



**Vishwa Yuvak Kendra**  
(A Unit of Indian Youth Centres Trust)

# **ANNUAL REVIEW 2024-25**

**DEDICATED TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**



VYK and Bajaj Foundation Team during Management Development Programme 2024 Exposure Visit

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## Message from the Chairman and Managing Trustee



Padma Bhushan Dr. A.P. Joshi and Padma Shri Uma Shankar Pandey along with VYK Team planting a sapling during World Environment Day 2024



It gives me great satisfaction to share the Annual Review for 2024-25 – a year that truly embodies Vishwa Yuvak Kendra's unwavering dedication to empowering young people and contributing to nation-building.

Since inception, VYK has served as a nurturing space where youth are encouraged to explore their strengths, step into leadership roles, and engage with the pressing needs of their communities and country. This year, we have

taken a deeper and more strategic leap in reinforcing our work around three interconnected themes: social development, economic empowerment, and environmental responsibility.

Whether through skill development at the grassroots level, entrepreneurial training, youth summits, or digital education modules, our initiatives reflect an evolving yet grounded approach—one that remains closely aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through a wide array of programmes and events, thousands of young people, alongside community partners and stakeholders, became part of learning experiences that were as inclusive as they were impactful.

Our work this year reached youth from many walks of life—urban and rural areas, marginalised communities, first-time learners—and helped equip them not just with skills, but with a sense of purpose.

All of this has been made possible through strong partnerships—with civil society, CSR bodies, academic institutions and government departments.

I would like to congratulate the entire team of VYK for creating such strategic partnerships with all stakeholders, which has played a vital contribution in the success of all our programmes.

As we look ahead, our commitment remains clear: to nurture youth so that they can realise their potential and play a meaningful role in shaping a more equitable and vibrant future.

**Shishir Bajaj,  
Chairman & Managing Trustee**

## Foreword

programmes touched on everything – from social justice and economic opportunity to environmental care. Whether through hands-on training camps, regional and national workshops, or platforms for dialogue and innovation, our efforts consistently highlighted the power of youth collaboration and leadership.

A core element of our work has been to support well-rounded development. With focused efforts on mental health, gender equity, sustainable livelihoods, and digital access, we aimed to equip young people not just with practical skills but also with empathy, confidence, and social awareness. These values came to life in campaigns across the country—on topics like menstrual health, women's safety, green habits, and inclusive education—all reinforcing the larger goals of sustainable and equitable development.

Behind these efforts is a collective spirit. First and foremost, I am deeply thankful to our Hon. Chairman and Managing Trustee Shri Shishir Bajaj for his unwavering support to the VYK Team and the Kendra's activities. We would also like to thank our Board of Trustees for their continued guidance. The commitment of our team and the cooperation of all our supporters and partners in the developmental process – NGOs, academic institutions, CSR bodies, media houses, government departments – has played a vital role in the success of our activities.

Over the year, we will strive to move ahead with an objective of raising a generation of youth who are not only dreamers but also changemakers, ready to shape an India where fairness and opportunity are a reality for all.

**Uday Shankar Singh  
Chief Executive Officer**



Annual Review 2025 offers a glimpse into a year shaped by a deepened commitment to placing young people at the heart of development.

Amidst the shifts in the social and economic environment in our country, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra stayed grounded in its mission while adapting swiftly to new challenges. Our programmes continued to create spaces for learning, leadership, and growth—enabling young people to build meaningful pathways for themselves and their communities.

This year, we significantly broadened our reach and deepened our impact. Our diverse



Cultural Presentation by Indian artists during South Asian WASH Conclave 2024

## About Us

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



### 1960's

#### Foundation & Early Years

1959–1961: The idea of a national youth centre emerged from the Indian Assembly of Youth in 1959.

10 August 1961: Indian Youth Centres Trust was officially established, launching VYK with active support from Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Former PM Morarji Desai served as Founder Chairman, and Ramkrishna Bajaj became Managing Trustee.

### 1970's

#### International Outreach

1972: VYK conducted a three-month training programme for youth workers from Western Samoa, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as part of its international capacity building efforts.

### 1980–1990's

#### Consolidation and National Programmes

This period was foundational for launching ongoing programmes in youth training, leadership, entrepreneurship, agriculture, women empowerment, and community development, thus setting the base for later projects.

### 2000's

#### Expansion of Programmes & Community Projects

Introduction of several initiatives such as ICDP (Integrated Community Development Programme) and various youth engagement projects, reflecting deeper commitment to rural and urban development.

### 2010's

#### Diverse Projects & Digital Initiatives

Launch of various flagship programmes including Aahvaan, Samarthya Pariyojana, Nanhi Pahal, CREDILA, Saksham, and Project LEAD, alongside expansion in digital learning with webinars and e-certificate courses to strengthen NGO capacity.

## Founder Members

### Shri Morarji Desai

**Role: Founder Chairman**

Served as India's Prime Minister (1977–79)  
Provided pivotal national direction and institutional stature to VYK



### Shri Ramkrishna Bajaj

**Role: Founder Managing Trustee**

Prominent freedom fighter, student leader. Led youth outreach and trust governance



### Smt. Indira Gandhi

Former Prime Minister of India



### Shri Naval H. Tata

Industrialist and Philanthropist



### Shri Ravindra Varma

Former Union Minister



### Shri V. J. Shah

Former Governor of West Bengal



The first phase of the Kendra: Comprising a youth hostel and central hall, as inaugurated by Dr. Zakir Husain, then President of India, on 22 December 1968.

Since then, VYK has served as a dynamic space for training, seminars, workshops, and youth-led initiatives. With accessible boarding, lodging, and modern training facilities, the Kendra continues to be a catalyst for youth-led social transformation across India and beyond.

### Vision

To promote the interests and all-round welfare of Indian Youth and to work in cooperation with the Youth Organisations of India and other countries for the welfare of Indian as well as International Youth in general, to bring together and coordinate the activities of and to provide a medium for the exchange of information about the activities, objects and experience of Youth Organisations.

### The objective of the Trust are as follows:

- a. To establish, maintain and conduct one or more National or International Youth Centres at suitable centres in India for promoting international understanding and cooperation and developing youth leadership;
- b. Each such Youth Centre may be multi-purpose in character functioning as a model youth centre for intellectual and recreational services to youth; a coordinating agency for youth organisations; a centre for building up youth leadership through a variety of programmes; and a counselling bureau to advise on various problems confronting youth;
- c. For the benefit of foreign students and youth delegations as well as individuals visiting India, the Youth Centre may provide hostel facilities, it may serve as an information centre, and provide them with opportunity for coming in close contact with their counterparts in India and for studying India's efforts to achieve progress through democratic methods;
- d. The hostel facilities at the Youth Centres shall be available to students or other persons on payment of such charges as the Trustees may decide from time to time;
- e. The Centre may also sponsor programmes for bilateral exchange of youth leaders, young workers and students with a view to better National Integration and international understanding and cooperation;
- f. The Trustees may join, contribute to, or assist financially or otherwise, any other institutions with similar objects to carry out or implement any of the objects of this Trust.



A budding artist participating in the Pottery Painting Competition during Yuva Mahotsav 2025



**Shishir Bajaj**  
Chairman and Managing Trustee



**S.R. Halbe**  
Trustee



**Kushagra Nayan Bajaj**  
Trustee



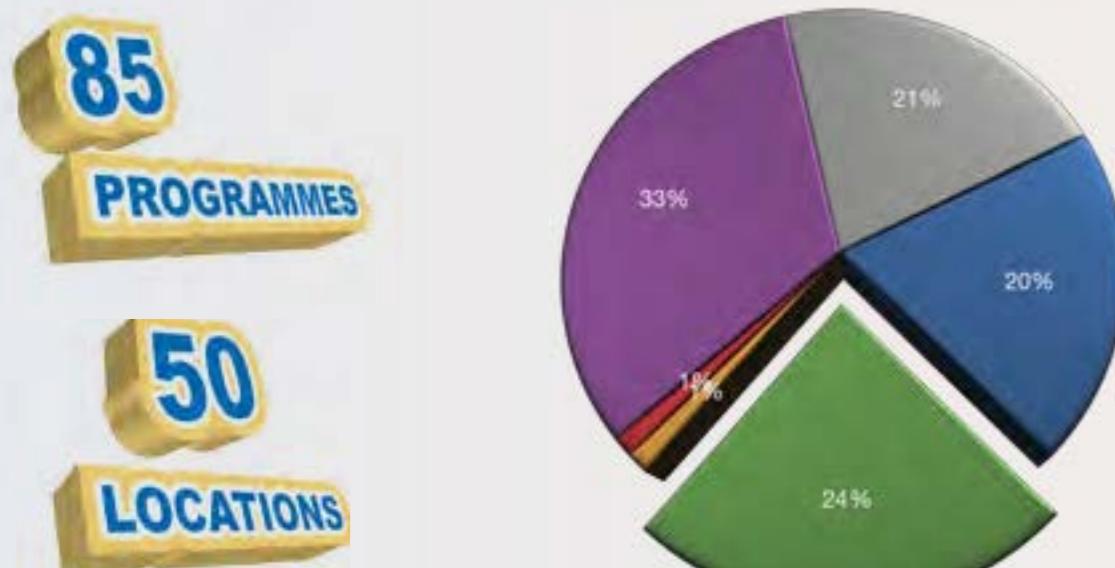
**Haribhai Mori**  
Trustee



**Vimal Nagori**  
Trustee

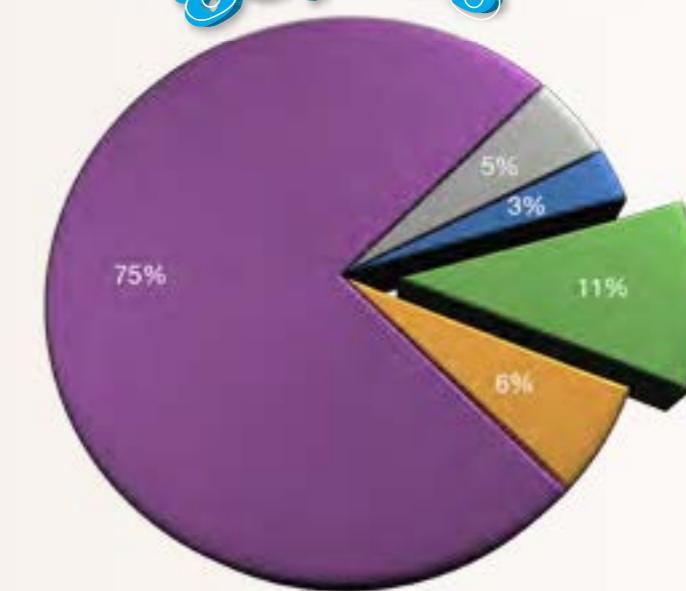
## Our Mission in Action

- In-house Programmes** are held at the VYK campus in New Delhi. These programmes are structured residential workshops or training sessions designed for youth leaders, educators, NGO personnel, and volunteers. These programmes focus on personal development, leadership, entrepreneurship, youth work, and thematic skills. The residential nature allows for deeper engagement, peer learning, and holistic development in a structured and supportive environment.
- State Level Programmes** are organized in partnership with state governments, universities, civil society networks, and local institutions. These are large-scale interventions, often in the form of seminars, training camps, consultations, and youth conventions, targeting state specific challenges. They aim to create platforms for policy dialogue, capacity building, and innovation exchange at the state level while aligning with national youth development goals.
- Institutional Tie-up Programmes** are conducted in schools, colleges, and training institutes to sensitize and educate young people on key social issues such as mental health, gender equality, WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), life skills, and environmental sustainability. These are usually one-day or short-term outreach activities designed to empower students and faculty with practical knowledge, promote critical thinking, and encourage participatory learning through workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions.
- Integrated Community Development Programmes (ICDP)** involve direct engagement with community-based organizations and NGOs. These initiatives focus on marginalized populations, particularly in rural or urban-slum settings, and address issues such as livelihood, sanitation, gender justice, youth mobilization, and community resilience. They emphasize participatory methods to ensure sustainability and ownership of development outcomes.



## PARTICIPANTS

35,936

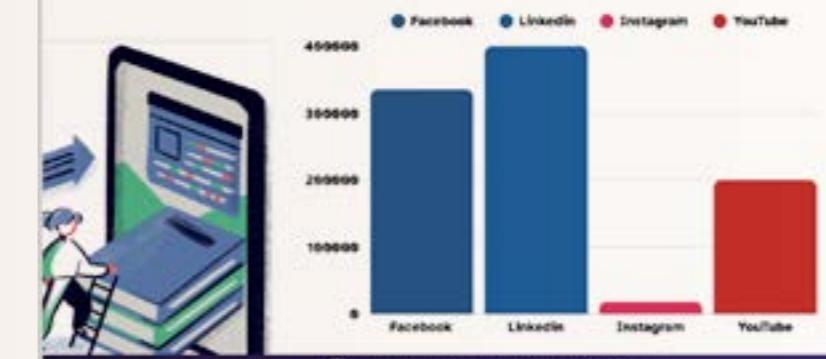
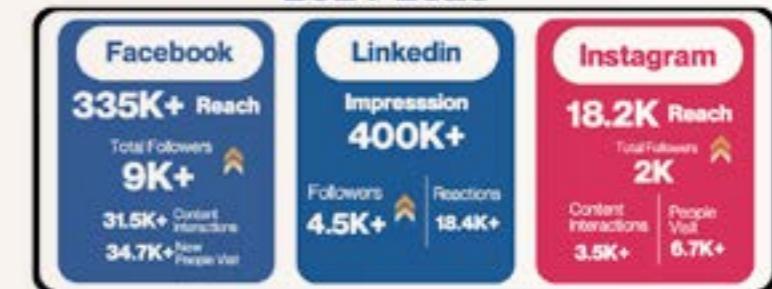


● In-House    ● Skill Development    ● State Level    ● Digital Courses  
● Digital Courses    ● ICDP

## VISHWA YUVAK KENDRA'S DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

EMPOWERING CHANGE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

2024-2025



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## Vishwa Yuvak Kendra Programme Activities

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra's development efforts in 2024-25 reflect a deep-rooted commitment to advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through integrated, people-centered approaches. The organization's work is strategically aligned under three core domains.



