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EVERY YOUTH A JAGRIK, EVERY SPACE NURTURING JAGRIKS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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The crisis the world faced this year, brought to the surface just how interconnected and interdependent we are. As the ComMutiny-vartaLeap ecosystem responded instinctively to the COVID-19 crisis with relief efforts, we realized that working towards individual and collective wellbeing was just as important as saving lives.

SaathNirbhar: Wellbeing Together, COVID-19 Response (Relief and Recovery) reached 6.2 Lakhs People across 17 states in the country. Recognition from the World Economic Forum's COVID Response Alliance for Social Entrepreneurs as one of India's Top 50 COVID-19 Last Mile Responders, was a celebration of what is possible when we collaborate while playing to our strengths, individually and collectively. The renewed energy and collective solidarity we found in these challenging times, has now become a hallmark of the coalition.

Our continued focus on nurturing spaces for youth leadership and active citizenship led to scaling with soul (scouling) of the Samvidhan LIVE! Be A Jagrik, Samjho Toh: The Samvidhan LIVE! Dialogues and Fraternity Labs and the Wellbeing innovations, Togetherness Table and Q-ki Championship. Apart from scouling these tested innovations, we have also designed and piloted Gender Jagrik (Inspired Insider Initiative).

Ashraf Patel, Co-Founder of Pravah, ComMutiny and the vartaLeap Coalition was recognised as one of 15 Global Social Innovators for 2022 by Schwab Foundation at the World Economic Forum. This recognition for the sector has helped to strengthen the narrative of 'Every Youth a Jagrik' and has spotlighted the need for 'Every Space Nurturing Jagriks'. In addition to this, our Amplification efforts have led to over 30 media stories and 21.8 M social media impressions.

Having emerged from the pandemic stronger and perhaps wiser, we are privileged to have a diverse and rich community that endeavours to co-create a Jagrik Jahan, where intergenerational solidarities help to shape a sustainable, just and equal world.

APPROACH

Vision

Moving youth-centric development from the margins and making it a new norm in every space that young people occupy or that impacts young people, beyond the youth sector with the shared mission...

Every Youth a *Jagrik, Every Space Nurturing Jagriks

**Jagriks are self-awakened, aware and active citizens who are being the change they want to see in the world.*

Approach



The **5th Space** is a space that exists beyond and between the 4 legitimate spaces occupied by youth that are Family, Friends, Education/ Career and Leisure/ Entertainment. These erstwhile spaces for youth are more often than not governed by others, the rules of these spaces and the norms are not set by young

people. The 5th Space alternatively is governed by young people and rejects the instrumentalist view towards young people. It focuses on transforming young people by engaging them in social change and promoting their social action experiments. It nurtures social inclusion and holistic development by fostering feelings of **freedom, ownership, love, learning and social hope**.

Strategies

ComMutiny-vartaLeap Strategies include

- **Aggregating 5th Spaces** - Bringing together and synergizing a cross-sectoral stakeholders into a robust coalition.
- **Accelerating 5th Spaces** - Designing, piloting and scaling (scaling with soul), youth centric experiences to address current psychosocial, economic and ecological needs of young people.
- **Amplifying 5th Spaces** - Narratives to shift norms on youth centric development across sectors.

AGGREGATING 5TH SPACES

Sustaining the Collective



263

Members



139

Organisations



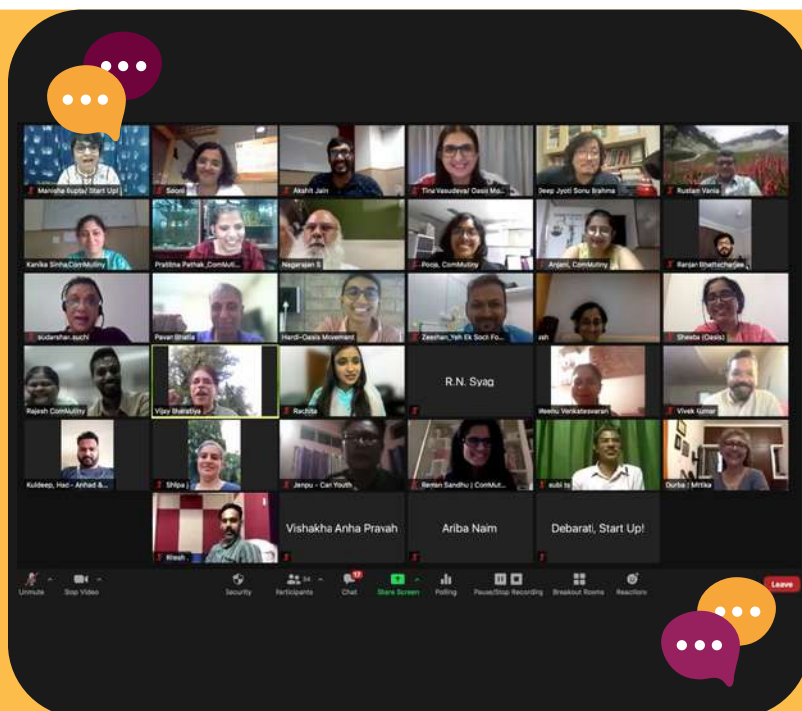
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States

