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Youth for Seva (YFS), founded in April 2007, is a nation-wide volunteering movement that inspires youth to volunteer, and provides them with meaningful opportunities to serve the community.

The goal of YFS is to support schools, destitute shelters, government hospitals and other organizations in the social sector through volunteers who can help them mitigate some of their shortcomings and challenges.

Volunteering is made easy and customized to the individual’s interests, time availability and skill sets. YFS aims to create positive change agents in the society, through the culture of volunteering.

VISION
Self-reliant communities powered by selfless individuals.

MISSION

- To facilitate a movement of volunteering.
- To empower and enable individuals to become positive change agents.
- To enable institutions to effectively engage community to deliver services.
- To promote sustainable lifestyles.

WEEKDAY VOLUNTEERING
Volunteer when you can!

WEEKEND VOLUNTEERING
Make your Weekends Meaningful!

SEVA INTERNSHIP
Volunteer everyday for one month or more

SEVA FELLOWSHIP
Volunteer everyday for six month or more

VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING
Skill based offline volunteering

VOLUNTEERING MODELS
2018-19
AT A GLANCE

**EDUCATION**
93714 Beneficiaries

**HEALTH**
44594 Beneficiaries

**ENVIRONMENT**
3639 Beneficiaries

**VOLUNTEERS**

21,137 Volunteers
110 Colleges
75 Corporates
80 NGOs

Since Inception

95,087 VOLUNTEERS
7,89,457 BENEFICIARIES
OUR REACH
SO FAR...

38 Locations
12 States
REFLECTIONS

Actions foster insights for reflection and reflection brings in profoundness to the actions. In the last decade, YFS has been witness to a massive growth in the volunteering sector and has contributed by playing a meaningful role in shaping it.

It’s a delight to share the stories of transformed individuals, dedicated volunteers and generous well-wishers. It’s always a daunting task to present the annual report that does justice to the plethora of existing programs.

Teaching continues to attract and engage the majority of our volunteers. Coaching government schools students for scholarship exams has been a gratifying experience for the volunteers. It’s overwhelming to hear stories like that of a girl who no longer has to work as a maid before going to school because she got NMMS scholarship amount of Rs. 12,000 per year.

We witnessed a jubilant success in the Warriors of Change fellowship which helped accelerate the process of creating competent change agents. Buoyed by its success in Bengaluru, we will be expanding the program to other chapters and corporates.

Corporate Volunteering Conclave 2.0 witnessed enthusiastic participation from CSR heads, volunteers and NGOs. In appreciation of our contribution to this space, YFS was chosen as the NGO partner by Self4Society, an initiative of the central government to promote corporate volunteering. Our CSR partners have continued to support our rousing impactful programs like government school adoption and other health awareness initiatives. Our transparency and trustworthiness are pivotal to building lasting corporate partnerships.

College volunteering conclaves were hosted in Delhi and Bengaluru, inviting colossal participation from college students and management. The special days were embarked with the release of a whitepaper benchmarking the study of college volunteering along with a handbook for college management.

Kumbh Mela event was a prodigiously remarkable milestone for YFS. At the request of the Kumbh Mela Officer, over 50 medical professionals from ‘Doctors for Seva’ volunteered their services to the pilgrims at the Sangam. The event turned out to be charismatic with many non medical volunteers also participating in ‘Netra Kumbh’ where 100,000 people were screened and provided with free spectacles.

Their contributions received adulations and were greatly appreciated by the pilgrims and the authorities. Needless to say, it was a lifetime experience for all the participants.
Since its inception, YFS has strived to build partnerships with public institutions, NGOs and corporates. Capacity building workshops for NGOs were highly valued by our partners. Vidyachetana program, in partnership with Sewa International, received financial support that helped 1,500 aspiring students continue their journey.

We acknowledge the enormity and the complexity of the work ahead of us. In order to equip the organisation to meet the growing expectations, we have strengthened the national team and complemented it with regional structures that enable a support system to smaller towns in every state.

Volunteers will continue to be the backbone of YFS. Without their commitment, dedication and passion, it is impossible to script our success stories. YFS is profusely supported by the generous contributions from individual donors, who believe in the power of Youth. We sincerely appreciate our corporate partners who have extended unwavering faith in YFS and supported us in all our endeavours, helping achieve our dreams and pushing us to raise the bar every year. The coming year promises to be even more exciting with new dimensions and larger scale. We welcome you to actively participate in our initiatives and experience the joy of giving.

V Venkatesha Murthy
Founder & Executive Director
Youth for Seva
EDUCATION

Education is essential for progress and Youth for Seva firmly believes in nurturing every child towards creating self-reliant communities. Our efforts comprise of both nurturing the student and motivating the teacher to make the process of learning a fruitful experience. Youth for Seva has created an ecosystem with digital resources, trained volunteers, corporates and governments, all contributing towards our initiatives.