### Social Development

Addressing health, education, gender, inclusion, and community well-being. SDG's covered were 3,4,5,10,16.



### Economic Empowerment

Focusing on skills, entrepreneurship, and institutional capacity. SDG's covered were 8,9,11,17.

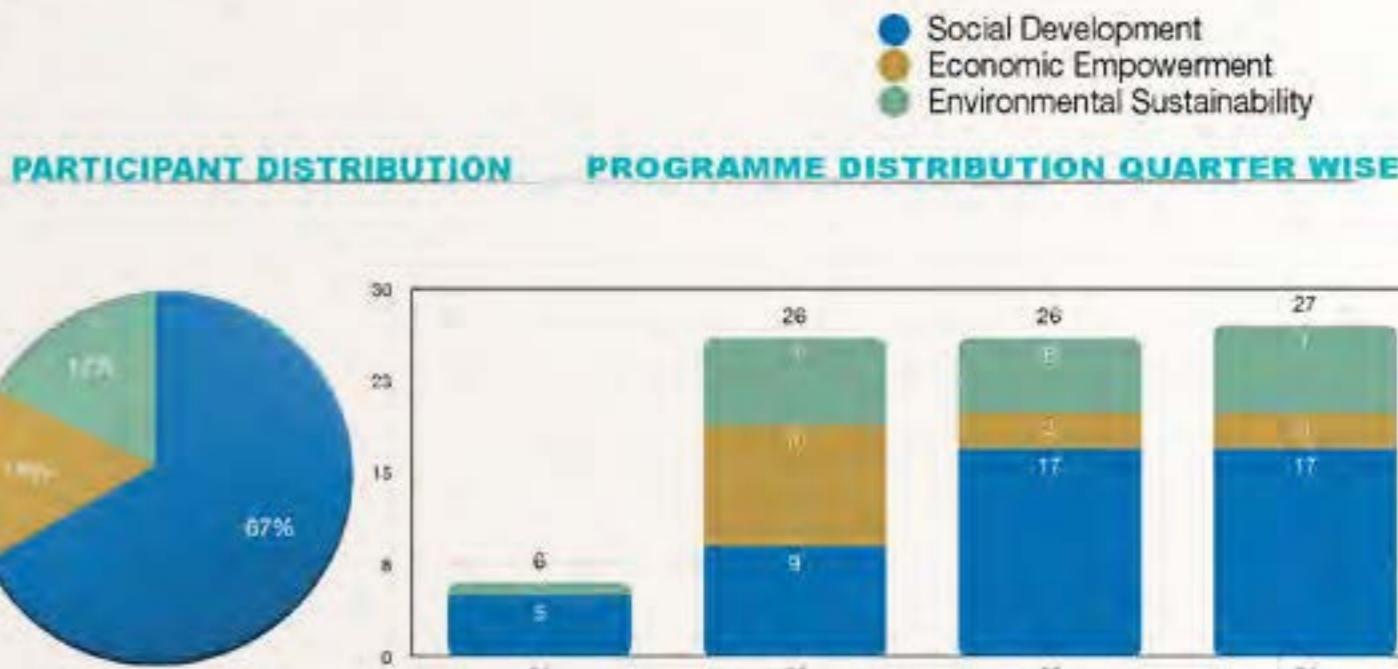


### Environmental Sustainability

Promoting water conservation, WASH, climate resilience, and sustainable living. SDG's covered were 6,13,15.

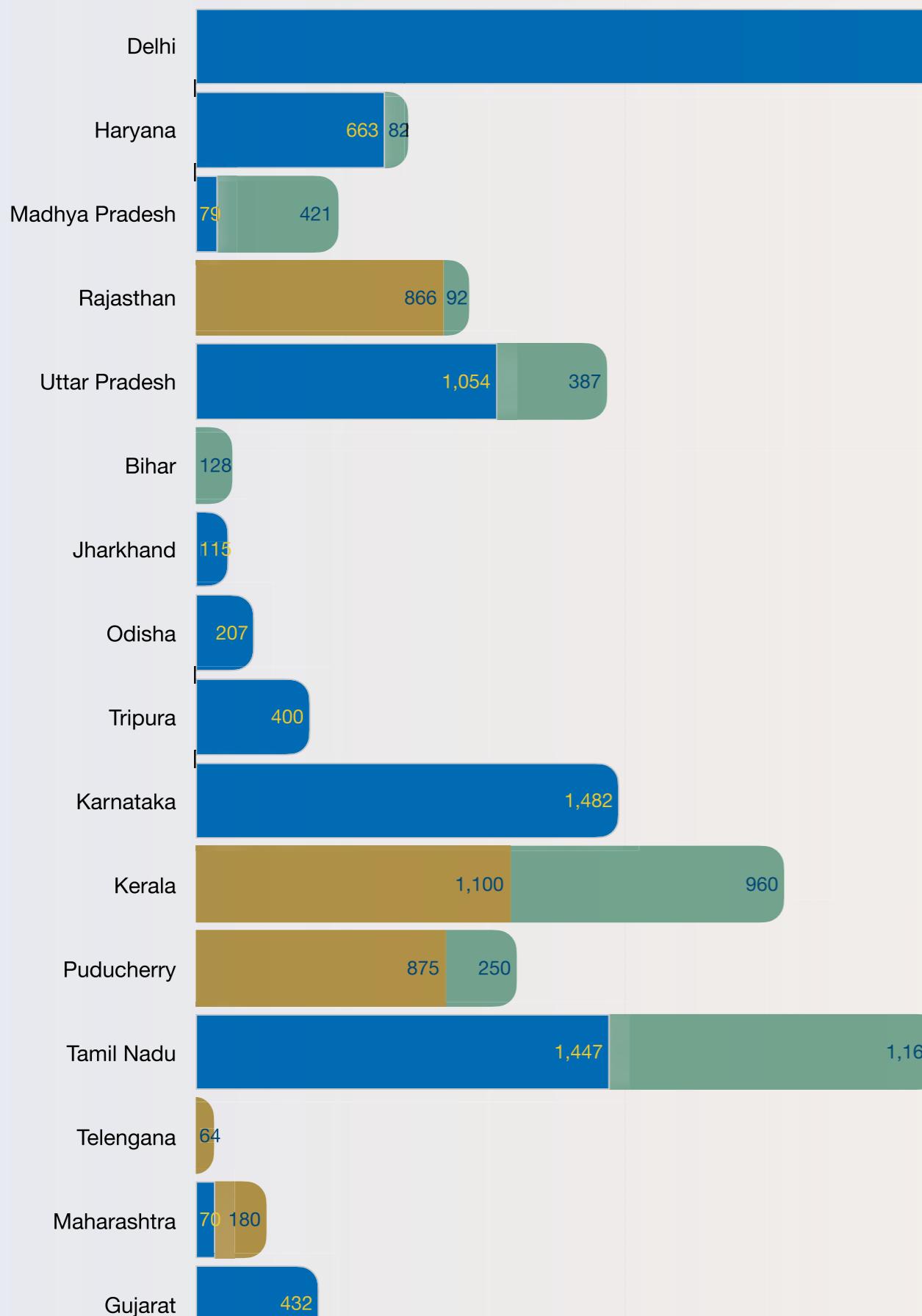


## DOMAIN-WISE



# State-Wise Distribution of Participants

**National Outreach 2024-25**



## Vishwa Yuvak Kendra Methodologies

To translate SDGs into grassroots action, VYK focusses on six diverse and synergistic methodologies, ensuring broad reach and deep impact.

**CONCLAVES AND CONFERENCES**

**SEMINARS AND SYPOSIUMS**

**TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS**

**EXPOSURE VISITS**

**ICDP - HEALTH CAMPS**

**ICDP - AWARENESS PROGRAMMES**

**ICDP - CULTURAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**DIGITAL COURSES**

## Social Development

*Fostering inclusion, equity, and well-being across communities*

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) has undertaken extensive social development programs aimed at empowering communities and fostering inclusion. Key interventions included life skills development, menstrual hygiene awareness, personal and reproductive health camps, gender sensitization, youth mental health sessions, and educational exposure visits. These initiatives collectively promoted SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 5 (Gender Equality).

From organizing events like International Women's Day to seminars on drug de-addiction and youth leadership, VYK has consistently addressed the holistic needs of youth and marginalized populations. PM Narendra Modi has rightly said, 'Empowered youth are the builders of a strong and self-reliant India.' VYK's socially rooted actions resonate with this national call for empowerment.



A glimpse of participants from Aahvaan 2.0

## CONCLAVES AND CONFERENCES

1

### Youth Empowerment Conclave 2024 Stakeholders Engagement for Transformative Development

**Date: 9–10 August 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a two-day Youth Empowerment Conclave, bringing together 220 youth, experts, academicians, and policymakers to address critical challenges facing India's young population. The event focused on key issues such as unemployment, skill development, education access, and youth representation in decision-making.

Inaugurated by Padma Shri Dr. J.S. Rajput and other dignitaries, the conclave featured keynote sessions, panel discussions, and interactive activities. Experts from institutions like AIIMS, Delhi University, Amity University, and NYKS (Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan) shared insights on health, entrepreneurship, policy reform, and inclusive education.

Participants engaged in collaborative group exercises and presented youth-led solutions to social and economic challenges. Themes of digital literacy, mental well-being, civic engagement, and entrepreneurial support were central to the discussions.

The closing session was addressed with closing remarks by Padma Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Chairman, IGNCA and Dr. Rashmi Singh, Commissioner/Secretary, Hospitality and Protocol & Principal Resident Commissioner, J&K, Govt. of India. The conclave concluded with a call to action for multisectoral collaboration to equip youth with the tools, platforms, and confidence to lead India's future transformation.

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### 12th Indian Social Work Conference

**24–26 October 2024 | Venue: BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Sonipat, Haryana**

The 12th Indian Social Work Conference, organized by BPSMV (BPS Mahila Vishwavidyalaya) and NAPSWI (National Association of Professional Social Workers in India), focused on Women Empowerment and Well-being: Social Work Response. With participation from 363 delegates across 16 states and 3 union territories, the event featured 21 parallel sessions, 3 plenaries, and 6 workshops. Over 189 research papers were presented.

The conference addressed gender equality, education, health, economic participation, legal rights, and policy interventions. Keynote speakers, including Dr. Sharanjeet Kaur and Prof. Neelam Sukhramani, highlighted systemic gender disparities and proposed actionable strategies.

The conference concluded with recommendations on improving access to resources, enhancing legal protections, increasing women's leadership, and fostering public awareness. It emphasized integrating gender perspectives into education and policy, strengthening crisis support systems, and mobilizing NGOs and community stakeholders.

The event successfully fostered dialogue, collaboration, and practical resolutions to empower women and promote inclusive development through social work.



Mr. Chandrasekhar Pran, Former Director, NYKS addressing the gathering. On the Dais (from left to right): Dr. Rashmi Singh, Commissioner/Secretary, Hospitality and Protocol & Principal Resident Commissioner, J&K, Government of India, Padmashri Ram Bahadur Rai, Chairman, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi and Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai, Sr. Officer - Sustainability & Development, VYK



Collaborative group exercise at Youth Empowerment Conclave

## CONCLAVES AND CONFERENCES

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### NGO-CSR Conclave Aahvaan 2nd Edition

**Date: 10–11 February 2025 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized the 2nd Edition of NGO-CSR Conclave Aahvaan and brought together a dynamic spectrum of stakeholders from the corporate, development, academic, and policy sectors. The event focused on enhancing partnerships, reimaging CSR strategy, and strengthening NGO engagement in India's journey toward Viksit Bharat 2047.

Spanning six thematic panels and high-level keynote sessions, Aahvaan deliberated on CSR evolution, stakeholder collaboration, technology for social good, and the roadmap for SDG alignment. The conclave emphasized the need for strategic, accountable, and inclusive CSR practices, with NGOs positioned as key enablers in translating vision into grassroots impact.

With over 305 participants, delegates and speakers from 23 states across India, Aahvaan 2.0 served as a powerful platform for dialogue, capacity-building, and co-creation—reinforcing VYK's commitment to nation-building through convergence and innovation.

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### Training on Sustainable Development and Voluntary Organisations

**Dates: 24–25 February 2025 | Venue: Deoghar, Jharkhand**

Training on Sustainable Development and Voluntary Organisations convened over two impactful days, bringing together 115 community leaders, youth, and experts to advance women's empowerment and security. The workshop opened with an inspirational inauguration and a vibrant welcome performance by adolescent girls, symbolizing grassroots strength.

Day One featured sessions on sustainable development, gender-based challenges, legal frameworks, and the role of technology in enhancing women's safety. Esteemed speakers, including district officials and policy experts, emphasized collective responsibility and the urgent need for grassroots action toward gender equality.

On Day Two, the dialogue deepened through interactive activities: a puppet show addressing digital gender discrimination, a youth-led panel on security, and the inspiring journey of a changemaker in leadership. Discussions culminated in developing community-driven safety models and strategic advocacy for women's rights. Suraksha Samvad successfully galvanized participants to implement actionable steps toward a safer, more equitable society for all women.



