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Operational Strategy:

- p Facilitate exercising rights by focusing on government schemes convergence & Entitlements.
- p Capacity Building of Staff & CBOs.
- p Direct facilitation
- p Cadres Development at the grass-root level
- p Replicating and scaling up the "Development Models"
- p Need-based livelihood programs
- p Demand creation & Trust Building
- p Increase youth involvement
- p Focus on Behavioural Change Communication
- p Four level interventions
- p Networking & Collaborations

Policies in place:

1. Staff / Human Resources
2. Accounts and Finance
3. Gender Policy
4. Conflict of Interest
5. Anti-sexual harassment
6. Whistle blowing
7. Internship and volunteering
8. Ethical photography
9. Child Protection
10. Anti-Bribery & Anti-corruption
11. Core Cost
12. Anti-money laundering



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President's Foreward



It is with great pride and gratitude that we present the Annual Report of Yuva Rural Association for the year 2024–25. This document is not just a compilation of numbers and activities, it is a testament to the resilience, creativity, and determination of rural communities across Vidarbha.

Over the past year, our work has reached more than 3.5 lakh people in 1,240 villages, addressing pressing challenges of climate change, livelihoods, education, gender justice, and governance. Together with our partners, we have strengthened water security, promoted sustainable agriculture, advanced renewable energy, empowered women and youth, and created pathways for education and skill development.

What stands out in this year's journey is the spirit of collaboration. Whether it is women forming energy groups around biogas, farmers diversifying crops and incomes, or children pledging for a child-marriage-free future—each initiative reflects YRA's belief in "helping people to help themselves." Our interventions have been rooted in ecological justice, gender equality, and participatory governance, ensuring that the benefits of development are shared equitably.

As we look ahead to our Strategic Plan 2025–30, we are reminded that sustainable change takes patience, persistence, and partnership. We are committed to deepening our engagement at the grassroots, strengthening our organisational capacity, and scaling up proven models so that no one is left behind.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated staff, community leaders, partners, and well-wishers. Your trust and commitment inspire us to continue this journey with integrity, innovation, and hope.

Seemantinee Khot
President, Yuva Rural Association

Preface...

I am very happy to present this Annual Report 2024-25 of YRA (Yuva Rural Association). The things around us are constantly changing and that too very fast. It is said that the change is permanent. Accepting this, we have been continuing our efforts to achieve the expected/ planned changes in the form of socio-economic betterment, environmental sustainability, and promoting co-existence. We have successfully achieved our own limited targets related to the soil and water conservation, Child rights, women's empowerment that you would be able to know through this report. The challenge we faced in this year was much of related to the 'attrition'- human resources, internally. We tried to appoint staff with expertise in the thematic areas planned for intervention but unfortunately, we did not get such capable and committed people as staff. It was also difficult to involve external experts in various areas of interventions we planned as per the Strategic Plan. In this year we completed the term of existing Strategic Plan (2021-25) and we had to review the same and plan for finalizing the next Strategic Plan 2025-2030. We conducted various workshops and completed certain processes of drafting the next plan.



YRA's focus remained on facilitating the development process keeping the community at the central point. Awareness and education as also the capacity building of the selected beneficiary groups led towards behavioral change. Our focus remained on the Rural and Tribal poor, Women, youth, children, small and marginal farming communities in Vidarbha and some part of Marathwada. Some of the areas of interventions as facilitating existing SHGs, Youth Clubs, different committees such as School Management Committees, kitchen gardening, promotion of sustainable agriculture, WASH activities etc. were facilitated as 'Common Minimum Programs' wherever we have reach, irrespective of any funding support.

We also believe that the Government has made all rights available through different policies and programs but those are not exercised by the real beneficiaries due to lack of education, awareness, and in-adequate delivery system/ and implementing mechanisms. YRA's tagline is "Helping people to help themselves" encourages us to play these roles every time and everywhere, possible, without harming others and without any damage to the environment and ecology.

All these achievements were possible only because of the kind support we received from all the stakeholders such as international funding partners, CSR funding partners, funding support by the State/ Central Government, knowledge sharing and collaboration and network partners like VANI, RRAN etc. I express my gratitude towards their support directly & indirectly, which is separately mentioned in the report specifically.

The Governance of YRA- Governing Council and General Council played a very important role of strategic & reflective direction to the organization regularly. I must thank all of them for their regular contribution. We are always guided by our strategic plans, annual plans derived from the strategic plan, systems, culture, core values, & Internal policies.

I, once again thank all the stakeholders including our staff and volunteers as also the community with whom we work, for their support in various ways to make us successful.

Datta Patil
Chief Executive Officer

ABOUT YUVA RURAL ASSOCIATION

Yuva Rural Association (YRA) was established in the year 2002 has its roots in the Vidarbha region since inception. YRA has extensively worked towards the development of the rural & Tribal areas of Vidarbha, especially in the fields of Climate Change, Sustainable Agriculture, Natural Resource Management, Livelihood, Education, WASH, Gender & Other social forms of discrimination and Responsive Governance.

YRA's current direct interventions are in more than 1240 villages from around 748 Gram panchayats in 51 blocks of 8 districts in Vidarbha, 3 districts in Marathwada and 3 district in Western region of Maharashtra. All these interventions were to address various development issues of the constituency groups- small and marginal farmers, women, youth, tribal and children.

YRA has carried out direct interventions in the Vidarbha & Marathwada Region of Maharashtra, and has indirect implementation in the entire state of Maharashtra through our collaborative partners. For our projects, programs and other further details you may visit us on <http://yraindia.org>

Core Purpose: YRA's core purpose is to shape a better human society emphasizing the culture of co-existence and contributing to achieving SDGs by helping people to help themselves.

Vision: A better human society with equal opportunities and participation towards sustainability of the Planet.

Mission: To support and facilitate the needy, poor, and marginalized people to make them harness equal opportunities and participate equally, aiming for "No one Leave Behind".

CORE VALUE

Social justice: We believe in achieving social development and justice by adapting a human rights perspective for the self-employment of the powerless and underprivileged sections of our society. We believe that elimination of the discrimination and injustice due to caste, creed, economic status etc, is crucial for the overall empowerment of the society.

Gender Justice: We have a commitment towards gender equality and building gender equality and building a gender sensitive. Gender justice aims at the personal, social, economic and political empowerment of women internally as well, we strive to ensure that our work is free of gender bias and discrimination.

Ecological Justice: We believe that nature is supreme and has to be sustained for the core existence of humankind. Hence, all efforts must be taken to sustain our ecology and environment.

Democracy and secularism: We believe that cast, creed, race etc should not be hurdles in our way of work. We also believe in the following democratic approach in our work wherein all stakeholders are involved and have a say we matter concerning them. Thus, we adopt a democratic and secular approach in our work.

Honesty and Integrity: As an organization working for the development of our constituency groups, we believe that honesty and integrity and values that should be part of all the members working with us. Our work should be professional and must be undertaken with passion and commitment. The funds we received are the hard-earned money of the people and we believe in obtaining maximum benefits for the community as a whole.

Thematic Intervention

Livelihood

Employability, Skill Development,
Food Security, Farm & Non-Farm-Based
Livelihood

Climate Change

Soil & Water Conservation, Bio-diversity,
Renewable Energy, Natural Resource
Management, Disaster Risk Reduction,
Climate Resilient initiatives.

