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"Transforming Rural Communities
Through Sustainable
Development".



Executive Summary

Building Resilient Communities for a Changing Future

The year 2025–26 marked another important milestone in the journey of Yuva Rural Association. While the year witnessed significant expansion in programmes and partnerships, it also became a period of institutional reflection and renewal. As the organization moves into its Strategic Plan 2025–2030, it does so with renewed clarity that sustainable development is ultimately about strengthening people's own capacity to shape their future.

Across Maharashtra, rural communities are experiencing multiple transitions. Climate variability is affecting agriculture and water security. Rural livelihoods are becoming increasingly uncertain. Young people aspire to new opportunities while women continue to emerge as powerful agents of change. These interconnected challenges demand approaches that are equally integrated, locally owned and sustainable.

YRA's work during the year responded to this reality through a combination of natural resource management, climate-resilient agriculture, renewable energy, livelihood enhancement, education, child protection, women's empowerment and strengthening of local governance institutions. Rather than implementing isolated projects, the organization continued to invest in building community capacities, promoting convergence with government programmes and creating locally managed institutions capable of sustaining development gains.

Today, YRA's programmes reach more than **1,151 villages across ten districts of Maharashtra**, working with small and marginal farmers, tribal communities, women, children and youth. The organisation now collaborates with over twenty financial, knowledge and implementation partners while maintaining a lean organisational structure rooted in field presence and community participation.

The year also witnessed encouraging evidence that long-term investments in institution building are yielding results. Communities have increasingly taken ownership of water conservation structures, farmer groups are adopting improved agricultural practices, women are assuming leadership roles within community institutions, and young people are engaging as volunteers, interns and development professionals. These outcomes demonstrate that sustainable development is achieved not only by delivering services, but by enabling people to become active participants in their own development.

Climate resilience continued to remain central to YRA's work. Watershed development, soil and water conservation, renewable energy promotion and sustainable agriculture were implemented as complementary interventions rather than independent programmes. This integrated approach reflects the organisation's understanding that environmental sustainability and livelihood security are inseparable.

Similarly, YRA strengthened its commitment to social inclusion by expanding initiatives in child protection, education, women's empowerment, sanitation, digital learning and community health. Particular attention was given to vulnerable populations whose opportunities are often constrained by geography, poverty, gender or social exclusion.

These efforts contribute directly to several Sustainable Development Goals, including poverty reduction, food security, quality education, gender equality, clean water, climate action and partnerships for sustainable development.

Beyond programme implementation, the organisation invested significantly in its own institutional capacity. Staff development, strategic planning, knowledge documentation, partnerships with academic institutions, volunteer engagement and digital systems have all strengthened YRA's ability to respond to emerging development challenges with professionalism and innovation. This reflects the organisation's growing role not only as an implementing agency but also as a knowledge partner capable of generating replicable development models.

The year was also emotionally significant as YRA remembered its Founder, **Shri Datta Patil**, whose vision of "Helping People to Help Themselves" continues to define the organisation's philosophy. His lifelong commitment to participatory development remains deeply embedded in the culture of the institution and provides the foundation upon which the next generation of leadership will continue to build.

Looking ahead, the Strategic Plan 2025–2030 positions YRA to respond to a rapidly changing development landscape. The organisation intends to deepen its work on climate adaptation, sustainable livelihoods, women's leadership, youth engagement, renewable energy, digital technologies, knowledge management and evidence-based advocacy. Greater emphasis will also be placed on scaling successful models through partnerships with governments, corporate CSR initiatives, academic institutions and philanthropic organisations.

Ultimately, the achievements presented in this report are not simply indicators of organisational performance. They represent the resilience, aspirations and collective action of thousands of rural families who continue to demonstrate that meaningful development begins when communities become partners rather than beneficiaries.

As YRA enters the next phase of its journey, it remains committed to creating lasting change through partnership, participation and sustainability—building communities that are better prepared not only to face today's challenges, but to shape tomorrow's opportunities.

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Leadership Message



Datta Patil

Founder - YRA (2002-2025)

President - VANI (2023 - Continue)

State Convener - MAHAVAN (2019 - Continue)

Yuva Rural Association completed its 24 years and is entering in the 25th year with remarkable achievements in the social transformation including organizational growth. Millions of needy people witnessed the transformation and benefited too. YRA should continue it's efforts of facilitating people to exercise their rights that are available for them. The strategy of building People's Organizations and People's Institutions should be focused. The team members need to maintain their strong commitment towards the needy communities for their growth at the same time cover the SDGs and Environmental sustainability.



ज्येष्ठ सामाजिक कार्यकर्ते दत्तात्रय पाटील यांचा गौरव

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President's Forwards



Every annual report tells a story—not merely of projects completed or targets achieved, but of lives touched, communities strengthened, and hope translated into action.

As I reflect on the year gone by, I am reminded that meaningful development is rarely dramatic. More often, it is seen in small yet significant changes: a farmer adopting a new practice, a woman finding her voice in a village institution, a child continuing education, or a community coming together to address shared challenges. These seemingly modest steps, sustained over time, create lasting transformation.

The year 2025–26 was particularly significant for Yuva Rural Association. Alongside several achievements, it was also a year of remembrance and reflection. We fondly remember our Founder, Shri Datta Patil, whose vision and commitment laid the foundation of this institution more than two decades ago. His belief that development must be rooted in people's participation continues to guide our work. The most meaningful tribute we can offer is to carry that vision forward with integrity, compassion, and dedication.

Across Maharashtra, rural communities continue to face complex challenges arising from climate change, water insecurity, livelihood uncertainties, and social inequalities. Addressing these issues requires collaboration, innovation, and above all, active participation by communities themselves. The work highlighted in this report reflects that philosophy. Through watershed development, climate-resilient agriculture, renewable energy, education, child protection, livelihood enhancement, and women's empowerment initiatives, YRA has focused on strengthening local capacities and building institutions that can sustain change long after project support concludes.

What gives me the greatest satisfaction is not only the scale of outreach reflected in these pages, but the growing sense of ownership among communities. Farmers are adopting improved practices, women are emerging as leaders, young people are embracing new opportunities, and local institutions are taking responsibility for their own development journey. These are the true indicators of progress.

As we move forward under our Strategic Plan 2025–2030, YRA remains committed to promoting climate resilience, social justice, gender equality, and sustainable livelihoods through strong partnerships with communities, government agencies, knowledge institutions, and development partners.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I extend my sincere appreciation to our staff, volunteers, partners, donors, and the communities we serve. Together, we are building resilient communities, nurturing hope, and creating opportunities for future generations.

I invite you to read this report not only as a record of achievements, but as a reflection of what becomes possible when people come together with a shared purpose.

With warm regards,

Seemantinee Khot

President Yuva Rural Association

CEO's Preface

The year 2025-26 remains a special chapter in my professional life and the journey of Yuva Rural Association. In October 2025, I was honored to be entrusted with the role of Chief Executive Officer. Taking the baton from our founder, Shri Datta Patil, was a moment of immense pride and profound responsibility. Having witnessed YRA's evolution since 1996, I have seen its commitment to helping people help themselves become part of my own identity.

This year was one of significant growth. Our focus on environmental conservation and water security benefited over 20,000 families, alongside deepening our work in sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, education, and women's empowerment. We also reached a key milestone by developing YRA's Strategic Plan 2025-2030, which provides a roadmap for expanding our impact into Madhya Pradesh and strengthening our grassroots organizational structure.

We are encouraged by our growing partnerships with technical experts and institutions like Tata Trusts and EdelGive. While challenges such as talent acquisition in the rural development sector persist, we are addressing them by strengthening our systems, including the implementation of a robust Management Information System (MIS).

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building resilient communities and fostering community leadership. I extend my deepest gratitude to our Governing Council, donors, partners, and the entire YRA team for their unwavering dedication. Together, we will continue to shape a future where no one is left behind.

With gratitude and hope,

Devraj Patil

Chief Executive Officer
Yuva Rural Association



Core Values

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.

Our Journey

DRIVING CHANGE SINCE 2002

Yuva Rural Association (YRA), established in 2002, has been deeply rooted in the Vidarbha region since its inception. The organization has been extensively working towards the holistic development of rural and tribal communities across Vidarbha, with a focus on Climate Change, Sustainable Agriculture, Natural Resource Management, Livelihood Enhancement, Education, WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), Gender Equality, elimination of social discrimination, and Responsive Governance.

At present, YRA's direct interventions extend across more than **1151 villages, covering 671 Gram Panchayats in 33 blocks across 10 districts of the Vidarbha, Marathwada & Konkan region** in Maharashtra. These initiatives are designed to address the diverse developmental needs of small and marginal farmers, women, youth, tribal communities, and children.

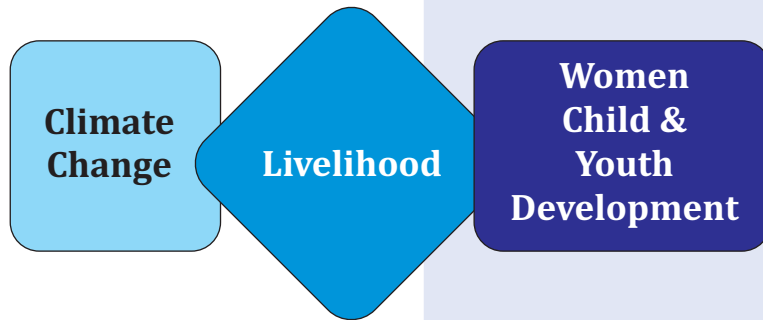
YRA has implemented a wide range of development interventions directly in the Vidarbha, Marathwada & Konkan region of Maharashtra, while also extending its outreach indirectly across the state through collaborative partnerships. For further information regarding our projects, programs, and initiatives, kindly visit us at <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".

Strategic Priorities & Interventions



Programmatic Interventions :

- Sustainable agriculture and protective irrigation
- Soil & water conservation.
- Conservation of Natural Resources (Land, Water, Forests)
- Bio-diversity Management
- NTFP based livelihood
- Small ruminant base livelihood
- Quality Education
- WASH
- Non-farm micro-enterprise
- Financial inclusion
- Programs around women and child welfare.
- Youth Employability through Skilling
- Renewable energy promotion.