From Left to Right: Shri Haribhai Mori, President CSR Bajaj Foundation and Trustee, Indian Youth Centres Trust; Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder-President, PRIA, Dr. K.K. Upadhyay, Prof. (Adjunct), BIMTECH, Mr. Jagadananda, Co-Founder and Mentor, CYSD, Mr. Niraj Kumar Lal, Head-CSR, Arvind Ltd., Ms. Gayatri Subramaniam, Director, ICSR, Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK, Mr. Manish Mitra, Country Director, Pathfinder International and Mr. Prabhat Sinha, Director-Govt. & Public Affairs, Boehringer Ingelheim during the inaugural session of Aahvaan 2.0



Address by Dr. Raj Bhushan Chaudhary, Hon. Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India, during Aahvaan 2.0

## CONCLAVES AND CONFERENCES

### 5 The South India CSR-CSO Conclave

**4-5 March 2025 | Venue: Bengaluru, Karnataka**

The South India CSR-CSO Conclave, was jointly organized by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Favourd-K and MSME & Startups Forum - Bharat Karnataka.

The event brought together over 230 participants including CSR professionals, NGO leaders, academicians, and social entrepreneurs to strengthen partnerships between corporate and civil society sectors. Key sessions focused on aligning CSR initiatives with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), effective proposal writing, and impact measurement.

Experts highlighted best practices in corporate responsibility, capacity building, and community engagement. Panel discussions encouraged mutual understanding between CSR funders and grassroots organizations, emphasizing transparency, compliance, and sustainability.

The conclave also featured a startup showcase and group work sessions for practical knowledge exchange. The event concluded with actionable resolutions to foster long-term CSR-CSO collaborations for inclusive development, particularly in the domains of health, education, environment, and livelihoods across South India.



Presentation ceremony at South India CSR-CSO Conclave, Bengaluru

## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

### 1 Seminar on Mental Health and Well-Being

**Date: 22 May 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with IHBAS (Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences), organized a daylong seminar titled "Mental Health and Well-Being: Radiant Mind, Resilient Heart". The event engaged 205 youth in insightful discussions on mental health challenges, awareness, and coping strategies.

Key dignitaries, including experts from IHBAS and Brahma Kumaris, addressed topics such as the importance of positive thinking, emotional regulation, the mind-body connection, and the role of spirituality in mental well-being.

Technical sessions explored mental disorders, psychosocial influences, and tools for self awareness and emotional balance. Speakers emphasized building resilience, promoting self esteem, and encouraging help-seeking behavior.

Interactive discussions, practical strategies, and motivational talks provided participants with clarity, confidence, and actionable steps to safeguard their mental health.

The seminar successfully fostered awareness, broke stigmas, and promoted a culture of empathy and psychological well-being among youth. Certificates were distributed to all participants.



VYK Team felicitating BK Anusuya Didi, Sr. Rajyoga Teacher, Brahmakumaris during the Seminar on Mental Health and Well-Being

## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

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### National Symposium on Disability and Inclusion

**Date: 7 August 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal (RMKM), Delhi School of Social Work, and Central University of Rajasthan, hosted a National Symposium on "Disability and Inclusion: A Way Forward." The event brought together 115 government officials, experts, NGOs, and persons with disabilities to address systemic barriers and propose inclusive strategies.

Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, IAS, emphasized gaps in implementing the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. Key sessions focused on challenges in education, employment, policy implementation, and societal attitudes.

Panels featured insights on inclusive education under NEP 2020, corporate and NGO engagement, and disability rights advocacy. Personal stories and experiences were shared by individuals with disabilities highlighting the need for structural reforms.

The symposium concluded with actionable recommendations, including digital literacy, infrastructure upgrades, and sensitization of educators and communities. It served as a platform to advance disability inclusion through collective dialogue and commitment.

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### Seminar on Mental Health and Drug De-addiction

**Date: 4 December 2024 | Venue: Yaduvanshi Shiksha Niketan, Mahendragarh, Haryana**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK), in collaboration with Gramin Vikas Mandal, organized a seminar on Mental Health and Drug De-addiction to raise awareness among rural youth about emotional well-being and substance abuse prevention.

Ms. Mukta Bhardwaj (Program Officer, VYK) emphasized the rising relevance of mental health in rural settings due to social media and addiction trends. Speakers included Prof. Payal Kanwar Chandel (CUH), Dr. Chandrabhan (Clinical Psychologist), and Dr. B.P. Yadav (Homeopathy Counselor), who addressed the psychological impact of addiction, symptoms of mental disorders, and treatment pathways.

Interactive sessions helped students understand practical strategies to manage stress, anxiety, and depression.

Yaduvanshi Group and Gramin Vikas Mandal appreciated the joint effort, acknowledging the event's positive influence on students' mental clarity and motivation.

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks and memento presentations, marking a successful awareness initiative attended by over 300 students.

## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

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### Seminar on Youth Leadership development

**Date: 2 September 2024 | Venue: Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, Karnataka**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with Kuvempu University and Chaitanya Rural Development Society, organized a seminar on Youth Leadership Development attended by 1,155 students.

The event featured inspiring addresses by Smt. Hephisia Rani Korlapati (IAS), industrialist Sri Nivedan Nempe, and academic leaders including Vice Chancellor Prof. Sharath Ananthamurthy. Speakers emphasized critical thinking, self-awareness, and the courage to take risks—qualities essential for leadership.

VYK's representative highlighted their role in nurturing youth leadership towards inclusive development. Students were encouraged to draw inspiration from diverse sources, challenge assumptions, and act with confidence and social commitment.

The seminar concluded with distribution of certificates and a strong message: leadership begins with self-reflection, responsibility, and a willingness to take action for the greater good. The event successfully motivated youth to become agents of change in their communities and beyond.



Inaugural session at Youth leadership development seminar, Kuvempu University

## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

### 5 Seminar on International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**Date: 3 December 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a seminar on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, themed "Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future." The event aimed to celebrate the achievements of persons with disabilities and foster dialogue on inclusive education, employment, and leadership.

Keynote speaker Dr. Pawan Sinha (Professor, MIT, USA) highlighted the role of inclusive science and technology in bridging access gaps. Other dignitaries, including Mr. Ranjan Mukherjee (VSM Retired) and Dr. Ranjeet Mehta (CEO, PHDCCI), emphasized policy reform and private sector collaboration. A panel discussion moderated by Dr. Amna Mirza featured inspiring voices like Suvarna Raj, Rati Misra, and Dr. Gyanendra Kumar, who shared personal experiences and advocacy insights.

Interactive group activities encouraged action-oriented ideas for accessibility and inclusion. The event brought together 142 participants and concluded with a commitment to empowering persons with disabilities through sustainable, inclusive leadership pathways.

Participants attending the Seminar on International Day of Persons with Disabilities

## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

### 6 Seminar on Digitalization and Cyber -Security

**Date: 13 December 2024 | Venue: Bharat Institute of Technology, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with BIT Group of Institutions, organized a seminar on Digitalization and Cyber Security, attended by over 264 students. Ms. Swati Nitin Gupta, a noted cyber security evangelist, delivered an engaging lecture on digital safety, the risks of cyber threats, and preventive measures.

Her session emphasized the growing vulnerability of youth on social media platforms and shared practical strategies for data protection, password management, and online safety. The seminar also included presentations from VYK officers highlighting the organization's initiatives and future direction.

The event served as a critical awareness platform, encouraging students to adopt safe online practices and understand the importance of digital responsibility.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by BIT faculty and the national anthem. The seminar successfully empowered participants with essential knowledge to navigate the digital world securely and responsibly.



Group photograph of participants attending seminar on Digitalization and Cyber Security, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh

## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

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### Seminar on Sensitizing Youth on Women Safety and Security

**Date: 12 December 2024 | Venue: Lucknow University, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

, A one-day institutional program was, jointly organized by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, CREATE, and the Department of Social Work, University of Lucknow. The event aimed to empower youth to contribute meaningfully to creating a safe and equitable environment for women.

Key speakers included Mr. Dayanand Tandon (CREATE), Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai (VYK), Prof. Rakesh Dwivedi (University of Lucknow), and senior experts such as Ms. Ruchita Chaudhary (Retd. IPS), Ms. Bulbul Godiyal (Senior Advocate), and Dr. Malini Srivastava (Institute of Women's Studies). Discussions emphasized the importance of youth engagement, value education, gender sensitivity, and legal awareness.

The session also highlighted state government initiatives and legal frameworks for women's safety. Attended by over 241 students, the program fostered awareness and encouraged proactive youth participation in building a safer, gender-sensitive society.

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### International Youth Conclave for Tourism Development

**Date: 14-18 December 2024 | Venue: Sambalpur, Odisha**

The International Youth Conclave for Tourism Development, convened 207 youth leaders, tourism professionals, and cultural advocates from across India and 22 countries.

Organized by Project Point Odisha in collaboration with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and state bodies, the conclave focused on promoting underdeveloped tourism destinations, cultural heritage, and sustainable practices. Activities included expert-led sessions, heritage walks, cultural exchanges, site visits, and panel discussions on eco-tourism, digital innovation, and youth entrepreneurship. The visit also included visit to IIM Sambalpur to understand the fusion of religious tourism and educational institutions as potential tourism hubs.

The program emphasized integrating local communities into tourism planning to foster economic growth and cultural preservation. Notable events included the Juhar Yatra, Naree Shakti Awards, and performances highlighting Odisha's rich traditions. The conclave concluded with strategic proposals for tourism development and plans for continued collaboration with stakeholders. This initiative positioned youth at the forefront of tourism innovation while showcasing Western Odisha's untapped potential as a vibrant, sustainable travel destination.

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### Seminar on AI, Youth, and Possibilities

**Date: 6 January 2025 | Venue: Atmiya University, Rajkot, Gujarat**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with Yuvak Vikas Trust, organized a seminar on AI, Youth, and Possibilities at Atmiya University, Rajkot. The event was attended by over 351 students and aimed to explore the role of Artificial Intelligence in shaping youth futures.

Swami Tyagvallabh ji delivered the keynote, highlighting the ethical implications of AI in society. Shri Ajit Kumar Rai (VYK) shared the organization's commitment to youth empowerment and sustainable development. Dr. Vishal Bhadani, Vice Provost, Lokbharti University, conducted the main technical session, discussing AI's transformative impact on careers, society, and innovation, while addressing key concerns like ethics and skill readiness.

The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Mandaben Parikh, recognizing all contributors. The event successfully encouraged youth to embrace AI with responsibility and contribute meaningfully to a technology-driven future.

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### Women's Safety Awareness Programme

**Date: 8 March 2025 | Venue: Sri Akilandeswari Women's College, Wandiwash, Tamil Nadu**

In celebration of International Women's Day, VYK in partnership with Sri Akilandeswari Women's College organized a comprehensive awareness program on women's safety and empowerment. The event attended by 850 participants aimed to emphasize safety, legal rights, and institutional support for women. Guest speakers included Mr. B.M. Poovaiah (JK Tyre & Industries Ltd.) and Ms. Shabana Farook (Shabana Art Potteries), who shared insights on workplace safety and entrepreneurial resilience. A key highlight was the self-defense demonstration, which equipped students with practical techniques to protect themselves. Dr. S. Rukmani, Principal, reinforced the college's commitment to women's empowerment. The event successfully fostered awareness, inspired confidence among participants, and encouraged proactive measures to ensure safety in public and professional spaces.

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### Seminar on Great Personality of India - Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

**Date: 20 March 2025 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a commemorative event titled "Remembering Freedom Fighters of India" to honor the legacy of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The program brought together 183 participants aimed to inspire youth through reflections on Netaji's vision, leadership, and contributions to India's independence.

Keynote speaker Prof. Sumantra Bose emphasized Netaji's global perspective and enduring relevance. Dr. Alka Aggarwal highlighted his progressive ideals on education and youth engagement. Additional sessions by Dr. A.K. Merchant and Adv. Abhay Kashyap explored Netaji's influence, early life, and transformative journey.

The event featured an interactive quiz, prize distribution, and a closing ceremony that celebrated active youth participation.

Through thought-provoking sessions and dynamic dialogue, the program successfully instilled patriotism, historical awareness, and a call for civic responsibility among attendees.

## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

### 12 National Summit on role of NGOs in Drug Use Prevention

**Date: 26 February 2025 | Venue: Tagore College of Arts and Science, Chennai, Tamil Nadu**

IRDRP (Institute of Research and Development for the Rural Poor) Trust, in collaboration with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, conducted a seminar on The Role of Youth in Drug Use Prevention, engaging 250 undergraduate and postgraduate students and 15 staff members.

Mr. Rajat Thomas (VYK) introduced the initiative and emphasized youth responsibility in creating a drug-free society. He also showcased a Narcotics Control Bureau awareness video. Mr. Suresh Mariaselvam, a former DANIDA/UNDP adviser, explained various drug types; synthetic, semi-synthetic, and plant-based—and highlighted the socio-psychological reasons for substance use, such as peer pressure and stress.

Key statistics were shared: 275 million global drug users, with cannabis being most prevalent, and over 31 million individuals suffering from drug use disorders.

The event concluded with appreciation from the college principal, acknowledging the seminar's value in educating students and encouraging them to spread awareness in their communities.

### 13 Seminar on International Women's Day

**Date: 7 March 2025 | Organized by: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra commemorated International Women's Day 2025 with a dynamic programme aimed at celebrating women's achievements and fostering gender equity. The event gathered 162 participants featuring addresses by distinguished guests including Prof. Pranati Panda (NIEPA, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration), Ms. Arti Sharma (ACP, Delhi Police), and Dr. Rashmi Singh (IAS), focusing on inclusive education, women's safety, and leadership in governance.

A panel discussion addressed key themes such as women's health, safety, and nation-building, with insights from experts in public health, media, technology, and social security.

The programme included cultural performances by youth groups, reinforcing the role of arts in social change. The event concluded with certificate distribution and a call for continued action toward empowering women and promoting inclusive development.

The day fostered dialogue, inspiration, and commitment from policymakers, youth, and community leaders toward building a more equitable and inclusive society.



Group photograph of participants attending seminar on role of NGO's in Drug Use Prevention, Chennai, Tamil Nadu



Valedictory ceremony of International Women's Day 2025

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

1

### Training programme on NGO Management and Resource Mobilization

**Date: 24-28 June 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) organized a five-day residential training program on “NGO Management and Resource Mobilization” in New Delhi. The training aimed to enhance the managerial and fundraising capacities of 55 NGO representatives, equipping them with governance, compliance, and sustainability strategies.

