

Be A Jagrik- Samvidhan LIVE!... Live the SDGs

ComMutiny - The Youth Collective’s public initiative, ‘Be A Jagrik – Samvidhan LIVE!...Live the SDGs’ brings together two ‘common narratives’ - The Constitution of India and the Constitution of the World. Through a board game and a refl-active journey, the initiative bridges the gap between text books and reality. It aims to enable young aware and active citizens or Jagriks, live and experience the SDGs and the rights and duties enshrined in the Indian Constitution. As the Jagriks undertake exciting self and community action projects on-ground, they also take their powerful voice for change into the world. Through the intervention the aim is to create a vibrant citizenry, one that is engaged, responsible, aware and can navigate through real life challenges within the constitutional framework and well as be conscious of the sustainability paradoxes the world faces.



The Be A Jargik journey in 2018 began with an online launch across 32 partners on the 2nd October – International Day of Non-Violence. This journey will directly be engaging with 1550 Jagriks across all partners - 11 partners in Uttar Pradesh, supported by UNFPA and 21 partners in 13 other states supported by MISEREOR and DKA Austria. Over a period of 4 to 6 weeks Jagriks in pairs are participating in self and community action projects, while coming together every week to reflect on their learning through group meetings called *Jagrik Jamghats*. Another unique aspect of the journey is collecting promises. The Jagriks through their engagement with other young people will collect 1,00,000 promises - these are the promises that young people want their duty bearers to make to them. Furthur Jagriks will also connect to relevant duty bearers to engage on being responsive and accountable towards nation building.

Visibility of the Initiative



For an initiative where impact can be measured best through lived experiences of young people and their engagement with the constitutional framework it becomes key to tell the change narrative and impact story well. We at ComMutiny, intend to aggregate and amplify the stories of Jagriks across the country to capture the impact of the initiative and to showcase the national footprint of evolving Jagriks. In 2016 and 2017 The Jagrik public initiative has been successful in getting effective media attention and presence. This year too, we are engaging with online partners, mainline media and have an active blog to bring out action stories from ground. Some of our [stories](#) have already become popular on an online news portal - ‘The Optimist Citizen’ platform with around 133 shares. A lot of traffic is also being directed to our website through our active [blog](#) which captures the vibrance of the initiative through Jagrik and Jagrik anchor stories currently. We now have a dedicated [microsite](#) for the initiative. The website is the portal through which all Jagriks, facilitators and partners can be linked and can be engaged while the journeys are being rolled

out at various locations. This website is a work in progress and will prove to be a very resourceful portal managing the extensive community of Jagrik and Jagrik facilitators from across the country.

Stories of young active citizens are stories of hope, and a hint at how youth are not just the leaders of tomorrow but also today. This initiative happening across the country at almost a war footing, is certainly newsworthy. For greater amplification work the initiative is engaging with a PR agency which has helped us get ANI to post a press release which has been picked up by 10 mainline platforms including India News Today. Within Uttar Pradesh the press release went into the 7 regional media platforms. Apart from this all partners are encouraged to engage with local and national media that they may have contact with. Stories from current cohort of Urja Ghar Jagriks a partner from Gujarat, has already been covered by [BBC Gujrati](#) and [DNA](#).



The initiative is keenly leveraging Whatsapp for quick communication and maintaining the rigor by sharing snippets of on-ground sharing. On Facebook we have [Be A Jagrik open group](#) which has been active for 3 years, and is a space that reflects the experiences and learning of new Jagriks from the ground adding to the virtual community of aware and awakened citizens. The Youth Collective [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) handle constantly put out aggregated regional stories showcasing the national footprint of the initiative. [5th Space Voyager Instagram](#) handle covers the personal experiences and profiles through | Meet The Jagrik | series.

Be A Jagrik goes regional !



UP partners with 'Be a jagrik' game kit, during the foundation workshop

There is no doubt that Be a Jagrik needs to go far, wide and deep. With a wide presence across the country already, an opportunity arose, to take Be a Jagrik deep into states. This year with support from UNFPA, ComMutiny in partnership with Pravah in Delhi and Yeh Ek Soch Foundation in Lucknow, set up the first regional secretariat of the initiative, engaging 10 new partner organisations in the state to effectively run the Be A Jagrik along with other leadership programmes. These partners are Avadh People's Forum, Azad Shikshan Kendra, Badlav, Bewajah, De-Haath, Gramya, Mahila Swa-Rozgaar Samiti, PACE, Swatantra Talim, Vanangana.

A 7 day Foundation Workshop for capacity building along with 2 day Jagrik TOT marked the launch of Be A Jagrik, UP Chapter. Post the Jagrik TOT, all the partners have started with their journeys on ground. Through these partners a cohort of 50 jagriks per organization will undertake the experiential journey to understand how constitution and SDGs form an integral part of our lives. This is just the beginning of regional collectivization which will only expand from hereon, one state at a time.