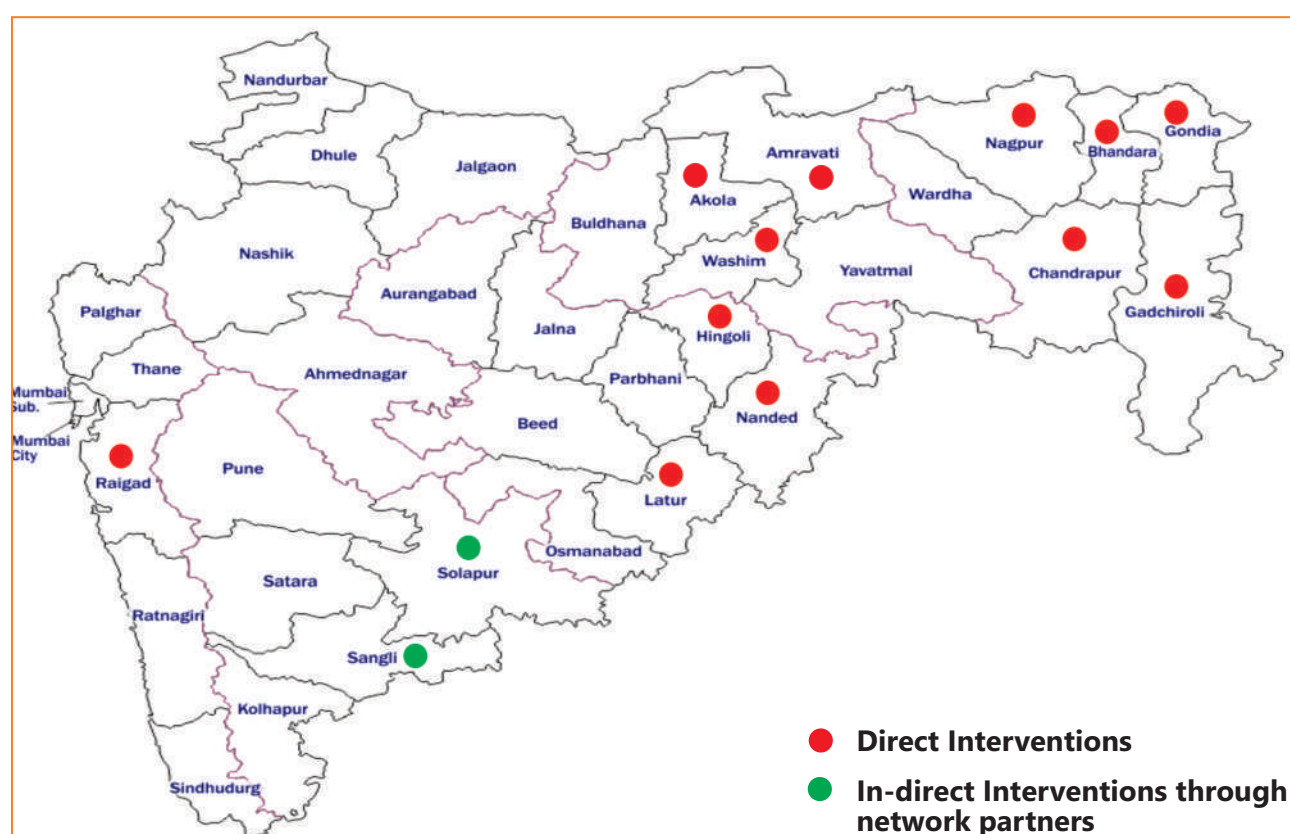
Women, Children & Youth Development

Value Education, Health, Quality
Education, WASH

SGDs addressed



Geographic Presence

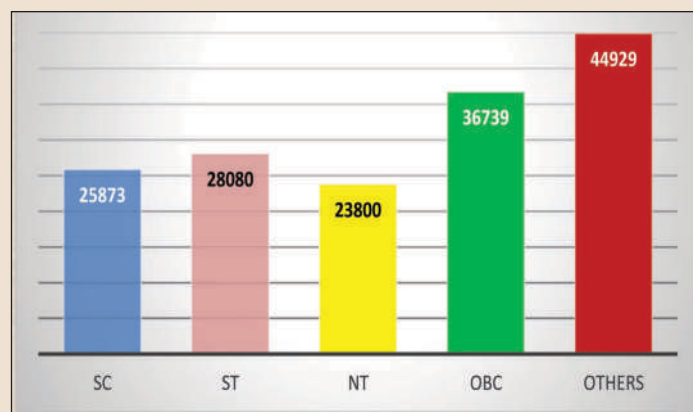


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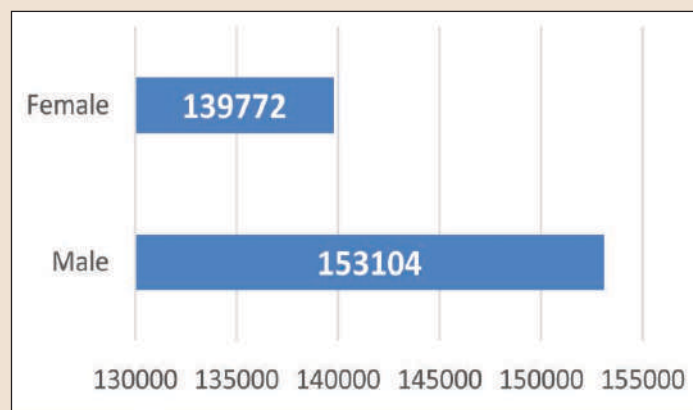
Coverage at a Glance

11 Projects
14 Districts
51 Blocks
748 GPs
1240 Villages
80,728 Households
3,54,593 Population

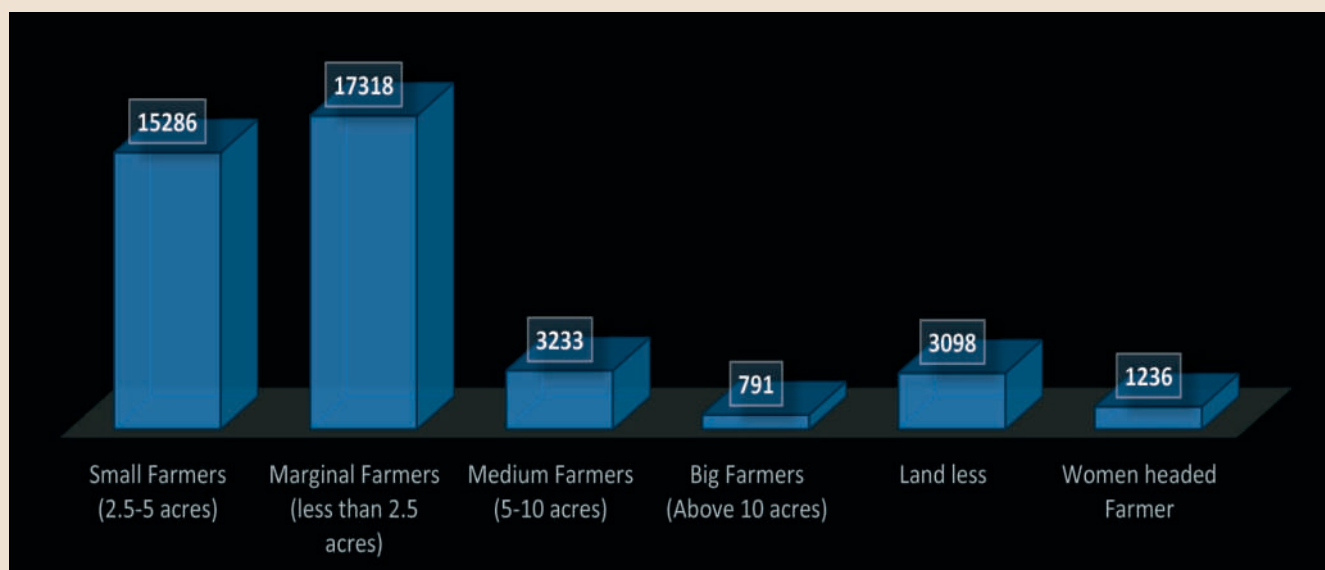
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Outreach Male & Female



Outreach Farmers



THEME-1 CLIMATE CHANGE



- Total 161424 Kg invasive species removed from 0.6 Acres of area of water body.
- Increased water retention capacity by 8931.34 cubic meters
- 2 waterbodies of area 2.6 acres restored.
- 2 Water Management Associations established across both the location with 7 members in each.



*Managing natural resources sustainably;
ensuring resilience and food security*

Priority Areas

Demonstrate models for land and water management, water use efficiency and resilient agriculture models and forest restoration. Share knowledge and build capacities of farmers & communities to replicate good practices in Natural Resource Management for drought prone villages.

THEME-1 Interventions (Climate Change)

1.1 Soil and Water Conservation

Contributed on Climate action through Water Security & Accessibility on farmers' fields to ensure best practices for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

YRA emphasized the interconnectedness of climate and all water issues, it promoted a handful of individual / community actions that can foster a sustainable water resource management with broader systemic strategies & practices.

The capacities of Village Development Committees and Watershed Committees were enhanced for participatory and sustainable management of watershed infrastructure.

For effective land and water management, 23 soil conservation structures, over 347 running meters of farm bunds and 17 water conservation structures were constructed.



Key Highlights:

- n Conducted 172 awareness & training programs on sustainable water management practices.
- n Covered 1791 acres land to enhanced soil moisture contents.
- n Benefitted 5732 population from 39 farm constructed & 173 students got benefitted by Roof Water Harvesting.
- n Improved water availability for 2-3 months, Increased in ground water level by 1.5-2 ft
- n Increased vegetative cover and Reduced soil erosion.
- n Attended 593 Household in workshop conducted.
- n Initiated the process of formation of water management association.



Water Budgeting :

Village communities actively participated in this process, it leads to better planning, equitable distribution, and sustainable use of water resources.



Restored 2 waterbodies covered area 2.6 acres

Farm Bunding – CSR support from the HDB Financial Services. Conserved soil & enhanced soil moisture covered 155 acres of land under the farm bunding activity.



Improved water availability by "High Impact Mega Watershed Project" sponsored by BRLF & "Water Security & Accessibility Project", financial support by HDB Financial Services. Intervention focuses on enhancing water resources in agricultural areas by promoting best practices and providing technical support, it aims to improve water availability and agricultural productivity, thereby contributing to sustainable water resource development.



Topography Survey of waterbodies



Constructed 10 Farm Ponds, Covered 197 acres of area under irrigation



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1.2. Environment & Renewable Energy

YRA dedicated to installing biogas plants in 7 Blocks of Bhandara and Nagpur District, aim to promote clean energy and empowering farmers towards sustainable agriculture.

YRA has installed 17000 such biogas units with financial support from **Infosys under CSR**. Through this initiative, farmers could generate an additional source of income for their households by producing nutrient-rich slurry & clean gas as a by-product. This slurry served as an excellent organic fertilizer, enhanced soil health and boosted crop yields on their agricultural farms. Through this initiative YRA promoted environmental sustainability, reduced reliance on fossil fuels, and supported the economic well-being of rural communities



Maintenance of Biogas Units



Key Highlights:

- Maintenance of 17072 Biogas units covering households as SC-2177, ST-3288, NT-201, OBC-11057, & 349-others. Conducted XX awareness programs on importance of improved Biogas Technology for cooking solution, and sustainable agriculture practices.
- Conducted Internal Monitoring (HH) Survey of 7622 HH about the status of the biogas. status of 7622 beneficiaries was found out and defunct/damaged unit were repaired.
- Conducted External Monitoring (Offset) farm survey of 3071 beneficiary for carbon footprint.
- Gold Standard monitoring was conducted with 278 beneficiaries.
- Conducted Sight Connect (Eye Checkup) of 156 persons from 32 families.
- Trained 4 Block Coordinators and 15 Technicians on biogas maintenance & resolving complaints.
- Conducted Village level Biogas Maintenance Training of 364 beneficiaries, & started faults finding & repairing by themselves, resulted number of number of complaints reduced.
- Conducted orientation programs to energy groups (Urja Groups), FPOs, backyard slurry management, total 87 beneficiaries were present & understood the benefits of slurry management, & biogas units.

Promoted Sustainable Energy Solutions through modern Biogas System Installation and Training for Rural Communities. Trained more than 7500+ farmers.



