedback from participants and inputs received from Project Sashakt resource persons, it would be safe to presume that the training series was able to achieve the objectives with which it was conceptualised. It is felt that the programme structure could be developed into a replicable and scalable model as per the needs and requirements of the target audience.



# Bosch Caregiver Project

Healthcare is a crucial service that is primarily associated with the work of medical professionals such as doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers. However, individuals who are struggling with health issues, especially those with chronic illnesses or disabilities, often require continuous care and assistance from others. Such healthcare needs are frequently provided by family members who are not part of the formal healthcare system, and who provide care from the comfort of their own homes. This form of care is known as “informal care” and is the backbone of long-term care.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of caregivers became even more important, especially for vulnerable populations such as the elderly and those with pre-existing medical conditions. In recent years, there has been a growing demand for home healthcare services in India, particularly in urban areas, due to an increase in the number of nuclear families and working professionals who are unable to provide full-time care to their loved ones.

Home healthcare providers offer a range of services, including nursing care, physiotherapy, and medical equipment rental, to support individuals with short or long-term limitations. The challenges faced by caregivers in India include the lack of support services, inadequate training, and financial burden.

With an aging population and an increase in chronic illnesses, there is a significant need for individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to provide quality care to those who require it. Additionally, many families struggle to find affordable and reliable caregivers.

The Caregiver Project seeks to bridge this gap by providing comprehensive training to aspiring caregivers, creating meaningful employment opportunities, and ultimately improving the quality of care for those in need. The project, spearheaded by Bosch India Foundation, is an ambitious initiative that aimed to empower individuals to serve as caregivers for the elderly and differently-abled.

To achieve this objective, Bosch India partnered with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, to implement the programme across 15 states in India. The Caregiver Project established 84 centers across the country, where 1680 participants were provided with comprehensive training and support to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to become effective caregivers. These centres served as hubs of learning, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and resources to ensure that participants receive the highest quality training.

The curricular programme has a clear objective of producing and supplying competent Caregivers who possess the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for fulfilling the need for such human resources in the country.

After the candidates were selected, they were given two-month classroom training, followed by a one-month on-the-job (OJT) training.

During the classroom training, the learners were exposed to a wide range of topics like Communication Skills, Personal Care Assistance, Nutrition and Meal Preparation, Medical Terminology, Vital Signs Monitoring, Infection Control, Safety Precautions, Emergency Preparedness, Basic First Aid, Patient Rights and Ethics, Cultural Competency, Dementia and Alzheimer’s Care, Hospice and Palliative Care, Professionalism in Caregiving etc. The classroom training was designed to be engaging, interactive, and comprehensive. The learners were provided with various learning materials, including handouts, visual aids, and other

resources, to enhance their understanding and retention of the topics. Overall, the classroom training provided a strong foundation for the learners to build on during the practical training that followed.

After completing two months of classroom training, the students moved on to a one-month on-the-job training (OJT) at a local company or establishment. During this phase, students got practical knowledge and hands-on experience, bringing them one step closer to their dream job. In fact, OJT often resulted in actual job offers from the same employer.

After 90 days of rigorous training, including 2 months of classroom training and 1 month of on-the-job training, the students were offered placement services. The success of the project can be gauged from the fact that the majority of the trainees who underwent training got job opportunities with different institutions.

Considering the placement record, it can be safely assumed that the project achieved, to a great extent, its objective of fulfilling the skilling needs of rural/urban youth and at the same time, fulfil healthcare needs of the country



# Project PRIDE

In today's fast-paced world, entrepreneurship has become a popular choice for the youth to achieve financial freedom and make a difference in society. However, starting a business from scratch is not an easy task. It requires a combination of theoretical knowledge, practical skills, and a mind-set to tackle the challenges that come along the way.

In response to this requirement, Project PRIDE (Participatory and Research-based Initiative for fostering Decent Employment & Entrepreneurial Skills) was launched by Bosch India and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) was the implementing partner of the project.

Bosch has been focusing on skill entrepreneurship and Project PRIDE was a result of their commitment to providing deserving trainers with the opportunity and conducive atmosphere to help them start their own centers. The four training modules of Project PRIDE were thoughtfully designed to not only to impart the knowledge and skills required for sustainable skill entrepreneurship but also to address the issue of unemployment in society, particularly in rural India. This approach ensured that the project was not only beneficial for the individual participants but also for the wider community in which they resided.