SDG Impact Areas



67+

Workforce employed



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Partners Financial, Knowledge, & Implementing



411

Financial outlay in Lacs



53K+ HHs

Direct Beneficiaries

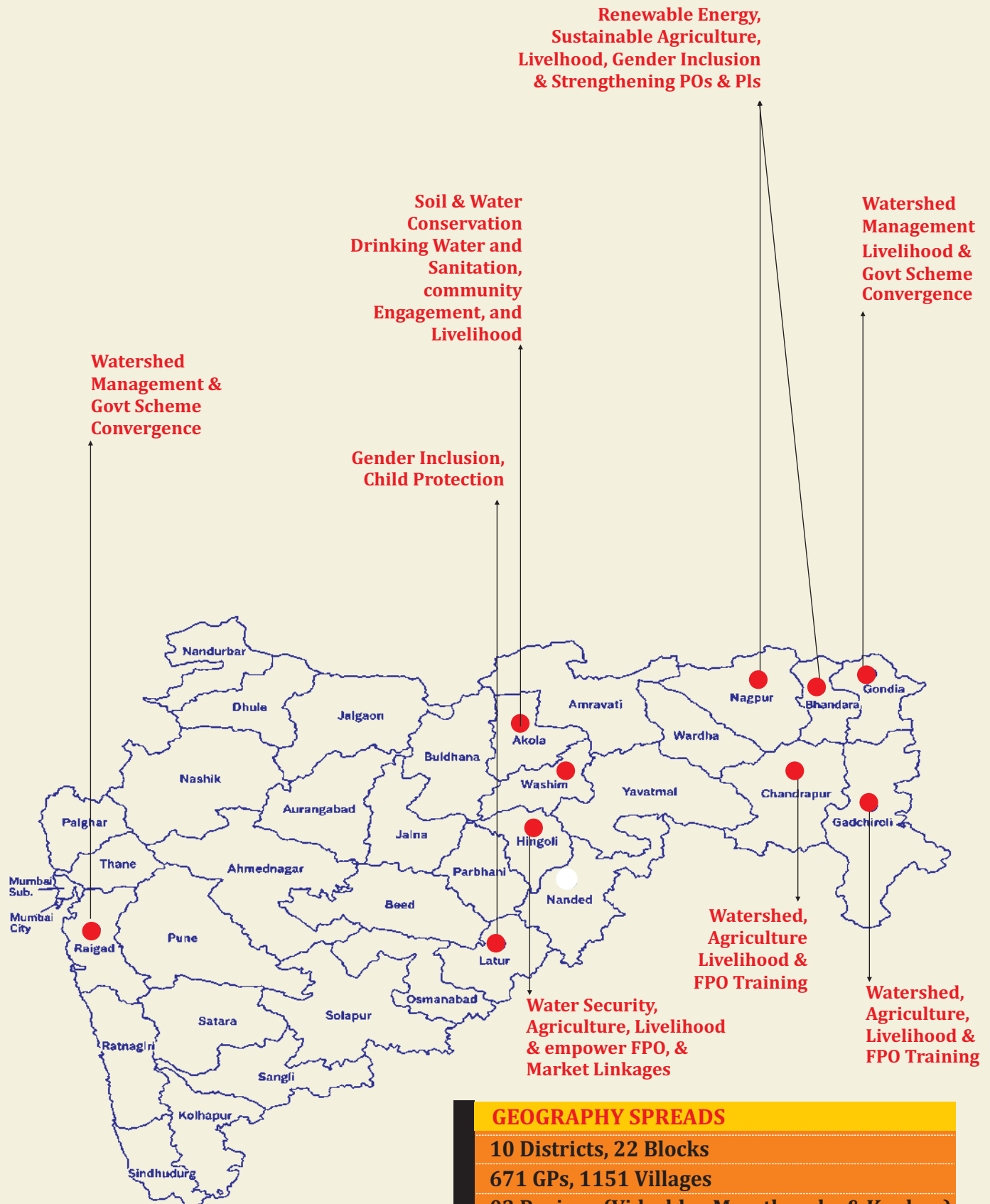


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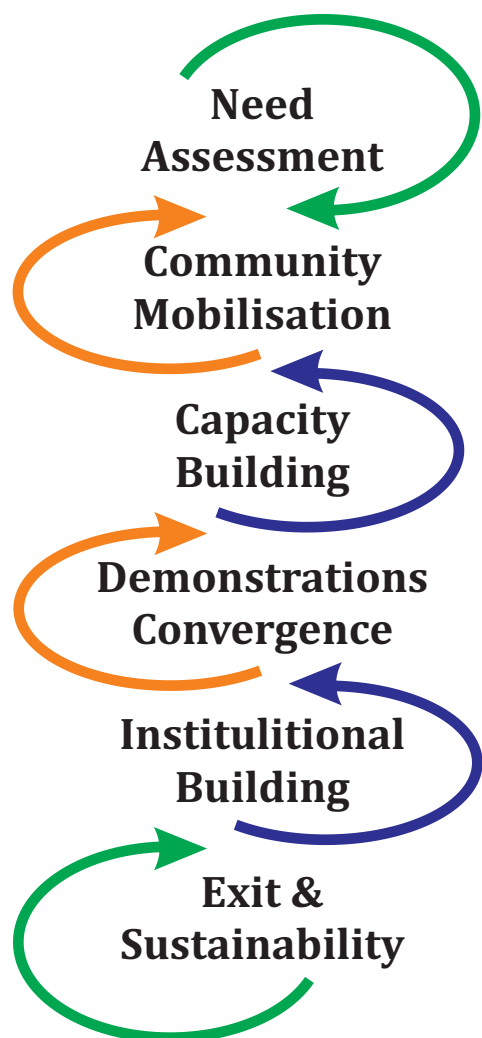
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Geographic Presence



Operational Focus



Community-Centric approach

Engaging, co-creating, empowering, sustaining impact



Local actions, Global standards

Rooted locally, aligned globally, consistently accountable



Measuring Progress

Tracking change, assessing impact, improving continuously



Brand Building

Purpose-driven identity, trust, visibility, legacy

Enable

Equip farmers and communities with sustainable technologies, training, and access to resources.

Empower

Strengthen women, youth, and farmer institutions to lead their own development and improve livelihoods.

Engage

Foster active participation of communities, government departments, CSR partners, and other stakeholders in planning, implementation, and monitoring to ensure long-term impact.



Partners & Collaboration

We champion a collaborative development model that brings together communities, CBOs, Gram Panchayats, government bodies, and philanthropic partners. Through these strategic alliances, we mobilize collective strengths, foster local ownership, and create sustainable solutions that drive long-term social change.

Financial Partners

 Protect Child Rights	 Environment	 Climate Change	 Renewable Energy & Livelihood
 SWC & Livelihood	 Water Conservation, & Livelihood	 Environment	 Powered Farm Intelligence
 AI Education	 Sustainable Agriculture	 Women & Child Development	 Watershed & Agriculture
 SWC, & Livelihood			

Knowledge Partners

		
		
		
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Implementing Partners



Impact by Thematic Areas- At A Glance

- 5,613 households benefitted across 86 villages (Approx. 28,000+ individuals impacted indirectly)

Climate Actions



Livelihood

- 35,000+ farmers and farming families benefitted (Approx. 19,000+ individuals impacted indirectly)

Women, Children & Youth Development

11,000+ women, children, parents, and teachers reached through education, parenting, and community initiatives.

- 17,000+ children, parents, teachers, and community members sensitized about Child Anti-Trafficking & Child Protection through awareness, camps, trainings and workshops.





Nurturing Water, Nature, Environment & Biodiversity

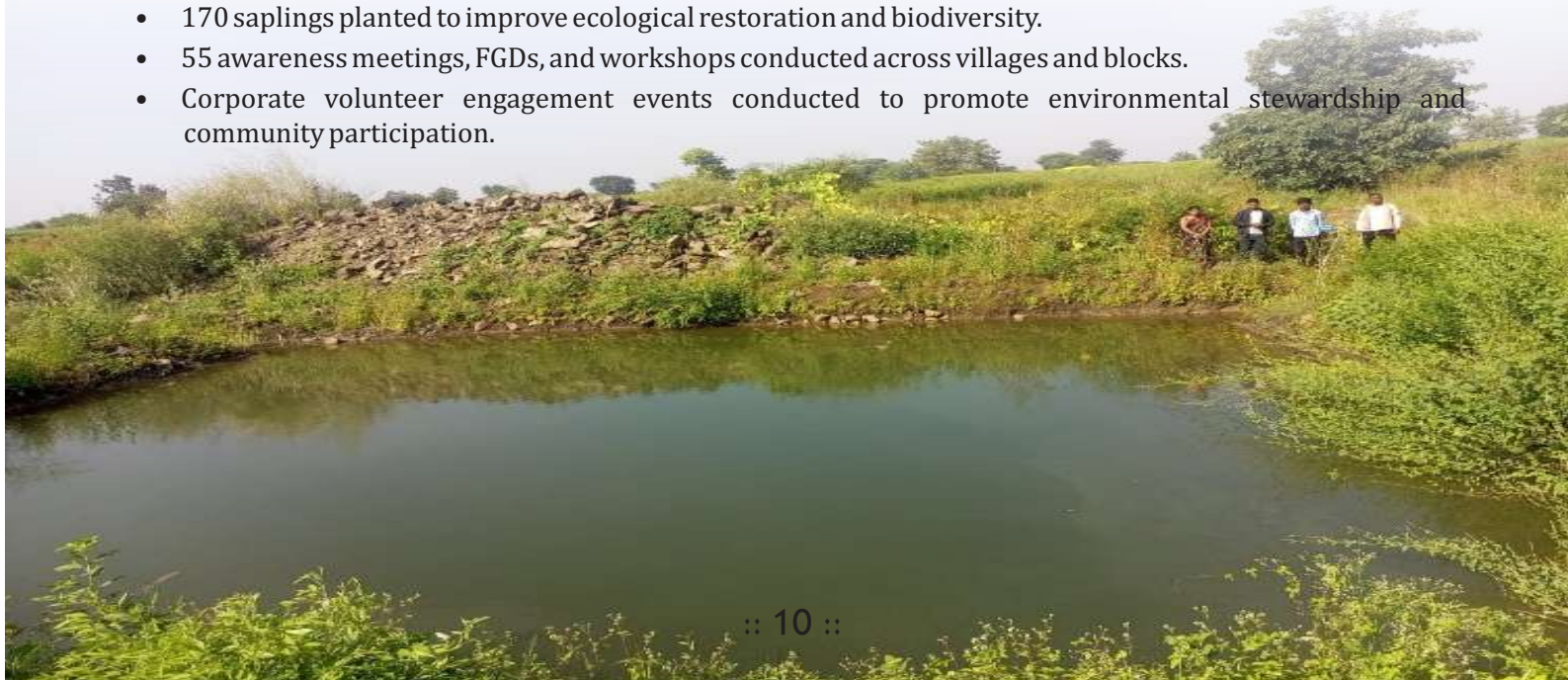
Thematic Areas & Interventions

THEME-1: Climate Change & Environment



- 86 villages covered under watershed and climate resilience interventions.
- 7,696 watershed-related activities implemented for soil and water conservation.
- 5,613 households benefited through watershed and natural resource management initiatives.
- 1,953 farmers supported through climate-resilient agriculture and integrated farming models.
- Benefited 18,771 farmers by promoting renewable energy solutions and reducing dependency on fuelwood and LPG expenses
- 850 community members mobilized on water conservation and sustainable resource management

- 15 farm ponds constructed creating 8.83 million litres of water storage capacity.
- 30 recharge pits developed with 1.5 million litres water storage capacity.
- Doha model intervention completed to strengthen stream-to-pond water conservation systems.
- 259 demonstration farmers and 1,694 adaptive farmers trained and guided on sustainable agriculture practices.
- Large-scale promotion of integrated farming systems, vegetable cultivation, and kitchen gardening.
- Restoration of 4 waterbodies through desiltation, embankment construction, inlet clearance, and plantation, activities.
- 170 saplings planted to improve ecological restoration and biodiversity.
- 55 awareness meetings, FGDs, and workshops conducted across villages and blocks.
- Corporate volunteer engagement events conducted to promote environmental stewardship and community participation.