Collecting Bio-slurry and putting into the vegetable garden



Formed "Energy Groups" (Urja Gat), where women plays a great role in transforming waste into clean energy for sustainable future with BIOGAS



The Gas Flame was checked during the monitoring visit to ensure proper functioning and safety.

Stories on Ground Life Transformed by Biogas – The Inspiring Story of a Woman Farmer

Meena.Shrikrishna. Shende, Village – Pardi, Taluka – Mohadi, District – Bhandara

My family was once struggling with financial difficulties. We have only 1 acre of irrigated land for a family of five members. We cultivated only paddy during the kharif season

and had to rely heavily on chemical fertilizers, spending around Rs. 10,000 per year. Despite the expenses, the yield was not satisfactory—only 15 quintals per acre. Due to this low income, both my husband and I had to work as laborers on other farms, earning approximately Rs. 20,000 annually.

For cooking, we used firewood and LPG cylinders. The annual expense on LPG only was Rs. 10,000, and collecting firewood consumed a lot of time, often causing us to be late for daily wage work—resulting in lost wages.

However, in 2023, Yuva Rural Association, installed a biogas unit at our home. This single change brought multiple positive transformations in our lives:

p We saved Rs. 9,000 annually on LPG.

Using biogas slurry in farming reduced our chemical fertilizer expenses by Rs. 8,000.

p We started growing vegetables like brinjal, chilli, tomato, and spinach in the rabi season, all nourished by the slurry.

p We also planted fruit trees like mango, karvanda (black currant), sapota (chikoo), jackfruit, and lemon, which are benefiting from the slurry.

p Our crop yield increased by 2 quintals per acre. (previous 15 quintal per acre.)

With the improved agricultural output, it has become easier to manage household expenses. The remaining income is now used for our children's education & health. In addition, I became a member of the Urja Gat formed under the village biogas project. I contributed Rs. 100 per month in this group, and have saved Rs 2,400 so far. I have taken loans of Rs. 5,000 twice from the group and repaid them on time.



Conclusion

The use of sustainable energy, shift towards organic farming, diversified crop production, and women's empowerment together define the success of Meena Shende. With her inspiring step forward, she uplifted her family's standard of living and became a role model for other women in her village.



Tree Plantation program : Involved 300+ Village Communities & educated them about the importance of trees and their role in sustainability, sense of ownership and responsibility.

1.3. Sustainable Agriculture

In 2002, YRA introduced the concept of sustainable agriculture & working on Key Principles as under:

1. **Environmental Health** – Protecting soil quality, water resources, and biodiversity.
2. **Economic Viability** – Ensuring that farms are profitable & support rural economies.
3. **Social Responsibility**–Promoting healthy communities.

Key Practices:

- p Crop Rotation & Diversity.
- p Organic Farming.
- p Agroforestry
- p Integrated Pest Management (IPM).



Farm Bed Demonstration to enhance crop productivity



Preparation of Farm Bed



Farm Bed: enhanced crop productivity while conserving resources.

Key Highlights:

- p 350 small farmers initiated farm diversification models in their fields.
- p Demonstrated a diverse range of 21 models, including agro-horti, agro-forestry, horti-pasture and vegetable cultivation-based models.
- p Introduced new practices of Kitchen Garden with organic inputs to 243 Households and 13 Schools.
- p The Organic Vegetable grown in the schools & individual Kitchen Garden used in the mid-day-meal & HHs consumption respectively to add nutritional value.
- p Celebrated Agricultural Day, discussed the harmful effects of chemical fertilizers, promotion of organic farming, and encouraging kitchen gardening
- p Farmer-to-Farmer Learning: Encouraged 351 farmers who have successfully diversified their crops to share their experiences with others could create a peer-learning environment.
- p Facilitated 212 Tribal Households for kitchen gardening and preparation of organic fertilizers like Dashparni Ark, Nimaste, Decomposers, Vermicompost, and Natural Herbicides to promote sustainable farming for their livelihoods.
- p Demonstrated Farm Bed to enhance crop productivity while conserving resources.



Supported kitchen gardening and preparation of organic fertilizers like Dashparni Ark, Nimaste, Decomposers, Vermicompost, and Natural Herbicides to promote sustainable farming for tribal livelihoods."



Farmer-to-Farmer Learning:
Encouraged farmers who have successfully diversified their crops to share their experiences with others can create a peer-learning environment.



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बनाया जाता है, इसके लिये किसानों को संस्था के उपजीविका एक्सपर्ट अजय गावडे ने जानकारी दी. इस समय टीम प्रमुख जयंत कुमार, दिनेश कोकोडे, क्षेत्रीय समन्वयक आनंद रोख, प्रेरक धीरज वेलादी, प्रकाश मंडायी आदि समेत बड़ी संख्या में उपस्थित थे.

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Celebrated Agricultural Day,
discussed the harmful effects of chemical fertilizers, promotion organic farming, and encouraging kitchen gardening



**Demonstrated
new practices of
Kitchen Garden
with organic inputs**



Facilitated & Demonstrated Farm Diversification model for Small Farmers



Farm Diversification Models for Small Farms :

350 small farmers-initiated farm diversification models in their fields. A diverse range of models, including agro-horti, agro-forestry, horti-pasture and vegetable cultivation-based models, were demonstrated.



Stories on Ground

Case Story – Village Juvi

Farmer's Name: Pusu Gheba Pungati **Village:** Juvi, Post Dhodraj, Block Bhamragad **Occupation:** Agriculture
Age: 59 **Education:** 3rd Std. **Family Members:** 6

Pusu Gheba Pungati, a resident of Juvi village, has been engaged in farming as his primary livelihood for many years. He, along with his wife, son, and daughter, managed a small-scale farm, primarily cultivating paddy and growing vegetables for household consumption. Additionally, the family raised 10 chickens and 5 goats. Despite their hard work, Pusu's income was limited, and the family faced challenges meeting their financial needs.

In November 2023, the High Impact Mega Watershed Project (HIMWP), implemented by Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) and Yuva Rural Association (YRA), was introduced in the Bhamragad Block. During the project's introductory village meeting in Juvi, Pusu attended and expressed interest in improving his farming practices. Following the meeting, our team visited his farm, where we observed a small-scale vegetable cultivation of tomatoes, brinjals, chilies, spinach, and amaranth.

Recognizing the potential for growth, YRA team led by our Livelihood Expert provided Pusu with tailored advice on scaling up his vegetable farming. We introduced him to scientific techniques and suggested growing a wider variety of vegetables and creeper crops. In October 2024, we facilitated the procurement of high-quality seeds from the local agriculture department. We also developed a comprehensive farming plan for him, focusing on both staple crops and diverse vegetables.

With guidance and support, Pusu expanded his vegetable cultivation to 1.5 acres, including crops such as maize, brinjals, chilies, tomatoes, spinach, fenugreek, amaranth, bottle gourd, ridge gourd, and ambadi. His daughter, Kumari Tulshi Pusu Pungati, became actively involved in the farm work, providing significant assistance. With this positive reinforcement Pusu has also stocked his Bodi (pond) with 5 Kg of fish fingerlings to further augment his farm-based livelihood.



THEME-2 Livelihood Enhancement

Livelihood enhancement: Strategies and actions aimed at improving the economic well-being, income, and quality of life for individuals or communities—especially those who are vulnerable or marginalized. It involves boosting people's ability to earn a sustainable income, often through agri-allied programs, skills training, access to resources, market linkages, financial inclusion, or entrepreneurship support.



Key Highlights:

- Promoted 5+1 Goat rearing activities for 356 households.
- Promoted 2 dairy cow rearing to 49 households
- Organized on-site 43 trainings on cattle rearing, participated 493 households.
- 24 fishers' men family supported with fish culture, fishing net, boat and live jackets.
- Increased knowledge among 213 farmers on livestock management practices.
- Improved livestock safety for 805 HHs.
- Increased 194 HH's knowledge about immunization, deworming, fodder development & shed management practices.

THEME-2 Interventions

2.1. Agri-allied programs

Goat Farming : Focus areas.

1. **A Suitable Breed** – Based on local situation.
2. **Housing**–Provide clean, well-ventilated shelter; raised floors help in wet areas.
3. **Feeding & Nutrition** – Balanced diet including greens, dry fodder, grains, and minerals.
4. **Health Care**–Regular vaccinations and deworming; access to a vet is essential.
5. **Record Keeping** – Track expenses, sales, births, and health history.
6. **Marketing Plan** – Sell in local markets, to meat dealers, or directly to consumers.



"Empowered livestock farming families through on-site training in sustainable husbandry and market opportunities for resilient livelihoods".



Testimonial : "Participating in the livelihood activities has been a life-changing experience for me and my family. Before this initiative, I struggled to find consistent income and support for my children. Through training and support provided by the program, I learned how to manage small livelihood unit. Today, I not only earn a stable income, but I also feel empowered and confident in my abilities. This initiative has given me hope and a purpose, and I am deeply grateful for the YRA. I encourage others to take part and transform their lives as I did." Says – Beneficiaries.



Fostered community engagement on livelihood, employment, and strategies to doubling an annual income



Diversifying income streams in terms of agri-allied programs, a smart approach to securing financial stability and growth.

Dairy Farming: Focus areas.

- **Breed:** Indigenous / local breeds
- **Proper Housing:** Well-ventilated, clean, with separate space for milking and resting. Adequate water supply and waste management.
- **Feeding Management:** Balanced diet: green fodder, dry fodder, and concentrate feed. Provide clean drinking water and mineral mix.
- **Milking & Hygiene:** Regular milking times and clean equipment to ensure milk quality and avoid mastitis.
- **Veterinary Care:** Timely vaccinations, deworming, and health checks.
- **Record Keeping:** Daily milk yield, feed given, breeding cycles, and expenses.
- **Marketing & Sales:** Direct to consumers, milk cooperatives, or dairy companies.



