

“commutiny”

the youth collective



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A glimpse of the year gone by

Note from the Convener

ComMutiny stands for the first 'mutiny' within a young person, symbolic of the fact that social and systemic transformation cannot happen without personal transformation. Our community of practice of 130+ members with the vartaLeap coalition – a cross sectoral grouping of over 150 members, are trying to move youth-centric development out of the margins, into the mainstream by building the narrative – 'Every youth a Jagrik, Every Space Nurturing Jagriks'. A Jagrik is a self awakened, aware and active citizen who is being the change even as they transform the world around them.

As the year 2020 unfolded with unprecedented tragedy, our plans were turned on their heads and yet, it could not be clearer to us that our work with young people and youth leaders had to continue and be scaled (scale with soul) to address the social breakdowns that we were witnessing. We at ComMutiny and vartaLeap remained strong in our resolve to continue working with youth leaders and young people to nurture resilience and hope among them.

Young people were seen playing an important role at the frontline of COVID-19 response by supporting their communities to cope with the crisis. Independent, voluntary initiatives led by members of our ecosystem on food security, health, safety reached over 50000 families and as a collective we stood united in our efforts to:

- Build capacities of youth workers to be able to respond to COVID-19. Foreground wellbeing as a key imperative to rebuild communities
- Shift the narrative from despair to hope through onground and online initiatives
- Create safe spaces for social entrepreneurs to experience solidarity and resilience even as they rebuild their communities
- Support young people to safely become first responders to the COVID-19 crisis in their communities.

Our COVID-19 response work was also embedded into the Samvidhan LIVE! Be a Jagrik journeys that 10000+ adolescents and young people undertook, leading 45000+ self and social action tasks.

We launched the Samjho Toh, Samvidhan LIVE Dialogues to address polarisation across faultiness which were further exposed during these stressful times.

We launched Jabardast Jagrik journeys with 200 young people in Uttar Pradesh who designed and implemented their own social action project to address issues of GBV, Girls' Education, SRHR and Menstrual Hygiene.

The 'GenNation Building' public initiative brought out the need to create frameworks focussed on young people – in this case, the Youth Duties and Rights Framework. Key partnerships with UNICEF YuWaah, UNICEF ROSA, Catalyst 2030 and other national and international youth work networks, gave us the opportunity to promote and build on 5th Space practices for youth workers.

This year was significant for the sector at large as Ashraf Patel, Co-founder of ComMutiny and member of vartaLeap was awarded the Social Entrepreneur of the Year India 2020 by Schwab Foundation in collaboration with the Jubilant Bhartia group. This indeed was momentous as it brought much needed recognition to the youth work sector and youth-centric development.

COVID-19 is far from over and as we once again find ourselves in the midst of the second wave, we find great strength and solidarity in the collectives and communities that we are a part of. We express deep gratitude to the young people of India for always showing us the way. We are also deeply grateful to members of our collective, partners and supporters for their belief in young people as together we navigated individual and collective challenges, while rebuilding our communities in these terribly uncertain times.



Kanika Sinha, Convener
ComMutiny - The Youth Collective

March 2021

II. Aggregating 5th Spaces -

Collectivising some of the best youth-centric organizations and youth-work practitioners in the country into an effective, collaborative eco-system. These organizations represent a large cross section of a very diverse youth population in both urban and rural areas.

