

# THE PULSE OF YOUNG INDIA

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On 10th January, 2024, Centre for Youth Development and Activities celebrated its 25th anniversary, highlighting the significant role of voluntarism in fostering development. In honor of this milestone, CYDA dedicated its silver jubilee to organizing an event titled "Celebrating the Spirit of Volunteerism," recognizing the invaluable contributions of volunteers to societal progress.

## INAUGURATION CEREMONY



The inaugural ceremony was graced by esteemed personalities whose dedication to societal betterment transcends description. Notable figures such as Prof. Ujjwal Choudhari, Former Dean of Symbiosis College and Vice Chancellor of Adamas University, Father Garvasis Mattam, Mr. Avinash Salve, Corporator, Yerwada, Pune, Mr. Santosh Shah, President, Today's Youth Asia, and Ms. Arnavaz Damania, Founder, Connecting NGO, adorned the event with their presence. Their remarkable contributions and unwavering commitment to positively impacting the community added profound significance to the occasion. The program was also attended by the Founding Members and Board Members, including Dr. S.E. Bhelkey, Mr. M.N. Sanyal, Ms. Pauline Joseph, Mr. Mathew Mattam (Founder),

Dr. Shantaram Badgajar (Secretary), Ms. Dilmehar Bhola (President), Ms. Priyanka Sharma, Mr. Satish Bansode, Mr. Pravin Jadhav (Executive Director), Mr. Jay Kishan Jackie (Director, Statutory & Legal Compliances), Ms. Neela Kale (Director, Resource and Mobilization), and Mr. Yogesh Ghan (Director, Finance).



## WASH SUMMIT



The WASH summit convened numerous prominent personalities and experts from various organizations to brainstorm and address critical issues for achieving WASH compliance in India. Sessions of the summit focused on sustainability innovations and technological advancements aligned with the SDGs. (Sustainable Development Goals) Eminent figures such as Mr. Anand Shekhar (Additional Mission Director, NITI Aayog), Mr. V. K. Madhavan (Chief Executive, WaterAid India), Mr. Mahesh Mishra (WASH Expert), Mr. Anand Ghodke (WASH Officer, UNICEF), Dr. Gaurav Kapse (IIT, Mumbai), Mr. Saurabh Pandya (Leader-Partnership, South Asia SATO by LIXIL), Mr. Yusuf Kabir (WASH Expert, UNICEF), Mr. Sanjay Sharma (Deputy Director -Program and Partnership,

Save the Children), Mr. Abhishek Chaudhary (MD,FSMC Pvt. Ltd and Project Lead-FINISH Mondial India), Mr. Lalit Sharma (CEO, Sehgal Foundation), Ms. Karon Shaiva (Secretary, MAHA PECOnet), and Ms. Jyotsna Bahirat (COO, YouthAid Foundation) participated in the event.



The summit offered crucial suggestions, including the implementation of functional toilets and water taps, community-driven financing models to ensure financial sustainability of WASH

services and infrastructure, strengthening water quality monitoring systems, promoting gender-sensitive and age-appropriate designs for WASH infrastructure, advocating for rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge techniques to mitigate water scarcity issues, and utilizing innovative solutions such as greywater recycling and water purification technologies like Jalkalp and Matikalp. The discussions concluded that improvements in WASH would contribute significantly to enhancing global SDG indicators.

## YOUTH SUMMIT

The Youth Summit brought together distinguished speakers, social activists, and youth advocates to address contemporary issues facing young people. Discussions covered various thematic areas including Education and Innovation, Skilling and Employability, and Youth Inclusion and Law. Participants included Ms. Priyanka Shendge (MYCA), Advocate Vasant Kamble, Ms. Farida Lambay (Co-founder Pratham Foundation) Mr. Mandar Pophale (Sr. Manager, Praj Foundation) Mr. Suresh Khopade (Retd. IPS. Founder of Kudachishala), Mr. Antony Chettri (Director-Program, IGSSS), Mr. Sampat Chhate (Asst. Director Skill Development), Advocate Varsha Deshpande (Founder, Dalit Mahila Vikas Mandal), Mr. Samir Nabar, Mr Shashikant Borate (DCP, Pune), Ms. Kadambari (Social Activist), Ms. Girija Tulpule (Associate Director, Give), and Ms. Rashmi Srivastava (Senior Manager, United Way of Hyderabad).



