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Where efforts blossom into impact





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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

Reflections

We completed another extraordinary year at Youth for Seva with our heart full of gratitude for each and every individual who made it possible for us to create lasting impact. We have strengthened our spirit of seva, compassion, and action to reach more hearts and communities across India.

We started as a small volunteer endeavor and have transformed into a vibrant movement filled with purpose. We are now facilitating meaningful progress in rural transformation, creating sustainable livelihoods, enriching educational opportunities, better health for all, environmental protection, and awakening the spirit of seva in colleges and companies nationwide.

This year, our rural development efforts soared thanks to the Swagrama Fellowship. This heartfelt, team-driven initiative enabled villagers to lead their communities' growth. We rekindled local pride, improved daily lives, and planted seeds for sustained, positive change.

Our skill development centres for fashion design and technology continued to be a beacon of hope for so many across Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh. By teaching valuable skills and opening the door to economic independence, we are reminded just how powerfully dignified work can uplift lives and families facing poverty.

Healthcare reached new milestones through a heartfelt partnership with Doctors for Seva. Compassionate teamwork ensured that medical help found its way to even the most remote villages, thanks to telemedicine, mobile units, and health camps. Thousands of students now experience safer, healthier school environments through the new Sanitation Project.

Education is the heartbeat of our mission. We have been privileged to guide and support thousands through the Vidya Chetana scholarships. STEM programs and smart classrooms in government schools, built with our corporate partners, are helping bridge the opportunity gap for so many children. Initiatives like Vidya Sethu, Summer Camp, and Chiguru/Navoudit/Ankur have become nurturing grounds for students' academic dreams, emotional well-being, and cultural joy.

The energy and compassion poured in by college volunteers and corporate professionals gives us so much hope. Students find purpose in teaching, spreading awareness, and mentoring younger minds. Corporate supporters dedicate their resources, time, and wisdom to guide and uplift communities, showing us that service has a powerful place in professional life.

Our environmental conservation work is blossoming. From planting saplings and revitalizing step-wells to cleaning lakes and embarking on eco-journeys like Hasiru Payana, our efforts have touched more communities than ever. Every tree planted, every plastic bag removed, and every seed ball created is a small act of faith in a better tomorrow.

None of this would have been possible without you. It is your unwavering support, and belief in our shared dream that gives life to every project, inspires every action, and touches every life we reach. As we look ahead, the ever-growing network walking beside us fills our hearts with courage and excitement for the future of seva.

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Founder & Chief Mentor, Youth for Seva

Our Reach





Glance of 2024-25

Beneficiaries





Since Inception
40,59,329 ▲ 11.29%

Volunteers

Since Inception

2,88,167 ▲ 16.84%



Environment

Every day, we listen and read about unprecedented climate events affecting the world. Any change in the climate influences the environment, which is why spreading environmental awareness is vital to reducing further damage.

Youth for Seva focuses on preserving natural habitats and promoting environmental responsibility among communities. Over the past year, we have encouraged young people to take part in local initiatives such as maintaining neighborhood parks, cleaning water bodies, and learning ways to reduce pollution.

Building on these efforts, we are strengthening our programs in water conservation and plastic awareness this year. Along with ongoing activities like plantation drives, river and lake cleanups, and volunteer training, these initiatives aim to inspire more individuals to protect our shared environment. By empowering citizens to act, we hope to cultivate lasting change and safeguard our planet for generations to come.



Beneficiaries **15,770**

Volunteers **11,741**

Plantation Drives / Sapling Plantation

Planting new saplings remains at the heart of our conservation work. This year, we expanded our Plantation Drives to more communities, ensuring that each sapling receives the care it needs to grow strong. Volunteers from varied backgrounds joined these efforts, creating safe habitats for local birds and animals while learning hands-on methods to protect the environment.

Our volunteers also engaged in nationwide Seed Collection and Seed Ball Making programs, helping to reintroduce native species and promote sustainable reforestation. In addition, we continued the 'School Medicinal Plants Garden' initiative, teaching students how to identify and cultivate local medicinal plants. By combining active participation with environmental learning, we aim to inspire a lasting commitment to nature among people of all ages.

