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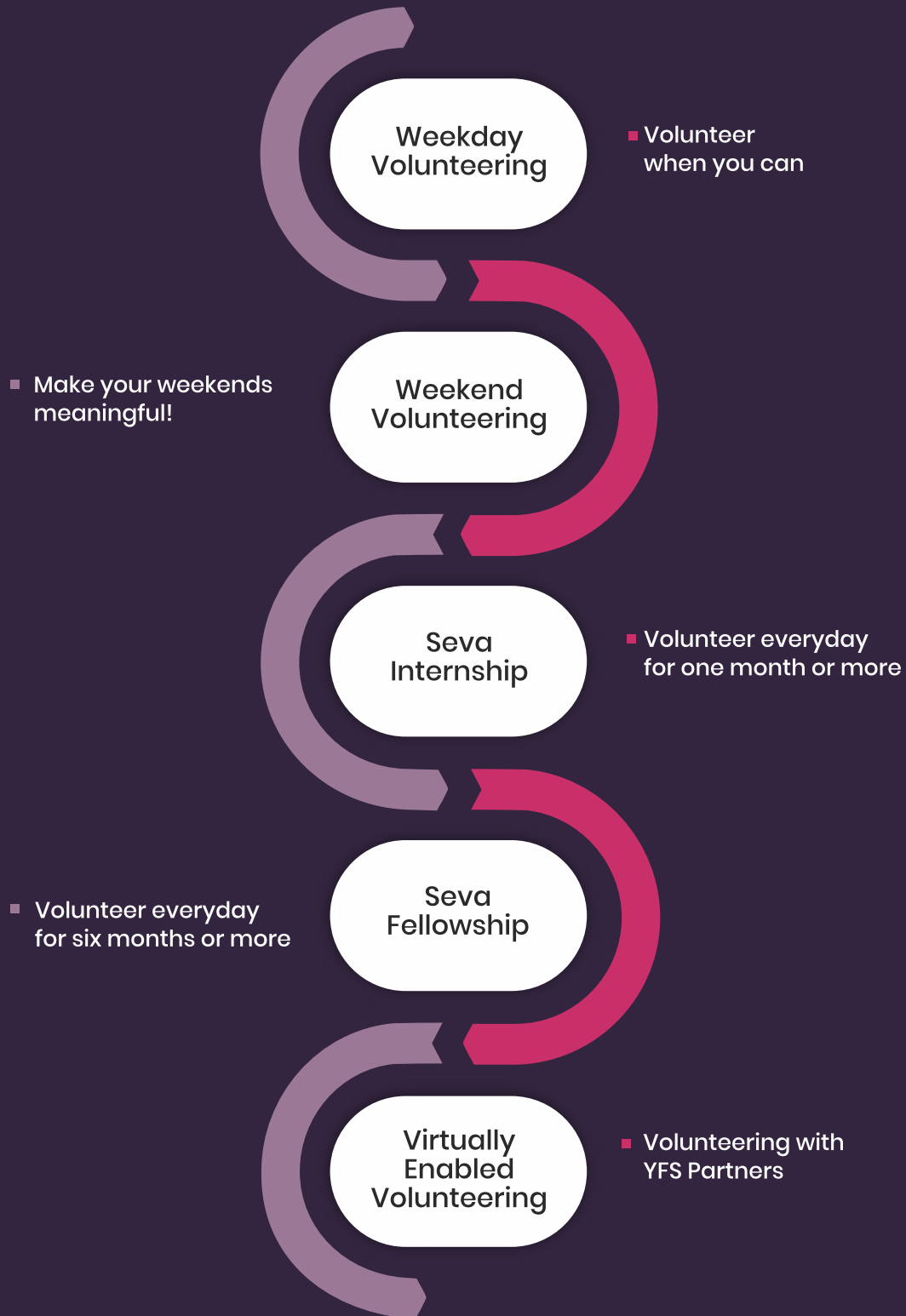
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Purpose powers progress

ANNUAL REPORT

2022
2023

Volunteering Model



All have to give **SOME TIME;**
Some have to give **ALL THE TIME**

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Our Team

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Essence of YFS

Youth for Seva (YFS), founded in April 2007, is a nationwide volunteering movement that inspires youth to volunteer and provides them with meaningful opportunities to serve the community. YFS aims to create positive change in society through the culture of volunteering.



Our Vision

Self-reliant society
powered by
socially
conscious
individuals.



Our Mission

To build and facilitate
the movement of
organised volunteering
for societal
well-being.



Our Values

- Nation First
- Pluralism
- Integrity
- Respect
- Innovation

Community Partners/ Beneficiaries

Development is a participatory process and every stakeholder is an equal partner in it. While the government, NGOs and funding organizations play the enabler roles, community members are the key development partners. Traditionally, community members have been referred to as 'Beneficiaries' of programmes. At YFS, we look at them as 'Community Partners' in development.

