Women walk myriad paths today. In accordance with the theme of the International Women’s Day as declared by the U.N Women on 8th March 2021, Youth for Seva, through a series of online and offline events across our chapters, celebrated the determination, struggles and achievements of women during the COVID-19 pandemic.

OVERALL ENGAGEMENTS

4,473 Community Partners
430 Volunteers
16 Cities

LIVE WEBINAR SERIES

17 Speakers
6 Volunteers
43,115 Reach

To commemorate the contribution of women in different fields, a week-long live interactive panel discussion was held from 8th March - 14th March with impactful women. YFS volunteers gratefully moderated all the sessions. The Series concluded on a high note with a woman warrior from the Indian Army who was once our volunteer, addressing 133 participants via Zoom platform.
Interpersonal interactions enable empowerment and sensitisation. As a part of women’s day celebration, the volunteers of YFS reached out to women across the country and engaged in fruitful discussions with them. On the eve of women's day, the Karimnagar chapter organised an online interactive session with Smt. Yamuna Pathak Ji, an eminent speaker, psychologist & social worker who represents India on various international platforms on women empowerment. The Nalgonda chapter hosted a session with Smt. Jayapradha Devi Ji, a social worker, on the topic of Education for girls. An interactive session with Smt. Payam Jyothi Ji was organised by the Vijayawada chapter. Payam Ji represents Natwan Sangham which works for the rights & upliftment of tribal women in Andhra Pradesh.

Chapters: Nalgonda, Karimnagar & Vijayawada
SELF-DEFENCE SESSIONS  
(Online / Offline)

Self-defence is crucial for defending the self and our loved ones. On the occasion of women’s day celebration, various chapters of YFS reached out to different facets of the community to teach the art of self-defence. The Bhopal, Belagavi, Delhi, Hyderabad, Noida, Sirsi, Tumakuru and Mysuru chapters conducted dedicated self training sessions in both online and offline mediums. The Self-Defence training by Mahila Samman in the Bhopal Chapter, Ms Poonam in the Hyderabad Chapter and Shotokan Karate training in the Sirsi Chapter were some of the inspiring self-defence sessions organised as a part of women’s day celebration.

Chapters: Belagavi, Noida, Bhopal, Delhi, Hyderabad, Sirsi, Tumakuru & Mysuru

Awareness is one of the important areas YFS touches upon. These awareness programs were directed to better understand the status quo and empower women in society. The Bhubaneswar chapter organised a webinar hosting a famous gynaecologist and Durga Vahini national coordinator, Pragya Mahala ji, who addressed the volunteers on women safety and Menstrual Hygiene. Volunteers from Belagavi and Hyderabad chapters advocated cybercrime awareness in both online and offline mediums. The Delhi chapter organised 3 hour offline sessions in 8 different locations along with NGOs partner and invited an advocate from the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA) to shed light on domestic violence against women and child rights. Engaging activities like painting and essay writing competitions were also organised in 2 different locations in the learning centers at a Seva Basti. Adolescent health awareness program was conducted in the Hyderabad chapter. The Noida Chapter conducted a webinar on Mental Health Awareness along with a Menstrual Hygiene session at Government School, Haibatpur, accompanied by sanitary pad distribution.

Chapters: Bhubaneswar, Noida, Hyderabad, Belagavi, Patna, Delhi & Mysuru
GRATITUDE TO TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS
(Offline)

YFS volunteers expressed gratitude to the women making an impact in their lives and society. Thank you cards were distributed in the Belgavi, Mysuru, and Tumakuru chapters to express gratitude to teachers. An inter college best women volunteers felicitation took place in the Hyderabad chapter to felicitate women volunteers who have done exceptional work in the previous year.

Chapters: Tumkur, Belagavi, Hubballi, Hyderabad & Mysuru

OTHER ACTIVITIES
(Offline)

In addition to the core events, other fun-filled events were organised to commemorate the occasion of women’s day. In the Dehradun chapter, the volunteers expressed their gratitude and respect through hand and face paintings. A livelihood project was also started to train women artists with Aipan Art in Uttarakhand, the training was conducted for a month to enhance the creative skills of these artists. Volunteers from the Hyderabad chapter went to a school in Hydershakote and conducted various competitions like essay writing and gave prizes to the winners to promote their talent. Female volunteers from the Patna Chapter took upon themselves the task of plantation and cleaning drives as a symbol of respect and care for
Mother Earth. In the Sirsi Chapter, a campaign called ‘Hasiru Ahara Hasiru Aarogya’ (Green food, Green health) was started and the resource person Dr. Ravikirana Patavradhan, demonstrated simple home remedies to treat numerous ailments.

Chapters: Dehradun, Hyderabad, Patna, Sirsi & Bengaluru

ENGAGING COLLEGE INTERNS

YFS engaged college interns from various chapters across the country in numerous events in order to sensitize them on social issues and keep the momentum of women’s day celebration. Volunteers conducted several awareness sessions online & in colleges on Menstrual Hygiene, Breast Cancer & Cervical Cancer Awareness, Cyber Crime awareness & Self-Defence. A group of 15 interns visited Frontline Covid-19 Workers to pay tribute to their dedication and contribution to society. A team of interns created videos and wrote articles of their work to spread the message.