

# The Pulse of Young India

Voice of Youth from grassroot

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## Editorial

**S**tepping Stones Program helps to bridge the gap among the people of all genders to have equal rights, responsibilities, opportunities, gender sensitization and communication skills. Considering this, CYDA organized 5 days Stepping Stones workshop at Sinnar with an aim of promoting self-awareness, understanding and respect for gender diversity.



A Module was designed to address topics such as gender, communication, perspective, love, attraction, sexuality, sexual relationships, HIV, AIDS, STDs, relationships, risks, fraud, gender-related violence, women's laws, responsibility, and self-awareness through games and discussions. This workshop helped to increase awareness & understand gender aspects, knowledge & skills related to sexuality, empathy & respect for individuals of different genders & enhanced their communication skills. Over 40 rural women and men had set their mindsets to bring about change in gender equality and sensitization in work place & community as well. Participants addressed to have more such workshops in future.

**Mathew Mattam**  
Chief Executive



## Story of the Month

### TrashTech: A Replicative Solid Waste Management Model



CYDA launched 'TrashTech' one of the replicative solid waste management models at Visarwadi village. Our initiative has created impact by practicing proper waste management systems - collecting waste from source & processing solid waste management by scientific treatments. TrashTech manages SW in rural areas with its

own system. This system has affordable, sustainable, environment friendly, long-term, cost-effective, efficient solutions for all the solid waste generated in Visarwadi GP.

The unique values of our solution are Innovation, Integrity, Education and training, Efficiency, Economic Prudence, Resourcefulness, integrated Services, Stakeholder/Community Partnerships & Implementing waste reduction, recycling and environmental education & cost-effective resources and services with sound environmental policies and practices.

CYDA also initiated project - **Making Waste free Slums** through Sustainable Solid Waste Management for protecting environment & promoting livelihood opportunities in Pimpri Chinchwad, Pune. We have adopted decentralized approach, where in a group of women from weaker sections collectively come together as key implementing agents of the model.

## Distribution Program (WASH)

### a) Personal Hygiene Kit at Gurukul Ashramshala, Nagpur



CYDA & Persistent Foundation joined hands to support the students, under the project **Promoting a Healthy Environment in schools of Nagpur city.** i) To enhance the hygienic status among school students & bring positive behavioural changes, hygiene kits (*Nail Cutter, Comb, Handwash pouch, bucket & Medicare hair oil*) have been distributed to **375 students.**

### b) Educational materials in 03 schools of Nagpur

ii) CYDA conducted trainings with school children under WASH component. This helped the students develop an interest in washing their hands-on critical times, importance of drinking clean and safe water as well as the importance of using toilets to maintain personal hygiene in their daily life. Each school have been provided educational kit which includes - Six box Puzzle (Front Back), Innovative games - Snake & Ladder; Magnetic Dart Game.

*(Contributed by WASH Team)*

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1. Safe Guarding Adolescents Rights
2. Youth Development & Engagement
3. Youth Innovation
4. WASH, Health & Nutrition program
5. Livelihood and Entrepreneurship
6. Climate Change and Disaster Response
7. Integrated Community Development
8. Issues of Urban Poor
9. Research, Evaluation and Monitoring

Please CONTACT us for implementation as well as capacity building on these themes. CYDA works in 1.Maharashtra, 2.Chhattisgarh, 3.Madhya Pradesh, 4.Kerala, 5.Tripura, 6.Hyderabad, 7.Bengaluru. More details contact: secretary.cyda@gmail.com



## First-Generation Entrepreneur: WASH MITRA



26 yrs. Mr.Sanjay Bhuravane, lives in a small-town at foothills of Ajinkyatara Fort Satara. He is working as a Plumber. Sanjay always been fascinated for starting a new business.

One day, while sitting in a local tea shop, witnessed WASH MITRA (One Stop Solution) advertisement on a social media platform. He knew that there were plenty of training centres in his area, but none of them were offering multi skilled, small-batch, residential training free of cost. He joined the training and learnt plumbing, electrician, mason, carpenter, water filter and solar installation skills. He spent countless hours to visit ZP Schools, GP offices, Healthcare facilities & nearby institutions to search scope for the operation and maintenance works. He also knew that marketing is necessary to create demand for WASH MITRA. Sanjay started working as WASH MITRA & realized O&M of schools have great scope of

work and potential to gain funds for schools. Thereafter, he received work orders from ZP school for water supply connection & plumbing work. Now, he has become very famous and trustworthy among people and getting plenty of work orders from his village and surrounding areas as well. He is planning to open a small shop in his area. At times he hires other young people for his assistance. He also donated a portion of his profits to local schools, giving back to the community that had supported him from the beginning. Days later, he also got work orders from health facilities. Sanjay has an entrepreneurial spirit, always dreaming up of new ideas and finding ways to grow and develop his business. He thanked CYDA for WASH MITRA' training which provided tool kit and mentoring support to make him young entrepreneur and gain respect and new identity for his work. He acknowledged that he is gaining a hike in his monthly payments after the training. Earlier he used to work for Rs.3350/- per month and now he is earning approximately Rs.13840/- per month. (Contributed by Mr.Amol Shewale)

## Youth Initiative



**Heartiest Congratulations!!!** CYDA proudly announces Krupa Sable & Shrishti Sarvagod of Aavaaz Hamari campaign winning 1st & 2nd positions respectively in Taekwondo competition organized by District Sports Office & District Sports Council at Zonal level at Ahmednagar. These 2 girls participated among many contestants to win the gold and silver. Krupa is now selected to represent at the State level.

(Contributed by Mr.Kaustubh Bhamare)

## Expansion of Community Resource Centre



CYDA initiated CRC at Makadwadi, Sinnar, where 25 youth from the neighbouring two vicinities of urban slum communities were enrolled in the centre. The center has been instrumental in providing remedial education, ducational support & providing a safe platform for young people to

discuss on topics - gender, reproductive health and mental health. Young women are promoted with Non-Traditional Livelihood skills and adolescent girls with STEM Education in ZP schools. These encourages them to take livelihood opportunities which break the gender stereotypes.

(Contributed by Mr.Kiran Bagul)

## Awareness session on Rights & Laws for LGBTQIA+



CYDA & Puneri Pride Foundation organized Haldi Kumkum ceremony for 54 LGBTQIA+, women sex workers & other sexual minority community people on 5th Feb 2023 at Pune assembly, Budhwar Peth. Adv.Sushant Prabhune created an awareness on Rights & Laws of LGBTQIA+. Mr.Prasad Gondkar, Chairman, including representatives of Puneri Pride Foundation & 5 youth volunteers have graced the occasion.

(Contributed by Mr.Pritesh Kamble)

## Volunteering of the Month



My name is Praveen Tapase. I had taken VRS from Tata Steel on 1st July 22. I joined CYDA as a volunteer through Tata ProEngage in August 22. I conducted sessions with youth on personality development, communication skills & career guidance. It's been an overwhelming experience for me in CYDA so far. During this 25th Year of CYDA, I wish all the best for its future endeavours. (Contributed by Mr.Godfrey Colaco)

## About Staff

• We wish Mr.Sanjay Pirangute for being with CYDA as Program Manager (Urban Poor Unit) till February, 2023. We wish him all the best for his future endeavours.

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