2022 - 23 at a Glance

SINCE INCEPTION



32,38,784 (↑13.15%)*
Community Partners



2,06,708 (↑22.57%)*
Volunteers



38,715 (↑4.07%)**
Volunteers



22,389
Education



5,093
Health



4,881
Environment



329
Livelihood



6,023
Others

Others: Includes volunteers during national days, gaushala cleaning, seva sambhrama, old-age home visits, and residential camps.

* In comparison to 2021-22

** The percentage increase is after excluding the COVID numbers from the year 2021-22

Our Reach



30

Locations

09

States

01

Union Territory



Reflections

With deep gratitude and warmth, we celebrate another remarkable year at Youth for Seva, a journey that has been filled with unwavering passion to create sustainable change and touch the lives of thousands, making them better. As we joyously mark our 15th year of inception, I can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of pride for the incredible journey we have embarked upon together. It has been a collective effort, where thousands of selfless volunteers joined hands, transforming YFS into a national volunteering movement. Throughout the years, we have faced our fair share of challenges, yet each obstacle has only served to strengthen our resolve, shaping us into the organization we are today.

This past year, as we navigated through the uncertainties brought by the third wave, there was a lingering doubt if we would ever return to a semblance of normalcy or if yet another wave would engulf the lives and livelihoods of people. Together, we braved the storm, and with hope as our guiding light, we emerged on the other side, witnessing positive changes that have allowed us to regain our footing – schools are once again fully functional, and corporate volunteering programs have successfully transitioned back to more offline events.

Our CSR partners supported various initiatives to enhance learning infrastructure in schools. In addition to setting up smart classrooms and computer labs, we also started STEM education with Robotics and programming in few schools. Colleges are experiencing an unprecedented surge in the demand for student engagement as volunteers, driven by the National Education Policy's endorsement of service learning programs.

Programs shape the body of an organization, yet its soul is forged by its culture. In pursuit of understanding and instilling our values throughout YFS, we partnered with Wisdom Tree Consulting for a year. Their expertise helped us decipher the essence of our organizational culture. To propel our organization to new heights, we felt the need for innovation lab that will spearhead groundbreaking initiatives, conduct cutting-edge research, and drive thought leadership.

Gratitude swells in my heart as we extend heartfelt thanks to our dedicated volunteers, tireless full-time coordinators, invaluable academic and corporate partners, and generous individual donors. Your unwavering support fuels our mission, amplifying the ripple effect of our endeavors. As we move forward, we remain indebted to your unwavering commitment and steadfast belief in our cause. Together, we shall continue making a profound difference in the world.



V. Venkatesh Murthy

Venkatesh Murthy
Founder & Chief Mentor, YFS





EDUCATION



2,43,628

Community Partners



22,389

Volunteers

Presently, we live in a vicious world. Access to essential resources is still a luxury for many. Education is one such resource which more people need access to in our society.

We should surely not discount the hurdles and challenges that many communities across the world face to gain access to education. At YFS, we are fortunate to have many kind hearts and hands working with us to improve and enhance access to education and its benefits to deserving children from less privileged and under-served backgrounds.

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMS)



3,251
Karnataka



1,084
Madhya Pradesh



918
Telangana



275
Bihar



126
Haryana



181
Uttarakhand



97
Andhra Pradesh



56
Odisha



5,988 Total
Students Qualified

The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMS), an initiative that helps countless students across various areas. NMMS is a central government scheme for students of lower-income group of deserving families and government or government-aided schools to avail scholarships in their pre-education level and be deemed meritorious.

YFS has a large number of dedicated and purpose driven individuals who work throughout the year in percolating this scheme to the grassroot level. We have volunteers from across the country who train both teachers and students for this scholarship qualifying exam. Teachers are trained by our volunteers to in turn train students for the exam. General aptitude, critical thinking, scholastic ability and mental ability are the facets of the exam for which students are trained.

We are happy and proud that with our humble effort, there have been many students who clear this exam every year and avail the much deserving and helpful

scholarship. We all must note that the biggest take away from all these efforts is that students do not drop out of school or discontinue education for lack of financial support or resources. We are thankful to our volunteers and continuously seek support to strengthen the future of our country, our children, with improved access to education.

1,20,341 Students Trained

5,988 Students Qualified

6,017 Volunteers/ Teachers

₹ 2,87,42,400 Scholarship Amount



Vidya Sarathi

A common question that most students are asked is, 'What do you want to become?'. It is quite confusing, scary and in contrary simple too. Often children are not well exposed to the trends and developments in the Industry. From YFS we aim to help children find their calling through Vidya Sarathi. It is a career guidance programme where they are educated about various career options, paths to head towards them and means and methods to realise their dreams.

In the last year we were able to guide 4,683 students embark on their dreams of building a stable and successful career and life.



Vidya Sethu

This is a YFS initiative that is bridging the gap in learning that was created due to the pandemic. Students of higher primary classes in government schools found it difficult to get back on track after school closures and irregular online classes. Through our volunteers from colleges such as BMS College of Law and Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology we were able to hand hold children and help them overcome the hurdles they face in academic learning. In a short span of time, we have been able to expand our programme to over 1600 students across 42 schools. Our volunteers have been no less in adding to these numbers.