Key sessions covered NGO governance, legal frameworks, financial and human resource management, donor engagement, fundraising strategies, CSR integration, and stakeholder networking. Experts from NIDM (National Institute of Disaster Management), Deepalaya, India donates, and SOS Children’s Villages led discussions and shared best practices.

Participants gained practical insights into institutional sustainability, reporting structures, and resource mobilization models. Interactive sessions, feedback loops, and networking opportunities enriched the learning experience. The training concluded with an inspiring valedictory session by Shri Sumanta Kar, CEO of SOS India, who emphasized leadership and collaboration.

This program significantly empowered participants with actionable skills to enhance organizational impact and sustainability in the development sector.

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### Training programme on NGO Governance, Management and Compliance

**Date: 26-27 July 2024 | Venue: Hotel The President, Mysuru, Karnataka**

Vikasana Institute for Rural & Urban Development, in collaboration with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, conducted a state-level training program to strengthen NGO governance, management, and compliance capabilities.

Attended by 97 participants from 23 districts of Karnataka, the two-day workshop equipped NGO professionals with practical knowledge on legal compliance, financial management, and stakeholder engagement.

Sessions included expert insights on FCRA, 12A/80G, CSR partnerships, proposal writing, and digital media strategies. Eminent speakers from NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), Teach for India, University of Mysore, and Credit-I contributed valuable perspectives.

Interactive discussions, technical presentations, and networking opportunities enhanced the learning experience. Participants engaged in proposal development, governance planning, and legal strategy formulation tailored to NGO needs.

The workshop concluded with a valedictory session, certificate distribution, and a forward looking action agenda. Media coverage amplified outreach, highlighting the program’s significance in empowering civil society organizations for impactful and sustainable development.



Session on NGO Management and resource mobilisation



Inaugural ceremony of Training Programme on NGO Governance, Management and Compliance by Shri R. Guru, Chairman, N.R. Foundation

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS



Organising Team of Training Programme on NGO Management, Governance and Compliance, Mysuru, Karnataka

### 3 Joint Staff Development Programme

**Date: 24–27 October 2024 | Venue: Regenta Central, Nagpur, Maharashtra**

The 40th Joint Staff Development Programme (JSDP), themed “Empowering Tomorrow’s Leaders – Investing in Youth for a Stronger Nation,” was jointly organized by the Indian Institute of Youth Welfare (IIYW) and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. The four-day event brought together 70 youth development professionals, trainers, and facilitators from across India to build leadership, civic engagement, and future-readiness among youth.

Key sessions addressed contemporary youth challenges including skill gaps, climate change, mental health, migration, digital inclusion, and the future of work. Eminent speakers from civil society, academia, media, and public service led thematic discussions and knowledge-sharing.

Highlights included expert-led panel discussions, cultural performances, and interactive group work. Participants explored strategies for sustainability, inclusive leadership, and governance participation.

The programme concluded with presentations, reflections, and renewed commitment to youth empowerment. The JSDP continues to serve as a vital platform for fostering innovation and collaborative leadership in the youth development sector.

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

### 4 Workshop on Institutional Development and Empowerment of Panchayats

**Date: 12–14 November 2024 | Venue: Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh**

A three-day state-level workshop on “Institutional Development and Empowerment of Panchayats” was held in Prayagraj, bringing together 82 representatives from social organizations and panchayats across seven states. The workshop aimed to strengthen grassroots governance through participatory analysis, group discussions, and formulation of actionable strategies.

Key themes included the evolving Panchayat system in Uttar Pradesh, leadership development, and the role of Gram Sabha in rural empowerment. Eminent speakers such as Prof. Krishna Bihari Pandey and Shri Vijay Anand (MoPR, Gol) emphasized collective efforts to preserve rural values and enhance local governance.

Interactive sessions led to the creation of region-specific action plans tailored to local contexts. The workshop concluded with a puppet play on Gram Panchayat Development Planning (GPDP), creatively reinforcing concepts of participatory planning and implementation. The program fostered meaningful dialogue, capacity-building, and collaborative strategy formulation among grassroots stakeholders.

### 5 Workshop on Women Safety and Security From Awareness to Action

**Date: 28–29 November 2024 | Venue: Orchha, Madhya Pradesh**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with Sankalp Samaj Sevi Sansthan and Rachana Foundation, organized a two-day workshop titled “Women Safety and Security: From Awareness to Action” in Madhya Pradesh. Over 79 participants from 16 districts, including NGO professionals and social work students, attended the event.

The program addressed critical issues surrounding gender equality, caste-based discrimination, and violence against women. Eminent speakers such as Prof. Sarika Sinha (Coady Institute, Canada) and Mr. Anurag Pandey (Child Rights Commission) emphasized awareness, legal frameworks, and the role of community vigilance in preventing crimes.

Government schemes, legal aid services, and helpline information were shared by Mr. Sushil Kumar Verma from the Directorate of Women and Child Development. Interactive sessions, case studies, and group activities fostered practical discussions on empowerment strategies.

The program concluded with a collaborative action plan, reinforcing community responsibility in ensuring women’s safety and justice.

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS



### 6 Workshop on SDG - The CSR Priority and the Role of NGO's

**Date: 10–11 December 2024 | Venue: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in partnership with CREATE, organized a two-day state-level program on "Sustainable Development Goals – The CSR Priority and Role of NGOs" in Lucknow. The event brought together 85 participants, including NGO representatives, academicians, and CSR professionals, to explore collaborative strategies for advancing the SDGs.

Key speakers included Dr. Ajit Nigam (Former Additional Secretary, Indian Railways), Mr. Syed Rizwan Ali (State Resource Centre), and Mr. Manas Mohan (Anavarat Foundation), who discussed SDG integration, health, and climate action, gender equality, education, and nutrition.

The program featured interactive sessions and group activities, enabling participants to draft action plans that align NGO initiatives with CSR priorities. Discussions emphasized the power of partnerships in driving sustainable community development.

The event concluded with reflections from key organizers and a reaffirmation of collective responsibility toward achieving the SDGs through grassroots and institutional collaboration.

### 7 Workshop on Gandhian Perspective in NGO Management : Vision and Direction

**Date: 2–4 January 2025 | Venue: Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

A three day state-level program entitled "Gandhian Perspective in NGO Management: Vision and Direction" was jointly organised by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and Yuvak Vikas Trust. The event brought together 81 NGO professionals to explore Gandhian values in contemporary NGO management.

Key sessions covered leadership, financial sustainability, community engagement, and ethical use of technology, with contributions from experts including Ms. Mandaben Parikh, Shri Gagan Sethi, Shri Apoorva Oza, and others. Participants collaboratively developed action plans to integrate Gandhian principles such as non-violence, simplicity, and self-reliance into their organizational practices.

The event concluded with reflections, group presentations, and certificate distribution, reinforcing the relevance of Gandhian thought in guiding inclusive and sustainable development within the voluntary sector.

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

### 8 Training on Rural Leadership and Communication Skills

**Date: 5-7 March 2025 | Venue: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**

A three-day Training Program on Rural Leadership Development was jointly organized by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and Panch Parmeshwar Charitable Trust. Around 85 participants from voluntary organizations, Panchayati Raj institutions, and academic sectors took part in the initiative.

The program aimed to strengthen grassroots leadership by enhancing participants' understanding of governance, development planning, and participatory decision-making. Key speakers included Dr. Sunil Kumar (Former Secretary, Panchayati Raj), Dr. Lakan Singh (NIRDPR, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj), and Ms. Poonam Maurya (President, Zila Panchayat), who shared valuable insights on the evolving role of rural leadership. Prof. Madan Mohan Chaturvedi, Vice Chancellor, SGT University, emphasized the core values and skills required for effective leadership. Participants engaged in collaborative discussions and action plan development, promoting practical learning and solution-building. The training concluded with certificate distribution, reinforcing a shared commitment to fostering accountable and visionary leadership in rural communities.

### 9 Workshop on Citizenship, Democracy and Youth

**Date: 6 March 2025 | Venue: Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with Panch Parmeshwar Charitable Trust, Government Girls College Sewapuri, and MG Kashi Vidyapeeth, organized a national workshop on "Citizenship, Democracy and Youth."

The event featured insights from eminent speakers including Prof. Anand Kumar Tyagi (Vice Chancellor), Prof. Rajni Rajan Jha (BHU), and Dr. Sunil Kumar (Former Secretary, Panchayati Raj). Discussions centered on the evolving concept of citizenship, democratic responsibilities, and the role of youth in shaping a just society.

Key themes included equality, freedom of speech, grassroots governance, and the impact of constitutional amendments. The speakers stressed that responsible citizenship requires awareness, participation, and humanitarian values.

The event brought together 297 participants, including students and faculty, actively engaged in the sessions. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks, reaffirming the importance of youth leadership in building a socially cohesive and democratically vibrant nation.

## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

*Fostering Prosperity, Building Resilience, Empowering Communities*

Aligned with SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), VYK implemented training and exposure programmes on NGO management, entrepreneurship, digital transformation, and agro-based livelihoods. Events like the World Youth Skills Day seminar, Management Development Programme, and agro-entrepreneurship workshops enabled youth and NGO professionals to scale their initiatives and build sustainable futures.

These efforts mirror the UN Secretary-General António Guterres' vision that 'decent work is a cornerstone of dignity, development, and peace.' VYK's economic interventions laid strong foundations for resilient livelihoods and local enterprise leadership.



VYK and Bajaj Foundation Team members actively listening during Management Development Programme 2024

## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

1

### Seminar on Role of Youth in Skill and Entrepreneurship Development

**Date: 2 July 2024 | Venue: Manakula Vinayagar Institute of Technology, Puducherry**

Vishwa Yuva Kendra (Delhi), in collaboration with READS (Rural Education and Development Society), organized a one-day seminar on "Role of Youth in Skill and Entrepreneurship Development." The event aimed to inspire 700 students to embrace innovation, continuous learning, and entrepreneurial thinking as tools for personal and national growth.

Inaugurated with ceremonial lamp lighting, the programme featured insightful talks by entrepreneurs including Mr. Naveen Akash (Wedesignbots), Mr. Chandrashekhar Kupperi (ANOVA), Mr. Balamurugan (GUVI), and Ms. Anusha Mahesh Dharam (Kandee Factory). Topics covered included AI, RPA, startup funding, women in entrepreneurship, and the gig economy.

A panel discussion and interactive student session highlighted the importance of adaptability, resilience, and market awareness. The event concluded with a certificate distribution and acknowledgements to the organizing team.

The seminar successfully motivated students to explore entrepreneurial pathways and equipped them with practical insights for future endeavors.



Group photograph of participants and dignitaries during Seminar on Role of Youth in Skill and Entrepreneurship Development, Puducherry

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### Seminar on the role of Youth in Agro Entrepreneurship Development

**Date: 8 July 2024 | Venue: St. Augustine's Parish Hall, Ramapuram, Kerala**

Vishwa Yuva Kendra, in collaboration with OISCA International South India Chapter and Mar Augustinose College, organized a seminar on "The Role of Youth in Agro-Entrepreneurship Development." The event aimed to inspire and equip 1100 youth with the knowledge and tools to contribute to modern agricultural practices.

The seminar featured addresses by dignitaries including MP Francis George and MLA Mani C. Kappan, who emphasized the transformative potential of youth in agriculture. Dr. Abdul Jabbar P.K. from Kerala Agricultural University led an engaging technical session on precision farming, data-driven techniques, and emerging technologies like drones and mobile apps for agri-solutions.

The participants, actively participated in discussions on innovation, sustainability, and agro enterprise opportunities.

The seminar successfully fostered awareness and motivation among youth to pursue entrepreneurship in agriculture, thereby contributing to rural development and the national economy.



Group photograph of participants and dignitaries during Seminar on Role of Youth in Agro Entrepreneurship Development, Ramapuram, Kerala



## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

### 3 Seminar on World Youth Skills Day 2024: Empowering Youth, Transforming Lives

**15 July 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) celebrated World Youth Skills Day with a seminar focused on empowering youth through skill development, digital literacy, entrepreneurship, and vocational training. The event featured participation from 242 students, professionals, educators, and policymakers.

The inaugural session included addresses by experts from NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation), IHBAS, Usha Social Services, and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, emphasizing the significance of multi-skilled youth in a competitive job market and the role of physical-mental well-being in learning.

Two panel discussions followed: the first on government skill initiatives and digital empowerment; the second with young entrepreneurs sharing their journeys, challenges, and strategies for success.

Interactive Q&A sessions encouraged youth participation and reflection.

The event fostered awareness, motivation, and actionable insights, aligning with national priorities on youth development. It reinforced the importance of continuous learning and innovation, preparing youth to thrive in the dynamic global workforce.



Experience Sharing by Youth on World Youth Skills Day

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

### 1 Training Programme on Skill and Entrepreneurship Development

**Date: 3-5 July 2024 | Venue: Puducherry**

The VYK-READS Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Programme aimed to foster rural innovation, enterprise development, and youth empowerment. Organized in collaboration with READS and supported by NABARD, EDII, SIDBI, and StartupTN, the three-day event brought together 80 key stakeholders, including youth, entrepreneurs, and development professionals. Sessions covered themes such as entrepreneurial ecosystems, market linkages, rural skill development, financial compliance, and startup incubation. Eminent speakers, including NABARD DDM Shri Siddharth, SIDBI DGM Shri Chandrasekaran, and angel investor Shri Naga Prakasam, shared actionable insights. The program highlighted the importance of nurturing grassroots talent, providing access to incubation, funding, and market linkages, and empowering marginalized communities through targeted training. A certificate distribution ceremony marked the conclusion. The initiative successfully bridged institutional knowledge with field realities, contributing to inclusive and sustainable development by equipping participants with practical skills and entrepreneurial acumen to drive rural economic growth.