YRA team provided training on improved goat and cattle husbandry, disease prevention, and market opportunities for livestock farming families. aim of training was to foster livelihoods, and promote economic resilience within these communities.

Capacity building on livelihood enhancement: equipped individuals and communities with the skills, knowledge, tools, and confidence towards sustainably improve their income and quality of life.



2.2. NTFP Based programs



"Harvesting from the forest, not the trees - NTFP-based programs empowered communities with sustainable income while preserving nature."

2.3. Small & Micro-enterprises

YRA offered **flexible, low-investment opportunities** that generate income, create local jobs, and stimulate community-level economic growth.

Stories on Ground

Transforming Livelihoods with Biogas: A Success Story from Dharmaapuri

Mahatyaagi Seva Sansthan, a serene ashram nestled at the confluence of two rivers in Dharmaapuri (Eejani), Taluka Mouda, District Nagpur, serves as home to 30 to 40 residents daily. Within this humble setting, my small family and I depend on farming and milk sales for our livelihood. Our modest 3.5 acres of land, managed through traditional chemical methods, yields 12 to 15 quintals of rice per acre each year. Additionally, we keep indigenous Gir cows.

The idea of integrating biogas into our daily life came from visitors who informed us about the Yuva Rural Association's biogas program. This initiative is designed for those with available space, water, and livestock, and offers significant benefits. We were already managing cow dung and water, and cooking was done using a gas cylinder, which cost us between rs10,000 and rs15,000 annually. Firewood for cooking was sourced from our fields, a process that demanded considerable time and effort. Intrigued by the biogas opportunity, I discussed it with my family and decided to pursue this alternative energy solution. I contacted the Taluka Coordinator, provided the necessary details, and within a week, a biogas unit was installed at our home. The unit has been operational for the past 2.5 years and has proven to be a game-changer.

One of the initial benefits was the realization that the slurry produced by the biogas unit could be effectively used in our agricultural practices. I dug a pit near the biogas unit to collect this slurry. Once the pit was full, I processed the slurry biologically, packed it into 40-kilogram bags, and sold it at Rs700 to Rs750 per bag. This venture generates an impressive annual income of 3 to 4 lakhs.

Moreover, the biogas unit has revolutionized our cooking routine. It provides fuel for preparing two meals a day for seven people, making tea 10 to 15 times daily, and heating 25 liters of milk. This has not only enhanced our daily convenience but also reduced our dependency on gas cylinders, saving us rs10,000 to rs13,000 annually.

The positive impacts extend beyond our household. Using the slurry as a fertilizer has increased our rice yield by 2 to 3 quintals per acre, resulting in a total yield of 18 to 25 quintals per acre. The application of slurry has also enriched the soil, leading to a noticeable increase in earthworm activity.

In summary, the biogas unit has significantly supported our income and improved our agricultural productivity. It has transformed both our energy use and economic prospects, making it an invaluable addition to our lives.



- p **Women headed HH supported by Floor Mill.**
- p Reduced dependency on seasonal or informal labor
- p Women-led and home-based small business.
- p Built on existing skills, materials, and demand



2.4. Advancing WASH (Water, Sanitation, Health & Hygiene) Clean



Focus Areas:

- p Groundwater, surface water, rainwater, and desalinated water.
- p Meet standards for physical, chemical, and biological parameters.
- p **Safe Sanitation:** Prevents human contact with waste and contamination of water sources.
- p Prevents **waterborne diseases** like cholera, diarrhea, and typhoid.

Clean drinking water and improved sanitation practices is profound and far-reaching, influencing health, education, economic development, and environmental sustainability

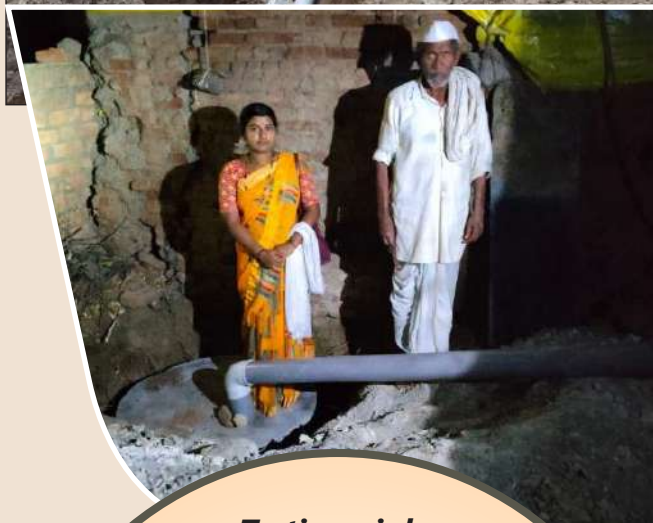
Key Highlights:

- p Constructed 10000 liters of drinking water tank.
- p Installed pipe line of 800 meters, 138 tap connections,
- p Repaired of a drinking water tank.
- p Constructed 79 soak pits to prevent HHs waste water.
- p Conducted workshops on Child Health & Hygiene.
- p Clean water and sanitation significantly reduced waterborne diseases such as cholera, dysentery, typhoid, and diarrhea.
- p Increased access to water sources reduced time (especially for women and girls) spent collecting water, freeing time for education and income-generating activities.
- p Proper HHs waste water reduced contamination of groundwater.



Workshop on Child Health & Hygiene

800 meters of pipeline a significant step toward improving access to clean drinking water & extends water distribution to households previously unserved.



Testimonials:

"Before the construction of the drinking water tank and soak pits, our village faced serious challenges with water scarcity and poor drainage. We had to walk long distances just to collect water, and stagnant water often caused health issues, especially for our children. Since the new facilities were built, clean drinking water is now easily accessible, and the soak pits have greatly improved sanitation and reduced waterlogging. Life has become so much easier and healthier for all of us. We are truly thankful for this initiative—it has brought dignity and wellbeing to our community." Says, Village Residents.



Soak Pit Installation

Plays a vital role in promoting groundwater recharge and preventing waterlogging.

Case Story:

Transformation of Suklal Mara Kunjani's Agricultural Practices

Farmer's Name: Suklal Mara Kunjani

Age: 64 **Education:** Illiterate

Occupation: Agriculture

Village: Palli, Post Tadgaon, Block Bhamragad, District Gadchiroli

Palli, a remote village located 25 kilometers from Bhamragad, is disconnected from basic transportation and infrastructure. Villagers, including women, often walk long distances to access the nearest market or government services. The village is home to around 50–60 farmers, who traditionally relied on subsistence farming.

In October 2023, the High Impact Mega Watershed Project (HIMWP), supported by the Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) and implemented by Yuva Rural Association (YRA), organized an agricultural workshop in the nearby village of Irakdumme. Suklal Mara Kunjani, a farmer from Palli, attended the workshop. Intrigued by the concepts presented, he invited the project team to conduct a village meeting in Palli, where farmers were introduced to the project's interventions and livelihood enhancement strategies.

Following a detailed survey of the village, Suklal, who previously engaged in small-scale vegetable farming, was identified as a key beneficiary. The project team demonstrated innovative techniques like raised-bed farming and organic practices using Dasparni extract, neem-based solutions, and compost. Suklal was encouraged to procure diverse vegetable seeds, which included brinjal, chili, tomato, okra, spinach, fenugreek, cabbage, amaranth, gourd varieties, and more.

Guided by the project team, Suklal implemented these practices and expanded his vegetable cultivation. Alongside vegetables, he also cultivated paddy, producing 40 bags of rice. Additionally, Suklal ventured into aquaculture by stocking 3 kilograms of fingerlings in a pond on his farm, yielding an additional income of ₹20,000.

Despite his age, Suklal's determination and adaptability have been commendable. He now cycles from Palli to Bhamragad to sell his fresh produce, earning ₹200–₹300 daily. For Suklal, his farm has become both a source of livelihood and pride. He even spends nights on the farm to safeguard his crops and enjoys the satisfaction of witnessing the fruits of his hard work.

Today, Suklal Mara Kunjani stands as a symbol of resilience and success, inspiring other farmers in Palli to adopt modern and sustainable agricultural practices. His journey underscores the transformative impact of the HIMWP in empowering rural communities to achieve economic stability and sustainability.



Before Intervention:

- Limited farming techniques and subsistence-level income.
- Small-scale vegetable farming without diversification.

After Intervention:

- Adoption of diversified farming, including vegetables, paddy, and aquaculture.
- Implementation of organic farming practices, enhancing soil health and crop yield.
- Increased daily earnings of ₹200–₹300 from vegetable sales.
- Improved livelihood and self-sufficiency.

2.5. Enhancing Education



Key Areas to Enhance Education

1. **Access and Inclusion:** Support **marginalized groups**: girls, children with disabilities.
2. **Quality of Learning:** Emphasis on **literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking**.
3. **Infrastructure Development:** Safe, inclusive, and **well-equipped schools** (clean water, toilets).
4. **Teacher Support and Development:** Fair compensation and supportive work environments.
5. **Community and Parental Involvement:** Involving **parents and local communities** in value education.
6. **Curriculum Relevance :** Integrate **life skills**, environmental education, and civic responsibility.



Workshop of
Shri Bhartiya
Boudha Seva
Sangh Kelzhar
Monastery
Monks



Teacher's Workshop on Value Education



Testimonials: Mr. Ravindra Pakhare, Principal, Sainath Convent and Junior College "specifically highlighted the behavioral changes observed in his students following the assembly talks and workshops conducted"



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YRA publishes research study under 'Child A Change Maker' Programme

■ Staff Reporter

YUVA Rural Association (YRA) under its 'Child A Change Maker' programme has published a research study titled 'Child A Change Maker' on the moral values of 'responsibility' with seven schools of the city, stated Shri. Sushil Kumar, National Head of 'Child A Change Maker' Programme, through a press release.