With prudent corporate and community volunteering interventions ranging from building basic school infrastructure, to technology enablement through smart class along with training for scholarships and basic math, computer and science education to teacher training and motivation, YFS hopes to architect a system that is dynamic and relevant for many years to come.
NMMS

NMMS, National means cum Merit Scholarship is awarded to meritorious high school students after they qualify in the examination. This scholarship enables students to continue their education through the pre-university phase and we are proud to have the highest engagement of dedicated volunteers in this initiative. Often, the volunteers take it upon themselves to ensure that the students are well prepared to ace the exams.

NMMS volunteers are trained with the help of approved study material and also interact with experienced volunteers that will help refine their teaching methods and impart effective training.

We have frameworks in place to give volunteers access to standardised learning material and enable them to contribute effectively. We are working to ensure that our volunteers are instrumental in deserving school children becoming proud recipients of this scholarship.

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I feel honored and great to be associated with YFS. The planning and execution is great. Arranging bus to take children to the examination centre is the best thing that has happened.

Prof. Venkatesh
NMMS Volunteer, Vivekanada High School
**Experiential Learning**

The aim of this program is to enhance a student’s knowledge through practical learning alongside the information provided in the textbook that the students receive. Volunteers accompany the students to places such as post offices, police stations etc., and the students have a first hand experience of the functioning of these institutions.

**Guru Vandana**

Teaching is one of the most noble professions in the world, that helps shape the character, caliber and future of an individual. YFS understands the importance of teachers and has created a platform where students can show their gratitude to teachers.

Guru Vandana is an activity-oriented initiative where students convey their appreciation of the teachers’ efforts by writing their personal experiences with them. Students are given an opportunity to showcase their artistry as an acknowledgment.

**Yodha Namana**

Youth for Seva understands the monumental role that our Indian defence personnel play in protecting our country. Yodha Namana is a unique initiative where veterans share their experiences of defending our borders through forums and children express gratitude for their service. This gives children an opportunity to understand the life of defence personnel. Through this initiative, we aim to instill patriotism in our future generation.
A decade ago, when the dawn was breaking over the horizon, the shell pink, faintly gold rays failed to brighten few lives who were probably waiting for the spark to ignite their hidden vibrancy. A YFS volunteer, Latha Rao’s house was under construction at the Poorna Prajna layout in Bengaluru, her frequent daily visits caught her eyes the glimpse of the children of the construction workers playing and whiling away their time. These workers had migrated from north Karnataka villages and were devoid of basic education and forced to become daily wage earners. The plight of these children filled her heart with agony which manifested as a helping hand for those kids. This situation instigated her to start a Non-formal school to teach these kids. Initially she started teaching the basics of reading and writing to around 5 to 6 children in the temple premises with the help of Poorna Prajna welfare association.

Mrs Roopa, following her return from the US learnt about the Non-Formal School and got acquainted with Latha when she saw her teaching in the temple. Both of them worked together to bring in more children by knocking on doors and convincing the construction workers to send their kids to the non-formal school. After continuous service for 5 years, Mr. Madan Baldot, developer of the Happy Valley layout came forward and provided a temporary place for the school. Youth for Seva sponsored the construction of the shed, basic furniture, teaching material and school kits. Daily lunches were provided by ISKCON. Dedicated teachers Gayatri, Jayanti, Savita Deepa and volunteers Mangala, Rekha, Rashmi, Vidya, Pushpa help in building strong ideals for the school.

Now, out of 35 construction workers more than 25 of them send their wards to these schools. Achievements of these children are worth mentioning. One student, Shivu, completed Diploma in an engineering college and few Others have completed their matriculation with first class, with many of them enrolling into regular government jobs.

Swami Vivekenanda used to say that if children don’t come to schools the school should go to the children and that was what struck me when I thought of these children. I always wanted to serve the society and when I got a chance I did not think twice!

Latha Rao
Senior Volunteer, YFS
Vidyachetana (VC), the flagship education sponsorship program of Youth for Seva, was started in 2009 to extend financial support to students from economically weaker strata of society.

**PROGRAMS**

**Vidyachetana**
Students are supported from 4th to 10th classes.

**Vidyachetana Plus**
This is for students who score more than 85% in 10th class. They are provided financial support for PUC (10+2) and further into graduation.

“When my friends gifted me with two VC sponsorships for my birthday I was extremely happy. YFS team organized for a school visit and interaction with the sponsored children. It was gratifying to know that money which would have been spent on some vain gift, was being put to good use to educate deserving children. Thank you!!”