Saplings

3,538

Volunteers

4,799



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Lakes Cleaned 40

Volunteers **1,473**

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Lake / Step Well Cleanup Drives

Lakes play a vital role in Earth's water cycle and help fight climate change. However, pollution from sewage and industrial waste threatens their health and the biodiversity they support. Youth for Seva is committed to restoring these water bodies through cleanup drives.

Our volunteers carefully plan each drive, secure permissions, organize recycling, and remove trash. This hands-on approach not only safeguards local habitats but also inspires a sense of purpose and unity among participants.

Our teams also worked on the rejuvenation of step wells. These act as water sources for localities around them and can help with the maintenance of the water table in the area.

Cleanliness Drives

Every effort matters in creating a cleaner, greener world. At Youth for Seva, our Cleanliness Drives extend beyond protecting mountains, rivers, and lakes to include roads, neighborhoods, and parks. Through awareness campaigns and hands-on cleanups, we bring together volunteers from corporations, schools, colleges, and the general public.

By highlighting the effects of improper waste disposal and the dangers of pollution, we empower communities to take ownership of their surroundings. Through these collective efforts, we foster a shared commitment to keeping our environment healthy and vibrant.



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Beneficiaries

4,088

Volunteers

507

Seva Kendras

109



Environmental Awareness

Awareness is the first step toward meaningful change. At Youth for Seva, we believe in teaching not just facts about pollution and climate change, but also everyday actions that help safeguard our planet. Through workshops and hands-on activities, we show how simple choices—like cutting down on plastic use or recycling regularly—can make a big difference.

Our environmental awareness programs inspire people to adopt habits that protect both local communities and future generations. By turning understanding into action, volunteers become agents of change, helping us create healthier neighborhoods and a brighter future for all.

A Green Journey

Hasiru Payana is a two-day environmental program held across Karnataka. Through hands-on indoor and outdoor activities, participants develop practical skills in nature conservation and learn how to encourage others to protect our shared environment. Activities range from sapling plantations and bottle drip irrigation to bird watching, seed ball making, and paper bag crafting.

By exploring wetlands, swamps, and other habitats, participants gain a deeper respect for the natural world and discover ways to help preserve it. Hasiru Payana empowers individuals to adopt lasting habits, creating a ripple effect of positive change in their communities.

Beneficiaries

527

Volunteers

206

Seva Kendras

19



Training of Trainers



Youth for Seva hosts a four-day Training of Trainers program exclusively for select full-time staff and lead volunteers. The workshop highlights the power of volunteering to safeguard the environment.

Throughout the program, participants attend awareness sessions led by experts on topics like ecosystems, plastic management, and water harvesting. Demonstrations from field professionals cover practical skills such as grafting, beekeeping, composting, and tissue culture. Exposure visits bring nature to life, with trips for bird watching, exploring a botanical garden, visiting a sacred grove, touring a nursery, and joining the Hasiru Payana green journey.

The workshop also features group discussions, quizzes, and hands-on tasks like eco-brick making, seed ball creation, and newspaper crafting. By gaining knowledge and practical experience, attendees leave ready to inspire others and drive positive environmental action in their communities.



NMMS (National Means Cum Merit Scholarship)

A large chunk of students in government educational institutions come from underserved sections of society. They are often unable to continue their studies due to financial constraints.

The National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMS) is a central government scheme that aims to help students facing such constraints to continue their education. The students have to write an exam and qualify to avail themselves of this scheme. The exam tests various facets of a child's intelligence, including general aptitude, critical thinking, scholastic ability, and mental ability. To help students be aware of and train for this exam, we deployed several dedicated and purposeful volunteers who work throughout the year.

Our team of volunteers from across the country trains both teachers and students for the NMMS exams. Teachers who receive training from our team, in turn, train the students to help them qualify for the scholarship. We have been able to help 2578 children clear the exam and avail themselves of the scholarships they deserve over the past year.

One of the major outcomes of these efforts is that more children stay within the educational system without dropping out because of a lack of resources, and are on the way to a better future. We would also like to drop a note of thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who have assisted children throughout the year!

Students Trained **31,913**

Students Qualified **2,578**

Volunteers/Teachers **1,922**

Scholarship Amount **₹12.37Cr**



Vidya Chetana

This is our flagship program, which was initiated in 2009. The aim of this program is to provide scholarships to school-going children from underserved sections of society. The scholarship mainly focuses on supporting students pursuing higher education from PUC (10+2) onwards, across different streams.