THEME-1: Climate Change : Invenventions

1.1. Soil and Water Conservation



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YRA contributed to climate action by strengthening water security and accessibility on farmers' fields, promoting sustainable practices for climate change adaptation and mitigation. The organization encouraged community-driven water resource management through integrated climate and water initiatives while building the capacities of Village Development Committees and Watershed Committees for participatory and sustainable watershed management.

1. Conducted Hydrological Survey for Water Conservation.
2. Constructed **15 Farm Ponds** and **30 Recharge Pits**. Covered **371 acres of area under irrigation**.
3. Created 8.83 million liters of water storage capacity.
4. Improved community participation in soil and water conservation activities across watershed project villages.



30 Recharge Pits (measuring 15 feet X 15 feet X 10 feet depth) developed with 1.5 million liters water storage



Constructed 2 Diversion-Based Irrigation (PHAD) Units Access for Farmers. Enhanced water security and long-term livelihood sustainability for vulnerable rural communities.

- Constructed **4 DOHA model** on 550-meter small river with Width 7 meter & depth 2.5 meter, benefitted 6 farmers covering 30 acres of land under irrigation.
- Increased groundwater recharge capacity through waterbody restoration, recharge pits, farm ponds, and Doha model interventions.
- Created 8.83 million liters of water storage capacity.
- Improved community participation in soil and water conservation activities across watershed project villages.



Testimonial

"The waterbody restoration initiative has become a powerful example of community-led environmental stewardship. This effort has fostered a sense of ownership and responsibility among villagers. Such united action is essential for ensuring water security and creating a healthier environment for future generations."

— **Community Representative, Hingna Block**



Restoration work of Waterbody:
Over 30 community members, including local leaders, united to pledge for water and environmental protection.



Constructed 4 DOHA models



**Rainwater harvesting from rooftops to recharge borewells in the 5 schools.
6 x 6 x 6 ft recharge pits filled with natural filtration layers (bricks, stones, charcoal)**



Hydrological Survey for Water Conservation programs



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Interaction with villagers at the site of Community Based Farm Pond deepening work under MGNREGA.



3 days Training program on High Impact Mega Watershed program for Gram Vikas Officers & Rozgar Sevaks



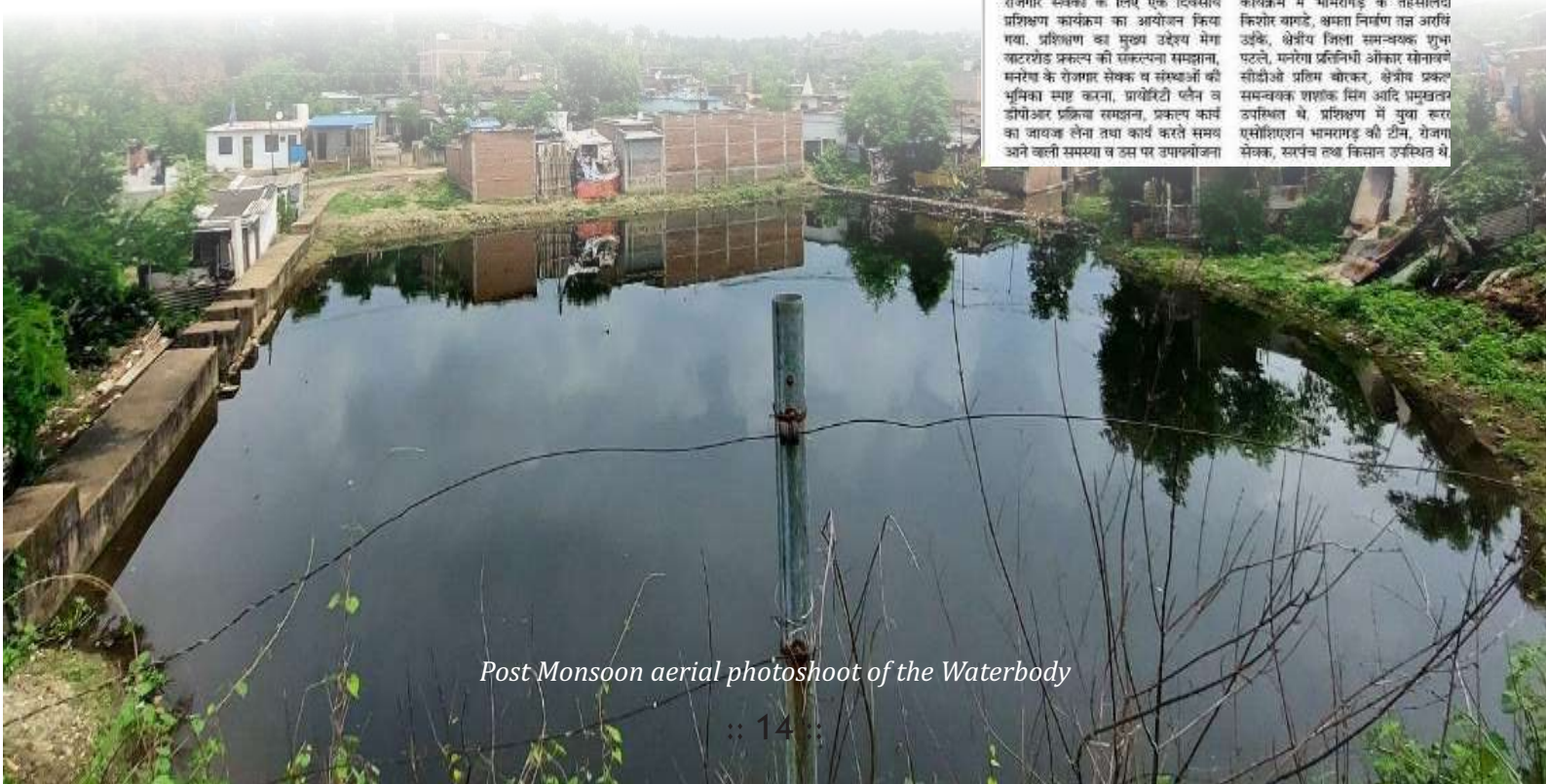
Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Senior Vice President – Global CSR & Director, HCL Foundation, discussing the project's progress and impact with the CEO of YRA at the restored waterbody site.



VDO व सेवकों को मनरेगा कार्यपद्धति की दी जानकारी

पंचायत समिति सभागृह में प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम आयोजित

■ भामरागड (त.स.), अति उच्च प्रभावित मेगा वाटरशेड प्रकल्प के तहत, एक्सप्रेसमू (बीआरएलएलएल) टीम व मुवा रूल एसोशिएशन भामरागड के संयुक्त खमन्या से भामरागड पंचायत समिति सभागृह में ग्राम विकास अधिकारी तथा रोजगार सेवकों के लिए एक दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। प्रशिक्षण का मुख्य उद्देश्य मेगा वाटरशेड प्रकल्प की संरचना समझाना, मनरेगा के रोजगार सेवक व संस्थाओं की भूमिका स्पष्ट करना, प्रायोरिटी प्लेन व डीपीआर प्रक्रिया समझाना, प्रकल्प कार्य का जायज लेना तथा कार्य करते समय आने वाली समस्या व उस पर उपायोजना संबंध में मार्गदर्शन करना था। स्वयं सेवक कार्यपद्धति की विस्तृत जानकारी व गाई गांव स्तर पर प्राथमिकता से निर्वाह कार्य के प्रस्ताव रोजगार सेवक व संस्थाओं के समन्या से संकलित कर संबंधित कार्यलयों में भेजने पर जार दिया गया कार्यक्रम में भामरागड के तहसीलदार किशोर बापडे, श्रमार्थ निर्माण तज्ञ अरवि उडके, क्षेत्रीय जिला समन्वयक शुभा परले, मनरेगा प्रतिनिधी अधिकारी सोनावणे सोडीओ प्रशिष कोकर, क्षेत्रीय प्रकल्प समन्वयक राशिक सिंग आदि प्रमुखतय उपस्थित थे। प्रशिक्षण में मुवा रूल एसोशिएशन भामरागड की टीम, रोजगार सेवक, खपंच तथा किसान उपस्थित थे।



Post Monsoon aerial photoshoot of the Waterbody

Case Story: Reviving the Waterbody

Sharing a case story from Isasani village highlighting the restoration and community-led management of the waterbody. The story captures the key challenges faced and the mitigation measures undertaken under the project, along with the positive changes observed



Villager Quote
"Earlier this waterbody had become a dumping ground. Now the village has started protecting it as a shared resource."

— Aarti Singh, WMA Member



Taking Pledge for Waterbody Cleaning Process

Challenges

- Reduced water storage capacity due to silt accumulation
- Water hyacinth infestation
- Years of solid waste dumping
- No inlet or proper water structure to store water
- Encroachment reducing waterbody area
- No solid waste management facility nearby

Mitigation Measures

- Removed 1,61,400 kg water hyacinth and desilted 2,200 cubic meters
- Formed new embankments and installed 30-meter gabion
- Pipeline installed at inlet for proper water inflow
- 3 PCC dustbins installed to reduce waste dumping
- Continuous community sensitization on solid and liquid waste
- Water Management Association formed for long-term upkeep
- 14 awareness walls painted with interactive messages

Visible Change / Impact

- Improved water storage capacity
- Reduced waste dumping near the waterbody
- Strong community ownership & stewardship
- Increased awareness through wall paintings and WMA engagement

YRA hosted German volunteers from DIZ at the waterbody under an exchange initiative. The team explored restoration efforts, community participation, and sustainability practices, while engaging in field-based learning.

Imagined future of the waterbody

25 school boys and girls depicted their vision of the water body before and after restoration through a drawing competition.



Through Colour and creativity, young minds reimagined our waterbodies A glimpse of hopes for a greener tomorrow



Hands-on visits to 15 waterbodies and Harit Upvan provided practical insights into water conservation and community-led rejuvenation. Participants learned through water quality testing, infiltration studies, and interactions with field teams.

A workshop on waterbody conservation and solid waste management engaged 40+ women, raising awareness on environmental protection, waste segregation, and sustainable community practices. The session encouraged participants to take active steps towards a cleaner and healthier environment.



PMKSY–

Watershed Development Training Programme

Under the **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) – Watershed Development Component 2.0**, Yuva Rural Association organised capacity-building training programmes in 2 blocks (Mul & Jiwati) of Chandrapur & Tala Block in Raigad district.

Mul-Taluka Agriculture Officer Mr. Kardwar addressed the trainees. Under the program total 798 participants including officials from the Agriculture Department, Watershed Development Team members, village representatives, Farmer Producer Company members, and local NGO representatives were trained in 15 days. The training aims to strengthen the capacities of communities and watershed institutions, promote sustainable watershed management practices, and improve agricultural productivity and livelihoods.