Vidya Chetana  Signature Programme



**Vidya
Chetana**

Nourishing children's dreams

A Project of **youthforseva**

Vidya Chetana is a Scholarship Programme initiated by Youth for Seva in 2009. This programme was conceived with the objective to support the education of students hailing from underprivileged socio-economic backgrounds. The programme aims at providing scholarships to students pursuing PUC (10+2) and undergraduate courses in professional and non-professional courses. Our beneficiaries include poor students, handicapped students, and students who lost their parents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Until now we have been able to support 5,775 students across 19 states & 157 locations of our country.

VC is not just a scholarship for monetary support only, it is more than that. Through this initiative we provide career counselling for students of class 10, sessions of life skills, 21st century skill development sessions, field visits, residential camps for personality development and employability readiness programme. YFS intends to nurture capable, empowered and future-ready youth of our country.



Vidya Chetana - Aalamban

This initiative aims to assist children who have lost a parent or their guardian due to the COVID outbreak. Thousands of people applied for this scholarship. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly to confirm the details and analyse the needs. In all sincerity, we aim to ensure that worthy candidates can pursue their higher education aspirations.



Vidya Chetana - Impact Numbers



1022
Boys



922
Girls

835
Students

Degree

494
Students

Engineering

491
Students

PUC

52

Students

Medical

72

Students

Other Course



2015-16

39



2016-17

49



2017-18

49



2018-19

90



2019-20

120



2020-21

427



2021-22

1,400



2022-23

1,944



Rajashekhar V

Vidya Chetana
Scholarship Beneficiary

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I am Rajashekhar V, pursuing 3rd- year Electronics and COmmunication Engineering course at BNM Institute of Technology.

I have been receiving Vidya Chetana scholarship from Youth for Seva since 2018. It was my dream from childhood to be an Engineer. This has made a huge difference in my life. Apart from making friends, and receiving support, my personality has blossomed due to my association with VC and YFS. Now I am leading a core team of 20 Vidya Chetana Scholars, we as a core team aim at helping our juniors and people around us to forge their 21st-century skills and provide a space where each one of us should give back to society and learn the actual meaning of “The joy of giving back to the society”. When I think of other organizations who provide scholarships and difference between them and YFS, it is the “Overall development of the child” that comes into my mind. I will consistently put in my efforts and make VC proud of sponsoring me.

Thanks a lot, Vidya Chetana and Youth for Seva.

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“Just help others, that way, you get to see a smile on their faces, and that's beautiful enough.”

Panduranga Rao

Vidya Chetana Donor

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Chiguru / Navoudit / Ankur



18,290

Community Partners



4,774

Volunteers



629

Seva Kendras

Chiguru, Navoudit, or Ankur all mean to germinate, sprout or bud. For Youth for Seva, this means a month long occasion of practice, efforts, and planning to create an extra-ordinary day for children from government and non-formal schools. At YFS we never miss an opportunity to share the joy and satisfaction of organizing this event.

To begin with, Chiguru is an annual cultural event conducted by YFS for children from government and non-formal schools. In most cases, these children never get an opportunity to display their talent and passion on stage. YFS organises a day full of events and competitions ranging from dancing, singing, clay art, skits, and much more. Chiguru was held across India on days suitable for government schools in those locations. Chiguru was special in a different ways in different locations of India. Local forms of dance and singing took center stage in most cases, this included Yakshagana, Dollu kunita, and Gamaka singing in Karnataka and Kuchupudi in Hyderabad.

But, it wasn't just limited to Karnataka, local art forms that were championed under the Ankur included Odishi, Sambalpuri, and Santali in Odisha. Further, the Navoudit program in Bihar focused on encouraging Chat Geet, Lok Geet, and the Jhumar Dance. It was a treat to watch the smile on each child's face when they left for the day.

College, Corporate, and General volunteers came together in large numbers to make Chiguru a grand success. Every year the number of participants and schools involved are growing and Chiguru continues to give an opportunity to experience the joy of giving.



Corporate-sponsored Education Projects

School Kit Drive



School Kit Drive was initiated when our volunteers noticed government school children dropping out due to a lack of basic writing materials. With government interventions being insufficient to retain students, YFS resolved that a lack of affordability of basic writing materials should never be a hindrance in acquiring formal education and hence initiated the programme. Volunteers of YFS enjoy the school kit drive the most. They find immense joy in putting together notebooks and stationery in a brand-new bag to gift them to children.

Each item in the bag represents a dream come true for the children of government schools where many children cannot afford them. The thirst for learning in children is insatiable, and we are just a drop in the ocean of the joy of giving.



44,383
Community Partners



1,041
Volunteers



815
Schools



STEM Programme



STEM education is a big part of the education system for many students across the world. Sadly, it is not always a part of every government school around us. In an attempt to step-up these students to be on par with the rest of the world at YFS we have devised a STEM education programme for students of government schools. Through this programme we aim to additionally empower students towards critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and igniting curiosity.