Serving underprivileged, deserving students who are unable to pursue higher education due to various constraints, the ambit of the Vidya Chetana scholarship goes beyond just financial support.

We offer career counseling for students, life skills workshops, sessions on developing skills for the 21st century, field trips, residential camps for personality growth, and programs to prepare for employment. Youth For Seva is dedicated to fostering skilled, confident, and prepared young individuals for the future.

This year, we managed to support 1592 students in total, out of which 746 were male students and 846

were female. Out of the 1592 students, we supported 32 PUC students, 65 medical students, 689 degree students, 759 engineering students, 14 school students, and 33 other students. Our reach also expanded to 146 regions across 12 states in the country. We also engaged 2328 volunteers across 44 volunteering opportunities, 92 of our scholars have





With the support of the Vidya Chetana Scholarship and Youth for Seva, I grew as a leader, honed my skills, and secured a front-end developer role at Juniper Networks.

- Harsha A C -



Vidya Chetana, Youth for Seva, empowered me to complete my B.Com and achieve my dream of becoming a 'Main Candidate' Agniveer Vayu.

- Sahana K N -

Total Students

1,592

Placements

92

Volunteers

2,328

Engineering

placements.

successfully secured

Degree

Medical

PUC

School Students

Others

759

689

65

32

14

33

Chiguru / Navoudit / Ankur

Chiguru is our flagship cultural event, hosted annually. It involves month-long practice, effort, and planning by both students and volunteers. The result? A talent display from children of government and non-formal schools that promises to be memorable for everyone. The goal of the program is to help students develop their talents and to help them express them on a wide stage.

The programs included as part of Chiguru include dancing, singing, clay art, skits, and much more. The program takes place all across India on various days based on the convenience of the region. It is known by multiple names, including Ankur, Navoudit, and more, across the country. Each region also showcases local art forms, including Yakshagana, Dollu Kunita, and Gamaka from Karnataka, Kuchipudi from Hyderabad, and Odissi, Sambalpuri, and Santali from Odisha, among others.

Watching the smiles on the children's faces as they leave at the end of the day is incredibly rewarding. College students, corporate volunteers, and general volunteers unite in large numbers to ensure Chiguru's success.

Students **21,324**

Volunteers

4,602

Schools

740

Cities

21















Inspired Teachers Network

The Inspired Teachers Network (ITN) is an initiative of YFS aiming to create a platform for government school teachers to contribute to society beyond their professional framework. The program encourages teachers to share knowledge among themselves and enhance their skills, which in turn amplifies their social impact.

ITN ensures teachers are continuous learners, acquire the right knowledge, and accomplish inspired goals by making the right decisions.



This initiative of Youth for Seva is -

- OF THE TEACHERS who wish to be inspiring change facilitators of their students, school, society, and nation.
- BYTHETEACHERS-to be lifelong learners and reflective practitioners, connect with other teachers to share their expertise and network learning resources.
- FOR THE TEACHERS to remain inspired human beings, growing individually and professionally and showcasing their innovations and learning.

Teachers

194

Offline: 54, Online: 140

Schools

140

Beneficiaries

4,142

Volunteers

177

Schools

124



Guru Vandana

Our connection to our roots and traditions is what separates us as a civilization. Guru Vandana is a part of this tradition that venerates the Guru-Shishya (Teacher-Student) relationship. As part of our activities in the education sector, we promote Guru Vandana as a program to preserve our culture and traditions.

We conduct the Guru Vandana programs in government and government-aided schools on a regular basis. The program is driven by our volunteers and is also designed to channel students' creativity in thanking their teachers for their service. We provide students with card sheets, sketch pens, colored pencils, and other stationery needed to express their appreciation for their teachers.

Career Guidance

Many times, children are defined by their dreams and aspirations. Quite often, children have dreams but lack the vision to figure out a clear path towards their dreams. That is where we step in.

Through our Vidya Sarathi program, we help children find their passion and help them figure a realistic path towards it. This program educates children about the various options they have at their disposal and gives them actionable steps on how they can achieve their dreams. In the past year, we were able to guide students nationwide towards achieving their dreams.



Beneficiaries

14,398

Volunteers

48

Schools

202



Vidya Sethu

Though the pandemic itself has become a memory for us, its effects are visible even today, especially in the education sector. Students are continuously facing challenges in integrating back into the traditional classroom setting following extended school closures.