The ComMutiny-vartaLeap ecosystem is a diverse and collaborative community of practice that continues to stay and flourish together because of the voluntary energy of the members that drives the collective. The members of the ecosystem ensure that our shared vision of “Every Youth a Jagrik, Every Space Nurturing Jagriks” is heard, understood, and amplified across the world and reflects in their engagement in the communities and stakeholders they work with.

More than 250 members nurture the collective with their time, passion, love and attention by participating in various working groups and/ or vartaLabs (innovation labs) to take the mission of ‘Every Youth a Jagrik, Every Space Nurturing Jagriks’ forward. Community building spaces like **Bonding Nights**, **Cinder Nights**, **Learning Day** and **Shukraguzar Hour** are regularly hosted by and for members to strengthen solidarity and celebrate the collective spirit.

The Annual vartaLeap Treat #6 SaathNirbhar: Our Inside-Out Wellbeing Story was a celebration of solidarity, friendships and the collaborative youth-centric impact that have been nurtured especially over the last year. This confluence through 3 half days (2nd, 3rd and 4th September 2021) allowed members to delve deeper into the year that was - all knitted around the theme of interdependence and interconnectedness. Together, we reflected on and evaluated vartaLeap’s journey, and co-created forward looking strategies.



ACCELERATING 5TH SPACES

Through co-designing, piloting and scaling youth-centric innovations and creating learning resources, we have been responsive to some of the most pressing needs and issues that affect young people in the current context. As these innovations are adopted and adapted by a large number of youth engaging organisations across the country, it strengthens the best practices for youth development like the FLOWING design principle that have been co-created in the vartaLeap Coalition.



276

Youth Workers



7386

Jagriks



21

States

Learning Resources

Films

A film called [Q-ki National Championship - A SaathNirbhar Wellbeing Innovation](#) was created on the journey and impact of the Q-कि National Championship (Wellbeing Edition) with 700+ intergenerational participants who joined the game show on collective wellbeing to nurture resilient communities during COVID second wave.

Reports/ Manuals

The [Sparkling Wellbeing](#) Adolescent-Led Appreciative Enquiry process was conducted in the 5 South Asia countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India & Pakistan) in partnership with UNICEF - South Asia with 3200 adolescent and community respondents, through 266 enquirers, who were guided by 41 youth facilitators from 8 partner agencies. We also designed an [online course](#) for adolescents and facilitators from all across the globe to use the tool in their respective contexts with minimal assistance.

Curricula

- ComMutiny has been on the advisory committee for the Deshbhakti Curriculum being developed by the Delhi Government. In addition to key inputs on the content, we have also contributed to the assessment framework and are supporting the roll out process in schools.
- Youth Centric Innovations on the themes affecting today's youth have been co-created in the vartaLeap coalition. Details shared below.



Youth Centric Innovations

1. Wellbeing

To address the wellbeing crisis that emerged during the second wave of COVID-19 and highlighting the role of intergenerational solidarity in nurturing collective wellbeing, we designed wellbeing editions of our existing innovations - Togetherness Table and Q-ki Championship.

1.1. Togetherness Table

Togetherness Table: Wellbeing Edition is a unique experience that creates a safe space to build 'Feelings' Literacy' by opening up dialogues in intergenerational settings. It is a game in the form of 'refl-action' tasks centered on the 5th space feelings of love, ownership, freedom, learning and social hope.



3240

Intergenerational
Participants



105

Youth
Workers



108

Togetherness
Table Journeys



11

States



1.2. Q-Ki National Championship

Q-Ki is a reality check game show played by intergenerational teams who compete through interactive quizzes, plutory (Plural Story) performances and Imaginative practices that aim to foreground the need for building collective societal wellbeing during COVID-19 through its amplification and outreach strategies. In addition, it also creates wellbeing for the participants who experience co-creation, empathy and connections. A number of organisations and community leaders who were on the frontlines during COVID response also joined as participants, deeply recognising the need for wellbeing awareness.