Smt. Srimathi, Donor, Vidyachetana
I received scholarship from Youth for Seva, for 3 years during my engineering course, which helped me a lot in improving my financial condition and gave me confidence. I later got placed in Mercedes Benz Company, Bengaluru. I am very thankful to Youth for Seva.

Jayashree H R
Jayachamarajendra College, Mysuru 2014-18 Batch
CHIGURU / NAVOUDIT

Chiguru/ Navoudit is Youth for Seva’s annual cultural extravaganza for government school children. With the fervour of competition and excitement infused in the face of every kid, it is truly a one stop to witness the plethora of talent, energy and emotions. Chiguru, typically organised over one grand day involves at least a month of training for government school children by YFS volunteers across various activities such as singing, dancing, yoga and many more. As always, volunteers are at the forefront of organising and co-ordinating the competitions and we wouldn’t have it any other way.

Started with the aim of providing a creative platform for government school students, Chiguru today has scaled up to 15 cities in 3 major states involving thousands of children.

Highlights

2018-19
Volunteers witness the unseen talent of school children and develop a bonding that outlasts the duration of the event. Many a times, volunteers have personally taken up the initiative of ensuring that the truly talented children are further trained to take part in zonal and district level competitions.

Our partnerships with Corporates continue to grow stronger through events like Chiguru, which sees massive involvement of corporate volunteers in organising the event and we are proud to have garnered their constant support in making Chiguru an event that continues to create fond memories.

We love being able to provide a joyous platform for thousands of school children and hope to continue this tradition for many years to come.

Navoudit-2018-19 was an experience in itself, both from scale and efficiency perspective. It was a platform to create opportunities for students across different strata of society...It is because of the zeal to give back to the society that this world is and will continue to be a better place. Thanks once again, and I was humbled at the opportunity to interact with the students and volunteers.

Ratul Choudhary
Director, Business Operations, Dell EMC
School Kit Drive was initiated when our volunteers noticed government school children dropping out due to lack of basic writing material. With existing government interventions being insufficient in retaining students, YFS resolved that a lack of affordability of basic writing material should never be a hindrance in acquiring a formal education and hence initiated the program.

For this massive undertaking across India, Youth for Seva seeks funds from individual donors, corporate partners and involves them from packing to distribution of the lots. This has helped the donors connect with the beneficiaries directly.

Volunteers as always, are at the helm of this initiative and we are proud to have increasing levels of engagement every year. The school kit has become a quintessential symbol of hope for children in locations across India- a hope that lays the foundation for a better future.
Received the school kits from you as per my request, it is a very kind gesture towards the poor as well as promoting education to all. I am very thankful to you for supporting our projects.

Dr P Ramamurthy
Social Worker
Guntakal, AP
Our natural ecosystem is the foothold for our survival and Youth for Seva is committed to being at the forefront of increasing environmental awareness. Our volunteer driven focus has been on the Malnad area of Karnataka, a hotspot for thriving bio-diversity. Youth for Seva was founded on the ancient spirit of Yagna and our agenda here of giving back to society is no different. We aim to revive forests using traditional knowledge that has transcended over generations and ensure that these methods reach a wider audience. Accompanying this are our efforts to harness the power of volunteering to increase awareness on untapped potentials of rain water harvesting, sustainability and make environmental awareness a vital cog in lifestyles.
**Give Paper Back**

Give Paper Back (GPB) is a unique initiative that aims to reuse the unused pages of a notebook at the end of academic year to make new notebooks. GPB is focused on reducing resources needed to make new books and promote the idea of sustainability.

Volunteers are at the forefront of the initiative and take it upon themselves to collect, store, segregate and later send it for recycling. GPB, typically carried out over a span of three months has the involvement of schools, volunteer individuals and students. After an initial round of campaigning for used books in schools and communities, volunteers meticulously get it transported to safe storage spaces identified across the city. These books are later segregated and sent for republishing.

These brand new books find their way into the hands of government school children through School Kit Drive and underprivileged community through volunteer distribution activities. Our hope is to inspire individuals in society to implement this at a larger scale and take it across states.

**Statistics**

- **21000 Books**
- **129 Volunteers**
- **34 Schools**
- **4 Colleges**
Lake Rejuvenation

Youth for Seva has had increased focus on environmental activities and one such project undertaken was the Lake Rejuvenation at Nizampet in Hyderabad. The project saw the involvement of numerous corporate volunteers in various activities like sapling plantation, lake cleaning and community engagement activities.

Volunteers planted lot of saplings at strategic areas around the lake to supplement and improve the existing ecosystem. The lake waters, littered with an assortment of garbage and plastic, were meticulously cleaned through tireless efforts from volunteers. Taking into account the magnitude of the damage caused, YFS felt that a community awareness on maintenance was lacking.