*Dr. O.P. Goel addressing the PRIDE team*

The primary goal of PRIDE was to identify and empower young individuals possessing entrepreneurial mindsets and inspire to establish their own skill training centers within their local communities. Along with promoting skill development, PRIDE also aimed to cultivate an entrepreneurial culture among young people and instil in them a growth mindset that encourages creative thinking and innovation. By providing a conducive learning environment for skill development, PRIDE sought to enable young people to become successful entrepreneurs who can have a positive impact on society.

The mobilization strategy of Project PRIDE was designed to reach out to and engage with the target audience of young people and create awareness about the benefits of skill entrepreneurship. Project PRIDE was a structured and systematic approach to ensure the successful delivery of the project objectives. The methodology consisted of need assessment, development of a structured

training module, training of Master Trainers, training of Skill Entrepreneurs, project monitoring and evaluation and sustainability planning.

A robust placement strategy was also designed to support the Skill Entrepreneurs in finding employment or starting their own businesses wherein the organising team provided job placement support, business incubation support and mentorship advice, networking opportunities and handholding support to enable them to ease into the entrepreneurship mode.

The training consisted of a variety of activities, including online sessions, workshops, and mentoring. Participants were provided with access to online resources, including videos, articles, and case studies. The online sessions were conducted by experienced entrepreneurs, industry experts, and business leaders. The workshops were designed to be interactive, with participants given the opportunity to apply the concepts learned in the online sessions to their own business ideas. The mentoring sessions provided participants with one-on-one guidance and support from experienced entrepreneurs.



*Inaugural Ceremony of Project PRIDE*

achieving economic stability and improved quality of life. The PRIDE project has not only helped to create job opportunities and promote financial independence but has also fostered the growth of a skilled workforce, further contributing to the overall socio-economic development of the community.



*VC of ICFAI University, Dr. O.R.S Rao, Master Trainer, Mr. S.S Dawn along with PRIDE S.E. Bosch Bridge Coordinator and University Team members*

# Oxygen Bank

During the first wave of the pandemic, shortage of medical oxygen was observed in many states and hospitals. However, the shortage was extremely drastic during the second phase of the pandemic, particularly in April and May 2021 Fatuha, Patna, Bihar.

During the pandemic period second wave, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and Prem Youth Foundation had established an Oxygen Bank (Lifeline Oxygen Bank) at Fatuha, Patna, Bihar to provide oxygen to the most needy people. The facility was highly beneficial and a life saver for scores of people in the area. Oxygen Ambassadors put in their relentless efforts to ensure supply of oxygen to the most needy, thereby helping to save numerous lives during the period.

Even now the Oxygen Bank is being utilised by many people for their needs. A lot of institutions, including the district administration, were highly appreciative of the joint initiative of VYK-PYF and lauded the efforts of the Oxygen Ambassadors, for which they were felicitated on various platforms.



## Life Line Oxygen Bank



# Project Impact

The skill development project (Project IMPACT) launched at Kusumpur Pahari with the support of India is Calling Youth (IICY), is a noble initiative by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra launched in May 2022. The objective of the project is to promote computer literacy and education among school-going students, as well as dropouts and youth from the Kusumpur Pahari and Vasant Vihar neighbourhoods of New Delhi. Its ultimate goal is to empower the community by improving their access to educational and employment opportunities. By providing access to computer technology and skills training, the project aims to create a positive impact in the lives of the community and foster community development.

The Project has had a positive impact on the local community, providing access to computer technology and training to individuals who may have otherwise been deprived of such opportunities, resulting in improved digital literacy and expanded educational and employment prospects. The project has also fostered community development, serving as a hub for community activities and events, and offering a platform for individuals to network, learn new skills, and engage with each other.

The project has achieved a significant milestone with the successful training of 121 candidates, majority of who have gained employment opportunities with the support of VYK and IICY. This is a testament to the effectiveness of the project in providing valuable skills training and employment support to underprivileged individuals, ultimately improving their economic prospects and social outcomes.



