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ABOUT US

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



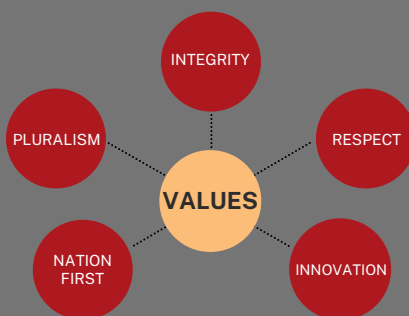
OUR VISION

Self-reliant society powered by socially conscious individuals



OUR MISSION

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



FOCUS AREAS



EDUCATION



HEALTH



ENVIRONMENT



LIVELIHOOD

Education
45,757

Health
33,352

Environment
38,881

Livelihood
865

Others*
42,685

Community Partners
1,61,540

OVERALL IMPACT

Volunteers
13,726

Education
4,387

Health
1,920

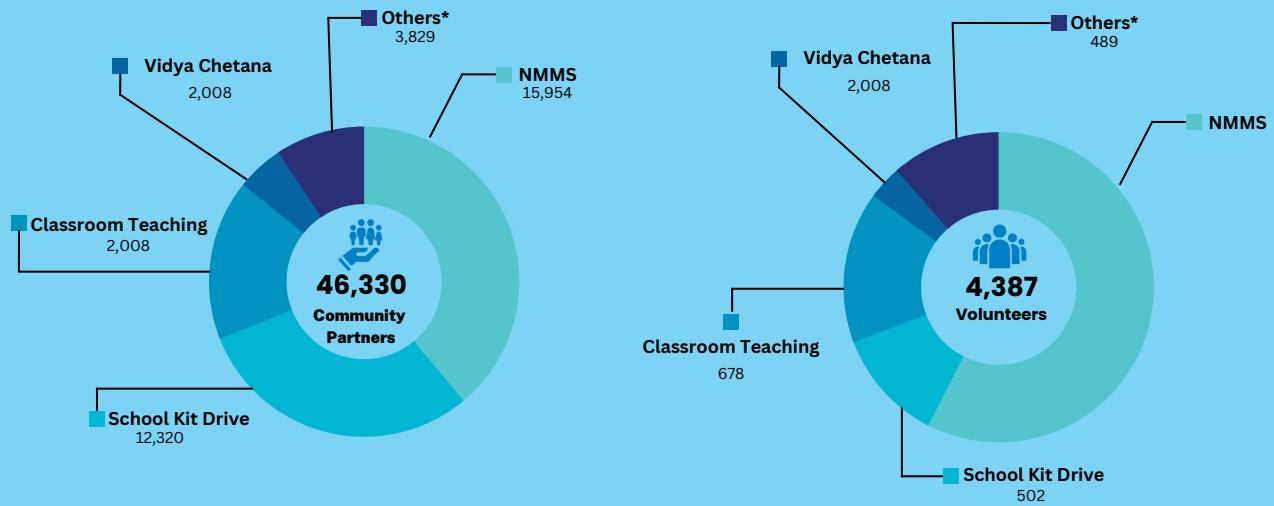
Environment
2,607

Livelihood
118

Others*
4,694

*Others

Important National Days, Ghoshala Cleaning, Seva Sambrama, Old age home visits, Musti Akki Abhiyan, Flood-relief works, Residential camps for volunteers.

***Others**

Career Guidance, Summer Camp, NSP training for teachers, School surveys, exposure visits, coding classes, facilitation programs, and orientations.

NMMS- National Means Cum-Merit Scholarship



NMMS is a national-level competitive scholarship examination scheme for 8th standard students who are studying in government and government-aided schools. This is a programme which draws volunteers in large numbers. Sessions are held both online and offline. Corporate volunteers and college students are equally enthusiastic about teaching children. The joy we see on their faces is unparalleled but we can share that joy by sharing a few numbers with you. These numbers tell us the volume of work done in terms of number of teachers, number of training sessions for teachers as well as students and most importantly the number of students who have taken up the exam and cleared them for scholarship.

Our volunteers lead training sessions in regional languages to ensure that every student and instructor is knowledgeable. The most widely used teaching languages are English, Kannada, Hindi, and Telugu.



