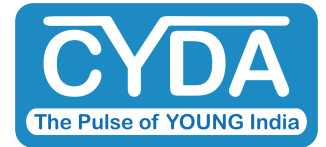


THE PULSE OF YOUNG INDIA



Voice of Youth from Grassroot

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STORY OF THE MONTH

Empowering Youth, transforming villages through various Skills

In a transformative initiative to tackle unemployment and foster self-reliance, CYDA, in collaboration with the State Bank of India - Rural Self Employment Training Institute, CIE India, and supported by the ASK Foundation, organized essential skills-based training sessions for youth from Ranipur, Nagzhiri, Pimprani, and Chirde villages. The event focused on creating local employment opportunities, reducing urban migration, and encouraging entrepreneurship among rural youth.

A total of 14 enthusiastic youth actively participated in diverse skill development sessions, including Sewing Machine Training, Jute Bag Making, Welding Machine Training, Hair Salon Training and Motor Mechanic Repairing. The event was graced by dignitaries Mr. Ganesh Pathare, Director and Mr. Girdhar Baisane, Faculty at SBI-RSETI, who emphasized the critical role of skill development in economic growth and self-reliance. "Skill development is crucial for self-reliance and economic growth. By learning skills such as mobile repairing, two-wheeler maintenance, sewing machine operation, jute bag making and welding, youth are gaining technical knowledge and creating opportunities for self-employment," they stated.

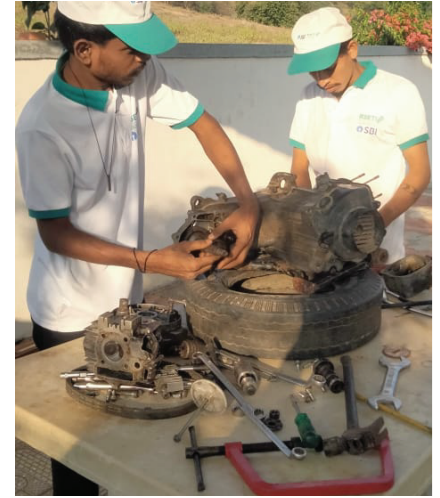
The training sessions proved transformative for many participants:

- Training bridged the gap in technical education, opening doors to new employment opportunities that many of us never thought possible.
- With specialized skills in hand, youth moved beyond the limitations of traditional agriculture, gaining the confidence to pursue stable livelihoods.
- The training reduced the need to migrate to cities and also sparked entrepreneurial spirits within youth, empowering them to start businesses in their own villages.
- This initiative taught new skills and inspired them to become change-makers, contributing to our community's growth and securing a future of financial independence and local development.



- Nine male youth have already started their own businesses in welding, hair salons, sewing services and two-wheeler repairing.
- Seven women and seven men trained in sewing and jute bag making are now earning Rs.7,000/- per month, promoting women's empowerment and contributing to local economic development.

Participants expressed their gratitude, noting that the initiative imparted skills and also inspired them to become change-makers, securing financial independence while contributing to the growth of their communities. This program stands as an inspiration for rural youth, demonstrating how skill development can transform lives, create employment and develop sustainable community development.



Igniting Youth Potential: A Transformative National Youth Day Celebration

The National Youth Day celebration, held from February 9 to 11, 2025, at Ashram School Ranipur, witnessed an inspiring gathering of 241 youth and other people from various villages. The event was a platform for young minds to showcase their talents through sports and cultural activities. Dignitaries gracing the occasion included Mr. Dadabhai Pimpale, Principal of Ranipur Zilla Parishad School, Mr. Anil Jadhav, President of the School Management Committee; Mr. Ravindra Tanaji Sonawane, Principal of Ranipur Ashram School and Mr. Narayan Pawara, Police Patil of Ranipur. Their motivational speeches highlighted the transformative power of sports and culture in nurturing leadership, teamwork, discipline, and social responsibility.



The event highlighted activities such as cricket, kho-kho, and kabaddi, developing teamwork and strategic thinking. Speech competitions on social issues, along with painting and rangoli contests, raised awareness about child marriage, water conservation and addiction-free living. Traditional dance performances celebrated the rich tribal heritage, adding cultural depth to the event. Participants expressed enthusiasm to continue engaging in such activities, recognizing their value in personal and community development. Winners have been felicitated with certificates and mementos, serving as a powerful motivator for future excellence. Mr. Pimpale emphasized the role of sports in personality development, while Mr. Jadhav acknowledged the youth as the backbone of society, urging them to embrace such events to build confidence. Mr. Sonawane encouraged a blend of traditional values with modern education and Mr. Pawara praised the youth's enthusiasm and stressed the role of such programs in steering them away from negative influences like addiction and crime.



Roots of Change: How youth grew a greener future in Pimprani village

CYDA and ASK Foundation jointly organized a tree plantation drive on 25 August, 2024 in Pimprani village, located in Shahada block, witnessing a transformative event. This drive—was a movement, a step towards reclaiming our environment and securing a better future for ourselves and generations to come. A total of 64 enthusiastic youth from Pimprani village came together to plant 1,000 saplings, marking a significant step towards environmental restoration and a greener future. The event was honoured by the presence of inspiring leaders, including Ms.Mamata Chaudhary, Sarpanch of Pimprani, Mr. Bhaidas Bagale, Deputy Sarpanch; Mr.Kalusingh Padv, Gram Panchayat member and Mr.Gunwant Patil, District Coordinator of Pani Foundation. They highlighted how the temperature in Pimprani has been rising due to deforestation, leading to extreme heat, soil erosion and reduced rainfall. They emphasized that this tree plantation is about creating a legacy—a gift for future generations. “If we plant trees today, tomorrow our future generations will live happily in their shade,” they said, urging every villager to take ownership of this initiative.