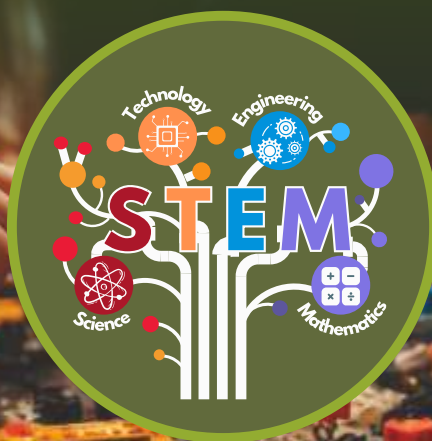
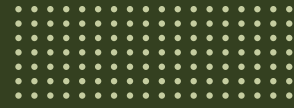
YFS has taken a big step in promoting this aspect among government school children so that these students get an opportunity to learn, practice and develop skills in STEM to be part of the empowered future generation society. Until now YFS has launched this program in 7 schools in Bengaluru, 5 schools in Mysuru and 8 schools in Hanur taluk in Chamrajnagar.



2,071
Community Partners



24
Seva Kendras



Enhanced E-learning Enablement Programme

Enhanced E-Learning Enablement (EEE) provides the latest smart class equipment to government schools, enabling smart learning. Equipped with the latest technology, solar power backup facilities, and NCERT curriculum for classes 1-10, EEs are a huge leap forward for the schools.

Classrooms with EEE also have remote connectivity to enable effective virtual learning and volunteering through the built-in video communication service. Through this program, teachers are also trained in using the equipment. EEE has been an incredible source of support for the students, helping 15,964 children across 59 schools.



15,964
Community Partners



59
Seva Kendras



Lab on Wheels

Traveling from school to school, Lab on Wheels is a mobile setup that helps teach scientific experiments interactively. The required materials are ferried via either a van or bike to the schools that lack resources for science teaching.

This year, we had a number of new experiments that ignited curiosity and scientific temper in the minds of students. We were able to help over 44,608 students across 65 schools understand scientific concepts better!



44,608

Community Partners



65

Seva Kendras



School Adoption Programme

A student's ability to learn and excel is dependent upon various factors. A school's environment and infrastructure form some of the key components in unlocking a child's full potential.

The goal of the school adoption program, which is enabled by YFS and its corporate partners, is to uplift a school's infrastructure and equipment, allowing for children to truly bloom. This year, the school adoption program expanded to over 36 government schools across Karnataka and Telangana, revitalizing the futures of over 11,370 children in the process.



11,370
Community
Partners



36
Seva Kendras



Abhyasika / Learning Centres

Abhyasikas, free tuition centers for students, are aimed at helping children who live in hostile home environments to focus on their studies for a better future. They also help minimize a child's exposure to these environments, keeping them safe in the process.

By encouraging volunteers or mentors at these learning centers who come from the community itself, we ensure that the children feel comfortable. Apart from helping children with their syllabus, homework, and communication, these centers also impart lessons in morals and ethics, building a robust foundation for children.

This year we were able to reach 3,659 children through 125 Abhyasikas.



3,659
Community
Partners



125
Seva Kendras





DOCTORS *for seva*
serving with compassion

HEALTH



86,811

Community Partners



5093

Volunteers



863

Seva Kendras

Healthcare is one of the most important domains where constant improvement is always necessary. There are way too many gaping holes to fill in our healthcare system. Across geographies and economic disparities, we will always have challenges that we can overcome and take one more step towards a better quality of life.

Doctors for Seva is one such step from YFS towards improving the quality of life for people in our society. We have a team of dedicated medical and non-medical professionals who have come together to join hands in our efforts.



Telemedicine Programme

Doctors For Seva is proud to present its esteemed Telemedicine program, a prominent initiative that establishes connections between individuals residing in tribal, remote, and distant regions and medical professionals for comprehensive medical consultations. Our organization takes great satisfaction in the participation of exceptionally skilled and empathetic doctors who generously contribute their expertise, despite their demanding schedules.

Through the seamless integration of technology, patients have reaped substantial advantages from the profound knowledge and guidance provided by these dedicated professionals, thereby discovering pathways to enhanced well-being and a better quality of life. To date, we have successfully facilitated numerous tele-consultations, and our unwavering commitment propels us to continually broaden our impact, extending our services to a greater population.



1,561
Total Case
Consultations



80
Arogya
Mitra



815
Tribal
Hamlets



03
Total No. of
Doctors



Community Health Program - Hanur

Doctors For Seva is proud to have started a new initiative in Nov 22, the Community Health Program which is a significant step forward in our commitment to improving the well-being of underserved populations. We have procured a state-of-the-art mobile medical facility, a Maruti Eeco van equipped with essential medical equipment, a skilled physician, and a qualified nurse. This noteworthy accomplishment is a testament to the collaborative efforts of our esteemed donors, invaluable community health partners, and our dedicated team.