# Blanket Distribution Drive

The world around is facing extreme weather as a result of Climate Change. The summers are getting unbearably hotter and winters are getting chillier day by day. The city's residents are conditioned to weather extremes – from blistering heat waves in summers to smoggy, bone chilling winter days – the winter days are getting more and more difficult to bear, particularly for the city's homeless and the extremely poor.

While the official data on homelessness based on the 2011 census pegs the number at just over 46,000, activists estimate that there are 1.5-2 lakh homeless persons in Delhi at present including about 30,000 women. Even though the city's night shelters are a refuge to many who would otherwise find themselves sleeping near busy roundabouts and underpasses, most people there live in harsh conditions. Many of the night shelters are overcrowded, as a result of which, a large number is forced to sleep outside.

As per Delhi Police data, 749 people died in Delhi due to cold weather conditions in the year 2018-19. The official death figures for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21 were 436 and 545 respectively.

Considering the extreme difficulties faced by the poor and the homeless due to the cold weather, Dalmia Bharat Foundation (DBF) decided to carry out a noble initiative of distribution of blankets among the needy and underprivileged sections of the society. Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) supported DBF in this initiative.

Due to influenza and other seasonal pathogens, winter has historically been a stressful period for hospitals. AIIMS Delhi and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi, are the most frequented hospitals in the city, with people, particularly from the poorer sections of society, thronging for quality health care. The chilling winter days pose great difficulties to the waiting patients as well as their caregivers, who do not often have any protection from the harsh weather.

VYK began the distribution drive from these two hospitals, wherein blankets were distributed to the caregivers/attendants of patients. VYK also carried out the drive in IHBAS, New Delhi, one of the leading and largest hospitals providing support to patients facing mental and neurological issues.

VYK, along with its partner organisations, identified genuinely needy people, including those from the extremely marginalized sections of the society like leprosy patients and carried out the blanket distribution drive in such areas, providing much needed relief to the residents.

**More than 1100 blankets were distributed as per following details:**



S.No	Date	Distribution Partner	Location	Time	Quantity
1.	15 Jan 2023	AIIMS Hospital	AIIMS	04:00 PM	50
2.	15 Jan 2023	Safdarjung hospital	Safdarjung hospital	04:00 PM	50
3.	15 Jan 2023	VYK Team	Mahipalpur	03:30 PM	20
4.	15 Jan 2023	VYK Team	Ghazipur Border	02:00 PM	10
5.	15 Jan 2023	VYK Team	Aaya Nagar (Andheriya Mor)	05:00 PM	20
6.	15 Jan 2023	VYK Team	Janakpuri	11:00 AM	20
7.	16 Jan 2023	VYK Team	Tuglakabad	05:00 PM	70
8.	16 Jan 2023	VYK Team	Leprosy Colony R.K. Puram	02:30 PM	140
9.	16 Jan 2023	Milestone	Goal market	02:00 PM	100
10.	17 Jan 2023	Shodh	Okhla (Srinivas Puri)	04:00 PM	100
11.	17 Jan 2023	Ekohum Foundation	Delhi cancer hospital	04:00 PM	50
12.	17 Jan 2023	VYK Team	Arjun Nagar	07:00 PM	100
13.	17 Jan 2023	India is Calling Youth	Kusum Pur Pahari	03:00 PM	100
14.	18 Jan 2023	Harijan Sevak Sangh	Kingsway camp	11:00 AM	100
15.	18 Jan 2023	SEVA	Yamuna Khadar (Mayur Vihar phase 1)	11.00 AM	100
16.	21 Jan 2023	Institute of Human Behavior and Allied Sciences	Mansarovar park	11.00 AM	100
		<b>Total</b>			<b>1130</b>

The blankets distribution was conducted in such a manner that the last person in line benefited from the same, with the help and continued association with partner organisations like SEVA, Ekohum Foundation, Institute of Human Behavior and Allied Sciences, SHODH, Milestone, India is Calling Youth and Harijan Sevak Sangh. The drive was a great success and was able to bring warmth to many people from the underprivileged sections of society, who thanked VYK and DBF for this noble initiative.