The event was held in collaboration with the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Nagpur.

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Moral Value Workshop by YRA on June 23

YRA identifies 21 innate moral values essential for children

■ Staff Reporter

YUVA Rural Association (YRA), a National Level Voluntary Development Organisation headquartered in Nagpur is organising a Moral Value Workshop to mark the publication of its research report on the moral value responsibility with the school students at IMA Hall North Ambazari Road, on Sunday from 9 am to 12 noon.

A press release stated that YRA is a voluntary organisation working for the upliftment of the marginalised, poor and needy sections of society for over two decades.

As part of the Value Education and Child A Change Maker programme, YRA conducted a baseline study with 200 schools and 110 heads of institutions which highlighted the need to have sessions on Moral Values for students, teachers as well as parents and also to the identification of 21 innate moral values essential for the holistic development of children as responsible citizens.

Dr. Manoj Kumar Fadnis, former VC of Purnasahak Arts/Science/Holkar Solapur University and present council member of YRA will be the chief guest and Dr. Manjusha Giri, President of IMA Nagpur will be the guest of honour. The proceedings will be presided over by Dattatray Patil, CEO of YRA. The organisers appealed people to attend the event in large numbers.

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Yuva Rural Association's 'Child A Change Maker, Value Education Club' inaugurated

■ Staff Reporter

YUVA RURAL Association inaugurated its 'Child A Change Maker, Value Education Club' recently at the hands of Jyoti Nagarkar, Director, Institution Support and Development, Yuva Rural Association, at G. K. Convent, Wardhaman Nagpur. The event marks a step towards fostering a culture of ethical awareness, empathy and social responsibility among students, educators, and the community.

In his introductory remarks, Jyoti Nagarkar, National Head, Child A Change Maker, Yuva Rural Association, said that the club aims to serve as a hub for activities and discussions for nurturing core human values.

The club will also introduce a specialised programme to train facilitators for value education workshops.

In her speech, Jyoti Nagarkar emphasised the role of value education in today's world. "Through the training of facilitators, we aim to create a ripple effect, bringing the essence of value education to every corner of society," she added.

Pallavi Chakre Palakkar, Chief Facilitator, appealed to educators, parents, students, and all stakeholders passionate about making a positive impact to join in this initiative. Principal of G. K. Convent, Sushil Kumar, along with staff members, parents, and students, were present in large numbers.



Prize Distribution & Felicitation

Testimonials: Mrs. Devyani Palit, Principal Kurvey's New Model Public School expressed that "storytelling, calling it amazing—not only do the students enjoy and learn from it, but the teachers do as well, making every session a truly enriching experience." The work of YRA is commendable and will continue our collaboration with YRA as long as we are connected.

Testimonials : Mrs. Sushma Dhote, Principal- G K Convent, narrated the immediate impact on our students. YRA's work is truly commendable, and Jitendra Sir is nothing short of a magician.



Trained 30 young girls on Basic Nursing and placed at Mission India hospital



Significant milestone achieved with the launch of the "Conscious Parenting" program by YRA. Dr. Smita Desai, a renowned Neonatologist and Child Specialist, addressed as the Chief Facilitator for this event. She brought with her vast experience working with parents and has made a significant contribution to this workshop. 25 parents participated in learning the A to Z of Conscious Parenting.



मूल्य शिक्षण क्लब, सक्षमता प्रशिक्षण केंद्राचे उदघाटन

■ सकाळ वृत्तसेवा

नागपूर, ता. १२ : मूल्याधारित शिक्षणाला प्रोत्साहन देणाऱ्या युवा रुल असोसिएशन (वायआरए) संघटनेच्या चाईलड अँड चेंज मेकर मूल्य शिक्षण क्लबचे उदघाटन वायआरएच्या संस्था समर्थन व विकास विभागाच्या संचालिका ज्योती नारकर यांच्या हस्ते नुकतेच जी. के. कॉन्व्हेंट, डेप्टी सिग्नल, वर्धमाननगरात झाले.

याप्रसंगी वायआरएच्या चाईलड अँड चेंज मेकर प्रकल्पाचे राष्ट्रीय प्रमुख जितेंद्र देशमुख यांनी मनोगत व्यक्त केले. ते म्हणाले, मूल्य शिक्षण क्लब हा प्रामाणिकपणा, करुणा, आदर आणि जबाबदारी यांसारख्या मूलभूत मानवी मूल्यांचा प्रसार करणाऱ्या उपक्रमासाठी आणि चर्चेसाठी एक मंच म्हणून काम करेल. या ध्येयाच्या पूर्ततेसाठी, क्लब विशेषतः मूल्य शिक्षण कार्यशाळा सक्षमता प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आयोजित



नागपूर : क्लब आणि केंद्राच्या उदघाटना दरम्यान उपस्थित युवा रुल असोसिएशनचे पदाधिकारी, शाळेच्या शिक्षिका व अन्य.

करणार आहे. या कार्यक्रमाद्वारे शिक्षक आणि सामुदायाला मूल्य शिक्षणावरील कार्यशाळा प्रभावीपणे घेण्यासाठी आवश्यक साधने, तंत्र आणि संसाधने दिली जातील.

समारंभात बोलताना ज्योती नारकर यांनी आजच्या जगात मूल्य शिक्षणाचे महत्त्व या

विषयावर भाष्य केले. त्यांनी मूल्य शिक्षण कार्यशाळा सक्षमता प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रमाच्या गरजेवर प्रकाश टाकला. क्लबच्या उद्दिष्टांचा आराखडा उलगडताना त्या म्हणाल्या, मूल्य शिक्षण क्लब हा भविष्यातील पिढ्यांना केवळ शैक्षणिकदृष्ट्या सशक्त बनवण्याचे नव्हे,

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कार्यक्रमात यशस्वी पालकत्व कार्यशाळेच्या प्रमुख प्रशिक्षक पल्लवी चिकारे-पट्टसकर यांनी उपस्थितांना आवाहन केले की, मूल्यांवर आधारित निर्णय आणि कृतींना प्रोत्साहन देणाऱ्या जगाच्या निर्मितीसाठी शिक्षक, पालक, विद्यार्थी आणि या उपक्रमाशी जुळलेल्या सर्वांनी या अभियानात सहभागी व्हावे. याप्रसंगी जी. के. कॉन्व्हेंटच्या प्राचार्या सुष्मा धोटे, जी. के. कॉन्व्हेंटचे शिक्षक-शिक्षकेतर कर्मचारी, पालक, विद्यार्थी व इतर मान्यवर मोठ्या संख्येने उपस्थित होते.

THEME-3 Women and Child Development

Key Areas:

- 1. Health and Nutrition":** Addressing malnutrition through schemes like mid-day meals, organic kitchen garden support.
- 2. Health camp :** Ensuring women & children receive life-saving vaccines.
- 3. Safety and Protection:** Protect against domestic violence, child abuse, trafficking, and early marriage.
- 4. Counselling & Empowering women through legal awareness and rights education.**
- 5. Economic Empowerment :** Skill training for women to build livelihoods. Encouraging entrepreneurship among women through access to markets.
- 6. Gender Equality and Social Empowerment:** Promoting equal participation in decision-making, from households to politics



Key Highlights:

- Organized workshop on Empowering Widows & Women Safety and Protection. More than 250 women participated.
- Organized 39 health camps, offered preventive care to 743 women HHs & educated 1103 communities on healthy practices, hygiene, nutrition, and disease prevention.
- Initiated "Child Marriage-Free Bharat" in 2 districts Washim & Latur to eradicate child marriage.
- 159 campaigns were organized on eliminating child marriage, preventing child sexual abuse, child protection laws.
- Organized 57 one day orientation programs on child protection laws, trafficking of children, rehabilitative counseling,
- Organized 43 awareness meetings, focused on human trafficking, engaging both 763 parents and 1500+ children.

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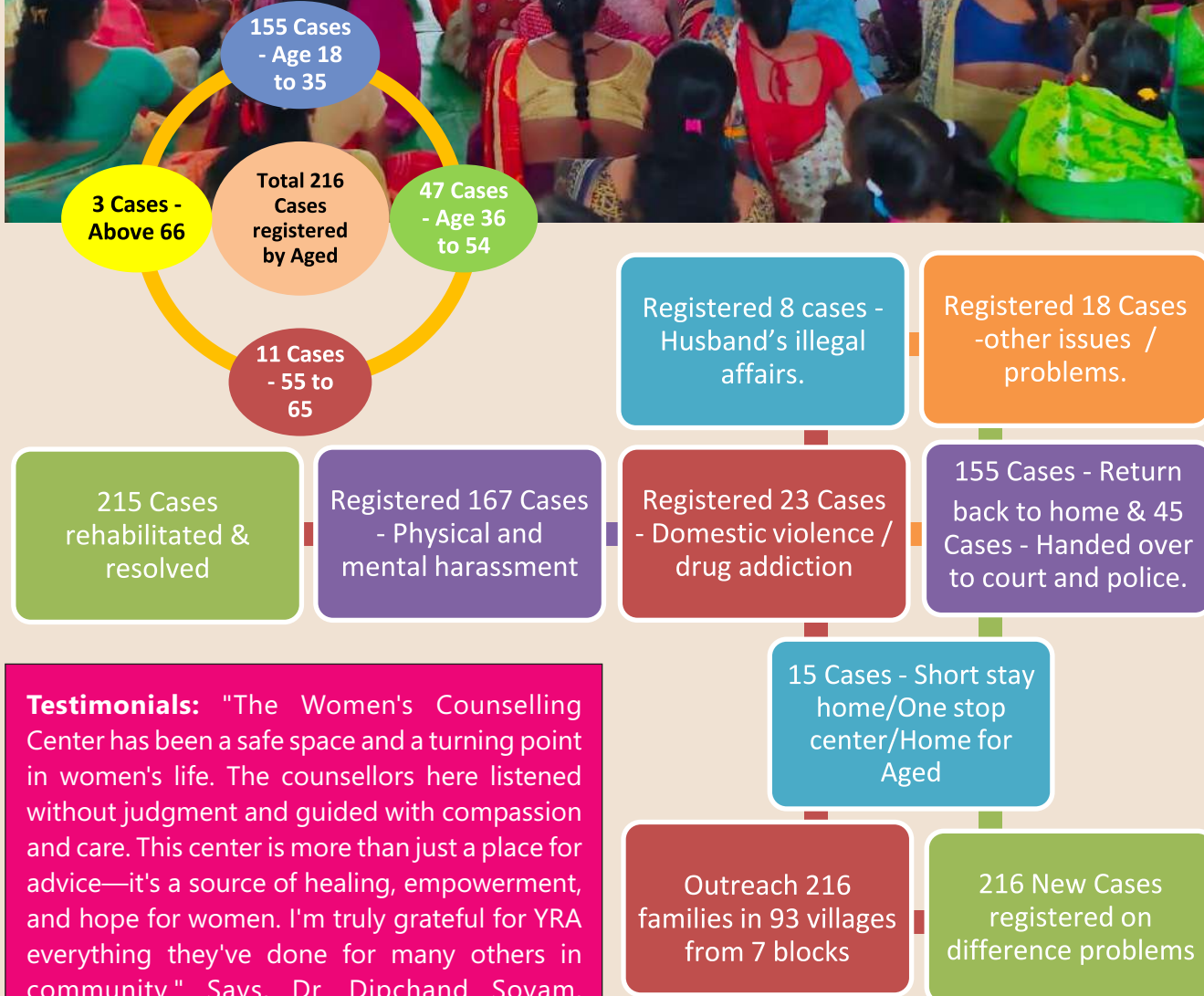