Under the Community Health Program, we have successfully organized numerous community health camps, offering a wide range of services to address prevalent health concerns. These comprehensive camps have included screenings for ocular ailments, lifestyle-related diseases, cardiac complications, orthopaedic consultations, and gynaecological issues. By providing accessible and high-quality healthcare to these communities, we strive to improve health outcomes and promote a better quality of life.

The launch of the Community Health Program, coupled with the remarkable support we have received, underscores our dedication to bridging healthcare disparities and fostering a lasting impact within marginalized populations. With our mobile medical facility serving as a catalyst for positive change, we endeavour to continue expanding our reach and touching the lives of countless individuals in need.



607
Patients
Screened



07
Villages
Visited



Adolescent Health Awareness Programme (AHAP)

Adolescent Health Awareness Programme (AHAP) is a programme that is close to our heart. We aim to raise awareness about health, hygiene and best practices for life among adolescents who are at a unique yet vulnerable junction in life. We cover topics such as menstrual health, mental health, general health and hygiene and negative impacts of drug/substance abuse. Over the past year we have successfully reached 14073 students across the country.

DFS team and volunteers have been successful in bringing about a positive change in the mindset of children in schools through AHAP corner. They are colourfully painted informative wall corners where children get to absorb this information every time they walk-by. This has been quite a hit among both the students and the DFS team.

We are proud to share that we acquired a Mobile Medical Facility (Maruthi Eeco Van), equipped it with basic medical supplies, a doctor and staff nurse on service. It was a highlight of the efforts of our donors, community health partners and our team. A large number of community health camps were conducted with screening for eye related problems, lifestyle diseases, cardiac issues, orthopaedic consults and gynaecological concerns.



14,073
Community Partners



192
Volunteers



Basic Cardiopulmonary Life Support (BCLS)

BCLS (Basic cardiopulmonary Life Support) training was provided to about 150 volunteers with which we created a good and effective team of first responders. This is a much necessary skillset which we need to develop among the youth in order to save precious lives during times of distress. We had both volunteers and YFS full-timers who get themselves certified with this course.

We have a large number of requirements and are making an earnest effort to meet as many requirements as possible. Each day is a new beginning, a fresh start towards a health and self-sustaining community.



1,561

**Sessions
Conducted**

120

Attendees



ENVIRONMENT



19,186

Community Partners



4,881

Volunteers



357

Seva Kendras

As we reflect on the past year, Youth for Seva takes pride in our environmentally focused endeavors. By fostering a sense of responsibility and mobilizing communities, we move forward in our mission to create a more sustainable and ecologically aware world.

Our extensive cleanliness drives, involving 695 dedicated volunteers and 20 Seva Kendras, have transformed streets, parks, and public spaces and have benefitted 40 communities.

Beyond the physical cleanup, we've raised awareness about waste management, emphasizing the importance of a clean and healthy environment. As part of this, we've taken significant steps towards reducing plastic waste, with 909 community partners, 228 volunteers, and 21 Seva Kendras joining us in paper bag making workshops.

These efforts have resulted in the production and distribution of countless eco-friendly paper bags, underscoring our dedication to plastic-free, sustainable living. Furthermore, our initiatives like Clay Ganesha Making, World Soil Day, and Save Birds have all contributed to our mission of fostering ecological mindfulness and community mobilization.





Plantation Drive / Sapling Plantation

In line with our commitment to environmental conservation, YFS orchestrated multiple plantation drives throughout the year. We firmly believe that every sapling sown today contributes to a greener tomorrow. With enthusiastic participation from 1064 volunteers and local communities, we nurtured and planted 2,54,799 saplings. Our efforts continue to root a better future for generations to come.



2,54,799
Saplings



1,064
Volunteers



46
Seva Kendras



Hasiru Payana

Hasiru Payana program took place across Karnataka; the program focuses on environment enrichment and holistic development towards a better and greener future. The 2 day program garners the need for immediate action towards conservation through action by conducting activities like tree plantation, bottle drip irrigation, making treasure out of waste, bird watching, nature walk, and nature games. Seed Ball making and paper bag making made an impact in the local communities. After making the paper bags they were distributed to street vendors who sold vegetables and fruits and an awareness session at the time of distribution was done. We also, conducted bird watching sessions across Karnataka which was a very well absorbed by the community partners and volunteers. More than 50 species of birds were identified and their behavior was studied. Due to this program water for birds did well as it complimented and brought empathy in the students who participated.

Most of the work done in environment was covered by the local news papers. Soil conservation program was conducted across India and its importance was shared. Soil testing was done and how individuals can save soil or conserve soil was shared. Multiple programs on understanding wetland ecosystem, swamps, fresh water bodies and knowledge on different medicinal plants was shared. As waste is a huge problem throughout clean up drives were conducted all over the country. Lake and park cleanup were done, common spaces that tend to be neglected were also cleaned up such as surroundings of temples and schools. Volunteers were engaged to spread awareness to the communities around the public areas so they can share the ownership of the work done. We engaged student volunteers, corporate volunteers and community partners in the projects throughout the country.