 **264**
Members

 **21**
States

 **178000**
Young People & Youth Workers Engaged

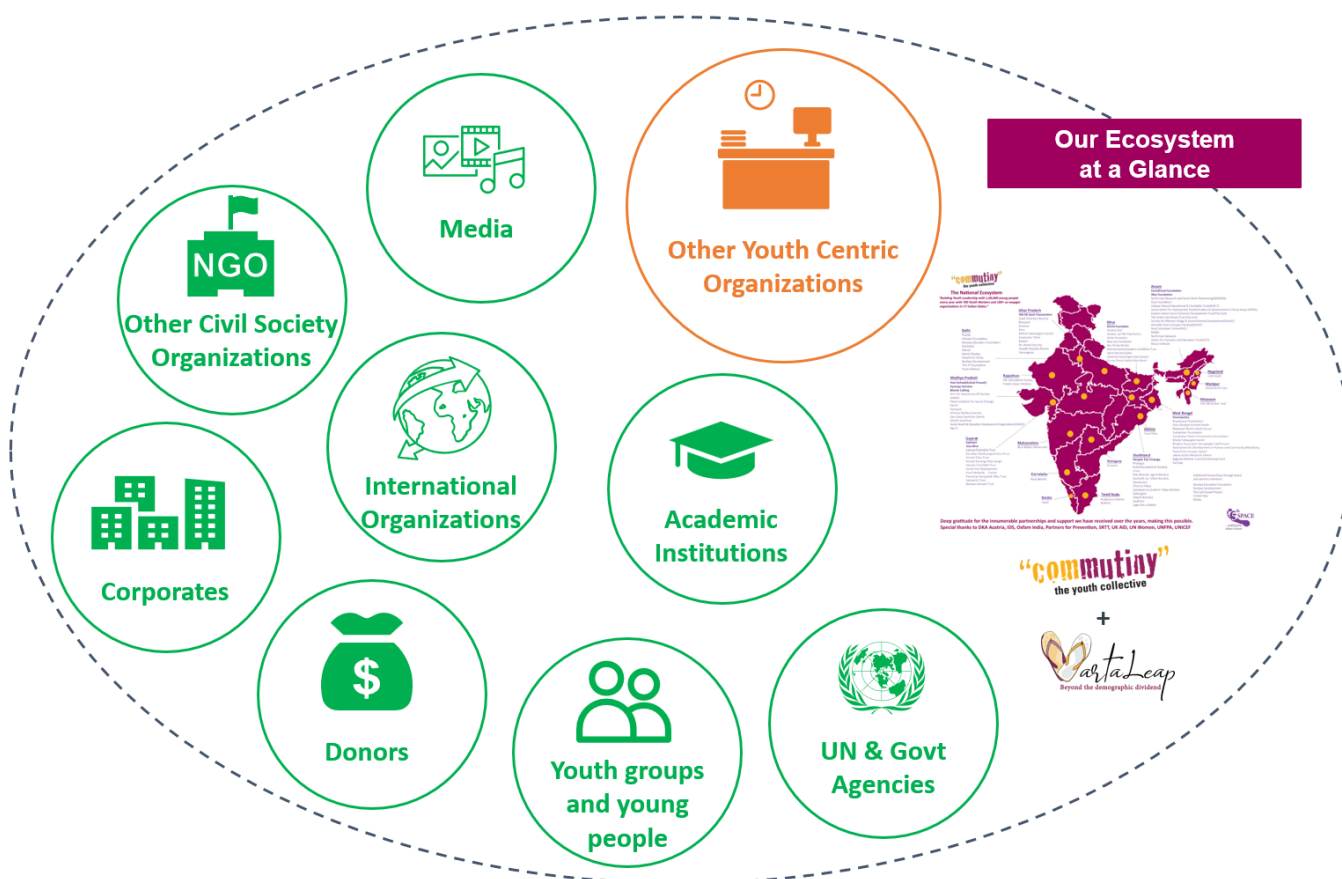
 **152**
Organisations

 **11451**
Jagriks Impacted

 **1,500,000+**
Online Impressions

Our ecosystem now consists of the vartaLeap Coalition which is a cross-sectoral, grouping of 135+ youth engaging organizations from the development sector, government, media, educational institutions, and UN agencies who seek to create a movement towards a new norm – Every Youth A Jagrik and Every Space Nurturing Jagriks; [wordplay for 'Jagruk' (awakened) + 'Nagrik' (citizens)] as well as ComMutiny's Collective - a

community of practice of youth centric organisations. vartaLeap has played a pivotal role in bringing partners from varied fields to experience and invest in youth centric approaches. Forum members and state collective members actively engaged with vartaLeap; many as core working group members and many as participants to the many events and actions.