**Mul-Taluka Agriculture Officer
Mr. Kardwar addressed the trainees.**



Training session on IWMP Watershed Management in Tala



Training session on Water Management & Government schemes in Jiwati

1.2. Renewable Energy & Environment



Over the past four years, Yuva Rural Association (YRA), with CSR support from Infosys, has facilitated the installation of over 17,000 household biogas units across 736 villages in Nagpur and Bhandara districts. The initiative has promoted clean energy adoption, generated additional income for rural households through nutrient-rich slurry and biogas, improved soil health and crop productivity, reduced dependence on fossil fuels, and strengthened sustainable rural livelihoods.



Generated bio-slurry in huge quantity



Over 17,000 families now use biogas for daily needs. Farmers utilize biogas for cooking, while the nutrient-rich slurry enhances kitchen gardens, fodder, and paddy fields-ensuring clean energy, improved soil health, better crop quality, and sustainable livelihoods.



Key Highlights

- Reached **22,291 beneficiary households** across **1,291 villages** in **11 blocks** through climate-resilient energy and monitoring interventions.
- Conducted **20,490 household monitoring visits** to assess biogas functionality and usage status.
- Covered **17,000 farming households** under external monitoring and support activities.
- Resolved and repaired **1,497 biogas units**, improving access to clean cooking energy for rural families.
- Conducted Gold Standard verification visit.
- Directly engaged **8,755 men** and **10,046 women** through project activities and outreach.
- Benefited **18,771 farmers** by promoting renewable energy solutions and reducing dependency on fuelwood and LPG expenses.
- Reduced pressure on forests and contributed to environmental conservation through expanded use of clean biogas energy systems.



From smoke to sustainability: around 17,000 families cook with clean biogas energy.



Educating rural households on building and maintaining biogas units, highlighting the benefits of eco-friendly cooking, and reducing reliance on firewood. Raised awareness about biogas benefits and provided practical guidance on construction, maintenance, usage & cleanliness. Beneficiaries received hands-on training on seed planting, pest management, and the use of biogas slurry as organic manure,



3 Days Capacity Building Workshop for 13 Block Coordinators
Focus: Slurry management, Guidance on kitchen gardening,
Organic farming practices, Formation of energy self-help groups,
biogas plant maintenance and repair



The workshop aimed to strengthen coordination at the taluka level and enhance the implementation of biogas initiatives across rural areas.



Formed and Strengthened “Urja Gat” (Energy Group)

Supported beneficiaries in opening bank accounts, and guided them on group operations strengthening community ownership and ensuring continued use of biogas systems.



Impact Assessment: A third-party impact assessment by PwC was facilitated by YRA through surveys and field orientations to evaluate improvements in health, agriculture, forest conservation, and household well-being, while assessing long-term sustainability.



Greening Our Future: Trees and Biodiversity

- Planted 50 fruit trees (40 mango and 10 jackfruit) and 156 saplings of 22 species to enhance biodiversity.
- Organized the Green & Prosperous Maharashtra Campaign for progressive farmers.
- Students showcased environmental models, while volunteers, PRI leaders, teachers, and community members pledged to protect and nurture the planted saplings.





Ecological Monitoring through Bird Watching

A bird-watching activity recorded at water body, 9 bird species observed, indicating improving habitat conditions around the restored waterbody. Participants also learned about soil-water dynamics using a double ring infiltrometer, highlighting the positive ecological impact of restoration efforts.



Earth Day Celebration

Thirty young eco-artists expressed their ideas for protecting the planet through creative artwork. Prizes were awarded to the top three participants. Supported by YRA and the HCL Foundation's Harit waterbody rejuvenation initiative, the event inspired environmental awareness among children.

Biogas Changed My Life – An Inspiring Story of a Woman Farmer

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

Our family of five owned only one acre of irrigated land and depended on paddy cultivation during the Kharif season. Due to low farm income, my husband and I worked as agricultural laborers to support our household. We also relied on firewood and LPG for cooking, resulting in additional expenses and loss of work time.

In 2023, a biogas unit was installed at our home through the support of **Yuva Rural Association**. This brought significant positive changes to our lives.

- Annual LPG expenses reduced by about ₹9,000.
- Use of biogas slurry lowered chemical fertilizer costs by around ₹8,000.
- We started growing vegetables such as brinjal, chilli, tomato, and spinach during the Rabi season.
- Fruit trees including mango, lemon, sapota, jackfruit, and karvanda were planted and nourished with biogas slurry.
- Paddy productivity increased from 15 to 17 quintals per acre.

The additional income has helped us meet household needs and invest in our children's education. I also joined the village Energy Group, where I save ₹100 per month and have successfully accessed and repaid small loans.

Conclusion:

Biogas has improved our income, reduced household expenses, supported organic farming, and strengthened our family's livelihood. It has truly transformed our lives and inspired other women in our community.



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17K homes turn to biogas, reduce dependence on LPG & firewood

LOKMAT TIMES Special

Joint initiative of Infosys, Yuva Rural Association in Nagpur & Bhandara districts

Amurli Bhor
LOKMAT NEWS NETWORK

Nagpur: In the rural belts of Maharashtra, where energy insecurity has long dictated daily life, a quiet yet powerful transformation is underway. What began in 2021 as a climate-conscious initiative has today evolved into one of the most impactful clean energy transitions at the grassroots.

Supported by IT solutions giant, Infosys Limited, and implemented by Yuva Rural Association (YRA), the Clean Cooking Solutions for Rural Maharashtra project is not just addressing cooking fuel – it is reshaping rural economies, ecosystems, and everyday dignity.

Spread across Nagpur and Bhandara districts, the initiative today covers over 17,000 farmer families across 700 plus villages, backed by an investment of nearly ₹10 to ₹15 crore. At its core lies a simple principle: convert cattle waste into clean energy, reducing reliance on firewood and LPG.

Devi Prasad, YRA's head...

What is a biogas set? A biogas set produces methane gas and slurry from animal dung. Methane is used for cooking while the slurry acts as a fertilizer in farms. This model is suitable for farmers having quite a few cattle. A biogas set costs approximately ₹20,000. This cost is borne by Infosys. Its size is 7 feet by 7 feet and requires a depth of 3 feet. Not much maintenance required for the set. The biogasifier needs to be shaken after a gap of some days and carbon has to be removed from the cooking stove by washing.

programme, told Lokmat Times how the project has transformed the lives of farmers. "In Bhandara, a farmer family has turned biogas slurry into an enterprise, earning ₹10 to ₹15 lakh annually by selling organic manure. Across villages, similar shifts are visible – what was once waste is now a source of livelihood.

Environmentally, the project has reduced firewood dependency and eased pressure on forests. Forest officials in Paraseoni have even noted a decline in man-animal conflict due to reduced forest intrusion. Health benefits are equally significant – smoke-free kitchens, reduced respiratory issues, and time saving for women.

With Infosys driving investment and YRA ensuring last-mile implementation, this initiative stands as a strong example of impactful corporate social responsibility (CSR) aligned with grassroots execution. As India advances towards climate commitments, such scalable, community-driven models hold immense promise.

In Nagpur and Bhandara, biogas is not just fuel – it is a catalyst for sustainability, resilience, and dignity.

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For families like Anita Parle from Salai village, the transition has brought immediate financial stability. Her household has saved nearly ₹20,000 in LPG expenses while improving efficiency and cleanliness. Tikaram Bopate, another farmer, reports savings of ₹26,000 over four years, reduced fertiliser costs, and increased crop productivity – marking a clear shift towards sustainable agriculture.

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1.3: Sustainable Agriculture



Application of bio-slurry in agriculture farm

Since 2002, YRA has been promoting sustainable agriculture to enhance farm productivity, environmental conservation, and rural livelihoods. The initiative is guided by three core principles: **environmental health**, **economic viability**, and **social responsibility**. Key interventions include crop rotation and diversification, organic farming, agroforestry, and integrated pest management (IPM). These practices help improve soil fertility, conserve natural resources, reduce dependence on external inputs, and strengthen the resilience and income of farming communities.

Key Highlights:

- 1,953 farmers supported through climate-resilient agriculture and integrated farming models.
- 259 demonstration farmers and 1,694 adaptive farmers trained and guided on sustainable agriculture practices. Demonstration plots established to promote climate-resilient and sustainable farming practices.
- 29 Trainings conducted on POP cultivation, vegetable farming, poultry, goatry, fishery, kitchen gardening, and Integrated Farming Systems (IFS).
- Farmers provided with agricultural inputs, technical guidance, exposure visits, and handholding support.
- Water Conservation structures created to support irrigation and water security for livelihood activities.
- Increased community participation in livelihood diversification and natural resource-based income generation activities.
- Large-scale promotion of integrated farming systems, vegetable cultivation, and kitchen gardening.
- Around 750 farmers were introduced to the Gram IQ platform.



Demonstrated and implemented the SRI method of paddy cultivation among 233 selected farmers for Kharif 2025-26

Testimonial: “Less seed, less water, more yield - that's the power of SRI (System of Rice Intensification) in every paddy field.” Says Shri. Chelampoddi Portet, a progressive farmer from Village Jijgaon, Block – Bhamragad, Gadchiroli



Organic farming demonstrations were organized for farmers, highlighting the preparation and use of **Jeevamrut, Dashparni Ark, Vermicompost, and Vermiwash**

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AI for Farmers: Empowering Rural Communities Through Technology

Conducted awareness sessions and field visits. Around 750 farmers were introduced to the Gram IQ platform, which provides market price updates, crop advisory services, soil testing guidance, and support during crop damage. Farmers and FP members were also trained to use AI tools for crop quality assessment and better price estimation support during crop damage.

THEME-2: Livelihood Enhancement



Livelihood enhancement focuses on strengthening the income-generating capacities of individuals and communities, particularly those from vulnerable and marginalized groups. It involves creating sustainable economic opportunities through agriculture and allied activities, skill development, entrepreneurship promotion, access to resources and financial services, and improved market linkages. These efforts aim to increase household income, build resilience, and improve overall quality of life.

Key Highlights:

- 1,953 farmers covered across 60 villages through livelihood enhancement initiatives.
- Over **350 animals** examined & treated.
- **246 cows, 30 buffaloes & 37 goats** treated and dewormed.
- Provided **vaccinations, deworming medicines, and guidance** on government schemes
- **Convergence of** government schemes such as scientific dairy farming, goat rearing, piggery & artificial insemination.
- Emphasized vaccination, deworming, backyard poultry, and livestock as an income-generating business.
- 21 Trainings conducted on scientific management of poultry, goatry, fishery, and Integrated Farming Systems (IFS).
- Farmers provided with inputs, technical guidance, exposure visits, and handholding support.
- Established 2 **Turmeric Processing Units covering 1671+ farmers** to boost sustainable rural livelihoods.