# **Infrastructural Facilities**



# Infrastructural Facilities

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

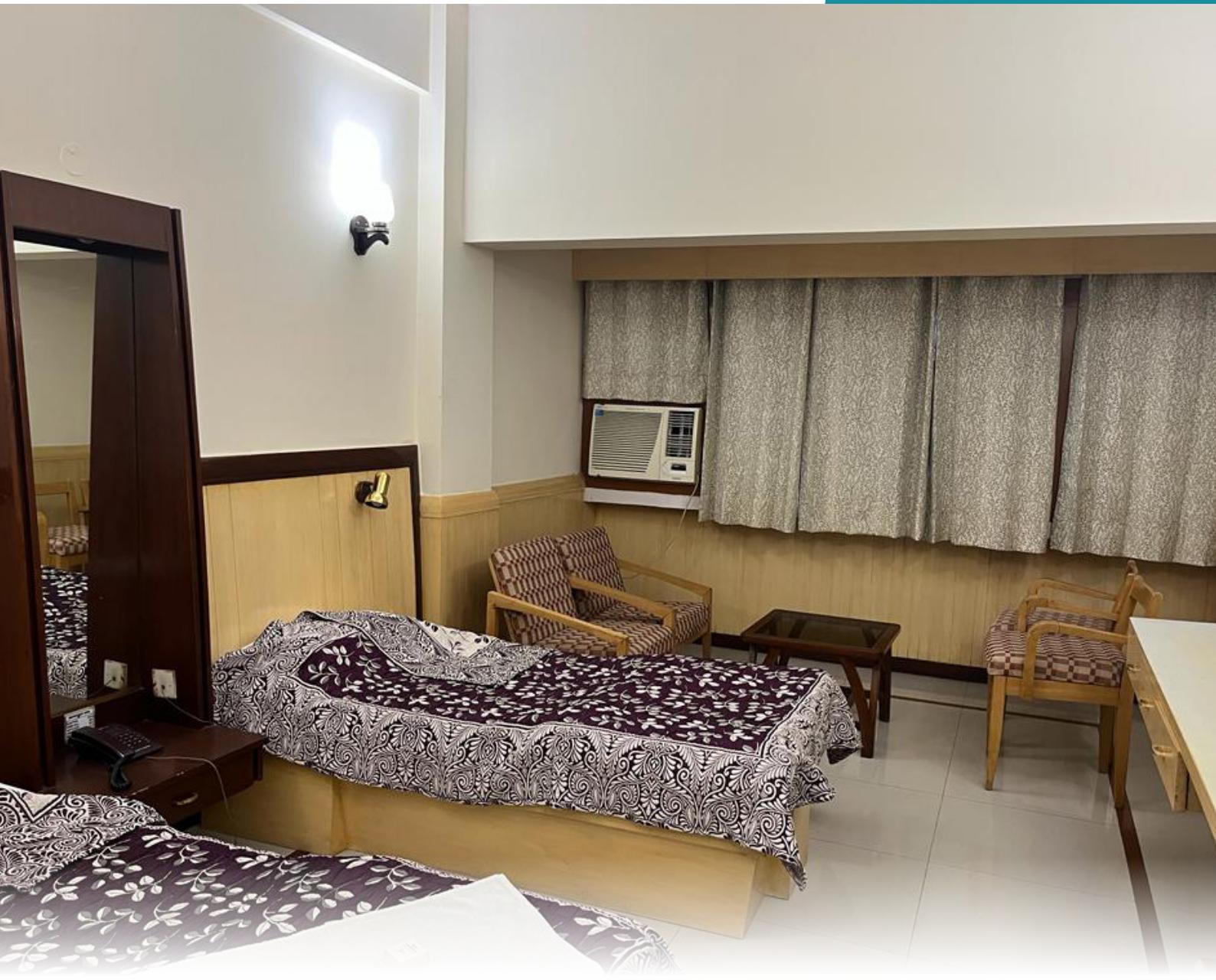
## 1. Accommodation

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

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

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





## 2. Dining Hall

A Dining Hall serves modestly priced food to trainees and members attending conferences / seminars and training courses. Like all its other facilities, the Dining Hall can be used only by individual / institutional members of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.



### 3. Auditorium and Conference Halls

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

All the facilities, be it accommodation, conference hall or dining hall, are used for our training activities. When not in use for Kendra programmes, these are provided to like-minded member NGOs / individuals at highly subsidized and very nominal tariff.