Systems and spaces that keep this ecosystem together and thriving in our - Being, Seeing, Doing

ComMutiny Advisory and Statutory board	34 member board for strategic decision making and directions about ComMutiny's work. 2 meetings in 2020-21.
vartaKarta Board	25 member intergenerational board for strategic directions and key designs and decision making with the large coalition. 6 meetings in 2020-21.
The National Forum	<p>35 member group serving as a think-tank focused on the issues and concerns of the young people and youth development. Met once in the last year for decision making on the joint COVID action by the collective.</p> <p>The spirit of community and collaboration reflected in the COVID-19 response by the members. Collectively impacted 50,000+ households, 250,000+ people with relief responses through critical care, medical aid, and food security across various districts in Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, New Delhi, Gujarat, Nagaland, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh.</p>
Constituency Groups	<p>Bonding & Learning played a significant role during the pandemic to create spaces for ComMutiny-vartaLeap to come together and offer solidarity to each other. Organised spaces like Cinder Nights, Learnarchy, Bonding Night.</p> <p>Programming seed played a major role in selecting members for the Samjho Toh journey. The group came up with parameters of selection, supported the secretariat in speaking with members and taking their willingness and building agreement for the journey. Met 5 times to anchor the process.</p>
Working Groups	<p>Membership: 15 member group for effective onboarding of new members and members' diversity and engagement - Bonding and Learning. Meets monthly. Hosted an online retreat with 90+ members to reviewed the vartaLeap journey, celebrating the spirit of volunteering and co-creation in the coalition and co-created a vartaLeap youth rights and duties charter</p> <p>Narrative Shifts: 45+ member group for wider amplification of vartaLeap's vision. The group co-designs and implements public initiatives, innovations, intergenerational events and engagements towards youth-centric norm shift. Meets once in 45 days</p> <p>Seed and Soil</p>
vartaLabs (innovation Labs)	<p>Samjho Toh: 21 members act as the Advisory for the roll out of the Samjho Toh - The Samvidhan Dialogues journey post the pilot last year. Meet once in 45 days.</p> <p>Gender Jagrik: Members designing and governing the execution of an innovation to shift social norms around gender equality by working with young men and boys. Meet once in 15 days.</p>

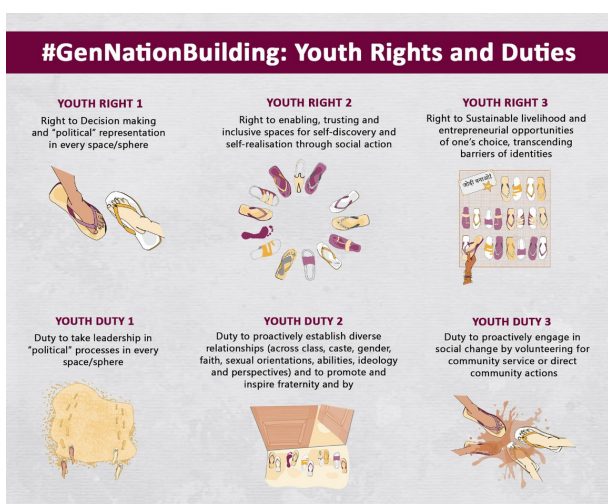
III. Accelerating 5th Spaces -

Creating 5th Space media and learning products, as well as gaming resources that act as capacity building toolkits for youth engaging organisations and youth workers. These include films, books, research, graphic novels, music albums, social games and different kinds of learning resources for on ground and online engagement and impact.

A. Innovations:

A.1. The Youth Duties and Rights (YDR)

Declaration: To address the gap between the young people being vested with the responsibility of bringing about sustainable change in the country and absence of an enabling environment, 130+ cross sectoral representatives of the vartaLeap Coalition crowd-created the 'GenNation Building: Youth Duties and Rights Draft Declaration' that upholds and draws from the values and the fundamental rights and duties enshrined in the Indian Constitution.

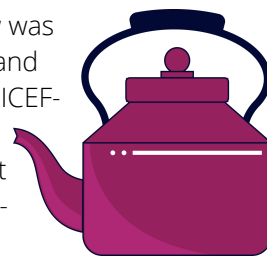


A.2. Samjho Toh - The Samvidhan LIVE!