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पशुपालकांनी जनावरांचे लसीकरण करावे

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शिबिरात पशुपालकांना जंतुनाशक औषधे, लसीकरण, तसेच पशुसंवर्धन विभागाच्या विविध शासकीय योजनांची सविस्तर माहिती देण्यात आली. नव्याने निपुस्त झालेले पशुधन विकस अंगिकारी डॉ. आनंदराव

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अंगी सक्षमीकरणाने मार्गदर्शन केले. या शिबिरात सुमारे ३५० जनावरांची तपासणी करून त्यांना योग्य औषधोपचार करण्यात आले. शिबिरामध्ये पशुवैद्यकीय विभागाचे डॉ. डी. आर. सरकार, जी. बी. सिद्धा, स्वनील महावी, एस. बी. सडमेक, एच. डी. कुटेरी यांची उपस्थिती होती. शिबिराचे नियोजन युवा स्वतः असोशिएशनने केले. क्षेत्रीय समन्वयक आशिष शेख यांनी केले. या वार्षिकी उपक्रमात दिनेश कोळते, राजू कुरसामी, शरद घाट, विष्णू लठगामी, सुरेश तिळमा, राजू सोढाळे यांनी विशेष मेहनत घेतली.

कडम यांनी शासकीय योजनांचा लाभ घेण्याचे आवाहन युवा स्वतः असोशिएशनने पत्रासाठी लागवडीचे फायदे

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THEME-2: Intervention

2.1. Agri-Allied Programs (Govt, Dairy & Fish)

Key focus areas include selecting suitable local breeds, providing clean and well-ventilated housing, ensuring balanced nutrition through fodder, feed, and mineral supplements, and maintaining regular animal healthcare through vaccinations, deworming, and veterinary support. Proper record-keeping of production, breeding, health, expenses, and sales helps improve farm management and profitability.

In dairy farming, special attention to milking hygiene and milk quality is essential. Establishing strong market linkages with local consumers, traders, cooperatives, and dairy companies further enhances income generation. Together, these practices contribute to improved livestock productivity, better animal health, and increased economic resilience for rural families.



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■ धामरागढ़ (न.सं.), युवा कृषक एसोसिएशन धामरागढ़ व पंचायत समिति पशुसंरक्षण विभाग के संयुक्त तत्त्वधान में राणीपीडूर में शिविर का आयोजन किया गया। इस शिविर में पशुपालकों को मार्गदर्शन किया गया। शिविर में पशुपालन विभाग के डॉ. आनंदराव कदम ने मादा गायों के वैक्यूम सक्कर के विभिन्न योजनओं की जानकारी दी। बर्तन दुग्ध व्यवस्था, बकरी चालन, खसरा चालन व कुक्कुट पालन का शास्त्रीय दृष्टिकोण से महत्व पर मार्गदर्शन किया गया। कृषक एसोसिएशन धामरागढ़ के टीम लीडर अजय गावडे ने अपने संबोधन में पशुओं का टीकाकरण, जंतु निर्मूलन का महत्व तथा पशुपालन स्तरीय व्यवस्था के तौर पर विज्ञान का महत्व रखता है, इससे जानकारी पशुपालकों को दी गई। परसवान ने कुक्कुटपालन का व्यवसाय व घरों खाद्य का उपयोग कर केले यह व्यवसाय अच्छा बनाया जाता है, इससे जानकारी दी गई। आयोजित शिविर में कुल 246 गाय, 30 भैंस, 37



वाकरों इन मवेशियों पर जंतु निर्मूलन तथा दवा उपचार किया गया। शिविर में पशुसंरक्षण विभाग की ओर से डॉ. डॉ. अर सक्कर, जी. वी. सिद्धाम, डॉ. स्वप्नील मंडावी, परिशर कुडयेती व वेरमा आदि उपस्थित रहे। इस समय गांव के प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्ति किसान मंगेरी सिद्धाम, आनंदराव मंडावी, अशोक खेलरी, लक्ष्मण नैताम, सुनील उईके आदि उपस्थित थे। युवा कृषक एसोसिएशन धामरागढ़ की ओर से क्षेत्रीय समन्वयक आशिष रोख ने कार्यक्रम का संयोजन किया। कार्यक्रम की सफलता हेतु क्षेत्रीय समन्वयक राजू कुरसाणी, भौतिक जानकारी प्रणाली जगत दिनेश कोकोडे, उपजीविका एक्सपर्ट वरुण शेंडे, सामाजिक संसाधन व्यक्ती राजू रोनटकर, बुकरू लेकमी आदि ने प्रवास किया।

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Livestock Development Officer shared insights on government schemes, such as scientific dairy farming, goat rearing, piggyery & artificial insemination.

Key Highlights

- **246 cows, 30 buffaloes & 37 goats** treated and dewormed
- Provided **vaccinations, deworming medicines, and guidance** on government schemes
- Emphasized **vaccination, deworming, backyard poultry, and livestock** as an income-generating business.

A study visit on pond-based fishery development was conducted by Mr. Nandkumar, Director General (MGNREGA), along with senior officials. The team reviewed fish farming activities and discussed opportunities for scaling up fisheries development.



A Fish Farming and Management training program was conducted to enhance livelihood opportunities. The training covered fish nutrition and feeding practices, feed quality, feeding schedules, FCR, pest and disease management, and age-wise feeding techniques. Participants were also informed about fisheries-related schemes under the District Annual Plan, promoting sustainable and income-generating aquaculture practices.



Testimonial: I am encouraged to see the progress made in pond-based fishery development and the commitment of local communities towards sustainable livelihoods. The initiative demonstrates how water resources can be effectively utilized to generate income, create employment, and strengthen rural economies. With continued convergence, technical support, and community participation, this model has immense potential for replication and scaling across the region."
-Mr. Nandkumar,
Director General (MGNREGA)

2.2: Small & Micro-Enterprises (Turmeric Processing Unit)



Turmeric Processing units for livelihood security



Empowering Farmers Producer Companies for turmeric processing & strengthening local agriculture-based industries.

Stories on Ground



2 Days residential farmers training at YRA's training center "DHARA (Demonstration Hub for Agriculture & Renewable Activities)" in Karanja Lad Block, Dist-Washim, training was focused on food processing units with total of 60 farmers with disabilities.



Experience Sharing Platforms: Regular interactions and field visits enable farmers to learn from successful SMS's models implemented by fellow farmers.

Transforming Turmeric into Prosperity



Case Story : Transforming Turmeric into Prosperity

For years, turmeric farmers in the region worked hard but earned only modest returns, as most of their produce was sold in raw form to traders. Despite producing high-quality turmeric, farmers had little control over pricing and limited access to larger markets.

To change this, the Farmers Producer Company (FPC) was strengthened with support for turmeric processing, enterprise development, and market linkages. Farmers were trained in value addition, quality standards, packaging, and business management. Processing facilities enabled the production of high-value turmeric products, significantly increasing market opportunities.

The impact was transformative. Farmers began receiving better prices for their produce, reducing dependence on middlemen and improving household incomes. The FPC evolved into a thriving rural enterprise, creating local employment opportunities, especially for women and youth. The initiative also stimulated the growth of agriculture-

based industries, strengthening the local economy and encouraging entrepreneurship.

Today, the FPC stands as a successful model of collective action, demonstrating how value addition and farmer-led enterprises can unlock the true potential of agriculture. What was once a crop sold at low margins has become a source of dignity, resilience, and sustainable prosperity for farming communities.



2.3: Enhancing Education

Key Highlights:

- 9,790 students reached through awareness sessions, storytelling, and motivational talks.
- 1,030 students participated in workshops on value education and life skills development.
- 167 teachers trained through capacity-building workshops on child-centred and value-based education practices.
- 197 parents participated in conscious parenting and family engagement workshops.
- Interactive group discussions, life skill activities, and behavioral learning sessions organized in schools and communities.
- Awareness programs conducted on empathy, teamwork, discipline, responsibility, and positive behavior.
- Value education sessions conducted through school assembly talks and interactive learning activities.



| Child A Change Maker Program |

With every morning pledge and prayer, these young changemakers renew my faith in humanity", says "one of School Students"





Key Areas to Enhance Education

- **Access & Inclusion:** Ensure education for girls and marginalized groups.
- **Quality Learning:** Strengthen literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking skills.
- **School Infrastructure:** Provide safe, inclusive, and well-equipped learning environments.
- **Teacher Development:** Support teachers through training and fair working conditions.
- **Community Engagement:** Encourage parental and community participation in education.
- **Relevant Curriculum:** Integrate life skills, environmental awareness, and civic value.

Students workshops were conducted to help students develop life skills, values, and positive behavior. Through interactive activities, discussions, and creative exercises, students were encouraged to think responsibly, improve communication skills, and build confidence.



Assembly talks were conducted in schools to introduce students to the importance of values in daily life. Through short stories, real-life examples, and interactive discussions, students were encouraged to reflect on values such as responsibility, honesty, respect, and kindness.

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Testimonial:

"Value education is essential for shaping responsible, respectful, and compassionate children. It helps students develop strong character, positive values, and life skills that guide them towards becoming responsible citizens and future leaders."

Gayatri tadlimbekar,
Principal, South West Convent



A prize distribution program **was organized to recognize and encourage children who actively participated in donation collection. The initiative promoted generosity, responsibility, and social contribution while inspiring other students to engage in charitable activities.**

Conscious Parenting Workshop



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स्वीकार : पालकत्वाचा
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On the occasion of Parenting Day, conducted a meaningful session. focused on Conscious Parenting. Parents reflected inwards, assessed their parenting style, and explored how children see the world.



A discussion session was held with Dr. Smita Desai, Pediatrician and Neonatologist, in our office with our former CEO and Seniors. The discussion focused on child development, positive parenting practices, and ways to guide parents effectively in supporting the healthy growth and well-being of children.



Conducted workshop for teachers held at Army Public School, Kamptee, on Happy Classrooms and facilitated by Dr. Mrunalini. 60 teachers participated and it was interactive and participatory.

2.4: Advance Wash (Water, Sanitation, Health & Hygiene)

The WASH program aimed to improve community health and well-being by promoting awareness and adoption of safe hygiene and sanitation practices. Through community meetings, school-based activities, and awareness campaigns, the initiative focused on personal hygiene, handwashing, menstrual health, safe drinking water, and sanitation.



A well-being session connected women's health, kitchen gardens, and clean water to sustainable living.

A well-being awareness session was focusing on women's physical and emotional health. 33 women Participants discussed major health concerns, including cancers, and learned the importance of regular check-ups, balanced diets, and kitchen gardens for sustainable nutrition. The session highlighted the connection between human well-being, environmental health, and clean water, promoting a holistic, community-based approach to health and ecological harmony.



Cleanliness Drive at Lake | Community in Action! YRA team and over 60 villagers came together for a two-hour lake cleanup. Their energy, commitment, and collective pledge showed true ownership of their health & environment.



Improved sanitation serves as a foundation for healthier communities, enhanced learning outcomes, livelihoods, and a cleaner environment.

Stories on Ground

Case Story: Recharge Pits – A Step Towards Healthier and Sustainable Communities

In many villages, wastewater from households often stagnated around homes, creating unhygienic conditions, foul odors, and breeding grounds for mosquitoes. This not only affected community health but also contributed to environmental degradation and groundwater depletion.

To address this challenge, **recharge pits** were constructed to safely channel and absorb wastewater into the ground. The intervention improved sanitation conditions by reducing waterlogging and keeping surroundings cleaner and healthier. At the same time, it supported groundwater recharge, helping communities conserve a valuable natural resource.