## 4. Library

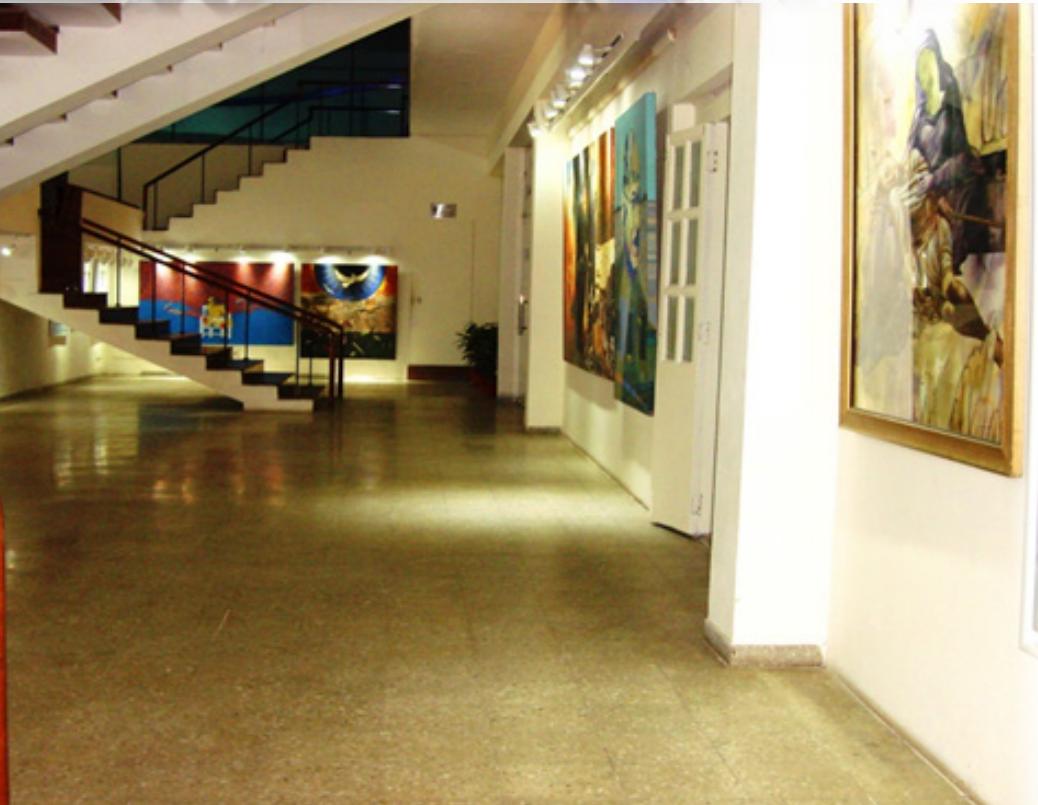
Vishwa Yuvak Kendra Library is equipped to cater to the changing needs of individuals / organizations/ institutions and is being developed as a specialized resource centre on youth. It has an impressive collection of more than 12,000 books in English and 1000 books in Hindi on various aspects of youth and social work. The same is being updated with new books of relevance from time to time. Besides, subscribing to 48 important journals / magazines on relevant issues, it also receives over 100 complimentary publications e.g. newsletter, annual reports and conference proceedings of various ministries, NGOs and international organizations.