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# YESUMMIT



The YESummit provided a dynamic platform for entrepreneurs to learn, showcase their ventures, and network with industry experts. Serving as both a learning center and a pitching stage, the summit catered to both budding and established entrepreneurs. Governmental and non-governmental experts shared invaluable insights on key factors essential for enterprise success. Honorable Minister Mr. Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Minister for Skills Development & Entrepreneurship, Maharashtra, encouraged youth and entrepreneurs to leverage various government schemes and cutting-edge technology.



Additionally, esteemed personalities such as Professor Ujjwal Anu Choudhary (Board Member, Youth Aid Foundation), Ms. Roshni Sehgal (Head Business Development and International Alliances at Media and Entertainment), Ms. Himalaya Rao (Managing Director, BFM Fund, Washington US), Mr. Saptashri Chatterjee (Incubation Head, Adamas University, Kolkata), Miss Xuan Cen Cheng (Founder of XC Design Studio, Platform Manager at the BFM Fund), Mr. Nitin Kumar Lokhande (CEO, Wissen Baum Engineering Solution), Mr. Vinayak Kadaskar (CIE India, HR, Head), Mr. Deep Bhong, Mr. Rahul Shingavi (Director, BTW Group Companies), Mr. Nitin Metkar (CEO, Wissen Baum Engineering Solution), Mr. Rajesh Shetty (Chief Delivery Officer, COFORGE), Ms. Trina Balakrishnan (VP, HR, COFORGE), and Mr. Sayaji Chavan (HR, UPS) shared their expertise and guided entrepreneurs to excel in their ventures. The panelists emphasized the need for a robust mechanism for startups, capacity building among entrepreneurs, and fostering collaboration and partnerships among stakeholders. Their collective insights provided valuable direction for aspiring entrepreneurs to thrive in the competitive business landscape.





# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENTS



## Book Inauguration:

During the event, three books were inaugurated: "Young Achievers: 25 Disruptors and Dreamers" celebrates the contributions of CYDA volunteers; "Tread the Road Less Travelled" shares Mr. Mathew Mattam's journey as a social activist; and "Best Practices - Breaking the Mold and Shaping the Future" explores CYDA's innovative interventions.



## Go Green Pune Marathon:

CYDA, in collaboration with Sau. Sheela Raj Salve Memorial Trust, organized the Go Green Pune WALK and RUN Marathon on January 7, 2024, at Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe Sabhagruha, Yerwada. The event aimed to raise environmental awareness and promote inclusivity, with 52 members from the LGBTQIA+ community participating alongside approximately 1500 participants from various age groups and societal sections. Notable figures like Adv Avinash Salve, Corporator of Pune Municipal Corporation; Ms Arnavaz Damania, former Indian women's hockey team skipper, and RJ Sangram showed their support for the event.



## Yuva Rang: A Celebration of Youth Talent and Diversity

Yuva Rang was celebrated at Don Bosco College to showcase the talents of youth and inspire them to exhibit their skills. This event provided a platform for participants from various states and cities, including Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Pune, Nandurbar, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Mumbai, and Nashik fostering a diverse and inclusive environment for talent to flourish.





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## Business Boot Camp and Pitching:

A boot camp convened 110 enthusiastic participants, featuring diverse business ideas spanning food to IT ventures. Notable attendees were from institutions including Christ College, SNDT College of Home Science (Pune), MKSSS'S Cummins College of Engineering for Women, Dr. D Y Patil College of Science, Commerce, and Arts, Forsight College of Commerce, Nowrosjee Wadia College, and IIEBM. The event celebrated the entrepreneurial spirit of college students, fostering innovation and enterprise. It attracted incubators from various regions, enriching their understanding of the business landscape. With approximately 85% female participation, the boot camp aimed to bridge the gender gap in entrepreneurship and also welcomed members of the LGBTQIA+ community, promoting inclusivity. Fifteen entrepreneurs were awarded Rs 25,000/- each for their innovative contributions.

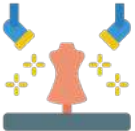


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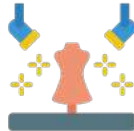




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