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Youth for Seva's National quarterly newsletter

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## PRIME NEWS



### YUVA CHETANA 2016

Rules were changed. The campaign had gotten bigger. Boundaries were stretched to the shorelines and it only had to get better. How the warriors of change would look from across the terrain, only had to be witnessed over the following months. We reached out, they arrived, it was anything but what wasn't expected. The numbers and cumulative impact of all the identified warriors speak the volumes of potential that lies in our country. [Read more](#)



### CHIGURU - Unraveling talent within

The day earmarked for children from across the centers YFS serves. A day long extravaganza of bringing to light the talent that lies hidden within these children. With a third center added to the list of cities playing host to Chiguru this year, we got to witness 2000

volunteers host the event for 7000 children in embracing more and more exceptional talent across chapters. If [Chiguru at Hyderabad](#) spelt mass appeal, [Chiguru at Bengaluru](#) was nothing short of a show stopping event, while Chiguru at Mysuru made its sensational début.



### YFS celebrates National Volunteering Week

Youth for Seva (YFS) partnered with [India@75](#) (CII's grassroot initiative) to mark and celebrate the 7 days from 18th-24th January as National Volunteering week. YFS chapters in Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Delhi hosted a variety of events involving about **250 volunteers** from various spheres of the society. [Read More](#)



### More beneficiaries emerge out of NMMS mentoring

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship scheme (NMMS) is a centrally sponsored scheme, to award scholarships to meritorious students hailing from low income backgrounds. The success rate has been progressive from the past three years. YFS is grateful to all the volunteers who put in their efforts in shaping the path of many kids. The figures have significantly increased from 36 students in 2014 to 121 students in 2015, from 25 government schools. [Read more](#)

## STORIES OF CHANGE: Schooling it!



Education is one of the most powerful weapons in fighting poverty. However, most of the schools lack proper infrastructure which leads to the student dropping out. The same was the case with Mandal Parishad Primary school in Marthand Nagar, Serilingampally Mandal.

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



This edition's spotlight is on Mrs. Shobha, a dedicated volunteer at Jakkur Governemnt School, Bengaluru for the past year and a half. She believes in the impact of visual learning, and hence implements the same while interacting with kids she engages during her spoken english sessions. The grasping power of her students always amazes her for they are always quick to answer, despite their lack of command over the language. [Read More](#)

## TID BITS



Chiguru 2016 from Hyderabad. Living up to the reputation, growing in stature.

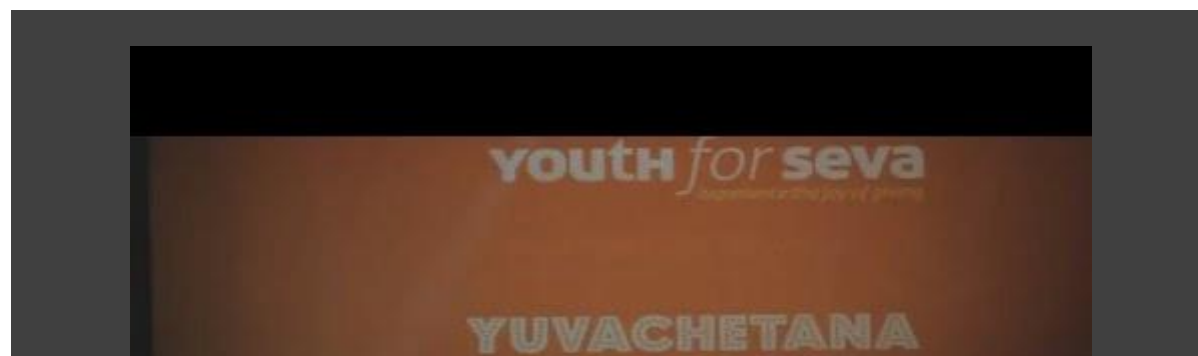


**SNAP-A-STORY** contest, a photo story competition as a part of Seva Sankalp Divas, was aimed at portraying Swami Vivekananda's teachings that one could find around, through our everyday existence.

The winning entry by **Latha K Rao** was truly exceptional with a peep into the life of

migrant labours in the city and destitution they suffer, with only hope being the helping hands of NGOs supporting their children's education and primary healthcare.

*Theme - 'If the poor boy cannot come to education, education must go to him.'*



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Free Style Football at Yuva Chetana Awards 2016 by former awardee Tejas, of Sparky Football fame.

## OTHER NEWS

### A Dream come True!

The first batch students of Vidya Chetana Institute of Computer Education completed their final exams on 28th Feb, 2016. Vidya Chetana collaborated with Unnati Skill Centre to place 8 students with [Bata](#). [Read more](#)



" I have been attending the training course regularly and have found it to be too useful. It has helped me in developing good skills to face challenges in our daily lives, having positive attitude and importantly for an effective communication in English. English speaking was made to simple and interesting that I have not missed any of the classes. Thanks to Vidya Chetana & Unnati team for all the guidance and support in shaping us "

*-Champa Raju, Final year B.A.*

## VOICE OF VOLUNTEERS

"Doing volunteering with YFS have impacted my personal life so much that I am being more patient and focused in my life now. Plus, I stepped out of my house and saw the real world and have stopped living in my fantasy world any more. I got to know that life is not just having degrees, good job or money...life is much more to it. And I am experiencing that life just because of YFS."

*- Pooja Gupta, Volunteer, Youth For Seva Delhi.*

"This year's Holi was one of its kind. In spite of it being a working day for me, I had taken some time out of my busy office schedule and got engaged with the kids. I celebrated with the kids from a nearby slum and all their good vibes made my day"

*- Ganapathi, Employee at TCS, Hyderabad.*



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