At Youth for Seva, we have leveraged the power of volunteering to bring together students from institutions such as BMS College of Law and Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology. Through this, college students have helped school children slowly overcome their academic obstacles.

In a relatively brief period, our program has grown to encompass over 14398 students across 202 schools, a testament to the commitment and effort of our volunteers in enhancing educational outcomes.

Summer Camp

Summer holidays are a time of great joy and enthusiasm for children. If this enthusiasm can be channeled into something productive, summer holidays can also be a period of great growth for children. Summer camps play a crucial role in this period to help children develop.

At YFS, we are bringing the summer camp experience to children in a holistic manner. Our Swalpa Nali Swalpa Kali program aims to equalize access to summer camp activities.

Beneficiaries

6,081

Volunteers

507

Schools

148

Objectives

- Promote activities and fun for children during their summer holidays.
- Promote camaraderie and team spirit.
- Help children learn through experiential activities.







Community Health Program

This year, our Community Health Program has successfully organized numerous health camps, bringing vital medical services directly to underserved communities. These camps have provided comprehensive screenings and consultations for prevalent health issues, including eye diseases, lifestyle-related conditions, cardiac problems, orthopedic concerns, and gynecological disorders. Our mobile medical units play a pivotal role in extending these essential services, reaching people who otherwise might remain untreated.



P Hanur, Chamarajanagara



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Beneficiaries | Camps | Full-time Doctor **4,782** | **87** | **01**

YFS continued the Community Health Program in Hanur. We conducted health camps focusing on eye screenings, skin care, and dental care, ensuring better health outcomes for residents. Our passionate volunteers also extended these health initiatives to government schools, conducting regular health screenings and awareness activities, effectively reaching children and promoting early health intervention.

Humnabad, Bidar

Beneficiaries | Camps | Volunteer Doctor **7,057** | **15** | **47**

In 2024, we sustained our commitment to the community health program in Bidar. Throughout the year, specialized medical camps were organized, addressing critical areas like gynecological health and cancer awareness. Our volunteers & doctors played a vital role, actively conducting screenings and health education sessions in community & government schools.



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Telemedicine

Our Telemedicine initiative has been instrumental in providing essential medical consultations to remote and tribal areas lacking access to healthcare facilities. Through digital technology, expert medical professionals generously volunteer their time and skills to provide timely and critical medical advice. This approach ensures that even the most isolated communities receive high-quality healthcare. The telemedicine program also emphasizes preventive care, offering guidance to patients on healthier lifestyle practices and managing chronic conditions.



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Consultations

6,668

Arogya Mitras

90

Tribal Hamlets

60

Villages

30

Doctors

03

Beneficiaries

55,882



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Child Health and Awareness Program (CHAAP)

The Child Health And Awareness Program remains one of our core commitments, addressing the specific and often overlooked health needs of adolescents. Recognizing that adolescence is a critical developmental period, our program provides essential education on menstrual hygiene, mental health, personal hygiene, and awareness about the risks associated with drug and substance abuse. We have installed vibrant informational murals at schools which we call CHAAP corners. They have helped students understand the importance of different health messages as they move about their schools.

Sanitation Project

We're excited to introduce our Sanitation Project, supported by Texas Instruments, a transformative initiative aimed at improving hygiene and access to clean drinking water for thousands of children in government schools across Karnataka. In its first phase, 69,368 students benefited from toilet renovations. In 201 schools, installing water purifiers, impacted 33,128 students. By renovating old toilets and building new ones, the project provided students with clean, safe, and dignified sanitation facilities this year. This project serves as a powerful reminder of how small acts of compassion can come together to create a lasting impact on young lives.

Beneficiaries

1,02,496

Schools

201









Swagrama Fellowship

The Swagrama Fellowship represents a unique and innovative approach to rural development, setting itself apart from traditional models. Our goal with this program is comprehensive rural development, encompassing infrastructural improvement, enhancement of community amenities, and cultural rejuvenation. Crucially, the fellowship actively engages villagers in the development process, ensuring they are central to planning and implementation.

Through the Swagrama Fellowship, villagers regain pride in their communities, becoming proactive in maintaining and developing their villages. The fellowship itself is distinctively structured as a part-time, group fellowship, designed for two-person teams from each village. This format ensures sustainability beyond the fellowship tenure, fostering ongoing commitment and lasting positive change. As more communities participate, we remain inspired by the growing impact and potential for this innovative model to serve as a blueprint for similar rural initiatives nationwide.