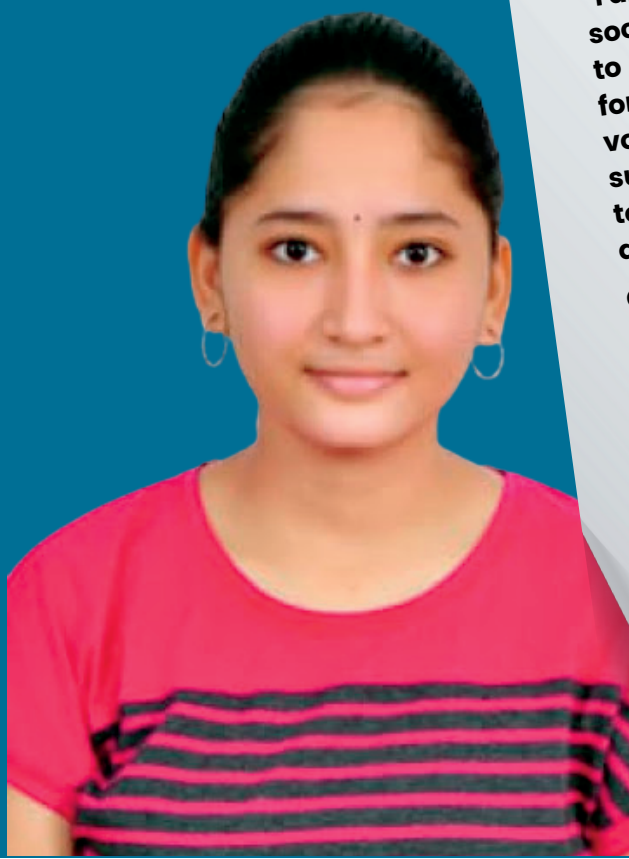
Vidya Chetana

Vidya Chetana is a Scholarship Program initiated by Youth for Seva in 2009. This programme was conceived to support the education of students hailing from underprivileged socio-economic backgrounds. The program aims at providing scholarships to students pursuing PUC (10+2), degrees, engineering, and medical studies.

Over the past few months, we have sieved through 2857 student applications and identified and awarded scholarships to 637 students. This is a number which has grown significantly but yet should grow more over the next few years. YFS strongly believes that education is a superpower that the youth of our country ought to have.



IMPACT STORY



"I always wanted to contribute to the wellness of society with what I have, but I didn't know how to do it. YFS helped me to learn the ways. Now for nearly two and a half years I've been volunteering with YFS in various activities. One such program is NMMS, where we are supposed to teach the government school students to get qualified and get a scholarship.

Compared to the role of volunteering, I realized that teaching is not an easy task to do. It requires a lot of preparation and effort to ensure students grab what we teach. And the teacher-student bond is eternal for me. Later, when the results were out, I learned that 12 students were qualified to get the scholarship for the next 4 years. I was so happy and felt lucky for getting the opportunity to enlighten young minds.

Mallela Shravya
St Anns's College for Women, Hyderabad.

Chhote Scientist Project

This quarter, Youth for Seva partnered with Jnana Prabodhini and KPIT Technologies to implement the *Chhote Scientist* project across government schools in Karnataka.

The objectives of the *Chhote Scientist* project are:

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



The program focuses on a better understanding of concepts through playing with experiments and toys made up from simple, affordable, and readily available materials. Post-experiment discussions about the theme make this program complementary to the school syllabus also.

Corporate-driven Education Projects Highlight

STEM LAB

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) was, is and will always draw students in large numbers. We are extending a helping hand to students in government and government-aided schools find foot in this ever-advancing domain. STEM Lab is an initiative of YFS where children are introduced to the world of Robotics.

Students get first-hand experience of handling equipment such as gears, linkages, levers and motors. They learn about scientific principles like cause and effect, force and movement. Students are initiated to scientific temperament in order to nurture critical thinking, logical reasoning, inventive outlook and experimentation.

YFS has partnered with Technoanveshana to put together a robotics kits using which over 200 robotic models can be built. Students themselves can program the robots and see them work. This is not only experiential but also enjoyable.

We rolled out the STEM Lab in August 2022 in Bengaluru and Mysuru. Over the next few months, we aim to expand our extent to other parts of the country.