Training of Trainers



82

Community Partners



46

Volunteers



02

Seva Kendras

The YFS Sirsi Chapter hosted an “Environment Training of Trainers (ToT)” for select full-timers and lead volunteers of YFS. Mr. Umapathi Bhat, an environmentalist, conducted this 4-day workshop. The workshop’s objective was to sensitize the participants towards the importance of conserving the environment through volunteering activities which is the need of the hour.

The 4 day workshop began with the recitation of “Parisara Geethegalu” (Environmental Songs) which perfectly set the tone for the program. It was then followed by:

- **Awareness Sessions:** Resource persons from the field of environment conducted knowledge-sharing and awareness sessions on topics such as ecosystem and conservation, the harms of using single-use plastic, the significance of rainwater harvesting, Indian culture, and more.
- **Demonstrations:** Field experts conducted live demonstrations about grafting, honey bee cultivation, compost making, tissue culture, etc.
- **Exposure Visits:** The exposure visits created a long-lasting impact on the participants as they got to witness the true beauty of nature and live through it. They were taken for bird watching, botanical garden, sacred grove, nursery, swamps, green journey (Hasiru Payana)
- **Activities:** Group discussions, quizzes, and activities such as eco-brick making, seed ball making, and newspaper bag making made the workshop all the more fun and exciting for the participants.

This workshop played a significant role in sensitizing the participants towards environmental conservation. It inspired them to make small lifestyle changes that could make a huge difference in the long run.









LIVELIHOOD



801

Community Partners



329

Volunteers



16

Seva Kendras

We all identify ourselves and everyone around us with the jobs we have, the professions we pursue and with the means by which we all earn our daily bread and butter. Livelihood is one of the pillars of our worldly life. Youth for Seva opens sustainable pathways for people to build this pillar of life in and around their homes and villages.

Sewing machine centres and Food processing units which YFS initiated in a few villages in Karnataka have started showing good results. Products from both initiatives have reached the end customer through the markets. This is both a pat on the back and additional responsibility for YFS and our partners. With every individual taking a step towards self-reliance and confidence we are motivated to expand our programme across the country and enable more and more people.

Swagrama Fellowship

'Villages are the backbone of our country'. At YFS, we have partnered with resourceful and high-impact institutions (Karnataka State Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University, the study chair of Chanakya University, Pragna Pravaha and Abdul Nasir Sab Study Centre at Kuvempu University) to strengthen this backbone of our country. Swagrama Fellowship is a 3-year long engagement for a team of 3 people. It is a part-time fellowship that can be accommodated along with one's livelihood and can be sustained beyond the fellowship period too.

We were pleasantly surprised when our estimations went wrong! Yes, we received 1800 applications for the fellowship, which was an encouraging surplus. Of these, teams from 94 villages were shortlisted after an interview. Going further, these teams have been screened to 75 teams and will be mentored through the journey of the fellowship. Teams will be ably guided and supported through the fellowship in realisation of their dreams for their village. Swagrama Fellowship aims to nurture and equip changemakers for comprehensive development of their village all while maintaining the essence and nature of that village. Domains such as education, health, environment, art and culture, cooperative spirit, harmony and livelihood are where changes are to be brought about. YFS has taken a positive stride towards nurturing development of self-reliant villages based on the fundamental ideal of interdependence and cooperation.





College Relations



7,390
Overall
Engagement



4,629
Volunteers



891
Interns



2,147
One time
Volunteers



06
MoU's
Signed



95
College
Connects

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We thank YFS for giving the opportunity for students of RV college of Engineering, Bengaluru to be part of Chhote Scientists programme. All arrangements namely organizing workshops to train students, allotment of schools to students, monitoring the demonstration work of students, and organizing exhibitions were done very systematically.

All student volunteers expressed their happiness at being made as part of the Chhote Scientists programme.

We appreciate the effort done by YFS and also would like to continue to be associated with them in near future also.

Dr. Uma B V

DEAN, Student affairs,
RV College of Engineering

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Chhote Scientists

“Chhote Scientists” is an initiative started a decade ago by Jnana Prabodhini with the support from KPIT Technologies with following objectives. The program focuses on better understanding of concepts through playing with experiments and toys made up from simple, cheap and readily available materials. Post experiment discussions about the theme makes this program complementary to the school syllabus also.



Objectives of the Program

- To improve understanding of science concepts through inquiry based learning.
- To provide opportunity to every student to perform hand-on experiments for better understanding of science concepts
- To habituate students to apply knowledge from science books into day-to-day life.

Benefits for the students

- Students will benefit from the social exposure which helps them to develop a humble attitude.
- Students will learn to interact and understand the grassroots level problems and be more sensitive towards social issues.
- The students will be able to clock their activity points as per discussion with the college.
- The certificate will be provided only after completion of all the sessions successfully. Any drop-outs in between will not be eligible for certification.
- The students will learn different skill sets like public speaking, communication and develop a confident personality.