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Villages

14

Graam Mitras

28

Projects

138

A Success Story

In Hannikera, the local primary school serving 290 children faced a severe shortage of classrooms, with three in dilapidated condition. Inspired by the Swagrama Fellowship, villagers, teachers, and well-wishers collectively mobilized, securing a ₹4 lakh grant from government funds to repair one classroom, while the government pledged nine new classrooms.

Beyond infrastructure, they actively maintain cleanliness, strengthened the midday meal system, ensured regular attendance, and set up two evening learning centers to support education. They also revitalized the village Anganwadi through grants, turning it into a welcoming space for young children—reflecting the community's deep commitment to education and growth.

Flood Relief

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When nature strikes, it is human kindness that comes to the fore. In 2025, Wayanad, Kerala faced unprecedented floods and landslides. During this period our team delivered 28 tons of relief with the help of our partner organizations and funding support from ServiceNow.

Together, we managed to distribute:

- 1150 Provision Kits
- 1000 Blankets for warmth
- 500 Buckets for clean water access
- 1000 Warm Wears and Jackets
- 1000 Tarpaulins to shield from the elements

This mission reached even the hardest-hit areas, including Elavayel, Soojipara, remote tribal villages in Meppadi forest, and the isolated region of Mundukai—made possible through the new Army-built bridge.

We are grateful to ServiceNow for making this entire relief effort possible, and to our partner organizations for accommodation, meals, and invaluable local guidance. Special thanks also to our Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Mysuru teams for collecting additional supplies and ensuring timely distribution.

Associated Flood Relief Activities

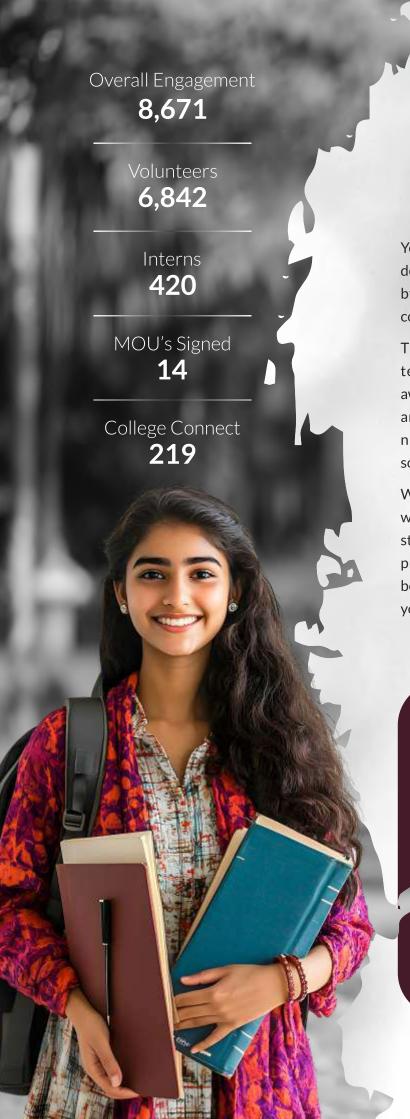
Khammam in Telangana faced severe floods on account of unprecedented monsoon. Tanks, streams were overflowing and all transportation was cut-off. During this period of strife, our teams managed to support the people of Khammam with 1200 kits.

60 volunteers from our organization distributed these kits to people in need across Khammam. We are grateful to State Street and ServiceNow for their continuous support towards this initiative.









College Volunteering

Youth for Seva's College Volunteering Program is designed to inspire socially responsible leadership by engaging college students in meaningful community service.

Through flexible, hands-on opportunities like teaching in government schools, organizing awareness drives, volunteering at health camps, and mentoring school students, the program nurtures empathy, leadership, and problem-solvingskills.

With orientation sessions, skill-building workshops, and certificates of appreciation, students are encouraged to take initiative, lead projects, and continue contributing to society beyond campus life, building a strong ecosystem of youth-led social change.

Objectives

- Sensitize college students to become proactive contributors to society.
- Foster strong collaborative relationships to sustain and enhance student volunteering.
- Identify and nurture student leaders capable of organizing impactful social activities.
- Provide students with experiences to build essential life, social, and professional skills, equipping them for future responsibilities.