Corporate Volunteering



1,057
Volunteers Engaged

Corporate volunteering encourages employees to volunteer their time and give back to society. They can participate in events and occasions where they truly make a difference. They spent time on various education-related projects, such as making NMMS charts, conceptual painting at Government schools, packing school kits, giving educational tours to students and helping kids make science models. Some of these activities involved planting trees in conjunction with Sapling drives.





33,352
Community
Partners



1,920
Volunteers

Many milestones are yet to be reached, but also a few that we must take time to cherish. Our health awareness campaign is one such initiative that is highly effective. Educating young adults about their responsibility towards their health and hygiene is our favourite along with that of our volunteers. Children respond well to our sessions and have changed their lifestyles for good.

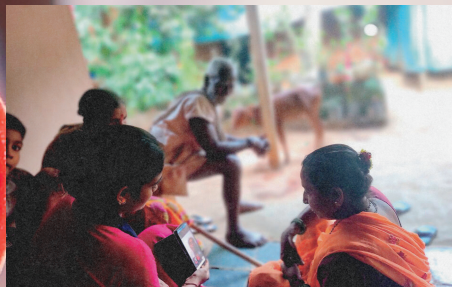
During the quarter, our DFS team expanded to 9 new regions in Mysore, Dehradun, Indore, Bhopal, Delhi, Hubballi, Belagavi and Sirsi. This is an excellent development since the more the people we reach out to, the better is our tomorrow.

Sessions on the significance of first-aid, Green Health - Green Food, mental health, Nasha Mukta Bharath Abhiyan, nutrition awareness campaign, reusable pads, specialty health camps, and tobacco de-addiction awareness programme are examples of few such facets of YFS.



Telemedicine Project:

- One of our most ambitious projects, the Telemedicine system, connects trained medical professionals with underprivileged populations living in remote tribal villages.
- We are also working towards implementing an IVR system for better connectivity.
- We provided medical consultations to more than 300 tribal villagers throughout Karnataka.



| Program | Community Partners | Volunteers |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Health Awareness Campaigns | 13,787 | 705 |
| Classes/Sessions | 8090 | 228 |
| MH & AHAP | 6071 | 471 |
| International Yoga Day | 2270 | 127 |
| Others | 3134 | 389 |

***Others**

Blood donation camps, newspaper drives, Yoga classes, PPE Kit distribution, orientation & training camps, Telemedicine drives

YFS has created innovative interventions in rural India that empowers locals to work toward autonomy and sustainability. In doing so, we're also tackling some of the major problems in this area, such as high dependence on agriculture and limited development opportunities.

The Sewing Machine Centers (SMCs) and Food Processing Centers (FPU) in Diddige, Anabur, Kurabagatti, and Somenahalli are working full throttle. These centres have evolved into revenue generating centres with work orders flowing in and this has helped the beneficiaries with humble background to become financially independent and live a dignified living with the new earning opportunities.

In this quarter, a new Food Processing Unit and a Sewing Machine Center in Gadag, Karnataka, as well as one centre in Vizag, were launched. Training has commenced at these facilities with the assistance of expert trainers identified by YFS with the support of our corporate partners.





33,243
Saplings
Planted



5,638
Community
Partners



2,607
Volunteers



Lots and lots of rain and a festival season pushed the Environment team of YFS to work overtime. There were many awareness sessions conducted in both urban and rural areas about preparedness for the rains and best practices to utilise the abundance of water due to rains. Rainwater harvesting pits were dug up in many places which is a traditional, scientific method of water conservation. Today we all have merely repackaged it to cover our mistakes that have laid our planet barren and dry. Summer camps and cleanliness drives are our recurring events.



Our sessions of clay Ganesha, paper bag making and eco brick making are the merriest for the participants. They take home a good message along with their handmade lovely creations. YFS roped in experts and enthusiasts to bond during World Nature Conservation Day and World Snake Day celebrations. Children are the best part of such events; they have maximum curiosity and minimum inhibitions.

Ganesh Utsav: Clay Ganesha making Event

Proud to be part of the World Record!

We partnered with Vidyaranya Yuvaka Sangha (BGU) and BPAC (Bangalore Pollution Control Board) to promote environment-friendly Ganeshotsava this year!

Over 6,000 people came together to make their own Clay Ganesha idols, and we had around 200 volunteers from Youth for Seva helping to manage the crowd and ensure everything ran smoothly.