YFS volunteers took up the initiative of creating Save Lake campaigns and community outreach programs. These programs were designed to enable local community members to maintain the lake for the coming years. With consistent enthusiastic participation from the local community till date, it feels like we are on our way to create a self sustaining community powered by selfless individuals.

Scrub It

Our monuments have been a testimonial to our glorious past and an illustration of the cultural heritage of our country and to preserve them is our duty. In this direction, YFS volunteers in Bhubaneswar organized ‘Scrub It’ drives to aid in revival and maintenance of monuments such as Khandagiri, Udaygiri and Dhauli giri etc and sensitized visitors about their responsibility towards preserving the national wealth. Volunteers went around cleaning the premises of these monuments and scrubbing of the graffiti on them, under expert guidance.
Preserving Bio-diversity

YFS has organised many new and innovative environment centric programs, around Sirsi, Karnataka and various other places.

In our Indian heritage, there existed a scientific natural and eco-friendly way to live a healthy and coexisting life. Locally grown plants, trees and fibres were the basis of this system and the sad fact is that many indigenous native plants have reached the brink of extinction and thus it is our responsibility to conserve the rich biodiversity of our motherland.

Various sacred grooves such as Shiva Vana, Bilwa Vana, Navagraha Vana, Swara Vana, Paigamabar Vana etc have been grown throughout the year for the conservation of many rare, vulnerable and endangered floras. To stabilize the devastated ecosystems, YFS conducted numerous events like seed ball campaign, Swach Bharat, bird diversity conservation program, terrace garden, plant hybridization techniques and many more. We have also celebrated ECO days throughout the year to create awareness among populace.

To give children the knowledge of nature and its gravity, YFS started “GREEN JOURNEY”. A program called “Jala Jatha” was conducted in which hundreds of students and teachers from colleges and high schools actively participated. Students also participated in “Biodiversity Documentation Program” held at different villages across the State, under guidance of senior environmental activists.

A series of programs were conducted for the farming community like “PAVITHRA Vruksha Jeevala”, integration of eco-friendly methods with agriculture, preparation of organic fertilisers, pesticides, insecticides and their importance.

A program for veterinarians “Pashu Vaidyakeyadalli Hasiru Maddugal” was organised, with a focus on organic green remedies in Veterinary Medicine.

Throughout the year, we have hosted many events to address the importance of water that nurtures all floras and faunas.

With the participation of hundreds of volunteers and locals, YFS rejuvenated Lingadakona lake of Sirsi, Bidramane lake of Siddapura, Gowdalli lake and many more. In many villages across the state, volunteers created awareness about Rain water harvesting and also demonstrated the same.
HEALTH

Our interventions in Health predominantly focus on being preventive in nature. YFS is focused on mobilising trained volunteers to tackle vital issues that lack adequate interventions by the government or other organisations. Our volunteer driven focus spans government school students ranging from grades 4 to 10 who receive training and awareness sessions on psychological well being and reproductive health. YFS programs are designed to be a tool kit that offers comprehensive awareness and supplements a student’s school curriculum. Youth for Seva, through Doctors for Seva (DFS) unit, also engages doctors in a variety of activities and hopes to ultimately instil the spirit of Seva in the widely respected community.

44594 Beneficiaries

3827 Volunteers
School Health Program

School Health Program was started with the objective of ensuring that all children remain healthy. Quality health checkups and eye pre-screening sessions are held as a part of this program. It involves medical and non medical volunteers. Medical volunteers include doctors in the vicinity of the school and Non medical volunteers perform tasks like checking height, weight of the children, entering data and interacting with doctors. They are trained to do eye pre screening using the Snellen Chart. If any health issues are identified in the checkup, children are referred for treatment through the DFS network of hospitals based on the health problem.

In 2018-19, DFS successfully completed 92% of referrals and received appreciation from hospitals and schools.

Nutrition Awareness Sessions

Nutrition plays an important role. Educating children about good nutrition from an early age helps to create and maintain a well balanced, healthy life.

DFS has designed Nutrition Charts / Posters and Nutrition Awareness Talk Presentation that mainly focus on educating children about the importance of nutrition through locally sourced fruits and vegetables.

Many volunteers from partner NGOs are involved in conducting Nutrition Awareness Talks. This initiative is one of the most successful volunteer driven activities.
Community Health Camps

Community Health Camps were started for conducting health camps in the community on specific request. DFS connects doctors and hospitals with the community to help organise camps and facilitate medicine distribution. This initiative has garnered good support from hospitals and medical colleges. Referrals are handled by hospitals and they also provide transportation facilities for patients. Once connected by DFS, future camp requests of Partner NGOs are handled by hospitals.