The Youth4Change group played a pivotal role, leading the event from organizing activities to digging, planting, and ensuring the saplings were well-watered and taken care. This initiative addressed urgent ecological issues and also developed a sense of community ownership and environmental responsibility. The successful plantation of 1,000 trees left a lasting impact, with the local community committed to nurturing and maintaining this greenery. In the coming years, these trees will help reduce temperatures, combat soil erosion and improve climate conditions. Youth4Change reflected on the event, stating, “Even small actions can create big changes when we come together as a community.” This tree plantation drive is the beginning of a sustainable, healthier future for all.



Key Takeaways:

- Practical Demonstration: Farmers witnessed how drip irrigation can be set up and managed for vegetable crops.
- Hands-on Training: Participants learnt the basics of efficient water and nutrient use, reducing wastage and maximizing productivity.
- Increased Awareness: Farmers understood the potential for higher yields and enhanced crop quality with this method.
- Youth Engagement: Young farmers showed strong interest, reflecting a move towards modern agricultural practices.
- Boosting Income: The demonstration highlighted how adopting drip irrigation can lead to more profitable vegetable farming.

This initiative inspired a new generation of farmers to hold sustainable farming techniques. The youth, in particular, are ready to lead this change, bringing innovation, efficiency, and resilience to the agricultural landscape.

"It's not just about growing crops; it's about growing opportunities," said a young participant, reflecting the event's transformative impact.

Young Farmers lead the charge for sustainable agriculture at World Soil Day Celebration in Ranipur

The spirit of 63 youth including young farmers, women and local leaders, gathered to celebrate World Soil Day on 6 December, 2024 in Ranipur. The event in association with Agriculture department, Nandurbar focused on raising awareness about the critical role of soil health in agriculture and food security. Mr. Milind Patil, Project Coordinator at CYDA emphasized with a powerful message: "Soil is not just dirt; it is the foundation of our food security and environment. If we protect the soil today, it will protect us in the future. Farmers are empowered with knowledge about organic farming techniques and the importance of soil testing to improve productivity. Adding to the momentum, Ms. Priyanka Khedkar from the Agriculture Department emphasized the dangers of excessive chemical



use, urging farmers to embrace organic farming and crop rotation to maintain soil fertility. "The government provides soil testing kits—every farmer should take advantage of this facility," they advised. The event also witnessed inspiring words from a Local Gram Panchayat Leader, Mr. Ram Pawara who highlighted the collective responsibility of communities in soil conservation. "Soil conservation is not just an individual task; it's a community effort. Using organic fertilizers and preventing soil erosion will benefit not just farmers but our entire community," he stated.

What Made the Event Special?

- Awareness Drive: Farmers, particularly youth and women, learnt about the importance of soil health and the impact of sustainable farming practices.
- Hands-On Learning: Practical demonstrations on preparing organic compost showcased how farmers can apply these techniques in their fields.

- Soil Testing Insights: Participants understood how to use soil testing kits effectively to monitor soil health and improve crop yields.
- Youth Engagement: Young farmers actively participated in discussions, reflecting a growing interest in eco-friendly farming.
- Policy Awareness: Farmers discovered government schemes and resources available to support soil conservation and organic farming.

Young farmers were inspired, armed with knowledge, and motivated to lead the change towards sustainable agriculture in their communities.

"Our soil is our heritage, and protecting it is our responsibility," said a young participant, echoing the event's powerful message.

Youth Led Anaemia & Health Awareness Campaigns transform lives in Shahada Block

22 -26 March 2025

A health awareness campaign, supported by K-Corp under CYDA's Health and Nutrition Project, reached over 2,500 participants across villages like Ranipur, Lakkadkot, Chirde, Nagziri. The event featured anaemia camps, awareness campaigns and poster exhibitions, focusing on women's health and adolescent nutrition.



Key Highlights:

- Anaemia Camps: Over 781 individuals underwent haemoglobin testing, of which 452 were identified with low Hb levels and received supplements like IFA tablets, vitamin C, and nutritious jaggery peanut chikki to boost iron levels.
- Awareness Campaigns: Engaging street plays and discussions educated 864 participants about the risks of early pregnancy and the benefits of timely marriage.
- Poster Exhibitions: 867 posters showcased information on anaemia, healthy diets, and the importance of institutional deliveries.

The event empowered women and youth with crucial knowledge about nutrition and reproductive health, developing a stronger understanding of the importance of balanced diets and healthy lifestyles. The event was graced by dignitaries including Mr. Ramesh Barde, Ranipur Sarpanch, Mr. Vijay Pawra, Panchayat Samiti Member, Dr. Kishant Nikamb, Chief Health Officer, of Primary Health Center Kusumwada and Dr. Manilal Shelte, Senior Medical Officer highlighted the critical need for continuous health interventions. He emphasized, "We have expanded our efforts to combat malnutrition and reduce maternal mortality, working with Anganwadi Workers, Asha Workers, and Auxiliary Nursing Midwife workers across Shahada block. This is a collective movement for better health." Dr. Shelte praised the event's role in combating malnutrition and reducing maternal mortality. "This is more than an event; it's a step towards a healthier future," Dr. Shelte stated.



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