Regional Roundup



Bengaluru

Activities in the Bengaluru region include NMMS training, Spoken English, School Kit Drives, AHAP Sessions, Newspaper drives, **Chhote Scientist project**, Independence Day Celebration, non-formal school activities



Hyderabad

Activities in the Hyderabad region include NMMS coaching, **Abhyasika teachings**, School Kit Drives, Blood donation Camps, AHAP & health sessions, sapling plantations, paper bag making activities, water conservation, Independence Day & World Nature conservation Day celebration



North Region

Activities in the North region include, **School Kit Drive**, NMMS, career guidance sessions, Abhyasika teaching & setting up new centers, MH sessions, plantation drives, summer camp, and Save Bird campaign were the highlights.



ROK

Activities in the ROK region include School surveys, School Kit Drive, NMMS teaching, Vidya Chetana-related activities, teacher's camp, International Yoga Day, Health Camps, MH & AHAP sessions, Nutrition Food awareness, Green Health Green Food, Nasha Mukht Abhiyana, **sapling plantation drives**, environment-related awareness sessions, World Snake Day, Volunteers' Residential Camp and Lake cleaning.



East Region

Activities in the east region include Abhyasika teaching, NMMS, **Sewing Machine Center inauguration and training**, School Kit Drive, Menstrual Hygiene sessions, and Sapling Plantation drives.

Dedication

We express our sincere gratitude to our volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of many. We received unconditional support from our sponsors and partners who supported our vision of a self reliant society. We had the opportunity to connect with different partners at different stages of the activities and it would not have been possible without their generous support. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them!



Media Coverage

The efforts of our volunteers and well wishers impacted the lives of many. A glimpse of the activities that were covered in media...



Way Forward

Education

- Chiguru
- Chhote Scientist Project Execution
- NMMS
- Vidya Chetana

Health

- AHAP
- Blood donation camps
- Health Camp
- Health Awareness campaigns

Environment

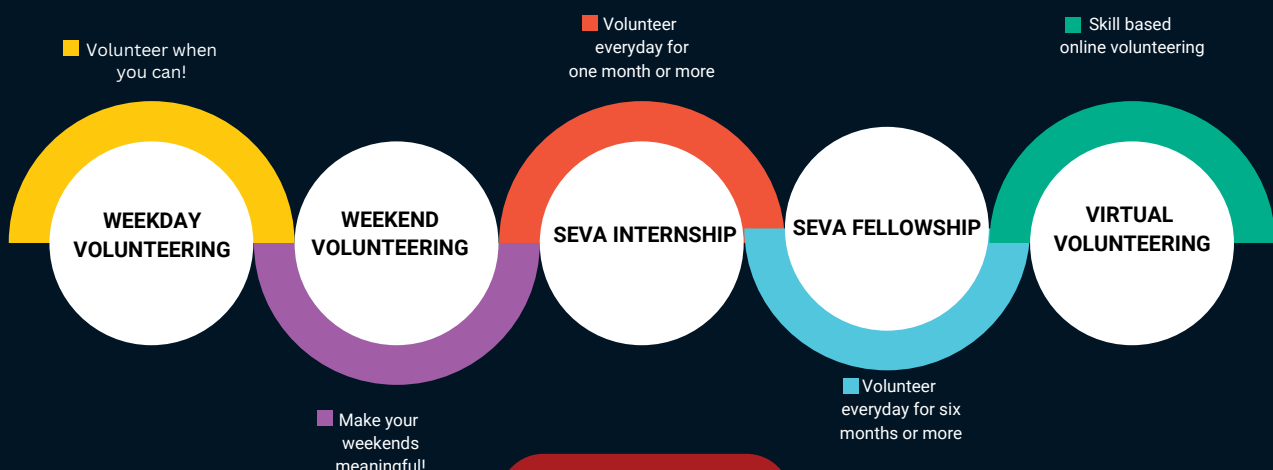
- Lake Cleaning
- Plantation Drives
- Harisu Payana

Livelihood

- ESMP
- Youth Skill Development through partner NGO

Volunteering opportunities

Youth for Seva has designed several volunteering models to enable individuals get involved in the community despite their time constraints. Volunteering is made easy as it caters to the individual's interests and convenience w.r.t. time availability and location.



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