Orphanages and Old Age Homes:

This activity was started five years back with an initiative to provide quality health checkups in orphanages and old-age homes. Health camps conducted received good support from internal staff of orphanages as they accompanied children in referral cases. DFS Doctors' regular visits also made a difference in identifying medical issues of children.

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Menstrual Hygiene Sessions

Menstrual Hygiene Sessions focus on reaching out to adolescent girls to spread awareness on menstrual hygiene, address basic questions, myths and misconceptions, maintaining personal hygiene and the biological aspects through an animated video made for the same.

DFS volunteers have also made Flip Charts on Menstrual Hygiene covering the entire video to enable awareness talks in places lacking power supply. YFS has trained many partner NGOs to organise training sessions across states and has formed partnerships with organisations like the National Health Mission for Menstrual Hygiene Training in Karnataka for effective implementation.

RKS K- Adolescent Awareness Program in partnership with UNICEF

Six strategic program areas emerged from a situational analysis of adolescent health and development needs in India, namely, nutrition, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), non-communicable diseases (NCDs), substance misuse, injuries and violence (including gender-based violence) and mental health. To deliver these interventions, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched a new adolescent health program – Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKS K). Against this background, UNICEF agreed to support the Government of Andhra Pradesh for RKS K implementation in Visakhapatnam district.

YFS in partnership with UNICEF worked towards the strengthening of the implementation of RKS K in Visakhapatnam. RKS K aims to promote healthy lifestyles and develop life skills among school going adolescents.
Youth for Seva received an earnest call for help from Hassan, detailing the plight of a young 10-year-old girl named Siri. Siri was suffering from a rare heart disease, specifically dilated cardiomyopathy, which is fatal. After evaluating our next steps, YFS decided to entrust the task of saving Siri in the hands of Vyjayanthi Krishnamurthy, a dedicated volunteer and a pillar of the Doctors for Seva team.

Vyjayanthi wasted no time in getting to work. The parents were requested to bring Siri to Bangalore for a more thorough evaluation and the result of the evaluation dimmed the hope of survival even more: only a heart transplant would save Siri.

Siri got herself registered on the Heart Transplant Waiting List in January 2017 and for nearly a year, her life hung by a thread. There were hardly any donors who matched her blood type and weight. Amidst all the swirl of emotions and bleakness, Vyjayanthi refused to let the child die. She was a constant presence in the hospital, comforting Siri’s parents and continued to chase every lead and opportunity that could get Siri a healthy heart. Her willpower was tested to the limit when Siri’s condition drastically deteriorated and was moved to the Super Emergency Transplant waiting list during January of 2018. All hope was lost and the parents became resigned to their daughter’s fate.

Vyjayanthi, a bedrock of emotional support throughout the ordeal, hung on to a last strand of hope and was overwhelmingly rewarded two months later.

On the 13th of March 2018, a Heart Donor matching Siri’s blood group and weight was identified and a successful heart transplant was done at Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bangalore.

Vyjayanthi was with Siri and her family throughout the operation and celebrated the hope of a new life for Siri, amidst tears of joy and happiness. After nearly 8 months of recovery, Siri began attending school and is now as cheerful as any other child her age. She continues to be in great health and her parents love her more than ever.

Vyjayanthi’s relentless efforts to gift a new life to Siri created a bond with her that will truly stand the test of time. The PG Care Team led by Dr. Shravan marvel at the entire turn of events and continue to better their work every passing day.

Vyjayanthi brimming with happiness recalls and says: “My joy and satisfaction is boundless when I hear that sweet little voice on the phone saying - Good Morning Miss, I am Siri, I am fine. When are you coming to meet me?”
PARTNER NGO

Youth for Seva believes that a confluence of NGOs is necessary to bring about changes in society and respects the different paths chosen. Youth for Seva lends a helping hand to enable fellow institutions to appraise existing challenges and overcome them.

NGOs are usually short-staffed to carry out their day-to-day operations and need a lot of on ground support while conducting events. They need skilled volunteers for specialized tasks. They also need some external support to build their organizational capabilities. Youth for Seva has a partnership program through which it fulfills different needs of NGOs. More than 80 NGOs are partnered with Youth for Seva. Youth for Seva has reached out to these partners whenever they requested support.

Youth for Seva engages volunteers for the long term when NGOs need continuous support. Volunteers take up projects by working as additional teaching staff, handling social media of the organization, revamping the website, content creation for their programs, translation work, etc.

Sometimes volunteers address the special needs in the areas of disability. They take care of disabled persons in the events, work as scribes in writing exams, audio recording the books for visually impaired, etc.

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- Volunteer management
- Annual report writing
- CSR funds and Corporate proposal writing
- Fund raising

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A very good opportunity to network with NGOs was provided by YFS. The experiences shared by both the organizations were very valuable. Thanks YFS. The speakers were very well experienced.

