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## Empowering Farmers: Unlocking Opportunities at the Kisan Melava, Ranipur, Nandurbar



CYDA and ASK foundation in collaboration with Continuous Learning and Extension Department of North Maharashtra University organized a Melava on February 23rd, 2024, at Ranipur. The dignitaries from seven departments (MGNREGA, ATMA, Agriculture, Livestock, MAVIM, the Post Office, and the Pani Foundation) attended the event. One hundred and thirty (130) farmers visited the event. Providing guidance, dignitaries suggested farmers should prioritize food grain, fruit, and vegetable processing to meet rising demand, leveraging available schemes to establish processing industries. In order to avail more and more benefits, it was also suggested that the farmers maximize their access to and utilization of government schemes for maximum benefits. Some key areas such as group farming, government schemes, and agriculture's future, gaining valuable insights for improving farming practices were also explored. This Melava impacted six women who were sent to Mumbai for a 10-day residential training program at the Veterinary College by CYDA.

## Empowering Equality: Advocacy and Support Awareness Camp, Vishrantwadi, Pune

In a significant collaboration, CYDA, Mangalmukhi Kinner Charitable Trust, and the Social Welfare Department Pune organized an impactful Awareness and Nutrition Kit Distribution Camp on February 27th, 2024, at Vishrantwadi, Pune. This event not only provided material support to 500 LGBTQIA+ community members, but also served as a platform for education and advocacy, with dignitaries like Mr. Vishal Londhe, Assistant Commissioner, Social Welfare







Department, Pune and Ms. Sonal Patil emphasizing government schemes and voting rights. Mr. Londhe highlighted the role of political participation in shaping inclusive policies, while a dedicated camp for government schemes enabled 90 individuals to access essential services such

as Accident insurance plans and Aadhar card renewals. This holistic approach addressed immediate needs and laid the foundation for long-term empowerment, epitomizing inclusivity and collaboration in advancing societal equity and compassion. CYDA champions the dignity and rights of all individuals, irrespective of sexual orientation or gender identity, as we strive for a more inclusive future.

## Breaking Barriers: Empowering Women in Non-Traditional Career Paths, Yerwada, Pune



In a transformative display of community solidarity, the neighborhoods of Yerwada, Salvenagar, and Janata Vasahat are witnessing a groundbreaking movement on February 17th, 2024. With the unwavering support of CYDA's esteemed leaders, Mr. Mathew Mattam and Ms. Neela Kale, these communities are championing young women who dare to venture into non-traditional career paths. By nurturing an environment of inspiration and encouragement, they are effectively dismantling age-old gender stereotypes. Through the team's collective efforts, CYDA has successfully enrolled 56 participants, empowering them to break barriers and pursue careers in sectors traditionally dominated by men. This pivotal shift not only fosters individual identity but also fosters sustainability within these non-traditional sectors, ultimately contributing to a more diverse and inclusive workforce.

## Fostering Youth Empowerment: Triumph at the STEM Mela, Yerwada, Pune

The STEM Mela held at the STEM Innovation Learning Center in Jai Jawan Nagar, Yerwada, Pune, on February 28th, 2024, was a resounding success. Participants from PCMC schools, 30 (17 girls and 13 boys), along with parents, teachers, and community representatives, showcased 23 innovative group models. Dignitaries such as Ms. Sonia Garcha and Ms. Sunita Gite, Principal, Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Kanya School, Bhosari commended the champions for their efforts, emphasizing the importance of creativity and problem-solving skills. The event provided a platform for champions to demonstrate their talents, boost their confidence, and learn from each other's experiences, culminating in the felicitation of winners with trophies and certificates for all participants.





# Exploring Frontiers: Students Shine at IISER Science Exhibition, Pune



The Science Exhibition held at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) on February 28th, 2024, welcomed 22 students from the STEM Innovation Learning Center community. The event aimed to foster a collaborative environment where students could share and experience best practices from other organizations, providing practical examples of historical discoveries leading to innovation. Through this platform, champions were afforded the opportunity to explore new innovations in STEM, enriching their knowledge and inspiring them to pursue further discoveries and advancements in the field.

## Bridging Gaps: Empowering Education and WASH Initiatives, Belawade, Mulshi, Pune



The Educational Material Distribution Program, held at ZP School in Belawade village, Mulshi block, Pune, on February 27th, 2024, was a collaborative effort between CYDA, Atlas Copco Group, and the local community. With dignitaries like Mr Alexander Pavlov and Mr Pravin Jadhav present, the aim was to provide essential educational resources to underprivileged tribal children and distribute kits to WASH Mitras. This initiative not only supported the education of disadvantaged children but also strengthened community involvement in WASH initiatives.

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