Corporate-Sponsored Education Projects

School Kit Drive

Students who lack access to essential school supplies face immense hurdles in their educational journey. They might even drop out. At Youth for Seva, we believe that a lack of access to supplies should not cause a student to stop their education. Our school kit drive program aims to support students with essential school supplies so that they can pursue their dreams.

Our volunteers particularly cherish this program as they take great pride in assembling notebooks and stationery into brand-new bags that are then given to students. Every item in these bags symbolizes a fulfilled dream for the children attending government schools, many of whom cannot afford such supplies. This program reached across the country through our various chapters.

Beneficiaries **52,798**

Schools 498









































School Adoption Programme

The environment and infrastructure of a school significantly influence a student's learning potential. A positive school atmosphere and environment can unlock a child's full potential and guide them toward a lifetime of learning. This year, through our School Adoption Program, we joined forces with corporate partners in Karnataka and Delhi NCR to upgrade school facilities and resources, ensuring children have access to the best possible education in the best possible environment.

possible environment.

Beneficiaries **22,615**

Schools 112

























STEM Programme

STEM education is still incredibly important across the world. To help students from government schools compete with the best in the world, we have developed a comprehensive STEM program. This program helps students access fundamental knowledge of STEM topics and also fosters critical thinking, problemsolving, teamwork, and curiosity, ensuring young minds have the opportunity to learn, apply, and hone key STEM skills.

During the 2024-25 academic year, we conducted this program in a number of schools across Bengaluru and Telangana. The goal of the STEM program is to enable students to become better prepared and pursue success in a global landscape.





Beneficiaries

2,417

Schools **20**







Enhanced E-Learning Enablement Program

The Enhanced E-Learning Enablement (EEE) program is transforming government schools across Karnataka and Telangana. Through the program, we help government schools access cutting-edge smart classroom technology. This ensures an environment conducive to smart learning, with the classrooms also featuring remote connectivity, opening up opportunities for online learning and volunteer participation.







Beneficiaries

19,540

Schools **91**

















Lab on Wheels

Lab on Wheels is an initiative that brings interactive scientific experiments to schools that might otherwise not have access to such resources. The materials required for the project are transported via van or bike to schools. The project has constantly helped students develop and improve their scientific temper and curiosity. This year, the project reached a number of students in Telangana.

Beneficiaries

15,703

Schools

72









Abhyasikas / Learning Centres

Abhyasikas are free, student-focused learning centers aimed at helping children from difficult home environments stay focused on their studies and nurture a brighter future. These centers, hosted in community areas/spaces, also reduce a child's exposure to harmful situations, keeping them protected in the process.

By involving local volunteers and mentors, we create a welcoming environment where children feel secure and supported. Beyond guiding them through regular coursework, homework, and communication skills, Abhyasikas provide moral and ethical guidance, helping lay a strong foundation of values. This year, we successfully reached many children through multiple Abhyasikas in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and North India.





Beneficiaries

3,988

Seva Kendras **119**











Corporate Volunteering

2024 marked a commendable collaboration between our esteemed corporate partners and YFS. Enthusiastic employee volunteers embraced meaningful volunteering opportunities by volunteering their time & skills for community development. What was also heartening was the increase in the number of corporate volunteers committing to regular service by becoming YFS volunteers - this has inspired us to deepen and expand our efforts with vigour & enthusiasm.

Activities

200

Corporate Volunteers

12,161

Corporates

46

Outstation corporate volunteering activities:

As part of State Street's outbound volunteering, 40 employees engaged with schoolchildren in Warangal, conducting science model making, creative chart making, menstrual health and hygiene awareness, safe and unsafe touch sessions, and career guidance, along with volunteers themselves creating conceptual paintings on social themes. Additionally, 43 Bengaluru volunteers carried out an outstation activity at Male Mahadeshwara Betta, Hanur, where they organized a health camp, plogging, school kit packing and distribution, and the beautification of a government school, contributing to both community development and environmental awareness in this underserved rural region.