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Volunteering is a life changing experience for me. It helped me in gaining new insights about myself and the world around me. My first volunteering with Youth for Seva is for ENABLE, which gave me an opportunity to connect with the kids amidst the fun. The Youth for Seva team encourages the youth by planning fun-filled volunteering activities. A volunteer has to have the selfishness to derive happiness by spreading laughter around them. Since I've experienced the joy of giving. I will agree that it is the best kind of happiness. I've had the most joy while sharing my knowledge with the kids. School kit packing and distributing is one of the Youth for Seva activities, it was the most interesting activity since all the volunteers gather at one place and work together. Youth for Seva has given me an opportunity to volunteer even during the pandemic. I learn a lot on a daily basis while trying to explain in sessions. In that way I gain knowledge each and every time. In simple words volunteering is something that makes me a better person.

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Hemalatha Kota

St. Ann's college for women, YFS Volunteer

Corporate Volunteering

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy! We have all heard this time and again. Many corporates engage with YFS to provide meaningful and fulfilling volunteering activities to their employees in order to express their gratitude for what they have; while a few of them give their money and effort to make our society better, a few others share a portion of their life in order to inspire the young to learn to give back to the society.

Over the past year many corporate employees volunteered for a plethora of activities with YFS. We have not only grown in number of volunteers but also in the number of corporate organisations that have associated with us.