The initiative has demonstrated how a simple and cost-effective solution can create multiple benefits for rural communities. Cleaner surroundings have contributed to improved health and well-being, while better sanitation has created a safer environment for children to learn and grow.

Expected Impact

- Improved village sanitation and hygiene conditions.
- Reduced water stagnation and mosquito breeding.
- Enhanced groundwater recharge and water conservation.
- Healthier living environment leading to better community well-being.
- Improved learning conditions for children and greater productivity for families.
- Stronger community awareness and participation in environmental stewardship.

THEME-3: Women, Child & Youth Development



The Program continued to strengthen community-based protection systems and promote the rights and well-being of women & children across 3 districts, 11 blocks, 88 Gram Panchayats, and 143 villages. The program adopted a comprehensive approach involving awareness generation, community mobilization, capacity building, survivor engagement, and convergence with government welfare schemes.

Key Highlights:

- Provided 1,067 individuals for counselling, follow-up, home visit, and referral services, with focused support for vulnerable groups, including women-headed households and smallholder farmers, linking them to social protection and livelihood schemes.
- Contributed significantly to improving the safety, dignity, emotional well-being, and social inclusion of women and vulnerable communities.
- Strengthened community awareness, referral networks, and access to counselling services.
- Strong emphasis on preventing child marriage through awareness, advocacy, and community action.
- Extensive engagement of religious leaders, Child Welfare & Protection Committees (CWPCs), survivor networks, and community members.
- Large-scale community mobilization resulted in 14,782 citizens taking pledges against child marriage.
- Facilitated convergence with government schemes, enabling beneficiaries to access identity documents, education, health, labour, and social welfare services.
- Child participation strengthened through Bal Panchayats, while youth engagement promoted through mentoring and leadership programs.





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मंगरूळपीर शहरात होणारा बालविवाह युवा रुलने रोखला

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मंगरूळपीर येथे एका १७ वर्षीय मुलीचा बालविवाह होणार असल्याची माहिती युवा रुल असोसिएशनचे जिल्हा समन्वयक दिवाकर देशमुख यांना प्राप्ति झाल्या बरोबर त्यांनी तालुका समन्वयक किरण यशवंत पद्मगिरवार यांना माहिती पाठविली व सदर घटनेची चौकशी करण्यास सांगितले.

किरण पद्मगिरवार यांनी सरळ दि. ४ एप्रिल २०२५ रोजी मंगरूळपीर पोलीस स्टेशन गाठले व एपीआय शुभांगी मंडम शीरत यांच्यासोबत विषयावर सविस्तर चर्चा केली. मुलीचे नाव व पत्त्या सह सगळे डिटेल्स असल्याने योग्य मंडम आणि पोलीस कॉन्स्टेबल गजानन ब्राह्मण व किरण पद्मगिरवार हे पोलीस स्टेशनची गाडी घेऊन घटनास्थळी पोहोचले. संभुर्ण राहनिशा केल्यावर मुलगी ही अल्पवयीन असल्याचे आढळून आले.



चरित वधू कडील सर्व मंडळीला पोलीस स्टेशनमध्ये बोलाविण्यात आले. त्या सर्वांचे सन्मुखपणे करताना हा विवाह कायद्याने मान्य नसल्याचे स्पष्ट केले. मुलीच्या बहिणीला जावयाला बालविवाह प्रतिबंधक कायदा २०६ अंतर्गत माहिती देण्यात आली. युवा रुल असोसिएशन ही एक सामाजिक संस्था असून वारिधत जिल्ह्या मध्ये पब्लिसी कायदा व बालविवाह मुक्त भारत कायद्यासाठी महत्वाची कामगिरी पार पाडत आहे. ही कारवाई मंगरूळपीर पोलीस स्टेशनच्या महिला एपीआय शुभांगी शीरत, पोलीस कॉन्स्टेबल वि. एन. १४९१ व युवा रुल असोसिएशनच्या तालुका समन्वयक किरण यशवंत पद्मगिरवार यांना मुख्य सहभाग होता.

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THEME-3: Interventions

3.1. Women Development & Social Support Program

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

191: Households Reached
955: Individuals Benefited through Counselling & Support Services Delivered
182: Single Women Supported

CASE MANAGEMENT

191: Cases Registered
189: Cases Successfully Resolved
99%: Resolution Rate

KEY ISSUES ADDRESSED

112 Cases
 Physical & Mental Harassment
33 Cases
 Family & Social Issues
29 Cases
 Domestic Violence & Drug Addiction
17 Cases
 Other Vulnerability Concerns



Sensitization program for police personnel to strengthen community support, gender responsiveness, and social welfare interventions.



Interactive discussion with stakeholders to promote partnership, community participation, and Social protection.



Workshop: Inclusive Leadership and Gender Justice: Fostering equal opportunities, representation, and influence for all genders in family, community, and public institutions.

Case Story

A 45-year-old woman approached the counselling centre with her Grade 5 son after her husband, under the influence of alcohol, attempted to strangle her. Following police intervention and temporary shelter with relatives, she sought support from the centre.

During counselling, the woman revealed a long history of domestic violence, alcohol abuse, threats, and emotional trauma affecting both her and their children. The husband admitted his alcohol addiction and accepted responsibility for his actions.

The counselling team facilitated multiple sessions with both parties and referred the husband to a government hospital for treatment and de-addiction support. Regular follow-ups, family counselling, and medical intervention led to a gradual improvement in his behaviour. He stopped consuming alcohol, became more responsible, and rebuilt trust within the family.

After observing sustained positive changes, the woman agreed to reunite with her husband. A written settlement was signed, and the family resumed living together. One month later, the applicant reported that her husband had completely quit alcohol and that peace and stability had been restored in the household.

Outcome: Successful family reunification, cessation of alcohol abuse, reduction in domestic violence, and restoration of a safe and harmonious family environment.



Community gathering for awareness, empowerment, and social development.

Testimonial

"The Women's Counselling Center is a beacon of hope for women in distress. Through compassionate counselling and timely support, it has transformed lives, strengthened families, and empowered women to move forward with confidence. I sincerely appreciate YRA's dedicated service to the community."

---- Head of Villages.



Women and community members actively participating in a village-level awareness program, strengthening voices for social change and development.

3.2. Child Welfare



The 100-Day Campaign Towards a Child Marriage-Free India launched. A candle march was organized, and children and villagers pledged to prevent child marriage



The District Women and Child Development Department, & YRA, organized training sessions for Village Child Protection Committees across the Latur District.



Key Highlights:

Community Awareness & Prevention

- 327 awareness and community events conducted.
- 70 notice boards installed at religious places displaying information on child marriage laws.
- 195 religious leaders engaged in prevention efforts.
- 14,782 citizens pledged to prevent child marriage.

Child Protection Systems

- 50 Child Welfare & Protection Committees (CWPCs) strengthened.
- 450 stakeholders trained and oriented on child protection mechanisms.
- 10 Survivor Network groups strengthened,
- Engaged 92 survivors of child marriage, sexual abuse, child labour, and begging.

Government Convergence

- **Beneficiaries linked with multiple schemes including:**
 - o Aadhaar Cards (342)
 - o Ayushman Bharat Cards (87)
 - o Balsangopan Yojana (153)
 - o Bandhkam Kamgar Yojana (233)
 - o Educational Enrolment (72)
 - o Various certificates and welfare services.



BALVIVAH MUKTI RATH (CHILD MARRIAGE FREE CAMPAIGN VEHICLE)



Coordination meeting conducted at Latur railway station with Railway, RPF, Police, CWC and WCD department to rescue and rehabilitation of children.

Case Summary: Timely Rescue and Safe Restoration of a Minor Child

On 20 October 2025, a 12-year-old boy traveling alone on the Jalna-Tirupati Special train was identified by the TTE and safely handed over to the Railway Police at Udgir Railway Station. Following prompt coordination between the Railway Police, Yuva Rural Association, Child Helpline, District Child Protection Unit, and Child Welfare Committee (CWC), the child was provided immediate care, medical assistance, counseling, and temporary shelter. After tracing and verifying his family in Karnataka, the CWC facilitated his safe restoration to his parents.

The case demonstrates the effectiveness of coordinated child protection mechanisms in ensuring the safety and well-being of vulnerable children.

Village Child Welfare and Protection Committee (CWPC) Training on Child Protection conducted for Anganwadi workers and members. Focus on issues such as child marriage, child labour, and child sexual abuse.

Testimonial

"The training sessions for Village Child Protection Committees have significantly strengthened community awareness and response mechanisms for child protection. We appreciate the dedicated efforts by YRA in building the capacities of Anganwadi workers and promoting a safer environment for children across the district."

**— Participants -
Anganwadi workers and members**

Stories on Ground Swift Rescue and Protection of a Vulnerable Child

On 29 January 2026, a 12-year-old boy from Uttar Pradesh was found alone at Latur Railway Station, raising concerns of trafficking or neglect. Acting on information from the Railway Protection Force, Yuva Rural Association and Child Helpline promptly rescued the child, ensured medical examination, and completed all legal procedures. The child was produced before the Child Welfare Committee, which ordered his placement in a Government Children's Home for care and protection. The coordinated intervention safeguarded the child from potential harm and ensured access to rehabilitation and support services.

घरणी येथे बालविवाह मुक्त भारत अभियानास उत्स्फूर्त प्रतिसाद बालविवाह मुक्त गावसाठी शपथ व रॅलीचे आयोजन

लातूर(प्रतिनिधी)दि.चाकूर तालुक्यातील घरणी येथे महिला व बालविकास विभाग व युवा रुरल असोसिएशन यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने बालविवाह मुक्त भारत शंभर दिवस संकल्प महाराष्ट्र अभियानाचा शुभारंभ करण्यात आला. जिल्हा महिला व बालविकास अधिकारी संदीप यादव यांच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली बालविवाह प्रतिबंधासाठी जनजागृती कार्यक्रम राबविण्यात येत आहेत. या अंतर्गत घरणी येथे बालविवाह प्रतिबंध रॅली, शपथ व कॅन्डल मार्च काढून जनजागृती करण्यात आली. बाल संरक्षण अधिकारी सिताराम कांबळे यांनी बालविवाह मुक्त भारत अभियानाची गरज, दत्तक प्रक्रिया, बालसंगोपन योजनेविषयी माहिती दिली. तर चाईलड लाईनचे प्र.जिल्हा समन्वयक बापू सूर्यवंशी



यांनी १०-१८ नंबरचे महत्त्व व गोपनीयते बद्दल सांगितले. तसेच मा.सरपंच भानुदास पोटे व अशोक चिंते यांनी गावात एकही बालविवाह होऊ न देण्याचा संकल्प केला. या नंतर बालवामुक्त भारत आपला संकल्प निमित्त कॅन्डल मार्च रॅली काढण्यात आली. या मध्ये गावातील महिला पुरुष व बालकांनी मोठ्या संख्येने

सहभाग नोंदविला होता. कार्यक्रमाच्या शेवटी युवा रुरल असोसिएशनचे प्रकल्प समन्वयक सद्दाम शेख यांनी उपस्थितांना बालविवाह प्रतिबंध शपथ देऊन कार्यक्रमाची सांगता केली. या कार्यक्रमास सरपंच उषाताई कांबळे, मा.सरपंच भानुदास पोटे, अशोक चिंते, सुनील शिंदे, सीआरपी कविता भालेराव, अश्विनी कौकलगे यांच्या सह जिल्हा महिला व बालविकास अधिकारी विभागाचे बाल संरक्षण अधिकारी सिताराम कांबळे, चाईलड लाईनचे प्र.जिल्हा समन्वयक बापू सूर्यवंशी, युवा रुरल असोसिएशनचे प्रकल्प समन्वयक सद्दाम शेख, अमोल गायकवाड, मायाताई सोरटे, सोपान कसबे, केशव सोरटे यांच्या सह गावातील नागरिक व बालक मोठ्या संख्येने उपस्थित होते.