Felicitations of guest during Training Programme on Skill and Entrepreneurship Development, Puducherry

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

### 2 Resource Farmer Training

**Date: 5-7 August 2024 | Venue: Sikar, Rajasthan**

The Vishwa Yuvak Kendra in collaboration with Bajaj Foundation conducted a three-day training program to empower 65 farmer facilitators with the Problem Posing Approach, rooted in Paulo Freire's pedagogy. The training focused on enhancing facilitation, storytelling, and mobilization skills essential for transitioning 5,000 farmers to natural farming.

Participants explored methods such as Varnamala Vidhi (Alphabetisation) and Chitrakala Vidhi (Picturisation), emphasizing interactive and reflective learning. Emphasis was placed on shifting from a traditional trainer role to that of a Sutradhar—a guide and storyteller engaging learners emotionally and intellectually.

Creative pre-facilitation work, storytelling sessions, and practical demonstrations fostered deep reflection on chemical-based farming's impacts. Each facilitator developed and presented actionable session plans for their communities.

The training concluded with participants demonstrating readiness to lead change and foster sustainable agricultural practices, setting the groundwork for a grassroots natural farming movement. The program emphasized empathy, cultural sensitivity, and peer-driven learning.

### 3 Workshop on Agro Entrepreneurship Development

**Date: 31 August - 1 September 2024 | Venue: SMSSS, Shivamogga, Karnataka**

The Agro-Entrepreneurship Development Workshop was jointly organized by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, FEVOURD-K, and MSME Startup Bharat.

The event brought together 144 NGOs from 28 districts, including SHGs, FPOs, artisans, and farmers, to strengthen grassroots agro-entrepreneurship.

The inauguration was led by dignitaries including Smt. Chhaya Gandhi and Shri Mitesh Khandelwal, who emphasized linking NGOs with government MSME schemes and international networks. Technical sessions featured experts covering branding, product development, compliance, food processing, and FPO success stories. The event also highlighted collaborative opportunities between NGOs, MSMEs, and academic institutions. The valedictory session, graced by MP B.Y. Raghavendra, reinforced the importance of supporting farmers and community-based organizations. The workshop concluded with a call for continuous engagement, upskilling, and collaboration to drive sustainable agri-enterprise development and market integration, empowering rural stakeholders with practical tools and strategic insights.



Live Training Session with Resource Farmers of Bajaj Foundation at Sikar, Rajasthan



Felicitation of guest during inaugural ceremony of Workshop on Agro Entrepreneurship Development, Shivamogga

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

### 4 Resource Farmer training

**Date: 2-4 Sep 2024 | Venue: Sikar, Rajasthan**

The three-day Facilitator Training Program aimed to empower 65 community leaders and farmers to become effective facilitators promoting natural farming.

Through interactive ice-breaking sessions, group discussions, films like Swades and Gandhi, and participatory techniques inspired by Paulo Freire's pedagogy, participants explored critical thinking, stakeholder engagement, and sustainable agricultural practices.

Activities such as couplet writing, picturisation, and role-plays helped in decoding the harmful effects of chemical farming and promoting natural alternatives. The training emphasized the role of facilitators as "Sutradhars"—guides who spark internal motivation and reflection within communities. Participants also developed session plans and IEC materials like poems and drawings to advocate for change. Recommendations included continuous practice, support from Bajaj Foundation staff, and widespread use of educational tools. The training concluded with strong commitment from participants to lead the transition towards natural farming in their respective regions.

### 5 Workshop on Developing Strategies and Approaches to CSR Partnerships

**Date: 20-21 September 2024 | Venue: PDTc Warangal, Telengana**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) and Bala Vikasa PDTc (People Development Training Centre) jointly organized a two-day national-level training workshop on "Developing Strategies and Approaches to CSR Partnerships".

The workshop brought together 64 senior NGO professionals from Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana to enhance their capacity in CSR policy compliance, partnership building, and sustainable development.

Key sessions focused on CSR regulations under the Companies Act 2013, Schedule VII activities, stakeholder engagement, legal compliance (12A, 80G), monitoring tools, reporting formats, and aligning CSR with the SDGs. Experts including Ms. Sunitha Reddy, Mr. Shoury Reddy, and Mr. Rahul Bharadwaj guided participants through trends, funding access, and branding strategies.

Interactive Q&A sessions and peer learning enhanced understanding. Participants appreciated the actionable insights, particularly on documentation, reporting, and partnership readiness for CSR engagement. The workshop concluded with certificate distribution and strong participant feedback.



Interaction Session with Resource Farmers of Bajaj Foundation at Sikar, Rajasthan



Session during Workshop on Developing Strategies and Approaches to CSR Partnerships, Warangal, Telengana

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

### 6 Management Development Programme (MDP)

**Date: 24–28 September 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and Bajaj Foundation jointly organized a five-day Management Development Programme (MDP) to enhance the leadership and managerial skills of 74 mid to seniorlevel employees.

The programme aimed to equip participants with strategic thinking, decision-making, and team management capabilities to thrive in dynamic business environments.

Key sessions included effective communication, leadership, time management, emotional intelligence, stress management, and conflict resolution.

Eminent speakers such as Mr. Mathew Cherian, Dr. Suneel Keswani, and Dr. Jayanti Dutta led interactive and practical workshops.

Participants engaged in activities linking personal growth with organizational goals, along with exposure visits to Delhi's heritage sites. The valedictory session reinforced the need for continuous learning, ethical leadership, and inclusive workplace culture.

The programme concluded with a commitment to biennial MDPs, reflecting both organizations' dedication to developing competent, resilient, and socially responsible leaders.

### 7 Training on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

**Date: 17–21 February 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a five-day residential training on Skill Building and Entrepreneurship Development to empower NGOs and development professionals with practical tools to implement impactful skilling initiatives. The training aimed to align NGO efforts with national skill frameworks like Skill India, Startup India, and NEP 2020.

The event brought together 49 participants engaged in expert-led sessions on topics such as demand-driven training models, CSR partnership strategies, entrepreneurship fundamentals, capacity building, and monitoring frameworks. Speakers included senior officials from NSDC, AISECT (All India Society for Electronics and Computer Technology), MEPSC (Management and Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council), and industry leaders.

Interactive workshops, group activities, and real-life case discussions facilitated actionable learning. Participants also developed program proposals, mapped skill gaps, and explored collaboration opportunities across government, corporate, and community sectors.

The training concluded with reflections, feedback, and a valedictory address emphasizing scalable, inclusive skilling strategies for India's future. The program strengthened participants' capacity to design and execute sustainable skill and entrepreneurship development initiatives.

### 8 Workshop on Agro-Entrepreneurship Development

**Date: 3–4 March 2025 | Venue: St. Xavier's Pastoral & Communication Center, Uppalam, Puducherry**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and GRAMIUM Trust, organized a workshop to build capacity of 95 grassroots organizations in agriculture-based enterprise promotion. Eminent experts from ICAR, NABARD, FANSA, and UNICEF shared actionable insights. Hon. Shri N. Rangaswamy, Chief Minister of Puducherry, graced the valedictory session and emphasized motivating youth toward agro-enterprise.



Mr. Mathew Cherian, Global Ambassador for Aging, HelpAge International, addressing the gathering. On the dais (from left to right): Ms. Mukta Bhardwaj, Programme Officer, VYK, Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK, Mr. Haribhai Mori, President-CSR, Bajaj Foundation & Trustee, VYK, Mr. Mahendra Phate, Regional Programme Manager, Bajaj Foundation and Mr. Rajendra Singh Khatediya, Regional Programme Manager, Bajaj Foundation



Bajaj Foundation and VYK Team members during Management Development Programme 2024

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

*Nurturing Balance, Building Resilience, Empowering Communities*

Environmental awareness and sustainability remained central to VYK's mission, advancing SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 15 (Life on Land). Activities included World Environment Day celebrations, WASH campaigns, disaster preparedness training, water conservation seminars, and school-level youth engagement.

These efforts educated thousands about biodiversity, hygiene, and climate resilience. UNEP Director Inger Andersen stated, 'We must shift from harming the planet to healing it.' VYK has operationalized this ethos by mobilizing youth across India to champion environmental stewardship at the grassroots level.



Group photograph of participants of South Asian Conclave on Water Sanitation and Hygiene

## CONCLAVES AND CONFERENCES

### 1 South Asian Conclave on WASH

Date: 10–13 September 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra hosted a four-day South Asian Conclave on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), bringing together 129 delegates from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. The event focused on strengthening youth-led WASH initiatives and cross-border collaboration for sustainable community health solutions.

The conclave featured expert panels, technical sessions, field visits, and cultural exchanges. Key discussions addressed challenges in access to clean water, menstrual hygiene, behavioral change, and inclusive WASH policies. Participants presented community-level innovations and successful grassroots models.

Facilitated by regional leaders, the conclave emphasized youth engagement, capacity building, and partnerships for achieving SDG 6. Field visits to WASH projects in Delhi provided practical learning experiences.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment to advancing WASH equity in South Asia through collaboration, innovation, and youth leadership, highlighting the critical role of empowered youth in shaping resilient, healthy communities.



Lighting of Lamp Ceremony by Shri George Kurian, Hon. Minister of State, Govt. of India



Address by Dr. Raj Bhushan Chaudhary, Hon. Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India



Dignitaries sitting on the dais (from left to right):

Mr. P.C. Misra, Director, IIYD, Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, VYK, Mr. R.K. Srinivasan, Sr. Wash Specialist, USAID, Dr. Kiran Bedi, Former Lt. Governor, Puducherry, Dr. Raj Bhushan Chaudhary, Hon. MoS Jal Shakti, Govt. of India, Mr. Anand Shekhar, Addl. Mission Director, NITI Aayog, Ms. Lajana Manandhar, Regional Convenor, FANSA, Dr. Seetharam M.R., NSC Member, FANSA India and Mr. Murali Ramisetty, FANSA Regional Governance Chair



Group photograph of participants during South Asian Conclave on WASH



Exposure visit to Sulabh International, New Delhi, during South Asian Conclave on WASH

## 2 Global Meet 2024 on Climate Resilience, Protection and Conservation

**Date: 16 November 2024 | Venue: IIM Kozhikode, Kerala**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with OISCA International, IIM Kozhikode, and Calicut Management Association, organized the Global Meet 2024 on “Climate Resilience, Protection and Conservation.”

The conference brought together nearly 300 participants, including government officials, academicians, youth, corporates, NGOs, and international delegates from Japan, to foster dialogue and cooperation on environmental sustainability.

Inaugurated by Hon’ble Justice Devan Ramachandran (Kerala High Court), the conference emphasized the urgent need for collective action to address the climate crisis. The “Calicut Declaration” was adopted, affirming shared responsibility to protect global ecosystems for future generations.

Distinguished speakers such as Ms. Etsuko Nakano (President, OISCA International) and Dr. Debasish Chatterjee (Director, IIMK) stressed the importance of cooperative action and youth-led initiatives.

The summit served as a collaborative platform for exchanging best practices, renewing commitments, and promoting sustainable environmental action at local and global levels.

## 3 Conference on Disaster Management

**Date: 20–22 January, 2025| Venue: Jubilee Memorial Animation Centre, Althara Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK), in collaboration with Cosmic Community Centre (CCC) and Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA), organized a three-day Disaster Management conference attended by 80 participants to strengthen community-level resilience aligned with the Sendai Framework and SDG 13. The training featured expert-led sessions on inclusive disaster risk reduction, early warning systems, CSR engagement, and media’s role in emergency response. Key speakers included Justice J.B. Koshy, Dr. Joy Elamon, and Mr. Joe John George. The program also highlighted inclusive preparedness for vulnerable groups and showcased technology applications in disaster planning. The training concluded with a valedictory session led by Mr. P.H. Kurien IAS and Dr. Sekhar Kuriakose, reinforcing the importance of government and NGO collaboration in disaster preparedness. Participants were awarded certificates, and the program concluded with a call for committed local action.

## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

### 1 Seminar on World Environment Day 2024

**Date: 5 June 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with partner organizations, organized a seminar on June 5, 2024, to mark World Environment Day, themed "Land Restoration, Desertification, and Drought Resilience." The event brought together 135 participants. Eminent speakers including Padma Bhushan Dr. Anil Prakash Joshi and Padma Shri awardees emphasized sustainable development, traditional water conservation, and youth engagement in climate action. Key discussions focused on circular economy, organic farming, and CSR's role in ecological stewardship. A youth-led panel explored innovative environmental governance and waste management. The event also launched a nationwide month-long campaign in 15 states and introduced a certified life skills course. Engaging activities like street plays and interactive dialogues reinforced the message of environmental responsibility. The seminar concluded with a strong call for sustained collective action towards ecosystem restoration and resilience.

### 2 Seminar on the Role of Youth in Environmental Protection and Conservation

**Date: 2 August 2024 | Venue: Sri Sarada Niketan College of Science for Women, Karur, Tamil Nadu**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with GRAMIUM Trust, organized a seminar to raise awareness among 700 students on youth-led environmental protection and conservation.

Eminent speakers, including Shri Renjan Mathew (WWF Kerala), Shri Saravanan (WWF Tamil Nadu), and Shri Gopal (TN Green Mission), addressed critical issues such as climate change, ecological footprints, biodiversity loss, and sustainable practices. Interactive sessions highlighted practical approaches like afforestation, water reuse, and youth-led volunteerism.

Speakers emphasized the urgency of youth involvement in green initiatives and offered guidance on internships and community campaigns. The event also showcased Tamil Nadu government's climate action goals and encouraged student participation through official green mission platforms.

The seminar concluded with sapling plantations, certificate distribution, and a strong call to action for students to be responsible environmental stewards and contributors to a sustainable future.