Sushma Naik
Sakku Foundation

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KUMBH MELA

Kumbh Mela, the world’s largest gathering of pilgrims is gathering that sees Hindu devotees take a holy dip in the Ganges to attain Mukthi in life. Youth for Seva was invited by the Mela Adhikaris to assist in providing health care services in the 35 Mela hospitals and 15 health posts stationed outside the Mela area.

With close to a month of preparation and requirement gathering from health officials of Prayagraj, we decided to engage volunteer doctors via our initiative, Doctors for Seva (DFS). We approached the doctors’ community by meeting with medical associations like IMA, seeking volunteer doctors to cater to any medical interventions required by the pilgrims. DFS was able to mobilise twenty one doctors from Karnataka and twenty six doctors from North India and many paramedics to serve in Prayagraj for three months.

The doctors returned with experiences which will grow only fonder as the days pass by. With minimal resources at their disposal and an ever growing stream of patients, it was truly wonderful to witness these doctors overcome all odds and discharge their duty with compassion and dedication. YFS is proud to be associated with such volunteers and acknowledged their contributions. It is truly a step in the direction of “creating self sustaining communities powered by selfless individuals”.

I worked at a 100 bedded government hospital set up near the banks of the Ganga. Working in such a low resource setting with an incredibly diverse pilgrim population provided a challenging and rewarding experience that I will cherish for a long time. We served pilgrims, members of the police force, soldiers, as well as the locals of Prayagraj. I appreciate ‘Doctors for Seva’ and ‘Youth for Seva’ for giving me the opportunity to serve at Kumbh Mela, Pragyagraj, 2019.

Dr Vedish
Sevasathi, Kumbhmela
Disaster struck in the form of floods and the devastation in Kerala and Kodagu was widespread. Youth for Seva volunteers sprung into action to assist the individuals and areas devastated by the Kodagu and Kerala floods. In the true spirit of Seva, YFS volunteers allowed their own homes to be hubs for collecting relief materials and were ever so cheerful in adapting to the ever-growing space needs for relief materials.

Rice bags, groceries, toiletries, medicines, blankets, towels etc were among the things that were transported to affected areas. Our volunteers went the extra mile and many a time visited the area of devastation to personally assist and oversee the distribution of relief materials.

In addition, YFS was also able to garner financial support from Corporates and assist in the rehabilitation of families. With our intervention in relief activities, YFS was able to get an insight into the entire operation which will serve as a foundation for improving future such interventions.

The people are in need of chemicals to protect themselves from huge amount of contaminated water. And the areas are full of trash which includes all the damaged house products and other stuff. Through relief materials, YFS helped in ensuring that the people in devastated areas need not wait for government supplies. It gave me a new perspective.

Sai Sagar
Volunteer, Hyderabad
Kerala Flood Relief Team
COLLEGE VOLUNTEERING ENGAGEMENT

Youth for Seva engages college students in volunteering activities towards making a positive social change. Youth for Seva establishes a working relationship with college management and other service clubs to facilitate student volunteering. Youth for Seva creates various opportunities for college students based on their time availability, their interests, skill set and the needs of the society.

Youth for Seva offers Seva Internship, Project Internship, Seva Fellowship, and one time event volunteering opportunities based on the students’ time availability. This year, thousands of student volunteers across the country were involved in various activities in the areas of Education, Health, Environment, and Disability.

As part of the educational intervention, college students participated in School Kit fund raising, packing and distribution, training the students to take NMMS competitive exam, organizing Guruvandana, Seva Dina, Yodha Namana programs, training the school kids for Chiguru programs coordinating student experiential learning activities, etc.

As part of the health intervention, college students conducted menstrual health and hygiene awareness sessions for school girls, nutrition awareness sessions, volunteering for health camps, etc.

College students contributed to conservation of environment through sapling plantations, seed ball making, give-paper-back drives, clay Ganesha workshops, cleanliness drives, etc.

Youth for Seva strengthened college volunteering movement by conducting sessions in college campuses, creating core volunteering team, conducting regular core volunteering meetings. This year, residential camps were conducted for college student volunteers in different cities to build their competencies to work in social context.

5652 Students
1230 Interns
Youth for Seva conducted two student conclaves to provide a platform to share student volunteering ideas from diverse backgrounds across India.

Udvikas, a national level youth volunteering conclave was conceptualized and conducted by Youth for Seva at Bengaluru to gain deeper insights into the student volunteering. The event also aimed to spread awareness about exemplary practices of student volunteering and cement the need for volunteering in today’s society through the release of white paper. Dr. Venugopal K.R, vice-chancellor of Bengaluru University presided as a chief guest.