Strategic Initiatives

Mentoria (Mentorship) Program: Empowered individuals through guidance, knowledge sharing, and skill development by connecting them with experienced mentors who support their personal, academic, and professional growth, enabling them to make informed decisions and achieve their goals.



Provided mentorship, guidance, and support to 1,169 youths, enhancing their skills, confidence, and career and personal development.

Solar Shiksha Program: Providing solar-powered digital learning solutions, ensuring uninterrupted learning opportunities for farmers, children and youth, even in areas with limited or unreliable electricity.



HDFC's Solar Shiksha Program.
A total of 114 programs were conducted involving the participation of 1840 farmers and youths.

GramIQ Program: To empower farmers with digital tools, AI-driven advisory services, and market intelligence that improve farm productivity, financial management, and income while enabling data-driven agricultural development.



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Gram IQ meetings served as a key platform for farmer engagement, where 3048 farmers participated in 169 sessions in 93 villages of 7 districts, it was focused on soybean crop inspection and digital advisory services through the Krishi Clinic app.



Voices of Survivors program

Inspired 55 girls to resist child marriage & pursue education, with participants confidently advancing in MA, Polytechnic, SSC, & HSC students while motivating others to stand against early marriage.

Building Community Engagement in Environment



Celebrated across all the project locations. Tree plantation activities were carried out at the Gram Panchayat office premises, the school campus, and around the newly constructed water conservation sites.



Eminent **World Water Day** with HCL Tech volunteers who participated in **wall painting campaigns**, spreading messages on water conservation, tree plantation, waste management, and rainwater harvesting.

Children

Children's day: The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 45 girls who actively engaged in various activities and celebrations. The program was graced by Mr. Datta Patil, Founder of Yuva Rural Association, as the Chief Guest.



Women



International Women's Day was celebrated at YRA with great enthusiasm. Male colleagues appreciated and recognized the valuable contributions of women. The event also included informative sessions by YRA's women professionals on women's health, hygiene, nutrition, and financial savings.



A team of YRA celebrated "**A Different Diwali**" with especiallyabled women at Shri Ramkrishna Hari Sevabhav Pratishthan, Beltarodi Nagpur. Through games, music, gift distribution, and heartfelt interactions, YRA sought to spread joy, dignity, and a sense of belonging.

Awareness Programs



An awareness program on **World Anti-Trafficking Day** was organized to promote the **"Spot, Stop, and Save"** campaign against child trafficking, sensitizing passengers and strengthening coordination among key departments for effective



Project Leaders of YRA participated in a two-day DPR Preparation Workshop under PoCRA Project, where 25 representatives from partner organizations enhanced their capacities.



Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Senior Vice President Global CSR & Director HCL Foundation visited to project site in Hingna & YRA office in Nagpur



CEO of YRA participated in Harit Summit Edition-1 organized by HCL Foundation at Shiv Nadar University, Dadari, Noida,



German volunteers from DIZ visited the waterbody to learn about YRA's community-driven restoration model and sustainable water conservation efforts.



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Year in Review : Organizational Development



COP -Conference of Panchayats -"Panchayat & Climate Change" Yuva Rural Association (YRA) was proud to participate in and co-host the **Conference of Panchayats on Climate Change (COP)**, supported by **ASAR** and **P-DAG**, held at the **Chitanavis Centre, Nagpur**. The dialogue brought together grassroots leaders, governance institutions, and experts to emphasize the crucial role of **Panchayats** in driving climate action from the ground up. A special address was delivered by **Mr. Abhijeet Ghorpade**, Director, **State Climate Action Cell**.



A three-day residential workshop was organized to strengthen staff alignment with the organization's core values, mission, and long-term vision. The workshop focused on nurturing the identity of a social worker, enhancing interpersonal communication skills, and setting clear goals and milestones for the upcoming quarter.



Program Name	College Name	Nos.
Civic Engagement Internship	SVKM'S NMIMS School of Business Management, Mumbai	2
Internship in Public Health	Parul University, Vadodara	1
Internship on Developing SL Dashboard, Web application.	Symbiosis College of Engineering, Nagpur	10



Master Raoul Kiran Strasser from Konstanz, Germany, as a six-month volunteer for YRA. He will support the organization's Value Education and Climate Change programs while promoting cross-cultural learning and exchange.



YRA, in partnership with The Leprosy Mission Trust India, organized a two-day training for farmers with disabilities on organic farming and food security, sustainable and chemical-free agricultural practices among 60 participants.

YRA's Foundation Day



23 Years of Change & Commitment towards helping people to help themselves Celebrated the journey of Yuva Rural Association

Workshop on Leadership, Accountability, and Sustainable Community Engagement



Core Learning Pillars

The Social Worker Identity:

Defined the role as a "complete chain" of problem-solving—moving from identifying root causes to ensuring long-term sustainability.

Common Minimum Program (CMP):

Focused on high-impact activities that extend beyond specific projects to ensure the organization's permanent presence and benefit to the community.

Leadership Values:

Emphasized **Ownership**(taking full responsibility), **Sensitivity**(focusing on human values like nutrition), and **System Awareness**(strict adherence to organizational protocols).

Staff Capacity Building

Staff capacity building is a strategic investment in people, empowering them with the knowledge, skills, and mindset needed to achieve organizational excellence and create lasting impact. A strong and capable workforce drives innovation, improves performance, and strengthens the organization's ability to respond to emerging challenges.

Key Objectives of Staff Capacity Building:

1. Strengthen Professional Competence – Equip employees with the skills, knowledge, and confidence required to excel in their roles and adapt to evolving needs.
2. Improve Performance and Productivity – Enhance efficiency, reduce errors, and promote high-quality outcomes through continuous learning and development.
3. Drive Organizational Impact – Build the capacity needed to achieve strategic goals, foster innovation, and maximize program effectiveness.
4. Develop Future Leaders – Prepare employees for greater responsibilities by nurturing leadership, decision-making, and specialized expertise.
5. Build Resilience and Adaptability – Enable teams to embrace new technologies, systems, and changing environments with confidence.
6. Foster Collaboration and Teamwork – Strengthen communication, coordination, and collective problem-solving to create a positive and high-performing work culture.

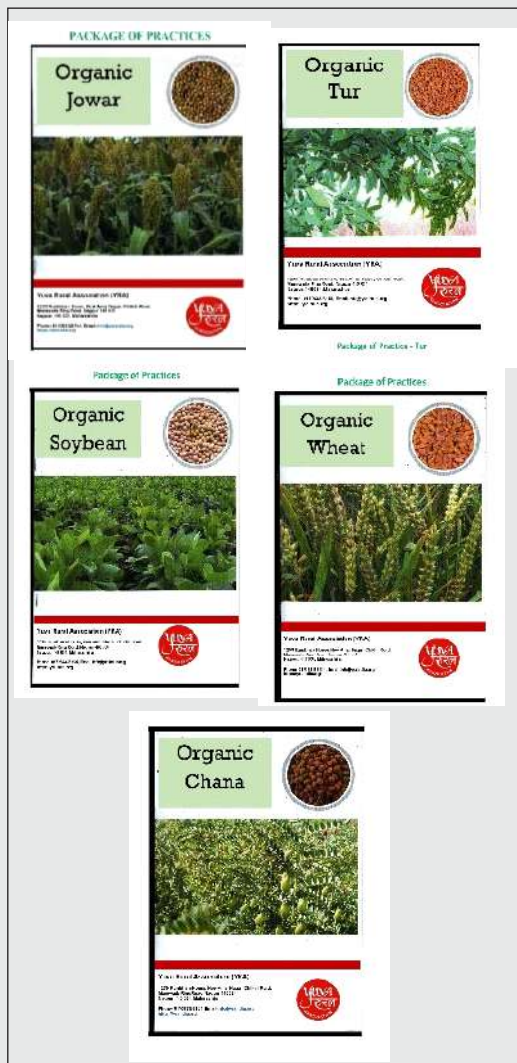
SECTION 2 : Resources

2.1 Strategic Plan 2025-30

In its Sixth Strategic Plan, YRA will strengthen its human resources by improving recruitment and retention of skilled, value-driven professionals. A multidisciplinary Advisory Team will provide strategic guidance, while a lean, decentralized structure will promote accountability, collaboration, and efficient decision-making.

2.2 Publication

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



<https://yraindia.org/about-us/legal-status/>

YRA E-news – The Impact Makers



<https://yraindia.org/e-news-letter-yra/>



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2.3 Development Models



Clean Energy for Cooking (Biogas Project)
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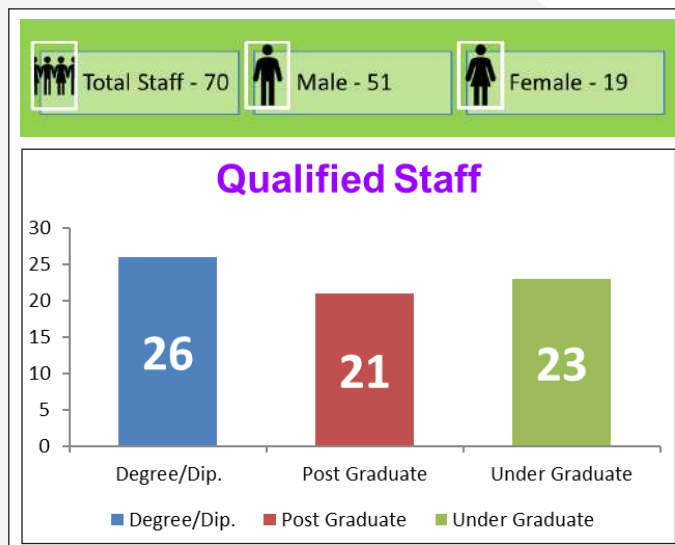