98

Teams



16

States



2000

People Reached



2. Living the Constitution

2.1 Samjho Toh - The Samvidhan LIVE! Dialogues and Fraternity Labs

Young people with potentially polarizing world views go through stages of understanding multiple viewing points, deep dialoguing, collaboration and co-creation by drawing upon the values enshrined in the Preamble to the Constitution of India. Young people who experienced this journey bridged many fault lines despite their opposing point of views and co-created their shared idea of India.


1087

Intergenerational
Participants


52

Youth
Workers


11175

Community
Members Impacted


15

States



2.2 Samvidhan LIVE! Be a Jagrik

'Samvidhan LIVE! Be a Jagrik' is a board game that aims to help adolescents live and experience their fundamental rights and duties, enshrined in the Indian Constitution towards building a democracy that is participative, responsible and constitutionally aware.


946

Jagriks


7

States


7095

Social Action Projects



3. Gender

3.1. Gender Jagrik

Gender Jagrik, a leadership journey with men and boys aims to bring down the gender-based violence, enhance positive life indicators for women significantly (like school enrolment, freedom of movement, decision making, sexual and reproductive rights, relationships etc.) and shift narratives about masculinity. This period saw the innovation being co-created and the pilot phase being implemented.



113+
Adolescents and
Young People



4
States



500
Community
Members Impacted



Capacity Building of Youth Workers

- **PurUsPar: Spurring Collectivisation at Indian School of Development Management**

A 2-day course designed to inspire youth leaders to collectivise for systemic, sustainable and community owned social change was offered to 30 students of ISDM in March, 2022 facilitated by our co-founders - Ashraf Patel and Meenu Venkateswaran. As one of its key elements, the course also included inspiring conversation with sectoral leaders to ensure that students learn from celebrations and challenges faced by those who are leading collective experiences across the world.



- **Reframe A Pan Asia Summit by Breakthrough**

Held in March, 2022, the conference aimed at bringing together Gender Based Violence and Gender Based Advocates together to design and create a common action plan outlining commitment of resources and expertise across Asia. The Gender Jagrik vartaLab presented the innovation of Inspired Insiders through a demonstration of the dialogue circle. The session was attended by 22 members from different organizations and regions.

- **Togetherness Table at Learning Planet**

We co-created an intergenerational space with 50+ young people and youth workers from across the globe where they experienced the 5th Space Feelings of love, learning, ownership, freedom and social hope by playing the Togetherness Table at the Learning Planet Festival hosted by the Learning Planet Institute.



- **Exploring key imperatives of youth centric development with youth workers from the Commonwealth**

During the International Youth Work Week, in partnership with Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Workers' Associations (CAYWA) and Commonwealth Youth Programme, we hosted the Ocean In A Drop: International Orientation Workshop for youth work professionals. The 2 workshops attended by 60+ youth workers from across the world, explored key imperatives in youth work, provided an overview of the journey and sharing of experiences and learnings by the alumni. Ocean In A Drop is a powerful learning journey by Pravah that has nurtured 1000+ youth work professionals and youth development ecosystem in India and across the Commonwealth.

- **Capacity building of youth workers**

470+ youth workers were trained to understand, adopt and adapt various ComMutiny-vartaLeap innovations in their communities and amplify the narrative of collective wellbeing and youth leadership on digital platforms.

AMPLIFYING 5TH SPACES

This year, with the context of COVID-19, our narrative building strategies brought focus on the role of young people and youth workers in addressing the crisis. **SaathNirbhar: Wellbeing Together!** became our clarion call that amplified the interdependence of individual and collective wellbeing and its role in preventive wellbeing. Throughout the year, with the many public engagement activities, we were able to build a strong narrative on the need for collaboratives to solve the complex challenges of our times.



21.8 Million
Online impressions



30+
Media Stories

Social Innovator of the Year 2022:

Ashraf Patel, our Co-Founder was recognised as one of 15 Global Social Innovators for 2022 by Schwab Foundation at the World Economic Forum.



India's Top 50 COVID-19 Last Mile Responders:

World Economic Forum's COVID Response Alliance for Social Entrepreneurs recognized the scale with soul impact of our COVID Response Campaign 'SaathNirbhar: Wellbeing Together' under the category 'Leading Multi-stakeholder SocEnt-led Partnerships'.