### 3 Seminar on Water Conservation and Security

**Date: 28 August 2024 | Venue: Mewar Group of Institutions, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh**

A seminar on "Water Conservation and Security" was jointly organized by Mewar Group of Institutions, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, and Arihant Charitable Educational Trust. Padma Shri awardee and noted environmentalist Shri Umashankar Pandey delivered a compelling address, stressing the urgent need for a water revolution and education on sustainable water management.

He urged youth to lead water conservation efforts, suggesting the creation of water-focused educational institutions and highlighting severe groundwater depletion in several districts of Uttar Pradesh.

70 students participated and were recognized as "Water Warriors" for their commitment to conservation. Dr. Alka Agarwal, Director of Mewar, and Shri Uday Shankar Singh, CEO of VYK, emphasized conscious living and active youth engagement to address water scarcity and pollution.

The seminar concluded with cultural performances by students, reinforcing the message of environmental stewardship and community action for water sustainability.



Group photograph of participants during Seminar on the Role of Youth in Environmental Protection and Conservation, Karur, Tamil Nadu



Inaugural Session of Seminar on Role of Youth in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), Dindigul, Tamil Nadu

## SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

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### Seminar on Role of Youth in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

**Date: 8 November 2024 | Venue: Government ITI, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with Vaigai Trust, FANSA India, and Government ITI Dindigul, organized a seminar on the role of youth in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), attended by over 300 students.

The event featured key addresses by local dignitaries and technical sessions led by WASH experts including Padma Shri Subburaman and Mr. Chellamuthu. Discussions emphasized youth leadership in promoting hygiene awareness, water conservation, and community sanitation.

The seminar highlighted global WASH challenges—particularly for children, women, and rural communities—and the urgent need for youth-led innovation and action. Topics included menstrual hygiene, climate-linked water scarcity, and the importance of handwashing and clean environments for child health and education.

Practical initiatives like campus clean-up drives, student WASH task forces, and low-cost water purification solutions were proposed. The session concluded with student feedback and commitments to community-based WASH engagement.

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### Seminar on Role of Youth in Disaster Management

**Date: 23 January 2025 | Fatima Mata National College (Autonomous), Kollam, Kerala**

Organized by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, Delhi, in collaboration with Cosmic Community Centre Fatima Mata National College and KSDMA, the event aimed to engage youth in proactive disaster preparedness and response. Over 500 students and staff participated in the seminar. The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. K.V. Thomas, Special Representative of the Government of Kerala, with the welcome address delivered by Principal Prof. Cynthia Catherine Michael. Key sessions included expert talks by Dr. Alexander Jacob, IPS (Retd), on youth and the environment; Mr. Joe John George (UNICEF India) on volunteerism; and Mr. Prem G. Prakash (DDMA, Kollam) on institutional frameworks in disaster management. The program concluded with a valedictory address by MP N.K. Premachandran, who also distributed participation certificates. The seminar successfully fostered youth awareness, responsibility, and readiness in disaster risk reduction.

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### Seminar on Role of Youth in Environmental Protection and Conservation

**Date: 1 March 2025 | Venue: Aarupadai Veedu Medical College, Puducherry**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with GRAMIUM Trust, organized a one-day seminar focused on empowering youth for environmental protection and conservation. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Speaker Shri R. Selvam, with participation from 250 students and faculty members.

Key sessions were delivered by Shri Renjan Mathew (WWF-India) and Dr. Smitha Chandran (Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham), who addressed pressing environmental issues such as climate change, ecological footprints, and biodiversity loss. They emphasized the youth's critical role in research, community outreach, and policy advocacy.

Participants engaged in interactive discussions and were encouraged to join environmental movements, undertake volunteering, and promote sustainable practices. The seminar highlighted the importance of individual and collective responsibility in environmental conservation.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and the distribution of mementos, reinforcing the commitment of youth towards building a greener and more sustainable future.



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### Seminar on SDG-13 and Youth: Climate Action and Sustainable Development

**Date: 24-25 March 2025 | Venue: Shri Krishna Science Centre, Patna, Bihar**

The seminar titled "SDG-13 and Youth: Climate Action and Sustainable Development" was, organized jointly by Prem Youth Foundation, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (New Delhi), and the Centre itself. 130 participants from across India—including youth leaders, environmentalists, and policymakers—gathered to discuss youth engagement in climate action. Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha inaugurated the seminar, emphasizing afforestation and water conservation. Key sessions covered SDG-13, climate change mitigation and adaptation, sustainable practices like recycling and renewable energy, and the impact of climate change on biodiversity. Experts from UNDP, NSS, Geological Survey of India, and academia highlighted scientific, policy, and grassroots perspectives. The seminar concluded with recommendations for integrating climate education in curricula, funding youth-led initiatives, and encouraging youth participation in policymaking. The event reinforced that youth are not only future leaders but current agents of change in addressing climate challenges and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

8

### Review and Planning Meeting with Student & Faculties on Environment Protection and Conservation

**Date: 27 March 2025 | Venue: Mewar Institute of Management, Mewar, Rajasthan**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with Mewar Group of Institutions organized the special programme to spread awareness and encourage active participation in sustainable practices. The programme was graced by Padma Shri Uma Shankar Pandey ji as the guest speaker. His inspiring address motivated students to adopt eco-friendly habits. Dr. Alka Agarwal, Director, Mewar Group of Institutions, and Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, also shared their thoughts, reinforcing the significance of environmental conservation. During the programme, a youth-led environmental group, "Paryavaran Mitra", was formed. This initiative aims to involve students in various eco-friendly activities such as tree plantation, waste management, and sustainability campaigns. Mewar Institute has taken significant steps to extend the learnings from this programme, fostering long-term commitment to environmental protection.

A review meeting was conducted on 27 March, 2025 to evaluate the progress of the activities initiated by the students. Around 70 students participated in the review meeting.

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

1

### Training Programme on Disaster Management

**Date: 9-11 July 2024 | Venue: Chaithanya Pastoral Centre, Kottayam, Kerala**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and OISCA International South India Chapter jointly organized a three day Disaster Management Training Camp in Kottayam, Kerala, attended by 80 participants from across 14 districts.

Inaugurated by MP Adv. K. Francis George, the camp featured expert-led sessions on emergency response, health impacts, fire safety, institutional planning, and NGO roles in disaster relief. Key speakers included Dr. Jose Joseph, Mr. Anoop Ravindran, Dassy Davis, and Joe John George (UNICEF Consultant).

Participants engaged in simulations of rescue techniques, rope work, and group presentations. Interactive activities such as yoga sessions, cultural performances, and artistic competitions enriched the experience.

The camp concluded with certificate distribution by Ms. Latika Subhash, Chairperson, Kerala Forest Development Corporation. The program successfully enhanced youth readiness and fostered collaborative disaster response strategies through practical skills and leadership development.

2

### Training on Disaster Management

**Date: 5-7 November 2024 | Venue: FPAI, Madurai, Tamil Nadu**

A three-day Disaster Management Training Program was organized by Vaigai Trust and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra in Madurai, drawing 160 NGO representatives from Tamil Nadu. The training aimed to strengthen grassroots capacity in disaster preparedness, response, and resilience-building.

Key sessions addressed types of disasters, risk assessment, community-based strategies, and inclusive disaster risk reduction. Eminent speakers, including consultants from UNDP and IAG, emphasized resilience-building, mental health integration, sustainable recovery, and the role of NGOs in effective disaster response. Special focus was given to vulnerable groups and the implementation of inclusive practices aligned with the Sendai Framework and RPwD Act. The program included participatory rural appraisal exercises and real-life case discussions to contextualize learning. The event concluded with a valedictory ceremony led by officials from NABARD and Tamil Nadu Alliance, reinforcing the commitment to strengthening grassroots disaster management. Participants received certificates recognizing their dedication to community resilience.

3

### WASH for All – Educating Youth on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

**Date: 27th November 2024 | Venue: Government Higher Secondary School, Orchha, Madhya Pradesh**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, in collaboration with Sankalp Samaj Seva Sanstha and Rachana Foundation, organized a one-day awareness program titled "WASH for All" to educate 400 school children on water, sanitation, and hygiene. The session was presided over by Principal Mr. Santosh Kumar Gupta and featured key inputs from Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and trainer Mr. Vijay Mishra. Students learned about WASH concepts, water conservation, waste segregation, and the importance of daily hygiene practices. The program emphasized behavioral change, especially among youth, to create cleaner and healthier communities. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and distribution of mementoes.

## TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

1

### Workshop on Environment Protection and Conservation

**Date: 5-6 December 2024 | Venue: RCR Vatika, Charkhi Dadri, Haryana**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi, in collaboration with Gramin Vikas Mandal, Haryana, organized a two-day workshop attended by 82 participants on "Environment Protection and Conservation (SDG 13: Climate Action)." The event aimed to raise awareness and build capacity among grassroots NGO workers to promote climate action. Distinguished speakers, including Dr. Rajendra Singh (Jal Purush), Padma Shri Uma Shankar Pandey, and experts from academia and government, addressed critical issues such as traditional water conservation, organic farming, environmental ethics, and sustainable living. Sessions blended technical insights with spiritual perspectives and local success stories.

## EXPOSURE VISITS

1

### Exposure Visit for Students from RUDS University

**Date: 9 May 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) hosted 25 postgraduate students from RUDS MSW College, Raichur, as part of their academic exposure visit, led by Principal Mr. Kempanna M.B. and Faculty Mr. Sanjeev Singe.

The visit began with a warm welcome by VYK team members, followed by sessions on community mobilization, integrated development models, job prospects in the social work sector, and social entrepreneurship. Senior officers from VYK shared insights on sustainability, NGO engagement, and the role of digital tools and communication in development.

Students gained practical knowledge on working with communities, navigating career pathways, and fostering organizational sustainability. The interactive sessions also addressed the importance of upskilling and confidence-building.

The exposure visit provided students with a comprehensive understanding of field realities, enhancing their academic learning and career preparedness. VYK expressed appreciation for the continued partnership and the students' active engagement.

2

### Exposure Visit for Students from Xavier Institute of Social Service

**Date: 1 October 2024 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra hosted an exposure visit for 27 Rural Management students from Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi, aimed at bridging academic learning with field realities. The programme began with a welcome address by Mr. Rajat Thomas and an overview of VYK's youth and community engagement initiatives by Programme Officers Mr. Anand Kumar and Mr. Ajit Kumar Rai. Dr. Rajshree Verma of XISS emphasized the academic relevance of the visit.

Mr. Uday Shankar Singh, CEO of VYK, shared insights on development sector challenges and the importance of sustainable, inclusive growth. Students participated actively in discussions moderated by Ms. Namrata Ajay, gaining exposure to field implementation strategies.

The session concluded with an expression of gratitude, the National Anthem, and a high tea interaction. The visit provided students with valuable insights into real-world development practices and strengthened academic-community linkages.

## DHYEYA - A UNIQUE INITIATIVE OF VISHWA YUVAK KENDRA AND BAJAJ FOUNDATION

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra in partnership with Bajaj Foundation conducted The 6th Edition of DHYEYA, Exposure cum Capacity Building Training Programme on Agriculture, Water, Education and Livelihood at Sikar (20-24 August 2024) and Wardha (14-19 October 2024).

The programme touched all domains of Social Development, Economic Empowerment and Environmental Sustainability. Participants were introduced to models in natural farming, value addition, self-reliant families, and small-scale agro-entrepreneurship.

### WATER



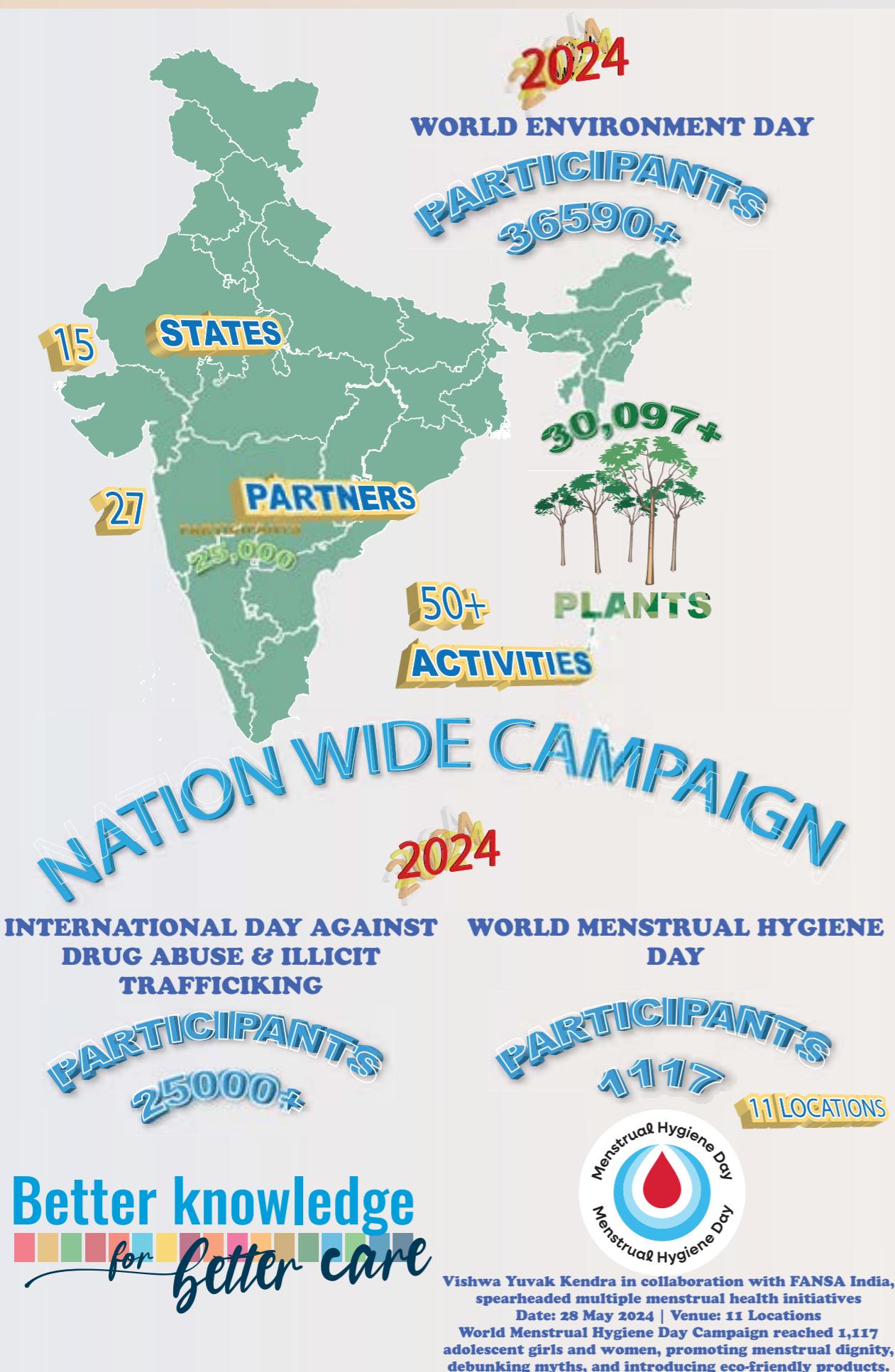
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## CAMPAIGNS