Small Ruminant Based Livelihood
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Protective Irrigation:
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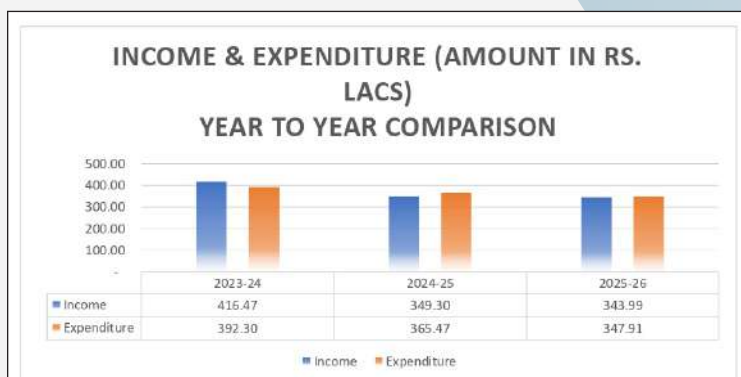
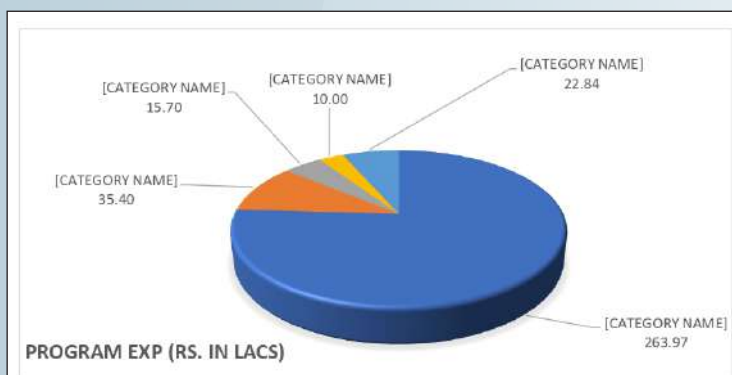
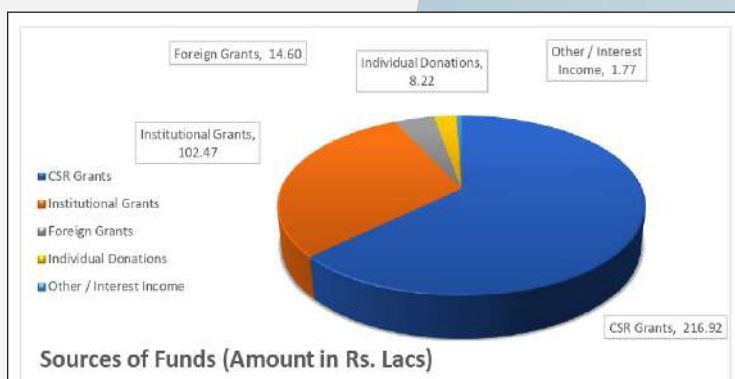
2.4 Human Resources



Expertise

1. Capacity Building	:	04
2. Climate Actions / Environment	:	02
3. Education	:	02
4. Agriculture	:	03
5. Soil & Water Conservation	:	02
6. Livelihood	:	02
7. Monitoring and Evaluation	:	02
8. Gender	:	01
9. MIS & Documentation (IT)	:	02
10. Accounts & Admn	:	02
11. WASH	:	02

SECTION 3 : Financial Report



Audit Report



YUVA (RURAL) ASSOCIATION					
Registration No : 10775/2002 (Bhopal Hoshangabad Sambhag, Madhya Pradesh Society Registriran Adhiniyam, 1973)					
CONSOLIDATED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT					
FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31st MARCH, 2026					
EXPENSES	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
To, Expenditure-Earmarked			By, GRANT-Non Foreign Funds		25,529,049.00
..Business & ASSOCIACY		3,475,386.00	..GRU Project	5,332,514.00	
..Farmers Education	496,101.00		..Infrastr Ltd Climate Change	5,339,001.00	
..Justice to Children	1,354,421.00		..AMR Foundation	80,000.00	
..GRI Education & Counseling	1,625,064.00		..Edgheer Foundation	1,000,000.00	
ELCAPACITY BUILDING		1,013,366.00	..HCL West Kanti project	8,772,308.00	
..Women's Capacity Building	13,366.00		..Brundhara Counseling Centre	13,366.00	
..Organisation Capacity Building	1,000,000.00		..HDB Ltd Environment-Phase-II	4,878,372.00	
ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY		27,471,222.00	..HDB Ltd Environment-Phase-II	1,080,000.00	
..Water Security & Conservation	22,132,221.00		..Diverson based irrigation	21,501.00	
..Environment Preservation-Bio Gas	5,339,001.00		..Tata Trust Project	1,088,405.00	
OLHEALTHCARE & WELFARE		1,243,008.00	..Ministry Grant	825,066.00	
..Farmers livelihood	1,243,008.00		..Gram ID	99,347.00	
			..WAMP ORD	930,624.00	
			..Green Sutra Project	218,549.00	
			By, GRANT- Foreign Funds		1,674,193.00
			..Memoria Project	1,000,000.00	
			..GFCF Project-livelihood	1,243,008.00	
			..Kalkat Satyarthi	1,354,421.00	
			..GFCF Project-Farm Based	76,704.00	
To, Community Contribution Exp		562,300.00	By, Community Contribution		562,300.00
To, Expenditure On Objectives		848,166.00	By, Specific Donation		1,990,334.51
..Domestic Expenditure	822,366.00		..Domestic Donation	1,568,236.00	
..Foreign Expenditure	25,800.00		..Foreign Donation	22,298.51	
To, Establishment Expenses		957,548.44	By, Establishment Income		328,690.00
..Bank Charges	8,884.44		..Interest On Saving Account	18,116.00	
..Salary Expenses	820,920.00		..Interest On Term Deposits	131,774.00	
..Admin Expenses	71,197.00		..Annual Membership Fees	2,630.00	
..Membership Fees Paid	17,000.00		..Hill Fund	44,000.00	
..Travelling Expenses	21,537.00		..Vehicle Rent/Fund	91,000.00	
..Other Expenses	18,013.00				
To, Depreciation		186,836.22	INCOME FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES		23,496.00
..As Per Annexure "A"	186,836.22		..Surplus/Deficit : TDS & Share	179,706.00	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT		-48,830.15	..Payable & Unutilized W/uff	203,372.00	
..Transfer to Balance Sheet					
TOTAL		35,708,462.51	TOTAL		35,708,462.51

As Per Our Report Of Even Date

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Razik Khan & Associates
Chartered Accountant

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31st MARCH, 2026					
RECEIPTS		AMOUNT	PAYMENTS		AMOUNT
To, Opening Balance		₹ 5,894,896.50	By, Earmarked Expenses		₹ 33,396,595.00
.. Bank Balance	₹ 5,873,530.33		.. Expenses Paid- Domestic Grant	₹ 29,628,931.00	
.. Cash In Hand	₹ 21,366.17		.. Expenses Paid- Foreign Projects	₹ 3,767,664.00	
To, Receipts-Earmarked Fund		₹ 39,732,816.57	By, Other Expenditure		
.. Non Foreign Receipts-Grant	₹ 36,916,195.57		.. Establishment Expenses		₹ 8,884.44
.. Community Contribution	₹ 562,800.00		.. Internal Advances Net		₹ 1,013,369.00
.. Foreign Receipts-Grant	₹ 2,253,821.00		.. Corpus FD		₹ 1,897,388.00
To, Grant/Donation		₹ 1,590,534.51	By, Closing Balances		
.. NFC Donation Towards Objectives	₹ 1,568,236.00		.. Cash In Hand	₹ 28,217.17	₹ 13,362,740.14
.. FC Donation Towards Objectives	₹ 22,298.51		.. Balance At Bank	₹ 13,334,522.97	
To, Establishment Income		₹ 460,629.00			
.. Interest On NFC Bank Accounts	₹ 32,523.00				
.. Interest On FC Bank Accounts	₹ 26,593.00				
.. Interest On Time Deposit	₹ 118,310.00				
.. Resource Utilization Receipts	₹ 283,203.00				
To, Other Receipts		₹ 2,000,000.00			
.. Corpus FD	₹ 2,000,000.00				
Total		₹ 49,678,876.58	Total		₹ 49,678,876.58

As Per Our Report Of Even Date

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Date: 06/09/2026

SECTION 3 : Board of Directors

Governing Council Member

Ms. Seemantinee Khot

President

Sustainable Development

Professional : Equity, livelihoods and Corporate Social Responsibility. Over three decades of experience in the development sector, 20 years of direct implementation with NGOs, 7 years of Bilateral Aid and UN assignments, and 7 years in CSR and Sustainability Consulting. She has completed several professional assignments across all the continents.



Mr. Mohan Surve

Vice President.

Mr Surve has completed his Master's degree in Social Work from Mumbai. Currently, he is the CEO of Vikas Sahayog Pratishthan (VSP) a network organization working on the issues of poor and deprived sections of the society in Maharashtra. He has been working in the development sector for the last 25 years.



Mr. Laxmikant Padole

Secretary

Mr Padole, an agriculturist who is also the Director & Head of operations of Neem Foundation Research and Technology Development Centre, Nagpur. He has developed & implemented several innovative ideas in the development of Neem processing machinery, Neem products, and awareness among the farming community since the year 2000.



Dr. Mrunalini Fadnavis

Joint Secretary.

Dr. Fadnavis has PhD in Economics She is a renowned economist and associated with National & International forums and organizations. Dr Fadnavis is Ex. Vice chancellor of Solapur University.



Mr. Raghunath Chauvan

Treasurer.

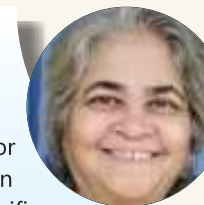
Mr. Chavan is an expert in Credit and Co-operative Societies. He has conducted extensive studies in the Rural Areas. Handling 12+ different cooperative credit societies with A+ grade classification certified by auditors.



Ms. Anita Borkar

Member

Anita Borkar, is based in India, and working as the Regional Coordinator of Training for Transformation Program of the Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE – www.aspbae.org), for over a decade. ASPBAE is a membership - based network with around 120 member organizations in 30 countries of the Asia Pacific region.



Pareparambil Luckose Mathew

Member

He is an experienced development professional with over 30 years of expertise in health, education, water, sanitation, youth development, and rural - urban development. He has led large - scale WASH initiatives in India, including technical support for the Swachh Bharat Mission, and has a proven track record in capacity building, advocacy, and policy influence. Mathew focuses on empowering marginalized communities through sustainable development programs and youth empowerment initiatives.



Looking Ahead

As Yuva Rural Association (YRA) moves into the coming year, we remain committed to strengthening our impact through the following priorities:

Emerging Priorities

- Climate resilience and natural resource management.
- Sustainable livelihoods and rural entrepreneurship.
- Women's and youth economic empowerment.
- Nutrition, education, health, and digital inclusion.
- Community-led governance and institutional strengthening.

Strengthening Partnerships

- Expand collaboration with government departments, CSR partners, foundations, and development agencies.
- Foster partnerships with academic institutions, research organisations, and civil society networks.
- Enhance community participation and local leadership.

Driving Innovation

- Scale climate-smart and renewable energy solutions.
- Leverage digital technologies for program monitoring and service delivery.
- Promote innovative livelihood models and circular economy initiatives.

Resource Mobilization

- Secure long-term institutional and program funding.
- Invest in skilled human resources, digital systems, and organisational capacity.
- Build diversified partnerships to ensure sustainability and greater outreach.

Our Aspirations

- Expand YRA's reach to underserved rural and tribal communities.
- Influence policies and promote replicable development models.
- Build resilient, self-reliant, and inclusive communities that thrive socially, economically, and environmentally.



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