Dialogues: When the country was experiencing a peak in communal hatred and violence, an old campaign was brought back in a new avatar. Samjho Toh - The Samvidhan LIVE! Dialogues was re-designed as a journey that brings together young people from different identities and ideologies to dialogue, collaborate upon and co-create a shared idea of #India. Drawing from the values in the Preamble to the Constitution of India, the programme creates experiences that empower the participants to initiate and sustain efforts for a harmonious world.

A.3. Q-कि: Plutury Power: Q-Ki is a reality check game show played between intergenerational teams who compete through interactive quizzes, plutury (Plural Story) performances and Imaginative practices on a theme.

The pilot of the game show was designed on Youth Duties and Rights and teams from UNICEF-YuWaah, vartaLeap and CSEI competed to bring out various facets of the duties-rights framework.



B. Innovations underway:

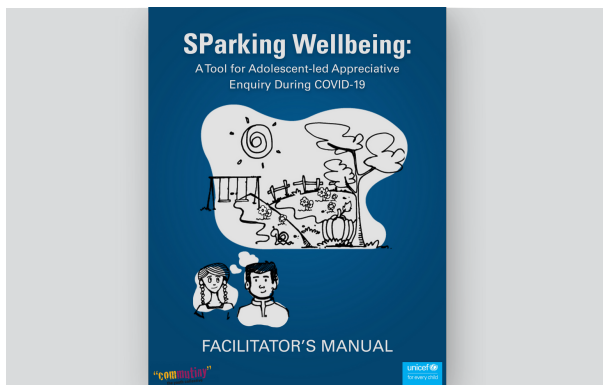
B.1. Jagrik Quotient (JQ) is a tool to assess how 'Jagrik' a young person is. It uses different learning domains and capacities like critical thinking, feelings, skills, etc to give young people a score. It is currently being developed.

B.2. Gender Jagrik: Being designed by a group of members from the coalition including Breakthrough, The YP Foundation, Mittika, ComMutiny, Pravah, YES Foundation, People for Change, Talash, Indo Global Social Service Society, Oxfam, UNICEF among others - Gender Jagrik aims to impact gender norms (including those relating to masculinity), through an intervention with 'insiders' i.e. young men and boys in the age group of 17- 29 years, who are inspired to change the unequal distribution of power and privileges between men and women in their immediate circle and communities.

C. Key Partnerships

C.1. SParking Wellbeing - Appreciative Enquiry Toolkit

Designed in collaboration with UNICEF South Asia, the Sparking Wellbeing Adolescent-Led Appreciative Enquiry process was a COVID-19 response that provided adolescents the tools to enquire into their lives and those of their communities and develop and implement solutions. We trained 80+ facilitators from 8 South Asian countries to facilitate the rollout of the tool.

SParking Wellbeing - Appreciative Enquiry Toolkit

C.2. Deshbhakti Curriculum: ComMutiny along with two other organizations designed and developed over 200 sessions on constitutional literacy and principles and values enshrined in the Constitution of India and its Preamble for the Deshbhakti Curriculum by the Delhi Government which will be piloted by the end of 2021. The curriculum is meant to enable students to build a deeper understanding of India, take pride in their country and become informed and responsible citizens who would serve with commitment to take the country forward. Many social action projects from the 'Samvidhan Live! Be a Jagrik' educational game have been incorporated in the curriculum.

E. Resources:**E.1. Jagrik Toolkit:**

ComMutiny members and 11 UNICEF state offices, designed the 'Samvidhan Live! Be a Jagrik', toolkit to enhance adolescent participation. Developed in 7 languages (English, Hindi, Gujarati, Telugu, Tamil, Assamese and Bengali) it has 145 self and community action projects on fundamental duties-rights and child rights.

**E.2. Jagrik Microsite:**

Jagrik is a workshop and a concept that combines Jagrik (hardened and meant) and Jagrik (Citizen). The Jagrik act as active citizens for the Jagrik communities. Jagrik play this interactive game to gain over five weeks and undertake tasks which are both self-reflective and social in nature. On completing their weekly tasks, the Jagrik come together to share their learnings in weekly meetings called Jagrik.

Simultaneously Jagrik post their experiences and learnings through videos, stories and pictures on a dedicated Facebook page 'Be a Jagrik'. Adolescents and young people who participate in this journey are called 'Jagrik'. Over five lakh young citizens across 17 states in India have experienced the journey through on-ground and online engagement.