- Trained 30 women on skill training for economic empowerment.
- Supported more than 253 Women HHs towards organic kitchen garden.
- Promoted equal participation of 53 women in decision-making of Solid Waste Management.

THEME-3 Interventions

3.1. Women Development

Since 1999 through Women Counselling Center, YRA offers a range of services including family counseling, women's health care, and social work education. It provides support for women facing domestic issues, societal pressures, and gender-based discrimination.





The Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission, in collaboration with Yuva Rural Association, hosted a one-day workshop titled **"Empowering Widows: Upholding Rights and Entitlements of Families of Farmers in Maharashtra."**



Awareness Program: focusing on human trafficking, engaging both parents and children. Educating families about the signs, risks, and preventive measures against trafficking.



Organized Health Camps - preventive care: vaccinations, screenings of blood pressure, diabetes, eye checks, etc

Stories on Ground

Sahaara: A Lifeline for Women and Children

A call was received from Shakti Sadan informing that a 65- year-old woman had been referred by the Sakhi One Stop Center and was now being sent to the Women and Child Help Desk. Due to her age, Shakti Sadan could not accommodate her long-term. The woman was extremely frightened.

After speaking with her, it was revealed that she had been away from her home for

eight days. Her husband had passed away two years ago. She lived with her only son, who was addicted to alcohol, drugs, and gambling. He often sold household items, verbally abused her daughters, and created chaos. One night, when she refused to give him money, he harassed her physically and sexually. The next morning, while he was asleep, she fled the house.

She tried to stay with relatives, but her son kept tracking her down and threatening those who

helped her. She had earlier reported the matter to the police, but no action was taken. Eventually, she reached the Sakhi Center and was referred to the Help Desk.

She was first sent for medical care, as her blood pressure and sugar levels were dangerously high. Later, with the help of the YRA's Counselling Center, a formal police complaint was filed against her son, and he was arrested within three days.

However, when she learned that he might be granted bail, she feared for her life and returned to the Help Desk. After discussing the issue with the **Member Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority**, she submitted an affidavit through the police requesting that bail be denied. As a result, his bail was rejected for three months.

"In this case, through YRA's counselling center ("Bharosa Cell"), police support, legal aid, and coordination among various departments, a victimized woman successfully attained safety and justice. Her confidence was restored, and she found a new 'Sahaara' (support)."



3.2. Child Welfare



मागासवर्गीय वस्तीगृहातील विद्यार्थिनींना केले बालविवाह व पोस्टको कायद्यासंदर्भात मार्गदर्शन;
ऑनसेस टू जस्टिस कार्यक्रम अंतर्गत युवा रुशल असोसिएशनच्या पुढाकार

● **विदर्भ न्यायद्वी** ●
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विशेष : दि.१६, सप्टेंबर रोजी मागासवर्गीय आर्थिक दृष्ट्या मातासमर्थ मुलींचे हाताखाली वस्तीगृह, मिडिल स्कूल व उच्च माध्यमिक शाळा येथील विद्यार्थिनी व शिक्षिका यांच्यासमवेत 'ऑनसेस टू जस्टिस' कार्यक्रमात सहभाग घेतले. यावेळी बालविवाह व पोस्टको कायद्यासंदर्भात मार्गदर्शन देण्यात आले. यावेळी विद्यार्थिनींनी 'बालविवाह मुक्त भारता' या मुद्यावर 'कायदा' म्हणजे 'सुरक्षा' असे संकल्प घेतले. यावेळी विद्यार्थिनींनी 'बालविवाह मुक्त भारता' या मुद्यावर 'कायदा' म्हणजे 'सुरक्षा' असे संकल्प घेतले.

यावेळी प्रमुख पाहुणे म्हणून उपस्थित होते. यावेळी विद्यार्थिनींनी 'बालविवाह मुक्त भारता' या मुद्यावर 'कायदा' म्हणजे 'सुरक्षा' असे संकल्प घेतले.

Key Areas:

- 1. Prevention Services** –Support families before problems arise, such as parenting education, mental health care, and early childhood services.
- 2. Child Protective Services** –Actions to ensure child safety.
- 3. Foster Care** – Temporary placement of children with other families when their home environment is unsafe.
- 4. Youth Services** –Support older children and teens, including those aging out of the foster care system.

Key Highlights:

- Organized a candle march & campaigns on eliminating child marriage, preventing child sexual abuse, child protection laws. More than 1743 Children participated.
- Organized 53 pledge-taking events against child marriage free-India with 2679 participants, emphasized their commitment to eradicating child marriage.
- Organized 686 awareness programs against Human Trafficking. 4123 village communities were participated.
- Conducted 17 workshops on Child Sexual Abuse, 291 children participated.



One day orientation on child protection laws, trafficking of children, & rehabilitative counseling



Drawing competitions centered around the theme of human trafficking.



Awareness Campaign on Child Marriage-Free India'



Pledge-taking events against child marriage Free-India

बलात्कार पिडितांना जलद न्याय मिळवून देण्यासाठी अधिकच्या फास्ट ट्रॅक न्यायालयांची स्थापना करण्याची

युवा रुशल असोसिएशनची मागणी

लतूर (जिल्हा) येथील चाईल्ड प्रोटेक्शनच्या अलीकडील अहवालानुसार, फास्ट ट्रॅक स्पेशल कोर्ट ही बलात्कार आणि लैंगिक अत्याचार पिडितांना न्याय मिळवून देण्यासाठी उपयुक्त ठरत आहेत. दिव्ही येथे मुक्क्याच अग्रोपित केलेल्या तीन हिराली कार्यवाहक अत्याचारे अनावरण करण्यात आले बाल अधिकार कार्यकर्ते आणि चाईल्ड मॅजिस्ट्रेट प्रो. इंडिया ये संस्थागत भूतन विपु म्हणजे, बलात्कार आणि बाल लैंगिक अत्याचार प्रकरणांमध्ये घेणे दीर्घकाळ पसून भ्रत प्रलंबित असलेल्या न्यायाच्या मूर्खाकडे वाटचाल करत आहे. देश ते नितीक खण आहेत, नेहा आपल्या महिला आणि मुलांच्या सुरक्षिततेसाठी पुनवर्णन करायची लागले. प्रलंबित सर्व प्रकरणे तीन वर्षात मिटवण्यासाठी १००० नवीन फास्ट ट्रॅक कोर्ट निर्माण करणे आवश्यक आहे हे फक्त विडिताना न्यायच देणार नाही तर तामाजत कायदेशीर प्रतिबंधक लयाच्या प्रसार करून पुनर्वसन आणि भयान्य देखील प्रदान करत घाईक मॅजिस्ट्रेट प्रो. इंडिया ही देशातील २००० संस्था आणि ४०००००० महिला बालविवाह विरोधातील राष्ट्रीय मोहीम आहे आणि इंडिया चाईल्ड प्रोटेक्शन आणि युवा रुशल असोसिएशन, नागपूर हे लतूर आणि वाशिम जिल्ह्याचे मागिदर आहेत.



या अहवालात देशातील प्रलंबित बलात्कार आणि प्रकरणे सोडवण्यासाठी १००० अधिक फास्ट ट्रॅक कोर्ट स्थापन करण्याची शिफारस केली आहे. सध्या अहवाल आणि याचे निष्कर्ष दाखवले, म्हणजे, पिडित आणि त्यांच्या

कुटुंबियांना सोल साहज्या ऐकवी न्याय मिळवून देण्याचे काम आम्ही अत्यंत करत आहोत. पण कडेने सच असं आहे की त्यांची न्यायासाठी ही चामणी कमी कमी अपराधारेण जलत कालबाधीची ठरते. अहवाल स्पष्टपणे दर्शवतो की अधिक फास्ट ट्रॅक न्यायालयां द्वारे, अप्रत्यक्ष मुलांना आणि त्यांच्या कुटुंबियांना लवकर न्याय मिळेल. आम्ही सरकारला आमच्या राज्यासाठी निश्चित सर्व फास्ट ट्रॅक कोर्ट कार्यन्वित करण्याचे आणि नवीन न्यायालये स्थापन करण्याचे आवाहन करतो. न्याय उघडि मिळणे म्हणजे न्याय न मिळणे, आणि या प्रतिक्षेची साखळी संयलीच पाहिजे. अहवालाच्या शिफारसीमध्ये प्रलंबित प्रकरणे निवृत्ती काढण्यासाठी निरर्थक फंडातील १,४०० कोटींचा वापर करून अतिरिक्त फास्ट ट्रॅक कोर्ट स्थापन करणे आणि घालवणे, उच्च न्यायालयांमध्ये दीर्घकाळ वाटचाली प्रकरणांना प्रतिबंध करण्यासाठी अटीत आणि सुनावणीसाठी कालमर्याद ठरवणे व बलात्कार प्रकरणातील निर्दोषता आणि किंवा सोबी रिजल टाईम माहिती संपूर्ण देशभर उपलब्ध करणे यांचा समावेश आहे.