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## 5. Art Gallery

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









# Programme Snapshot

S No.	Name of the Programme	Date of the Programme	No. of Participants
<b>A</b>	<b>In-House Programme</b>		
1	Mental Health and Well-being	18 May 2022	180
2	Training in Resource Mobilisation	20-24 June 2022	60
3	Career Guidance: Stepping Stone to Career Selection & Analysis	29 Jun. 2022	101
4	Skill Development for Employability and Entrepreneurship	15 Jul. 2022	280
5	VYK Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	09-10 Aug. 2022	123
6	Remembering the Great Personality of India- Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan	05 Sep. 2022	270
7	Exposure Visit for Students of RUDS MSW College	04 Nov. 2022	34
9	FINGODAP Drug Abuse & Prevention	03 Dec. 2022	220
10	North India Regional Dialogue working with youth Challenges and Opportunities in Nation Building	15-16 Dec. 2022	47
11	National Youth Day	12 Jan. 2023	286
12	International Women's Day -23	3 Mar. 2023	220
13	ICT-Tools & Techniques for NPOs	13-15 Mar. 2023	56
14	Stakeholders Meet on "Water Sanitation and Hygiene"	28 Mar. 2023	34
<b>Total</b>			<b>1911</b>
<b>State Level Thematic Programme</b>			
15	Environmental Protection & Conservation	5 Jun. 2022	3000
16	JSDP	15-18 Oct. 2022	60
17	SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP	27-28 Oct. 2022	40
18	Training on NGO Management & Resource Mobilization	3-5 Nov. 2022	110
19	Pathways to Strategic CSR & NGO Partnership	17-18 Nov. 2022	150
20	Heritage Fest 2022 at Agartala	20-27 Nov. 2022	452
21	Sustainable Development Goals & Youth	19-21 Jan. 2023	59
22	Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	27-28 Jan. 2023	84
23	Agri Entrepreneurship Development	1-3 Feb. 2023	110
24	SDG-13 Climate Action	22 Feb. 2023	150
25	International Women's Day -2023	22-28 Feb. 2023	16250
26	Training programme on "Sashakt Panchyat Khushhal Samuday"	1-3 March, 2023	89
27	Conference on "Empowering Women to Mitigate Climate Change"	10th March 23	100
<b>Total</b>			<b>20654</b>

	<b>Institutional Promotion Programme</b>		
28	Role of Youth in Agro Entrepreneurship Development	02 Nov. 2022	850
29	Seminar on Women Safety & Security	16 Nov. 2022	300
30	Workshop on fostering Entrepreneurial Mind-sets in the youth of India	28 Dec. 2022	170
31	Personality & Leadership Development	23 Jan. 2023	120
32	Agri Entrepreneurship Development	31 Jan. 2023	668
33	"Women's Safety & Security"	21 Feb. 2023	346
34	Developing Youth Leadership	20 Mar. 2023	475
35	Seminar on "Mental Health and Well-Being"	29 Mar. 2023	260
<b>Total</b>			<b>3189</b>
	<b>Projects</b>		
36	Project Sashakt (Module-1)	22-26 Nov.2022	57
37	Project Sashakt (Module-2)	19-23 Dec. 2022	48
38	Project Sashakt (Module-3)	06-09 Feb. 2023	44
39	Project IMPACT	May-Aug. 2022	121
40	Project PRIDE	Aug. 2022- Mar. 2023	2214
41	Project Care Giver	Oct. 2022- Feb. 2023	1680
42	Blanket Distribution	15 Jan. 2023	1130
<b>Total</b>			<b>5294</b>
	<b>Integrated Community Development Programme</b>		
43	Utilization of Digi Locker	06 May 2022	40
44	World Menstrual Hygiene Day	28 May 2022	65
45	Environmental Awareness	28 Jul. 2022	55
46	Waste Management with Art and Craft	26 Aug. 2022	40
47	Nutrition Month (Poshan Maah)	Sep. 2022	2504
48	Water Sanitation Hygiene	16 Sep. 2022	65
49	Menstrual Health Management	22 Sep. 2022	35
50	Swach Bharat Abhiyan	30 Sep. 2022	150
51	Special Health Camp(Orth)	19 Oct. 2022	93
52	Self Defence	09 Nov. 2022	145
53	Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao	11Nov. 2022	150
54	Special Health Camp(Orth)	18 Nov. 2022	77

55	Interactive session with Disabled Persons on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities	03 Dec. 2022	160
56	Breast Cancer Awareness Camp	12 Dec. 2022	47
57	Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao	26 Dec. 2022	70
58	Computer Internet and Livelihood	09 Jan. 2023	70
59	Special Health Camp(R.T.I./S.T.D.)	18 Jan. 2023	45
60	KHO-KHO	20 Jan. 2023	125
61	Special Health Camp(R.T.I./S.T.D.)	30 Jan. 2023	57
62	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	02 Feb. 2023	70
63	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	23 Feb. 2023	65
64	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	24 Feb. 2023	200
65	Awareness on Personal Hygiene	16 Mar. 2023	65
66	Awareness on Health & Hygiene	24 Mar. 2023	125
<b>Total</b>			<b>4518</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>35566</b>







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