Our Partners

Corporate Partners









































































































































































Strategic Partners





















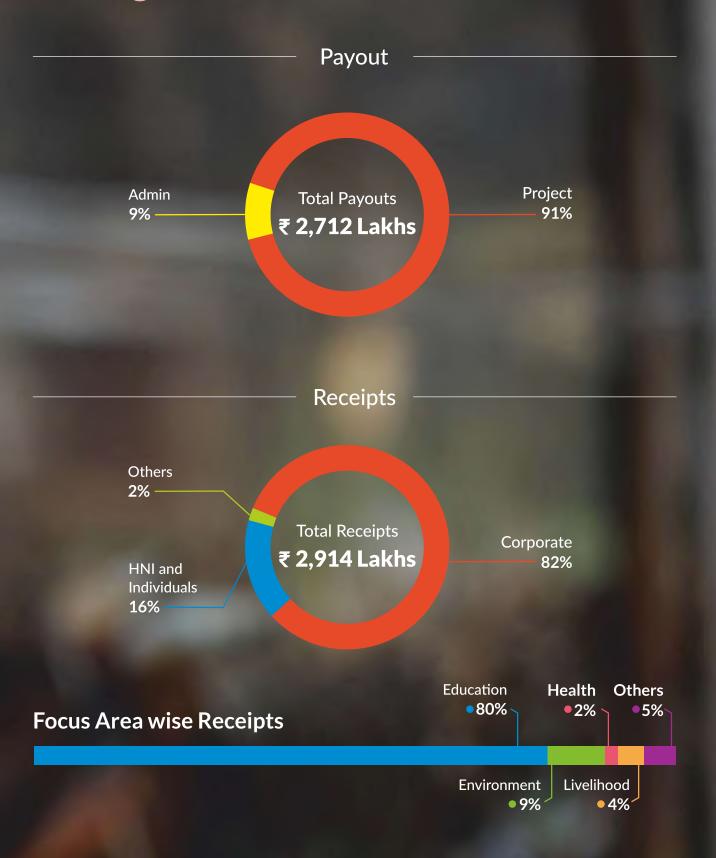








Abridged Financials



Note:

Way Forward

Youth for Seva (YFS) has come a long way since our humble beginnings in 2007. From a small group of passionate volunteers, we have grown into a nationwide network dedicated to creating lasting positive change in society through volunteerism and community empowerment.

As we move forward, our primary goal is to become more data-driven by incorporating advanced technology into our operations. By using data analytics and digital tools, we aim to improve decision-making, increase efficiency, and boost the effectiveness of our programs. Technology will help us clearly measure, monitor, and enhance the real-world impact of our efforts.

Another key focus will be to ensure all our projects prioritize measurable impact. By establishing clear objectives, systematically tracking outcomes, and thoroughly documenting results, we can better understand what works, what doesn't, and how we can improve. This approach will make our work more transparent and clearly illustrate the difference we are making in communities.

We also aim to strengthen our chapters, enabling them to become self-sustaining. By empowering local teams with the skills, resources, and training they need, we can build stronger, more independent chapters. This approach encourages innovation and allows each chapter to create tailored solutions that meet the unique needs of their communities.

Volunteers remain at the core of our mission. To ensure they continue feeling valued and motivated, we will invest in volunteer development through better engagement strategies, recognition programs, and skill-building opportunities. By nurturing the growth of our volunteers, we reinforce our culture of service and commitment.

As we look ahead, 2026 marks a significant global milestone — the International Year of Volunteers, commemorating 25 years since the first International Year of Volunteers in 2001. This presents a unique opportunity for Youth for Seva to lead national conversations on the power of volunteerism, amplify volunteer impact, and mobilize communities across India toward sustained civic engagement.

In alignment with our goals to be more datadriven, impact-oriented, and volunteer-centered, we will:

- Launch special campaigns celebrating volunteer stories and their contributions to nation-building.
- Host conferences and dialogues in partnership with global and local stakeholders to reimagine the future of volunteering.
- Introduce volunteer fellowships and innovation challenges inspired by the spirit of the International Year of Volunteers.

We believe this global spotlight on volunteerism can further strengthen our mission and create a ripple effect of service. Let 2026 be a landmark year not just in celebration, but in catalyzing a decade of deeper impact through seva.

In conclusion, we invite current and new volunteers, donors, and partners to join us in shaping the future of Youth for Seva. Your involvement, support, and feedback are crucial as we embrace technology, focus on impactful results, and build sustainable chapters. Together, we can empower communities, inspire change, and make a lasting difference.

Natarajan Ranganathan

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