Testimonials: Yuva Rural Association in Latur district has been doing commendable work in the field of child care and protection. The organization actively works to safeguard children from issues such as child marriage, child sexual abuse, and child trafficking", Says, Dhammanand Kamble, District Child Protection Officer, Woman & Child Development Department, Latur.



Stories on Ground

"A Nayana's Courage, A Village Transformed"

Nayana (15 Yrs), a bright student from a small village in Latur district, dreamt of becoming a teacher. However, due to poverty and societal pressure, her family arranged her marriage, forcing her to drop out of school.

Showing courage, Nayana shared her situation with her class teacher, who informed the Youth Rural Association (YRA). With support from the Women and Child Development Department and the police, YRA engaged her parents through legal awareness and emotional counselling, emphasizing the value of education and the risks of child marriage. The marriage was successfully halted.

YRA adopted a sensitive, community-driven approach—engaging local teachers and trusted community members—to ensure social acceptance and sustainability.

Nayana re-joined school and continues her studies with renewed determination. She now inspires other girls in her village, where awareness about child marriage has significantly increased.

Building on this success, YRA is expanding the model to other villages through capacity-building workshops and inter-departmental collaboration, along with school-based awareness programs for adolescents.



OD-Organizational Development : Significant Events

OD-1. Staff Training-YRA Values, Policies, R&R

YRA conducted staff training sessions to strengthen understanding of its core values, organizational policies, and the R&R framework. The sessions aimed to align team members with the organization's mission, promote consistent adherence to policies, and encourage a culture of appreciation and motivation. As a result, staff demonstrated improved clarity on roles and responsibilities, increased accountability, and a stronger sense of belonging to YRA's purpose-driven system



OD-2. Staff Picnic -Cherry Farm, Ramtek

The staff picnic to Cherry Farm, Ramtek provided a refreshing break from daily routines and helped strengthen team bonding and interpersonal relationships among staff members. Through informal interactions, games, and shared experiences in nature, the team developed better mutual understanding, which will contribute positively to collaboration and workplace harmony. The outing rejuvenated the team's energy and boosted morale, creating a sense of belonging and motivation

OD-3. YRA Foundation Day

The YRA Foundation Day program served as a vibrant reflection of the organization's journey, values, and future vision. It brought together staff, partners, and stakeholders in a spirit of unity and gratitude. The program strengthened internal bonding, reignited the sense of purpose among team members, and created a space for recognition and motivation. Through sharing of success stories, interactive sessions, the event celebrated the impact YRA has made at the grassroots level.



OD-4. Conscious Parenting Workshop

Most parents felt that such workshops are definitely necessary. It is very important for both parents (mother and father) to participate. Many parents expressed willingness to pay a fee to attend the workshops.

Suggestions were made to conduct workshops on various topics such as communication, discipline, and parenting challenges, and to start a parenting club. Venues like schools, local neighborhoods, companies, and housing societies were suggested for organizing the workshops.

There was a demand that Yuva Rural Association should regularly organize workshops for parents.



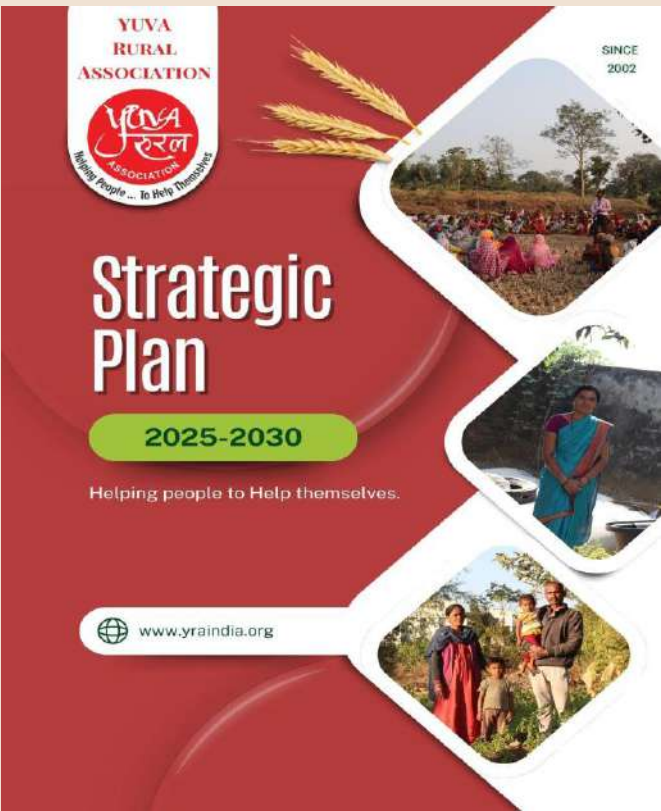
OD-5. Staff School

The Staff School Program led to enhanced clarity among team members about the organization's vision, mission, and core values. It improved communication, built trust, and encouraged collaboration across departments. Through structured sessions, staff gained better insights into their roles, developed essential skills, and fostered a stronger sense of ownership and commitment towards grassroots work.



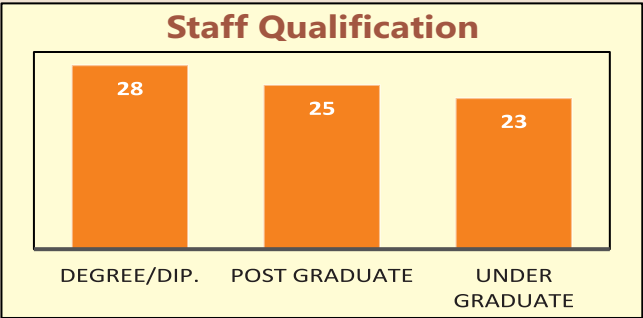
Section 2: Resources

2.1 Strategic plan 2025-30

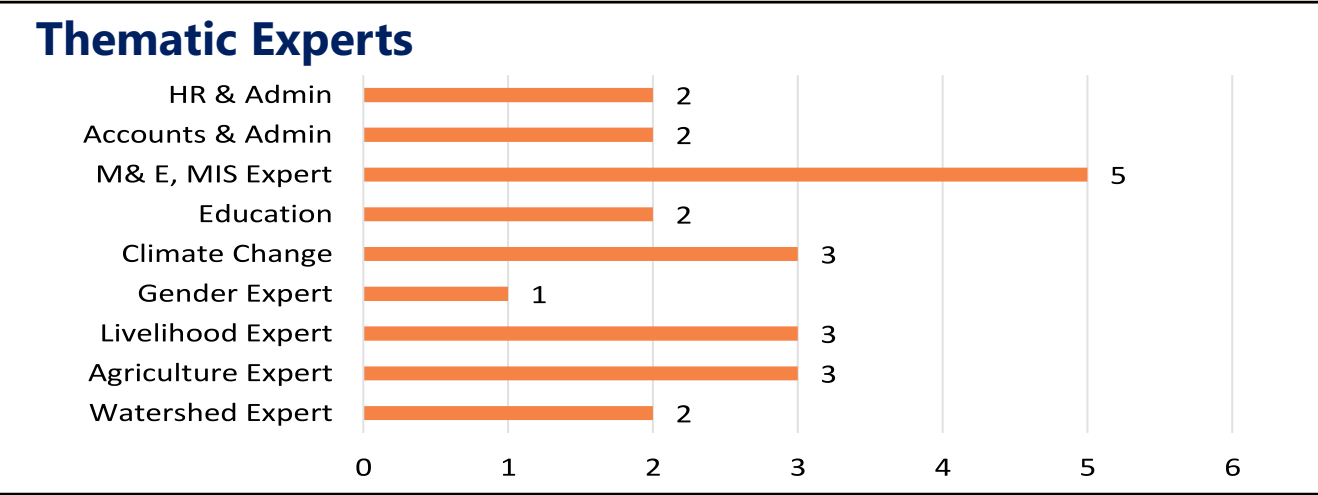
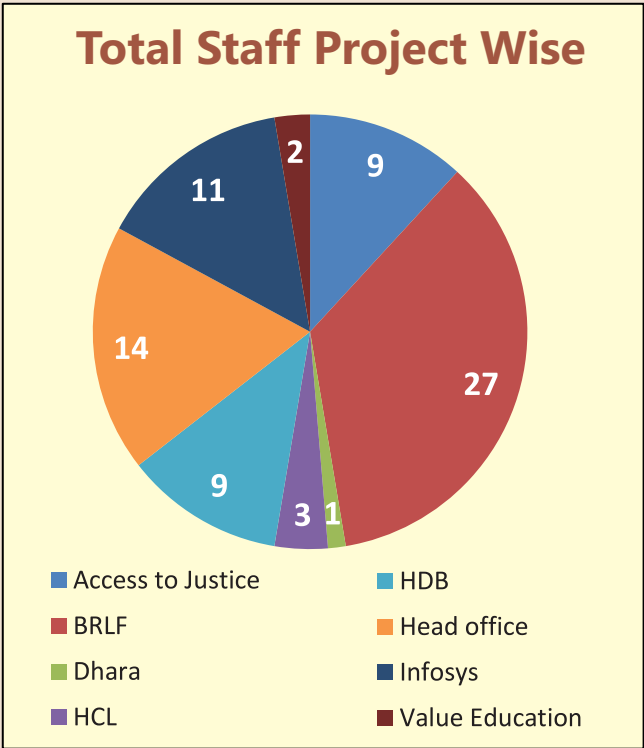


In the sixth Strategic Plan, special attention will be given towards human resources as it has been an area which is significantly weaker than others. Emphasis and alteration in the recruitment process to onboard the right candidates will be given. A special advisory team will be formed composed of various subject matter experts who would contribute towards organizational growth. A very simple structure in the human resources will be followed to avoid hierarchy and bring the highest accountability.