12,552

**Corporate
Volunteers**



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Chapters

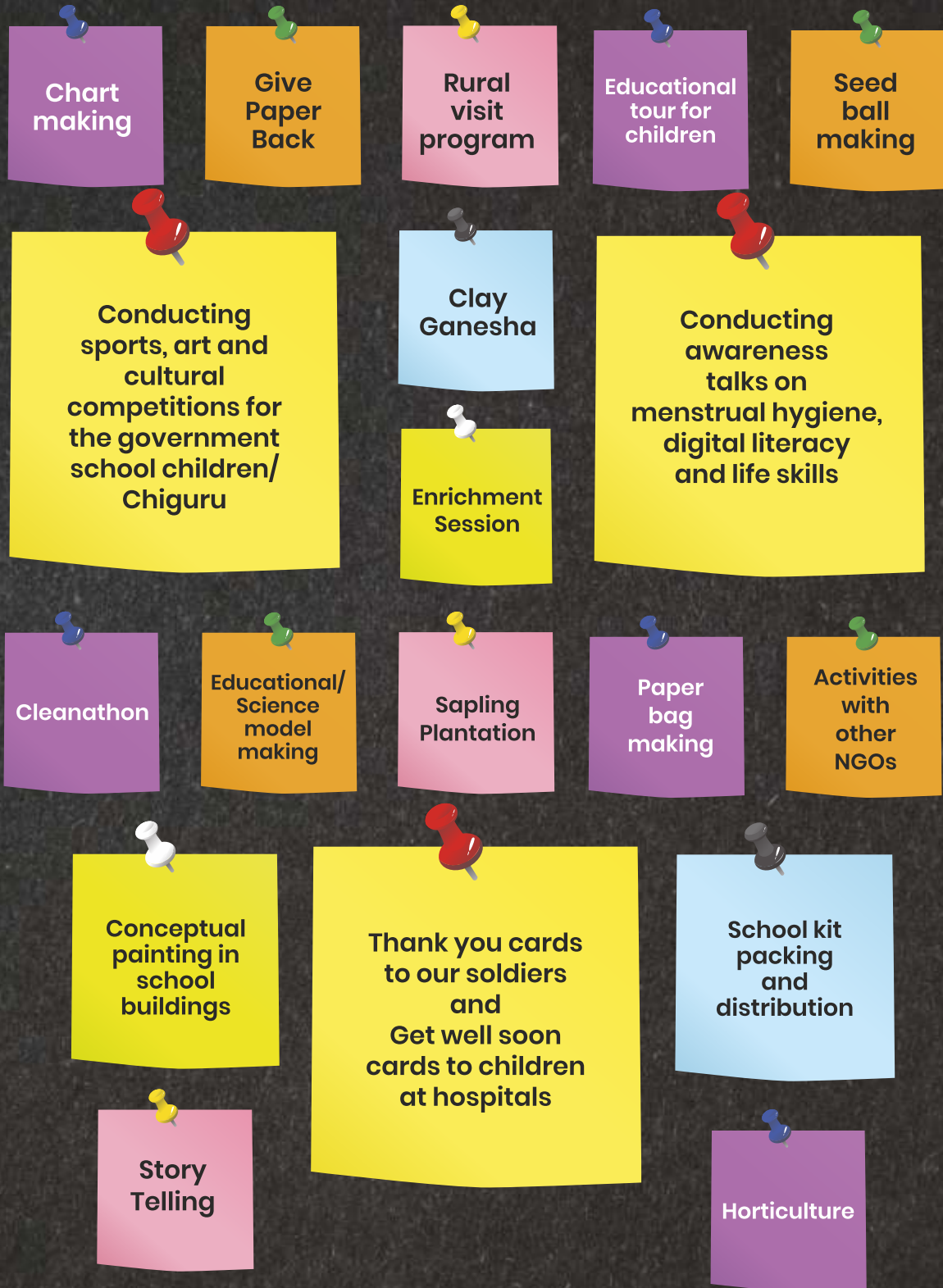


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Corporates



One-time Volunteering Programmes



Long-term Volunteering



Deloitte Impact Day

Deloitte's Global Flagship Program coincides with Thanksgiving day every year. Lakhs of Deloitte Professionals are out serving the community on the Impact day. Easily a Million Hours of volunteering in a day - we leave it your imagination on the kind of impact this can have if structured properly. YFS organizes a major part of Deloitte Impact day in India - about 10,000+ employees are engaged throughout the day in 300+ Govt schools to conduct activities with students. The interactions are memorable & have a profound impact on the students. As for the professionals - they experience a great sense of joy sharing their knowledge with children & volunteering for causes close to their heart.



1,13,000
Children



8,457
Volunteers



296
Govt. School



Partnerships

Partnerships have played a crucial role in advancing the mission and impact of our organization during this year. Throughout the year, YFS has focused on building strategic partnerships to expand its reach, enhance its seva offerings and drive innovation. These collaborations have been instrumental in enabling the organization achieve its goals, leverage resources and achieve sustainable change in the communities served.

We express our deepest gratitude to all our valued partners for their unwavering support and commitment to our cause.

The report highlights several key partnerships that were established or strengthened during the year. These partnerships include collaborations with few Govt. departments, technology companies, academic universities and other non-profit entities. Together, these partnerships have allowed the organization to tap into new avenues, leverage complementary expertise, and achieve mutual growth objectives.

In our 'Partner NGOs' programme, we collaborate with other NGOs to build an ecosystem that facilitates volunteering and networking. By lending a hand we can collectively make an impact and grow together. Our volunteers supported diversified volunteering opportunities in collaboration with partner organizations like organizing and conducting blood donation drives, organizing health camps in orphanages and old age homes, sapling plantation drives, waste management drives, conducting surveys to collect necessary information, conducting awareness sessions for social issues, conducting summer camps for orphanage children, audio book recordings, scribe connections, conducting E-shram, Labor Card, ABHA card drives, food donation drives, teaching orphanage children and many more.

We also collaborated with organizations and were a part of G20-C20 Conferences held in India.

Youth for Seva believes in maintaining strong and mutually beneficial partnerships. It recognizes the strategic value of collaboration and plans to further expand its partner ecosystem to drive continued success.



523
Partnerships



4,253
Volunteers



378
NGOs



Our Partners

Corporate Partners



Strategic Partners



Abridged Financials

Income



Expense



Disclaimer

Amounts have been re-grouped to reflect all costs directly attributable to 'Projects'
'YFS Societal Initiatives' represents volunteer-driven projects in line with the objectives of the Trust.

Looking Forward

When we look forward to an organization's growth a few terms come to mind, like we want to achieve "10x" or we should shoot for the moon. Shooting for the moon not only implies aiming to throw a stone the farthest, but setting the highest goals. Therefore, I envision YFS to have exponential growth in all facets, such as the number of volunteers engaged, full-time employees, nationwide presence, corporate partners, and partner organizations. This is where the moonshot concept becomes crucial.

As the community partners benefit from the seva of the volunteers, beneficiaries, and other community partners—I hope the numbers of these beneficiaries can reach millions, perhaps even crores. If 10% more of the population become aware of YFS and experience some kind of an improvement in their lives, they will undoubtedly pay it forward.

India was compared with countries like Japan, which had a much smaller population, yet they were creating a significant impact. During that time, India's population was exploding, and the literacy rate was below 30%. However, today with a population that continues to grow, we are already the top third economy. So by 2030 we will be able to generate great opportunities. The talent and efforts will gain recognition, leaving no doubt that we are on the way to become a global power. It is imperative that YFS also rides this big wave and continues to steer in the right direction. YFS can innovate, drive, and be at the forefront of truly with the government, corporates, donors, college institutions, and mobilize YFS as a true movement, as Vivekananda had envisioned 150 years ago. This is where the whole country can be transformed.

When you look back through the rearview mirror, it is extremely satisfying to see how far we have come and where we are headed. Moving forward, I believe it holds great value to continue providing and expanding YFS into a pan-India organization. This prospect brings me immense joy and satisfaction. I feel YFS is one of those bright stars in the realm of the social sector, impacting India and, consequently, the whole world as well.

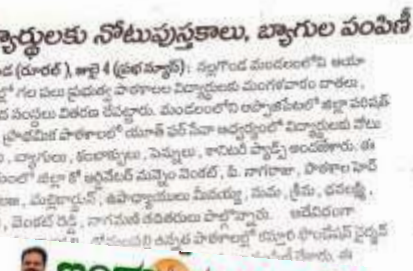


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