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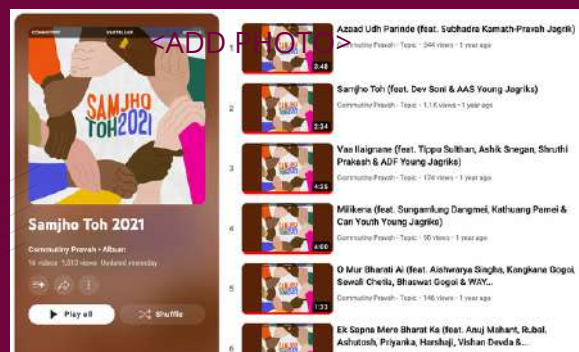
We were recognised by the +1 Global Fund community for our work on mitigating or alleviating the effects of COVID-19 on vulnerable communities in India.



Music Products

'Samjho Toh 2021', a music album with 16 powerful songs in 7 Indian languages (Tamil, Assamese, Bengali, Hindi, Malayalam, Nagamese, Ho) capturing the stories of harmony. The album is LIVE on [YouTube](#) and other streaming platforms.

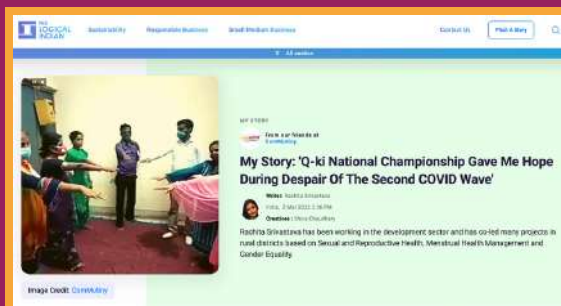
Samjho Toh 2021



Media Partnerships

The quality of media stories and coverage during the last year has grown significantly. Our partnerships with **The Logical Indian (TLI)** and **India Development Review (IDR)** deepened paving the way for sustained engagement and regular stories on the most pertinent issues impacting young people and youth workers. We collaborated with a number of Tier 1 platforms including **The Better India, India Today, The Times of India, Navbharat Times, The Indian Express** on **30+ stories** building youth centric narratives, garnering over **20 Million impressions** online.

Some Significant Media Stories

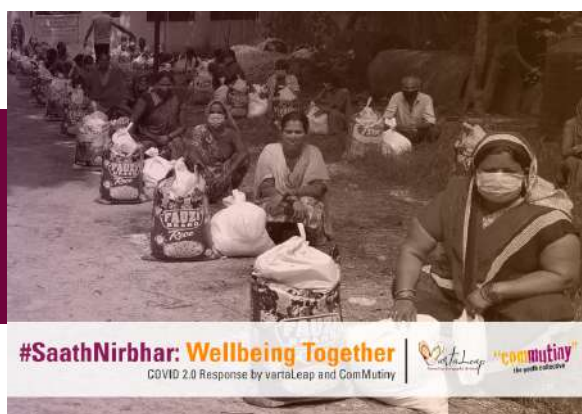


SaathNirbhar: Wellbeing Together Public Initiative

1.1 COVID Response: Relief and Recovery

As the vartaLeap ecosystem ventured heart first into relief and recovery response during the second wave of COVID-19, the coalition became a space where resources were raised, accessed and distributed. The members who had a strong presence in the grassroots became the last mile responders by reaching hundreds of marginalized communities. At a time when isolation, despair and hopelessness was being experienced by over 90% of the country, the shared feelings of collective love, leadership and solidarity that emerged from the #SaathNirbhar (interdependent) experience inspired us to take it out to the world.

Read the full COVID Impact Report [here](#).



1.2 Q-Ki National Championship

Played in a gamified championship format, Q-Ki National Championship saw intergenerational dialogues on the need for collective wellbeing and best practices on how to nurture it in diverse communities. In 37 matches intergenerational participants presented 112 plenary performances highlighting wellbeing from multiple viewing points and 200+ best imaginative practices for enhancement of collective wellbeing. The combined online reach was **2.5 Million+**.

1.3 vartaLaap: an intergenerational dialogue on collective wellbeing

This conversation with an inspiring line of cross-sectoral and community leaders as they shared personal experiences of managing wellbeing and their take on #SaathNirbhar (interdependence) during COVID times was a huge hit amongst the youth workers and frontline workers. They engaged in deeply personal and honest conversations sharing about their own challenges, struggles and losses in these times which a number of audience members found extremely relatable and inspiring.

1.4 (un)Conferences and SaathNirbhar Jagrik Celebration: India's Got Leadership Talent

During the SaathNirbhar: Wellbeing Together campaign, our members came across exceptional individuals and organizations whose COVID response work, particularly in the context of strengthening youth leadership, has been noteworthy. As a part of this growing movement of interdependence, we recognised and celebrated 43 [SaathNirbhar Saathis](#), i.e., individuals/ organizations.