Jagrik Stories from Across the Nation

Northern India:

Pravah this year has reached out to 270 young people and through them collected around 450 promises in Delhi. They will be doing the initiative with NSS volunteers from Deshbandhu College. Cracking this partnership has been a significant highlight for the organization. Utkarsh Mishra the President of NSS society of his college was a previous volunteer at Pravah and had experienced some of the Jagrik tasks and wanted to create similar experiences for the NSS volunteers. *The YP Foundation* is doing the Jagrik journey this year in collaboration with another organisation in Delhi - YUVA. They have reached out to 45 young people of a community in Adarsh Nagar, Delhi and have conducted the an Orientation Workshop with them.

In Uttar Pradesh, *Swatantra Talim* carried out mobilization addas at a college level. Jagriks of *Gramya Santhan* in Naugarh, Chndauli district carried out a candle light march to spread awareness on Constitutional literacy and talk about the initiative. They reached almost 500 citizens through this activity. *Venangana* conducted a mobilisation adda at girl's college and school reaching out to 235 young people. They also conducted a media interaction to introduce the concept of the initiative to their community *Bewajah Samiti*, also conducted a mobilisation adda with a college and students participated actively in the sessions. The youth came up with an interest in relating their daily lives with the constitution. Even the principals motivated students them to speak up and ask questions. *Awadh People's Forum* conducted mobilization addas at colleges including the girl's colleges with a total outreach of 260 out of which 150 were girls. Teachers of the colleges were also keen on participating in the Jagrik program. *Badlaav and Azad Shikshan Kendra* have also successfully completed their mobilization with 42 and 329 young people respectively. A large part of this cohort comes from low socio-economic background. *Mahila Swa Rozgaar Samiti* and *PACE* reached out to 197 and 312 people respectively in rural areas through mobilization adda. *De- Haath Society* will be engaging the artisan community in the Jagrik journey and so far have reached out to 25 urban women and though interactions have found out that though they knew about the Constitution, they were hearing about SDGs for the first time.



Bewajah's Mobilization session in Lucknow University

Central India:



First cohort of Anhad Pravah Jagriks during felicitation ceremony.

Anhad Pravah in Indore have collected 250 promises through mobilisation addas. They have done the journey in two parts. In the first part comprising of 8 youth and adolescents have completed their journey and their closure event was organized on 24th November. The second cohort of 35 adolescents from a Government High School in Jawahar Tekri is currently in their third week of tasks. Their felicitation closure ceremony is planned along with the annual event of the school on 26th January. *Agrini* in Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh has conducted mobilization adda with 3 schools reaching 170 students and collecting 150 promises. 57 Jagriks from Proton Public School and Agrini Public School have already embarked on their journey. *Synergy Sansthaan* in Harda district has successfully conducted a mobilization adda and collected promises with 200 young people. The organization will be facilitating the Jagrik journey for 40 students from Holy Faith School.

North Eastern India:

InSide North East from Manipur was amongst the first few organizations in starting the journey. They set an example by hosting the orientation session in an innovative way through a volleyball match. As youth enjoy sports, this was certainly a good way to get the Be A Jagrik game started with a cohort of 34. They also hosted expansive and riveting Jamghats on gender equality and discrimination. They are already in the 3rd week of the game, in the course of which recently Jagriks went on a group exposure as well.

Farm2Food began its journey in early October with 88 Jagriks in Assam, which is a mix of college and school students, who are currently in 3rd week of the game.

We Are Young Foundation organized a mobilization adda reaching out to 250 young people collecting around 215 promises in Guwahati.

CanYouth NGO have some interesting Jagrik experiences to share from Dimapur, Nagaland. Some of which are- recently, Ritsali Sangtam, student of Viphuho Foundation High School completed his task on Fundamental Duty. *Through this he earned an amount of Rs. 100 by selling products that promoted his culture. Vincent Mech, another student of Viphuho Foundation High School completed his Fundamental Duty task on Environment. He participated in educating his neighbours and family members in keeping their surroundings clean.*



Jagrik Ritsali from CAN Youth NGO

Eastern India:



Jagriks of People For Change during one of the Jamghats

CSEI and *Diksha Foundation* in Bihar have kick-started the journey on-ground through an orientation, leading into participants picking their first tasks and attending Jamghat. This has begun with a cohort of 30 each.

People For Change in Jharkhand is doing the journey with 40 adolescent Jagriks from Jamshedpur Public School and they have completed 3 weeks of the Be A Jagrik game. Recently Kagrik Shrishti and Shweta completed their task of interviewing the 'safai karmchari' of their school about their aspirations and what freedom means to them. *Prantakatha* in this journey are doing it with 15 adolescents and 21 youth in Kolkata. Recently, Jagrik Arpan completed the task of identifying five personal superstitions that he regularly follows and experiencing a week without practicing them. Through three testimonials in form of videos he reported back on the Jagrik facebook group.