Youth for Seva organized the Student Volunteering Summit at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi to inculcate a culture of volunteering. The summit was aimed to build a sense of inclusion, to promote sustainability and to maximize the impact of volunteering. The summit was attended by students, principals, and faculties of renowned colleges, intellectuals, policymakers and organizations involved in the study of volunteering trends and patterns. A white paper was published to highlight the right ways to leverage student volunteering. Dr. Veerender Mishra, NSS DG, and Prof. Rana Pratap Singh, Pro-vice chancellor, JNU presided over the summit as chief guests.

Sri. Madan Padaki, from Head Held High Foundation, delivered the keynote address on both occasions.

Udvikas was another event which got me involved in interaction with various college students and faculties from around the country.

Prajwal
BMS College of Engineering
Bengaluru
Youth for Seva closely works with HR/CSR team to orient employees about volunteering and customizing activities based on the employees' interests and skills. Furthermore, YFS guides employees to meaningfully contribute to the society. Corporate volunteers have been engaged in several activities throughout the year making positive impact to the beneficiaries. Over the years more and more corporates are encouraging their employees to volunteer for social cause.

YFS has seen an increasing trend among corporates (and volunteers) on the social responsibility. Number of corporate events grew by 30% which resulted in corporate volunteer numbers scaling by 40%!!!
135 EVENTS
10,041 VOLUNTEERS

- Conceptual Painting
- Educational Tour
- Rural Visit
- In-house Activity
- Cleanathon
- Sapling Plantation
- Menstrual Hygiene
- Thank You Cards

- Educational Model
- Clay Ganesha
- Paper Pen & Paper Bag
- Seed Ball Making
- Activities at NGO
School Adoption Program

This program is unique for every government school as it is designed based on a need-analysis of the school. The goal is to provide an ideal environment that encourages holistic development through infrastructure and personnel support that complements existing government efforts.

Abhyasikas

The primary objective of the learning centres has been to provide basic infrastructure and help reinforce math and science concepts. These centres seek to complement the knowledge the students acquire in school and help in the holistic development of the individual.
**Lab on Wheels**

Lab on wheels is a mobile setup for teaching science experiments in an interactive mode. The Lab on Wheels instructors travel to school either in a van or via a bike, ferrying the required materials. The demonstrations and the practical applications displayed complement the school syllabus and reinforce the concepts in the minds of the children. With Lab on Wheels, YFS aims to encourage teaching through a practical and a hands on approach.

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**Impact**

- Recognition by DIET (District Institute of Education & Training) for overall development in schools.
- Significant increase in admissions (16% to 40%) to Govt schools.
- Substantial rise in class attendance (50% to 95%).
- Increase in teachers’ motivation levels on account of workshop and E-learning setup.
Youth for Seva has numerous partnerships with corporates and is a staunch propagator of CSR. With volunteering being at the forefront of our current interventions, we intend to inculcate the culture of volunteering among working professionals.

Corporate Volunteering Conclave (CVC) was started in March 2018 as a conference aimed at promoting the best practices in the area of corporate volunteering and proved to be a vital bridge between volunteering and corporates.

With a strong focus on scaling up employee engagement in the social sector, we intend to create platform that serves as a hotbed for networking, innovation and collaboration. With CVC, YFS also recognises champion corporate volunteers from a variety of companies and awards them for their contributions to society.

CVC 2.0, the second iteration, saw the release of an extensive survey, later presented to the government, which demonstrated the need for CSR and volunteering in modern day corporate culture.

We hope to improve this platform and infuse the culture of volunteering in corporates across the country.

Our sincere thanks to YFS for providing such a great platform to deliver on very pertinent topics. Congratulations for a very successful event.

Thanks to Mr Padaki and other co-panelists for a very lively and enriching discussion on CSR.

Satya Prakash Singh
Director, CSR & Corporate Communications, Intel
'Warriors of Change Fellowship’, a one year part time program provides an opportunity to explore and equip the Fellows to solve problems they feel most connected and passionate about.

YFS coaches and mentors the Fellows in planning and executing their social projects.

Program Details

Youth for Seva conducts various capacity building sessions like program vision and design, fund raising, monitoring and evaluation, project management, proposal writing, two day travel immersion program, etc. The Cohort of the 2018-19 batch had twelve Fellows who took up a total of nine projects in the fields of Education, Disability and other social issues.

The 2019-20 batch has already started with 20 different projects. The Fellowship program has also been extended to Hyderabad. Youth for Seva has a plan to take this program to corporate and colleges to engage their employee and student teams of their organizations in social projects.

Projects

- Running non-formal schools
- Providing sports equipment to schools
- Career guidance programs for students
- Arresting school dropout rates
- Creating awareness on rare diseases
- Parental guidance

Road Ahead

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If you have intent to serve the society, then this is the place to make those dreams come true.