The culmination of this exercise was the **SaathNirbhar Jagrik Celebration: India's Got Leadership Talent**, an online event that was attended by 550+ people - young leaders, youth workers, social entrepreneurs, donors, policy makers, political leaders, media representatives, including the SaathNirbhar Saathis and their communities. 18 cross-sectoral influencers joined the event to celebrate these stories of resilience, courage, compassion and scouling (scaling with soul) and share about their own experiences during the pandemic. 100+ vartaLeap members came together to make it a truly SaathNirbhar (interdependent) effort.



Events in Partnerships

Dialogues to mainstream youth leadership and youth centric development with

- **InvokED** by Shikshalokam
- Conclave of Grassroots Facilitators on **Working with Boys, Men & Masculinities** by Talash and American Jewish World Service

- **Instagram LIVE** on youth volunteering with Instagram influencer *Satyshya*.
- **Youth Adda on Breaking the Glass Ceiling:** Youth and Gender Equality with UN Volunteers

BALANCE SHEET

COMMUTINY-THE YOUTH COLLECTIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2022

LIABILITIES	SCHEDULE	TOTAL	ASSETS	SCHEDULE	TOTAL
Capital Fund			FIXED ASSETS:		
As per last Balance Sheet	66,59,425.95		General Account	"1A"	84,375.00
Add-Excess of Income over Expenditure	14,95,694.71	81,55,120.66	Foreign Account	"1B"	2,92,470.00
Capital Fund-Fixed Asset					
Addition as per Contra		3,76,845.00			
Restricted Fund (Indian Grants)					
Opening Balance	17,63,764.72				
Add-Grant received	1,96,18,882.68				
Add-Transfer For Projects	91,118.83				
Less-Utilised	1,74,54,928.90	40,18,837.33			
Restricted Fund (Foreign Grants)					
Opening Balance	39,69,477.14				
Add-Grant received	2,95,57,139.00				
Less-Utilised	1,65,10,649.42	1,70,15,966.72			
Un-Restricted Fund			CURRENT ASSETS		
As per last Balance Sheet	34,96,480.33		General Account	"2A"	1,21,73,957.99
Add:Addition during the year	2,05,927.00		F.C. Account	"2B"	2,12,20,728.05
Add-Interest earned on Foreign Funds	5,02,354.00	42,04,761.33			
TOTAL RS.		3,37,71,531.04		TOTAL RS.	3,37,71,531.04

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Opening Balances			Utilization		
General Account	84,23,190.67		General Account	1,74,54,928.90	
Foreign Contribution	74,65,957.47	1,58,89,148.14	Foreign Contribution	1,65,10,649.42	3,39,65,578.32
Grant Received			Other Overhead Expenses		
General Account	1,96,18,882.68		General Expenses	3,978.46	
Foreign Contribution	2,95,57,139.00	4,91,76,021.68	Honorarium	97,500.00	
Other Income			Covid relief	6,35,966.00	7,37,444.46
General Account	18,70,918.00				
Foreign Contribution	2,05,927.00	20,76,845.00			
Bank Interest			Closing Balances		
General Account	4,53,340.00		General Account	1,21,73,957.99	
Foreign Contribution	5,02,354.00	9,55,694.00	Foreign Contribution	2,12,20,728.05	3,33,94,686.04
TOTAL RS.		6,80,97,708.82	TOTAL RS.		6,80,97,708.82

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	TOTAL	INCOME	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Expenditure met from Foreign Grants		1,65,10,649.42	GRANTS FOREIGN(incl Intt)		
Expenditure met From Indian Grants		1,74,54,928.90	Received During the year	2,98,24,659.00	
Other Overhead Expenses			Add: Interest on SB/FD	5,25,010.00	
General Expenses	3,978.46		Add:Unutilised as on 01.04.2021	74,65,957.47	
Honorarium	97,500.00		Less:Unutilised as on 31.03.2022	2,13,04,977.05	1,65,10,649.42
Covid relief	6,35,966.00		Grants INDIAN		
Support to Projects	91,118.83		Received During the year	1,96,18,882.68	
Excess of Income over Expenditure		14,95,694.71	Add:Unutilised as on 01.04.2021	17,63,764.72	
TOTAL RS.		3,62,89,836.32	Add:Transfer from Capital Fund	91,118.83	
			Less:Unutilised as on 31.03.2022	40,18,837.33	
			Less: Refunds of Grant (incl. intt.)	-	1,74,54,928.90
			Other General Income		18,70,918.00
			Bank Interest on SB/FD		4,53,340.00
TOTAL RS.		3,62,89,836.32	TOTAL RS.		3,62,89,836.32

Examined and Found correct in accordance with the books of accounts and informations and explanations furnished to us.

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Convener Trustee Trustee

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