Western India:

Pravah Jaipur Initiative has completed their orientation with 30 students of Subodh Law College and Kanoriya Girls College with collection of around 200 promises. *ALFA Education Society* in Udaipur is in the first week of the game with a cohort of 40 youth from urban and rural background.

Sauhard in Ahmedabad has a cohort of 36 Jagriks. One of the Jagriks Rushika shared her experience- *"As part of a group task we went and talked to a meat seller, who's is Muslim and has his meat shop near a Hanuman temple. The first thing he asked us was, "Why did you come to fine me?" He was very hesitant to open up. Later he shared the challenges he face in running this business at that location. This task helped me find a new perspective and it was altogether a new experience as I had never visited a place like that before. It helped me get to know the importance of the right to freedom and I realized that somewhere or the other we do take our fundamental rights for granted and because of the Jagrik game, I now try and keep these rights and duties in my mind, which makes me into a vigilant and better citizen."*

Urja Ghar's first cohort of 20 adolescents from Ahmedabad,



Orientation Workshop at Sauhard

are shining bright and have already been covered by media. Quite early on these Jagriks have begun to bring change in their classrooms. Jagrik Adqas Makrani of Crescent School was asked to writing a Constitution for his school as part of his task and his work has been embraced by teachers and school authorities alike.

Southern India:



Dengue Awareness drive by the Jagriks of Audacious Dreams Foundations

Rubaroo has completed the orientation with 51 Jagriks from Vivekananda Government Degree College, Vidyanagar, Hyderabad. Jagrik anchor Nishanth shared “At the beginning of the orientation workshop, most of the participants operated from a position of entitlement, where they expected to receive but not give. This could be seen in their behaviour and in the thoughts that they shared. But by the end of two days, there had been a radical transformation where a lot of the participants became acutely aware of the consequences of their actions on people and environment surrounding them. This could be seen in even the small act of gathering trash after the workshop to ensure that their college remains clean.”

Audacious Dreams Foundation our partner in Tamil Nadu has 80 Jagriks from Auxilium College, Vellore who are coming out with flying colors. This bunch of enthusiastic Jagriks are not just making a loud noise on-ground but equally on-line as they pick on challenging tasks like- taking a beggar to a restaurant, upcycling products, female Jagrik learning to ride a bike, carrying on with everyday tasks with one hand and one leg tied up etc.

Going Forward

In the coming weeks these journeys will continue and more Jagriks will join the bandwagon from *Bharat Calling*, Madhya Pradesh and *Vayali*, Kerala.

National Event

The culmination of **Be a Jagrik – Samvidhan Live...Live the SDGs** will be celebrated in form of a national event. The event recognizes and felicitates the efforts of the top Jagriks from different parts of the country. This event also brings together constitutional experts, policy makers, bureaucrats and civil society representatives to engage in a conversation on how to understand and bring alive the Constitution and SDGs.

ComMutiny along with its playing partners intends to come together on the 26th February to celebrate the inspiring journeys of Jagriks from all across the country. Through music created by Jagriks and championed by eminent musicians, this year’s celebration will bring alive the Indian Constitution and SDGs in the capital. Jagriks will be performing with renowned singers and musicians to share their stories and experiences.

Advocacy with duty bearers

The initiative this year has also created a unique opportunity for young people to engage with duty bearers as they share the romises that young people would like their duty bearers to make to them. This experience will instill tremendous amounts of enthusiasm and excitement about the governance process in young people, as well as strengthen their confidence in their own abilities to be agents of change.

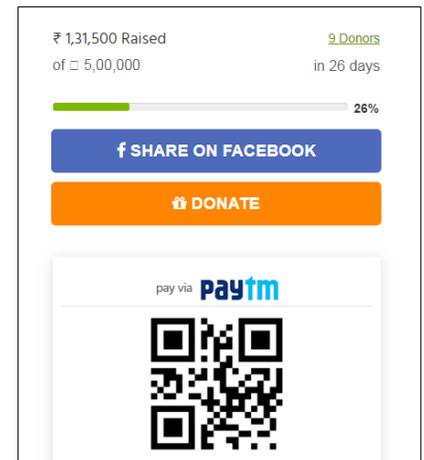
Crowdsourced fundraising for Be A Jagrik



Crowd funding on Global Giving

For the current cycle, ComMutiny has begun a crowd funding initiative through two online platforms - [Global Giving](#) and [Impact Guru](#). We are fundraising to create a National platform for celebrating and showcasing the leadership experiences of Jagriks before key stakeholders and decision makers. We would like to thank all our supporters who have donated through our online portal and a big shout out to the entire forum and board members to being champions for fundraising.

Crowd funding on Impact Guru



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