Meenakshi Goirala
United Efforts, Career Guidance project
**ABRIDGED FINANCIALS**

### Income

- **Total Income**
  - Total Income: ₹1,543 lakhs
  - CSR Project Fund: 72.32%
  - CSR Volunteering Fund: 18.22%
  - Other: 1.74%
  - General Donations: 7.7%

### Expenses

- **Total Expense**
  - Total Expense: ₹1,221 lakhs
  - CSR Project Expenses: 84%
  - YFS Societal Initiatives: 4.2%
  - Organisational Expenses: 6.4%
  - Administration Expenses: 5.4%
  - Education: 79%
  - Health: 11%
  - Environment: 10%

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* Amounts have been re-grouped to reflect all costs directly attributable to CSR Projects.
** Project costs represent the amount to the extent actually incurred and do not include the balance obligation of ongoing projects.
*** YFS Societal Initiatives represent volunteer-driven projects in line with the objectives of the Trust.
Youth for Seva works for underprivileged children

Volunteers make new notebooks from old ones to help poor students

Shanthi, a YFS member, says, "I have always been passionate about helping the less fortunate. When I heard about the project, I immediately decided to participate. It's heartwarming to see the joy on their faces when they receive a new notebook."

"I learned a lot from this experience. It's a great way to give back to the community," says Pranav, another volunteer. "I feel proud to be a part of YFS and its mission of service for society."

YFS in Media
LOOKING AHEAD...

While we are overwhelmed by our fourteen year journey of service, it is time to set our sights to the future, a future of service and potential. The core vision, values and culture remain intact and will continue to serve as a bedrock for many more transformations.

With a rapidly evolving society comes the need to stay relevant and we haven’t frayed to do so. Our efforts to create avenues for nurturing the volunteering spirit are more dynamic than ever and organisational partnerships will continue to yield critical value additions.

Our steps taken towards the utopian “Self Sustaining Community” will firmly hinge on our burgeoning volunteering base, Corporates with an affinity for CSR, partner organisations and public institutions which embrace our interventions. Our beneficiaries will become vital change agents in society and lead to communities which will never be left untenable by a lack of opportunities.

Make Volunteering a movement:

A movement that transcends cultures and societies and imbibes the value of service in every individual’s lifestyle.

With existing footholds in NMMS coaching, Health Awareness, Teaching etc, it is only right we fortify our partnerships with the relevant public institutions to have a reach that touches every school, kid and every corner of the country. Our willingness to embrace technology to create digital frameworks and online courses along with focused expansion to the North Eastern States will markedly empower volunteers from across the country to make a difference.

Create Change Agents:

Our Change Agents are volunteers stemming from our flagship program, Warriors of Change Fellowship. These volunteers range from college students to working professionals who have been equipped with the knowledge and means to bring about a transformation in the society. We hope to create a community aware of healthy lifestyles, selfless outlook and a sustainable living.

Create Sustainable Communities:

Our goal to create sustainable communities mainly builds on our focus area of Environment. Our community engagement will also increase with carefully crafted programs intended to promote the idea of sustainable lifestyles. By scaling up volunteer involvement in NMMS training and creating a comprehensive adolescent health awareness program, we hope to create volunteers with awareness that will serve as a knowledge base for future interventions.

Enablement of partner institutions to scale up volunteering engagement:

Enabling partner institutions is an avenue that is imperative. Our partnerships with UNICEF, UN Volunteers, NITI Ayog and various ministries in the government will become the driving force to promote the culture of volunteering. Our thought leadership initiatives across the country will enable us to engage colleges, corporates and partner NGOs through frameworks tuned to foster a culture of innovation, peer enablement, networking and volunteering.

Our teams will continue to work towards our vision. We hope to continue serving society and expand our presence across the country.

Jagadeesh Maiya
President
Youth for Seva
We credit the phenomenal growth of YFS over the last 12 years to the unwavering commitment of the volunteers, and unflinching support from our donors and well-wishers.

Overwhelming opportunities lie in front of us to empower individuals and enable institutions to create deeper impact. In this direction, we require substantial seed funding to expand geographically and start new chapters, invest in research and capacity-building, and establish YFS as a thought leader in the volunteering space.

We need your support more than ever before. Every bit counts. Support Us!

- Donate towards ‘Sevanidhi’ to support organisational work and expansion plans.
- Contribute towards honorarium of YFS full-timers. Sponsor a coordinator in your home state or district, or just anywhere.
- Introduce YFS to the CSR team in your company.
- Introduce YFS in your circles - family, friends and the like.
- Follow YFS on social media. Like and promote the updates.
- Donate air miles from your frequent travels. Our leadership team travels across India to initiate and mentor chapters.

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