## DIGITAL COURSE

### 1 e-Certificate Course on Life Skills

Date: 15 June - 19 October 2024 | Mode: Virtual

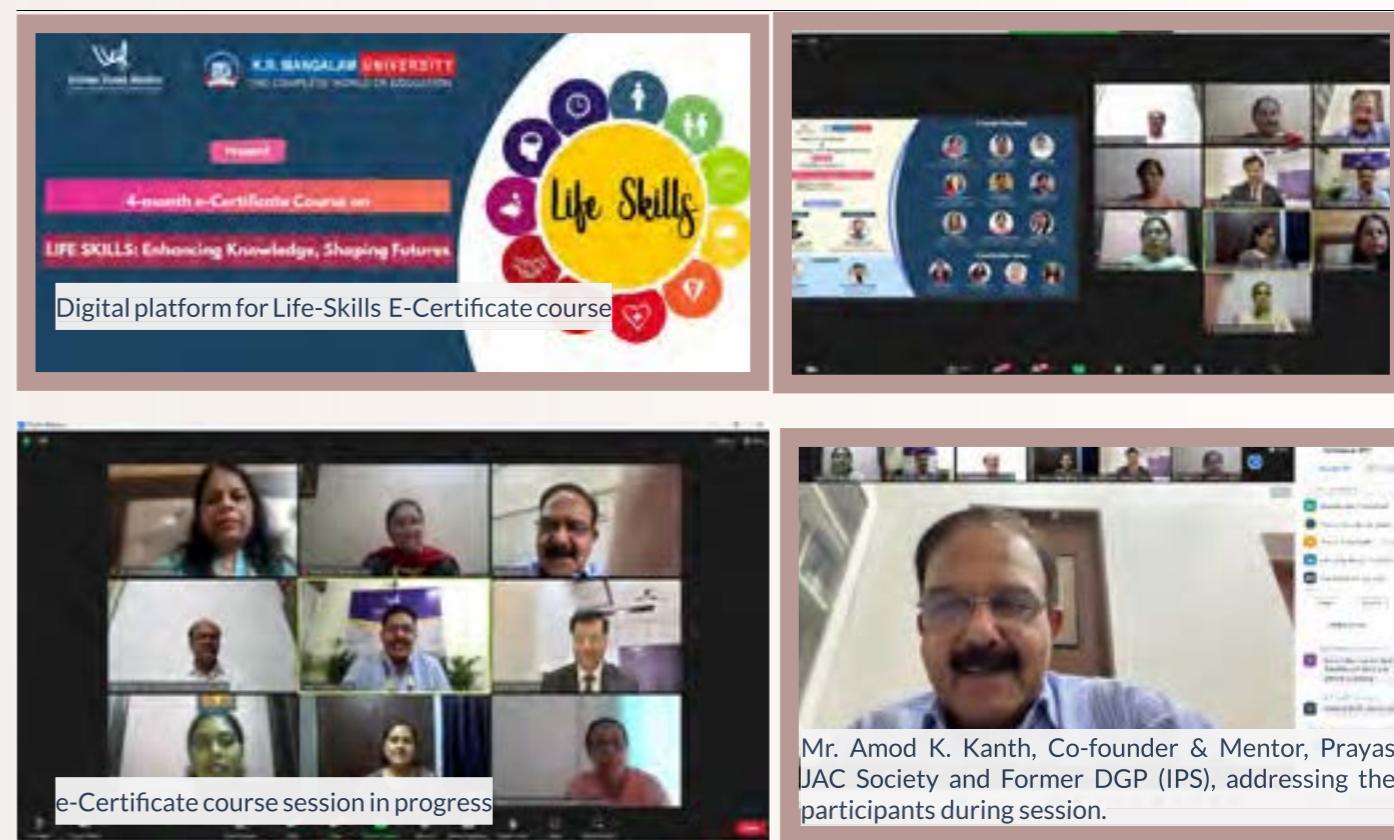
The course was conducted by Vishwa Yuvak Kendra in collaboration with School of Education, K.R.Managalam University, Gurugram. The four month free e-certificate course focussed on Life skills: enhancing knowledge on key competencies such as self-awareness, communication, empathy, critical thinking, and emotional well-being. The course included fourteen technical sessions using presentations, videos, infographics, and activities.

The initiative particularly benefited 5049 youth from NGOs, educational institutions, and community-based organizations, enhancing their psychosocial skills and resilience.

Learners who completed the course, were provided with e-certificates. The program received overwhelmingly positive feedback for its accessible format, relevant content, and practical impact. It effectively contributed to empowering individuals to navigate life's challenges and make responsible decisions.

The course enabled the participants to :

- Develop an understanding of the essential components of Life skills. Equip them with the tools to overcome obstacles, cope with adversity, and find healthy solutions to life's difficulties.
- Learn strategies for goal setting, time management, and maintaining motivation to pursue aspirations with confidence.
- Develop effective communication skills like active listening, assertiveness, and conflict resolution to navigate social situations with confidence and build meaningful relationships.
- Enhance strategic thinking, decision-Making and problem-solving skills required to lead a balanced personal and work life.



## ICDP -AWARENESS PROGRAMS AND CAMPAIGNS

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) has consistently worked towards empowering communities through knowledge-based interventions focused on health, hygiene, gender equity, and environmental responsibility. Between May 2024 and February 2025, VYK conducted a series of structured awareness programmes and campaigns across underserved urban and semi-rural settings in Delhi NCR and Madhya Pradesh. Additionally, the World Environment Day 2024 campaign engaged 36,590 people nationally through digital and on-ground outreach.

### 1 Life Skills and Personality Development

**Date: 9 May 2024 | Venue: Vivekanand Camp, New Delhi**

VYK held a community-based session focusing on emotional intelligence, critical thinking, and communication. Through interactive tools like role-play and storytelling, the initiative engaged 44 participants, nurturing self-awareness and social responsibility.

### 2 Menstrual Hygiene Awareness

**Date: 18 September 2024 | Venue: Bhaiya Ram Camp, New Delhi**

**Date: 30 September 2024 | Venue: Kusumpur Pahari, New Delhi**

These camps empowered 56 and 58 participants respectively with scientific, stigma-free understanding of menstruation and safe practices.

### 3 Gender Equality and Girl Child Empowerment (Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao)

**Date: 30 August 2024 | Venue: Shankar Camp, Moti Bagh, New Delhi**

The camp brought together 70 community members, using art, plays, and discussions to challenge gender norms and advocate for girls' education and delayed marriage

### 5 Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability

**Date: 18 July 2024 | Venue: Vivekanand Camp, New Delhi**

An awareness programme educated 43 participants on waste segregation and the 3Rs. Activities like paper craft using recycled waste brought sustainability concepts to life.

### 4 Health & Personal Hygiene Awareness

A cluster of camps focused on promoting hygiene habits, particularly among adolescents:

**Date: 19 September 2024 | Venue: Ravidas Camp, New Delhi**

108 adolescents participated in handwashing demos and skits.

**Date: 27 November 2024 | Venue: Shankar Camp, New Delhi**

Youth were trained in oral, skin, and overall hygiene using fun and practical learning methods.

**Date: 23 January 2025 | Venue: Aaram Bagh, New Delhi**

**Date: 13 February 2025 | Venue: Hanuman Camp, New Delhi**

WASH awareness emphasized clean water practices, waste disposal, and sanitation, reaching over 118 beneficiaries collectively.



Session on Life skills and personality development at Vivekanand camp



Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign at Shankar camp

## ICDP - AWARENESS PROGRAMS AND CAMPAIGNS

### Key Outcomes

**Total Outreach** 4,201+ individuals

**Target Group** Adolescents, women, youth, school students, marginalized families

**Geographic Reach** Delhi NCR (multiple camps), Orchha (MP), and pan-India (digital)

**Methodologies** Interactive modules, skits, drawing, poem sessions, Q&A, Used demonstrations

**Themes addressed** Health and hygiene, menstrual health, gender equality, waste management, environment, water safety





## CULTURAL EVENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### 1 Teachers' Day Celebration – Shikshak Diwas Samaroh

**Date: 5 September 2024 | Venue: Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya, Malcha Marg, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK) celebrated Teachers' Day 2024 at Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya to honour the selfless contributions of educators. The event began with the ceremonial lamp lighting and welcome performances by students, including songs and a thematic dance tribute. Key dignitaries, including Shri Uday Shankar Singh (CEO, VYK), the school principal, and senior faculty, highlighted the pivotal role teachers play in nation-building and nurturing future leaders. Speeches emphasized teachers as torchbearers of knowledge, values, and personal development.

Students expressed heartfelt gratitude, while staff shared reflections on the significance of teaching. VYK felicitated educators with shawls and mementos in recognition of their service. The event concluded with the national anthem and a reaffirmation of the enduring impact teachers have on students' lives. With 256 participants, the celebration reflected deep respect, inspiration, and commitment to strengthening the education system.

### 2 Kho Kho competition

**Date: 09 October 2024 | Venue: Vivekananda Camp, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized a Kho-Kho game activity to promote physical fitness, teamwork, and community engagement among adolescents. A total of 180 participants took part in this traditional Indian sport, with teams formed under names like Ganga, Sindhu, Yamuna, and Kaveri.

Interns from DSSW and colleges including Ambedkar and Aditi College facilitated the event, mobilizing the community and managing the activity efficiently. The programme officer, Mr. Rakesh Singh, along with the interns, ensured smooth coordination and adherence to rules. The event showcased enthusiasm, unity, and competitive spirit among the youth. Matches were conducted with full participation and fair play, fostering a sense of sportsmanship.

The activity successfully encouraged community bonding, physical well-being, and leadership among adolescents, making it a meaningful and energetic engagement for all involved.

### 3 Heritage Festival 2024

**Date: 21-27 November 2024 | Venue: Location: Swami Vivekananda Ground, Agartala, Tripura**

Organized by Yuva Vikash Kendra in partnership with Vishwa Yuvak Kendra and Bajaj Foundation, the third edition of Heritage Festival brought together 400 youth for a week-long cultural, educational, and developmental celebration. Activities included peace rallies, yoga, workshops on social issues, language exchange, and an Indigenous Art & Craft Exhibition supported by NABARD, TRLM, and others. Key sessions addressed rural development, drug prevention, and sustainable living. Dignitaries, including the Hon'ble CM of Tripura and US Ambassador Eric Garcetti, lauded the youth's participation. The festival successfully promoted national integration, youth empowerment, and cultural pride.



Principal and Teachers of Atal Adarsh Vidyalaya, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, being felicitated by the VYK Team on the occasion of Teacher's Day



Group photo of participants of Kho Kho Competition

## CULTURAL EVENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### 4 Yuva Mahotsav 2025

**Date: 9-10 January 2025 | Venue: Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra celebrated Yuva Mahotsav 2025 to mark Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, bringing together 305 youth, dignitaries, and NGO representatives. The two day event aimed to empower young individuals with Swami Vivekananda's values of self-improvement, social responsibility, and national service.

The event featured keynote addresses by distinguished guests, including Swami Sarvalokananda and senior government officials, who emphasized inner strength, ethical leadership, and youth led change. Panel discussions and sessions explored sportsmanship, women's empowerment, climate action, and preventive health.

Youth from diverse backgrounds participated in cultural performances, competitions, and technical sessions, promoting unity, creativity, and civic responsibility.

The conclave concluded with a prize distribution and vote of thanks, reaffirming the critical role of youth as catalysts for inclusive and sustainable development. Yuva Mahotsav served as an inspiring platform for youth engagement, thought leadership, and celebration of India's cultural and ideological legacy.

### 5 Khushiyon Ka Mela

**Date: 29 January 2025 | Venue: Vivekananda Camp, New Delhi**

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra organized Khushiyon Ka Mela, a community event promoting happiness, mental well-being, and social connection among adolescents. With 310 participants, the event featured interactive games, creative expression, and cultural performances to relieve stress and foster emotional resilience.

Activities included teamwork-based games like cup stacking, presence-of-mind challenges, dance and singing performances, and a vibrant art exhibition. Each segment encouraged creativity, self-expression, and teamwork. Highlights included the "handprint wall" and temporary tattoos that symbolized unity and joy.

The presence of key VYK leaders and enthusiastic volunteers from partner institutions enhanced the program's impact. Their motivational messages emphasized personal growth, community contribution, and emotional well-being.

The event successfully created a safe, joyful space for adolescents to connect, express themselves, and build confidence. Such initiatives are vital for boosting mental health and positively contributing to India's Happiness Index through community-driven engagement.