2.2 Human Resources



Total -76, Male – 55, Female - 21

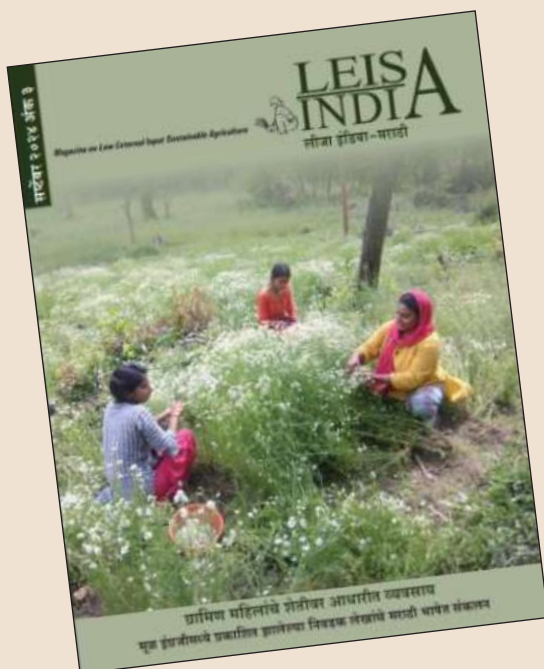


2.3. Quarterly E-News Letter <https://yraindia.org/e-news-letter-yra/>



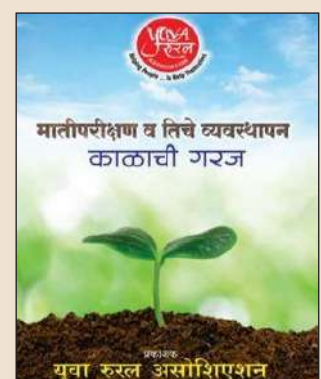
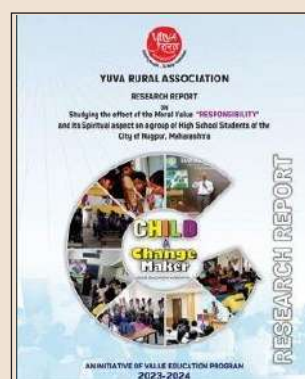
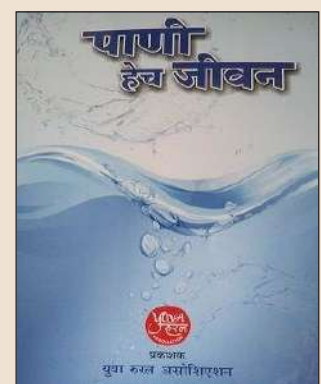
2.4. Research & Publications <https://yraindia.org/publication/>

Books on sustainable agriculture (Package of Practice on 6 major crops)



Eng : <https://www.leisaindia.org/>

Hindi : <https://hindi.leisaindia.org/>



Research Studies

Research Study

Study of Flood in Krishna Sub-Basin in Maharashtra and Solutions for Protective Irrigation



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Study Report

The impact of "Project on Climate Resilient Agriculture" (PoCRA) project in the lenses of Rainfed Agriculture System and reduced risk of Climate Actions in Akola, Amravati and Wardha Districts, Maharashtra State.






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2.5 Development Models



Clean Energy for Cooking (Biogas Project)

<https://yraindia.org/videos/yuva-rural-association-yra-biogas/>



Small Ruminant Based Livelihood

<https://yraindia.org/videos/yuva-rural-association-training-to-aware-about-goat-farming-goat-rearing-vaccination-in-rural-area/>



Youth Development & Youth For Development

<https://yraindia.org/videos/yuva-rural-association-yra/>



Protective Irrigation:

<https://yraindia.org/videos/yuva-rural-association-yra-protective-irrigation-phad-development-model/>

Study on

Community Based Management of Traditional Water Bodies (Maji Malguzari tanks- MM tanks) in Bhandara, Gondia, & Gadchiroli District, Maharashtra State, India






Report Submitted by



Section 4 : Governing Council Member

Ms. Seemantinee Shashank Khot,
President:
Sustainable Development Professional :



Gender integration in Agriculture Value Chain, Rural livelihoods, and Community Based Institutions Independent Director on listed Large Cap Corporates as well as yet to be listed companies. Four decades of experience in the development sector, 20 years of direct implementation with NGOs, 12 years of Bilateral Aid and UN assignments and 8 years in CSR and Sustainability alongside managing own family farm.

Mr. Mohan Dadaji Surve,
Vice President :



Doctoral Scholar (PhD) in Social Work and CEO of a state-level non-profit organization, with over 30 years of experience in social development, leadership, project design, and institutional strengthening. He brings a strong grounding in grassroots practice and systems thinking. Currently serving on the boards of civil society organisations, cooperative institutions (credit and housing), producer companies, and non-profit companies (Section 8), offering insight into governance across diverse development models. He is actively engaged in national and state networks on voluntary sector advocacy, climate justice, and rainfed agriculture-contributing to policy dialogue and community-centered development.

Mr. Laxmikant Mahadeorao Padole, Secretary:



Director, Neem Research and Technology Development Centre, Neem Foundation. Involved in Promotion of Neem for chemical farming since 2000. Developed various Neem Processing machineries for neem processing in rural areas. Promotion of Organic and Natural farming chemical free.

Dr. Mrunalini Milind Fadnavis,
Jt. Secretary:



Ph. D. in Economics. A renowned economist and associated with National & International forums and organizations. Ex-Vice- Chancellor of the prestigious Solapur University, India. She was associated with Women's College, Nagpur from 1983 and in 2003.

Mr. Raghunath Balu Chavan,
Treasurer:



Commerce graduate and an expert in Credit and Co-operative Societies. Conducted extensive studies in the Rural Areas. Handled 12 different cooperative credit societies with A+ grade classification certified by auditors

Ms. Anita Nitin Borkar, Member:



Anita Borkar is a professional social worker, having a Bachelor's degree from the University of Bombay and her Master's from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. She co-founded Abhivyakti Media for Development (www.abhivyakti.org.in), a not-for-profit organisation in Nasik-Maharashtra, engaging marginalised communities in lifelong learning processes, relevant to their context. She transitioned from her leadership role in Abhivyakti after two decades of active engagement and joined ASPBAE (www.aspbae.org), a regional membership-based network in basic and adult education, having a presence in 30 countries of the Asia and South Pacific region, as its Regional Coordinator, Training for Transformation Program. After 15 years of her formal association with ASPBAE, she now serves on the governing board of Abhivyakti Media for Development, MASUM (www.masum-india.org.in) and YUVA Rural Association. She is passionate about designing and facilitating learning processes for adults and young people from marginalised communities.

Mr. Pareparambil Luckose Mathew, Member: M.Phil. in Philosophy.



32 years of experience in the social and development sector. He is a professional development scientist. He has a rich and varied experience and is exposed to a multi-sectoral approach to development, including health, education, water, sanitation, livelihood, & rural and urban development. He is based in Pune and is facilitating a team of 86 spread across four states of India in the area of Youth Development at the Centre for Youth Development and Activities, Pune. He is also the consultant to CLTS training, Sanitation, capacity building, SLWM training, WASH in schools, visiting faculty in TISS, and Symbiosis: skill building and entrepreneurship.

Section 5 : Partners & Collaborators

5.1 Financial Partner

International	Corporate (CSR)	Government
 THE COUNTER TRAFFICKING GROUP Theme : Women & Child Development	 HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES Theme : SWC & Livelihood	 BRLF BHARAT RURAL LIVELIHOODS FOUNDATION Theme : SWC & Livelihood
 GF CF Network & Collaboration for Livestock Development	 Infosys Theme Climate Change Development	 CHILD LINE 1098 NIGHT & DAY Ministry of Women and Child Development
 SATYARTHI KAILASH SATYARTHI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION Protect Child Rights	 HCL Foundation	 Theme : Wash
 WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE Consultancy Services	 Green Sutra	 ame FOUNDATION Theme : Sustainable Agriculture

5.2 Knowledge Partner

 Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture The RRA Network	 avpn	 LEIS INDIA	 ASARAA SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS OPC PVT LTD
 VIKASH SAMUKHYA A CIVIL SOCIETY CONSORTIUM FOR DEVELOPMENT	 महाराष्ट्र राज्य महिला आयोग ॥ स्त्रीशक्तिवर्धनं मत् ॥	 TECHIN ASIA	 THE COUNTER TRAFFICKING GROUP
 INDIA PARTNER NETWORK A SATTVA initiative	 IWM International Water Management Institute	 ame FOUNDATION	 MKCL Creating a Knowledge Lit World

5.3 Implementing Partners



- | Gram Panchayat members.
- | Water & Sanitation Committee.
- | School Management Committee.
- | Water User Groups.
- | Women SHGs.
- | Farmer Groups.
- | Youth Groups.
- | Asha & Anganwadi Workers.
- | Pashu & Krushi Sakhi.
- | Rojgar Sevak.



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