Prof. (Dr.) Manik Shah inaugurating Heritage Fest 2024 in the presence of eminent digni-



Participants at Yuva Mahotsav 2025

## CULTURAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### 6 Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities

**Date: 25 February 2025 | Location: Chachiyawas, Ajmer**

Organized by: Rajasthan Mahila Kalyan Mandal (RMKM) & Vishwa Yuvak Kendra (VYK)

The State-Level Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities, organized by RMKM in collaboration with VYK, aimed to foster inclusive employment and economic self-reliance among PWDs. Held in Ajmer, the event brought together 500 PWDs and 50+ employers from sectors such as hospitality, IT, education, and healthcare.

Key outcomes included 174 interviews conducted, 58 candidates shortlisted for employment, and 107 PWDs receiving career counseling. The event featured pre-counseling, employer sensitization, and skill development desks.



Participants of Khushiyon ka Mela organised at Vivekanand Camp



Job fair for People with Disabilities (PwDs), Chachiyawas, Ajmer, Rajasthan



Participants during Job Fair at Chachiyawas, Ajmer, Rajasthan

## INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES

Nestled in a serene and centrally located area of New Delhi, Vishwa Yuvak Kendra offers a well-equipped campus designed to support its diverse programmes in the social, economic, and environmental domains, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The campus features residential training facilities, modern seminar halls, a digital resource centre, a library, and dedicated spaces for exhibitions—supported by a professional team and robust infrastructure that fosters learning, collaboration, and innovation.

### 1 Auditorium and Conference Facilities

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra features fully air-conditioned, state-of-the-art training halls, libraries and a spacious auditorium, all equipped with high-speed Wi-Fi and modern digital and audiovisual systems. The versatile venue hosts a wide range of institutional and in-house programmes, including national and international events focused on social development. From small board meetings and training workshops to large gatherings of up to 300 participants, the spaces are designed to support inclusive dialogue, learning, and collaboration across diverse sectors.



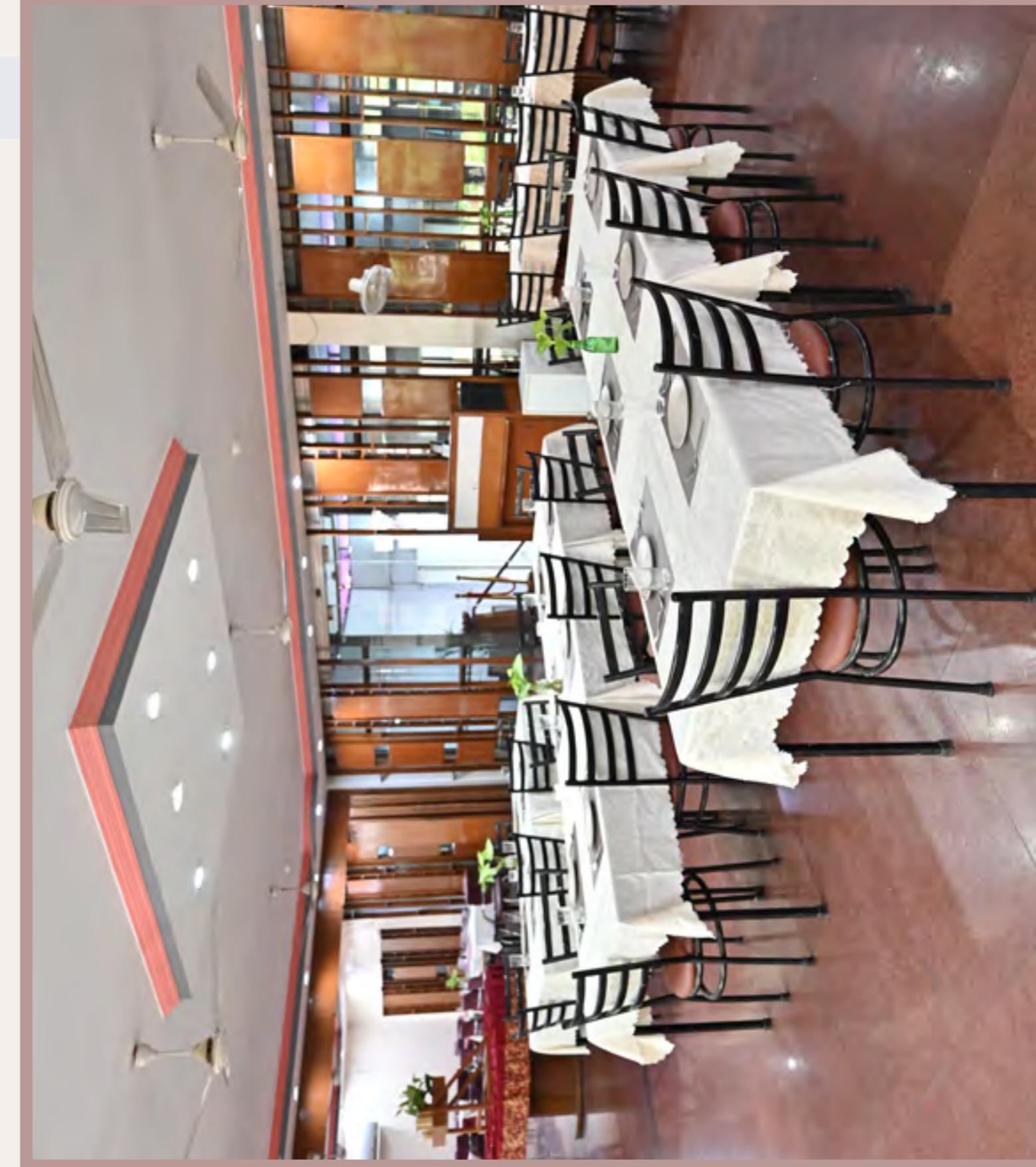
## INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES

### 2 Accommodation

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra provides spacious accommodation with modern amenities to the trainees, students and NGO partners from within and outside the country.

The annexe building has dormitory beds (5-6 beds in a room) which are mostly availed by youth groups/ young students, NGO's 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.



### 3 Canteens and Dining facility

Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, serves modestly priced food to trainees and members attending conferences/seminars and training courses. The dining hall can be used only by institutional members of Vishwa Yuvak Kendra.

## PROGRAMME PARTNERS 2024-25



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## MEDIA COVERAGE

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## LIST OF PROGRAMMES

### IN-HOUSE PROGRAMMES

S.NO	Date	Name of the Programmes	No of Participants
1	09-May-24	Exposure Visit of MSW Students: RUDS MSW College	25
2	22-May-24	Mental Health and Well Being: Radiant Mind, Resilient Heart	205
3	05-Jun-24	World Environment Day 2024	135
4	24-Jun-24	NGO Management and Resource Mobilisation	55
5	15-Jul-24	World Youth Skills Day: Empowering Youth, Transforming Lives	242
6	07-Aug-24	National Symposium "Disability & Inclusion: A Way Forward"	115
7	09-Aug-24	Youth Empowerment Conclave: Stakeholder's Engagement for Transformative Development	220
8	10-Sep-24	Empowering Communities and Youth: South Asian Regional Conclave on WASH	129
9	24-Sep-24	Management Development Programme (MDP)	74
10	01-Oct-24	Exposure Visit of Rural Management Students from XISS, Ranchi	27
11	24-Oct-24	Joint Staff Development Program (JSDP)	70
12	03-Dec-24	Seminar on the occasion of International Personal with Disabilities	142
13	09-Jan-25	Yuva Mahotsav	359
14	10-Feb-25	Aahvaan-NGO CSR Conclave-2nd Edition	305
15	17-Feb-25	Training on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	49
16	07-Mar-25	Seminar on International Women's Day	162
17	20-Mar-25	Seminar on Great Personality of India:Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose	183
<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN IN-HOUSE PROGRAMMES</b>			<b>2497</b>

### STATE LEVEL

S.NO	Date	Name of the Programmes	No of Participants
1	03-Jul-24	Training on Skill and Entrepreneurship Development	80
2	09-Jul-24	Training on Disaster Management	80
3	26-Jul-24	Training on NGO Management	97
4	30-Jul-24	Training on NGO Management and Resource Mobilisation	247
5	05-Aug-24	Resource Farmer Training	65
6	20-Aug-24	Sustainable Model of Agro Water and Livelihood through Innovation and Creativity	92
7	29-Aug-24	Resource Farmer Training	65
8	31-Aug-24	Training on Agro-Entrepreneurship Development	144
9	20-Sep-24	National Level Workshop on Developing Strategies and Approaches to CSR Partnerships	64
10	14-Oct-24	Exposure-cum-Capacity Building Training in Agro-entrepreneurship and Water Resource Management	100
11	05-Nov-24	Training on Disaster Management	160
12	11-Nov-24	Exposure-cum-Capacity Building Training Programme in Agriculture, Water, Education and Livelihood	92
13	12-Nov-24	Workshop on Institutional Development and Empowerment of Panchayats	82
14	21-Nov-24	Youth Heritage Fest	400
15	28-Nov-24	Women Safety and Security : From Awareness to Action	79
16	05-Dec-24	Training on Environment Protection & Conservation	82
17	10-Dec-24	Training on Sustainable Development Goals - The CSR Priority and Role of NGOs	85
18	14-Dec-24	International Youth Conclave for Tourism Development	207
19	16-Dec-24	Exposure-cum-Capacity Building Training Programme in Agriculture, Water, Education and Livelihood	80
20	02-Jan-25	Training Programme on Gandhian Perspective in NGO Management: Vision and Direction	81
21	20-Jan-25	Conference on Disaster Management	80



## LIST OF PROGRAMMES

S.NO	Date	Name of the Programmes	No of Participants
22	24-Feb-25	Training on Sustainable Development and Voluntary Organisations	115
23	25-Feb-25	Job Fair for Persons with Disabilities (PWD)	500
24	27-Feb-25	National Summit on Role of NGOs in Drug Use Prevention	100
25	03-Mar-25	Workshop on Agro Entrepreneurship Development	95
26	04-Mar-25	South India CSR-CSO Conclave	230
27	05-Mar-25	Training on Rural Leadership and Communication Skills	85
28	24-Mar-25	Workshop on SDG13 & Youth: Climate Action for a Sustainable Future	128
		<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN STATE LEVEL PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>3715</b>

### INSTITUTIONAL TIE-UP

1	08-Jun-24	Round Table Conference on Self and Sustainable Development	35
2	02-Jul-24	Seminar on Skill and Entrepreneurship Development	700
3	08-Jul-24	Seminar on Agro Entrepreneurship Development	1100
4	02-Aug-24	Seminar on Role of Youth in Environmental Protection and Conservation	700
5	28-Aug-24	Seminar on Environment Protection and Conservation	317
6	02-Sep-24	Seminar on Youth Leadership Development	1155
7	24-Oct-24	12th Indian Social Work Conference	363
8	08-Nov-24	Role of Youth in WASH	300
9	16-Nov-24	International Conference on Natural Environment and Climate Sustainability	300
10	27-Nov-24	WASH for All: Educating Youth on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	421
11	04-Dec-24	Seminar on Mental Health & Drug deaddiction	300
12	12-Dec-24	Seminar on Sensitization of Youth on Women Safety and Security	241
13	13-Dec-24	Seminar on Digitalization and Cyber Security	264
14	06-Jan-25	Seminar on AI, Youth and Possibilities	351
15	23-Jan-25	Seminar on Role of Youth in Disaster Management	500
16	26-Feb-25	Seminar on Role of Youth in Drug Use Prevention	250
17	01-Mar-25	Seminar on Role of Youth in Environment Protection and Conservation	250
18	06-Mar-25	Seminar on "Citizenship, Democracy and Youth"	297
19	08-Mar-25	Seminar on Women's Safety and Security	850
20	27-Mar-25	Review and Planning Meeting with Student & Faculties on Environment Protection and Conservation	70
		<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN INSTITUTIONAL TIE-UP PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>8764</b>

### DIGITAL COURSE - ONLINE CERTIFICATE COURSE

1	15-Jun-24	4-month e-Certificate Course on Life Skills: Enhancing Knowledge, Shaping Futures	5049
		<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN DIGITAL COURSE- ON LINE CERTIFICATE COURSES</b>	<b>5049</b>

### SKILL DEVELOPMENT

1	22-Jan-25	Skill Development Training on Beauty Culture for Women	120
		<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>120</b>

### ICDP (INTEGRATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME)

1	2024-25	Outpatient Department Camp - 42 Nos (April-24 to March 25)	1457
2	09-05-24	Life Skills and Personality Development	44
3	28-05-24	World Menstrual Hygiene Day-24 Campagain (28-05-24 to10-06-24)	1117
4	18-Jul-24	Awareness on Waste Management	43
5	30-Aug-24	Awareness on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao	70

S.NO	Date	Name of the Programmes	No of Participants
6	05-Sep-24	Shikshak Diwas Samaroh	256
7	18-Sep-24	Awareness on Menstrual Health Management	56
8	19-Sep-24	Health and Hygiene Awareness Programme	108
9	30-Sep-24	Awareness on Menstrual Health Hygiene Management	58
10	09-Oct-24	Kho-Kho Competition for Children	180
11	24-Oct-24	Special Health Camp(R.T.I./S.T.I.)	50
12	25-Oct-24	Special Health Camp(R.T.I./S.T.I.)	47
13	27-Nov-24	Awareness on Personal Health & Hygiene	93
14	11-Dec-24	Special Health Camp(Ortho)	53
15	16-Jan-25	Special Health Camp(Ortho)	64
16	23-Jan-25	Awareness on Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	70
17	29-Jan-25	Khushiyo Ka Mela	310
18	13-Feb-25	Awareness on Safe Drinking Water	48
19	26-Mar-25	Special Health Camp(Dental Care)	77
		<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN ICDP PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>4201</b>

### CAMPAIGNS

1	05-Jun-24	World Environment Day 2024 - Campaign	36590
2	25-Jun-24	Campaign on International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking	25000
		<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN COUNTRY WIDE CAMPAIGNS</b>	<b>61590</b>
		<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN ALL PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>85936</b>





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