A microsite **www.commutiny.in/jagrik** was designed to provide a platform to all the youth facilitators where they could upload stories of change, monitor their progress, access resources on youth work and create inspiration for others like them. 9919 Jagriks and 130+ organizations have been registered on the platform and attracted 2.5 lakh+ views

IV. Amplifying 5th Spaces

Design and facilitation of large scale powerful public initiatives and youth leadership journeys that are run collectively across the country. The objective is to shift the narrative of youth engagement towards mainstreaming - "Every Youth A Jagrik, Every Space nurturing Jagrik."

A. Public Initiatives and Programs

A.1. Samvidhan LIVE! - Be A Jagrik (Child Rights Edition)

The intervention enables adolescents to take the constitution to the streets through self and society social action tasks that combine reflection and action. It empowers them to actively engage in matters that concern them, thereby carving a pathway to becoming Jagriks of the country. UNICEF supported the creation of an ecosystem of six youth collectives with youth engaging organizations in Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal.



The social action tasks were designed to empower the participants to engage with their peers and duty bearers. In Bihar, a girl named Chandi Kumari was able to stop her own child marriage and that of 3 others in her community. In Madhya Pradesh, a boy named Anand ensured that 20 children from his nomadic community were enrolled and retained in school. In total more than 1.08 lakh adolescents were engaged through different tasks done in communities.



A.2. Samjho Toh - The Samvidhan LIVE! Dialogues

During the pilot phase of the intervention, ComMutiny in association with Pravah and vartaLeap formed an advisory group that supported the roll out across 4 locations with strategic inputs and design. After the successful pilots, a need was felt to scale the intervention across the country. 52 facilitators from 26 locations in 15 states (Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Mizoram, Nagaland and Rajasthan) were trained to run phase 1 of the journey. Along with the facilitators, ComMutiny's members also joined the journey as knowledge partners to mentor the facilitators in and around their locations.

Samjho Toh: Samvidhan LIVE Dialogues | If you can't change your mind, you are not using it – a powerful film capturing the journeys of 1 pilot cohort in Delhi was created and amplified during this period. 'Yahi to Waqt hai' (meaning – now is the time!) is a song curated by the participants in collaboration with musicians from Indian Ocean and Manzil Mystics to convey their shared idea of India. It is available on [Spotify](#), [Amazon Music](#), [YouTube Music](#), [iTunes](#).



A.3. Jabardast Jagrik:

A joint initiative by UNFPA, REC Foundation, ComMutiny - The Youth Collective and Yeh Ek Soch Foundation, and six other UP based non-profits co-designed and co-led 'Be A Jagrik Phase 2'. The national program aimed to create sustained youth leadership and build an ecosystem of allies. Held in the remotest pockets of Uttar Pradesh, the campaign focused on enabling young people to co-design, co-own and

co-lead their social action projects to become truly awakened, aware, and active citizens.



Key Achievements and Impact:

Seeding change (self to society).

- Self: 86% Jabardast Jagriks identified themselves as community change leaders
- Relationships: 78% Jabardast Jagriks were able to inspire their peers to claim their rights.
- Society: 36% shift was seen in being able to represent self in local governance forums



It was tough to talk about sensitive topics with adolescents on the ground, but we tried treading the path with utmost caution. Some parents refused to send their girls to the workshops, but, despite all the obstacles, we were able to facilitate sessions with health professionals. In future, I am planning to bring in mental health professionals to let the adolescents speak up about their wants and needs. My Jabardast Jagrik journey has only strengthened my resolve to build a career in the social sector

- Pranjali Sharma, Jabardast Jagrik



A.4. The GenNation Building Public Initiative

GenNation Building is a word play between generation and nation building – the idea being that nation building cannot be sustainable and successful if the ‘generation’ of young people isn’t placed at the center of it. The public initiative was designed around the crowd-created **‘GenNation Building: Youth Duties and Rights Draft Declaration’ (YDR)**. It was launched on International Youth Day, 12th August through a Tweet-a-thon engaging hundreds of youth leaders and young people (including influencers like Shruti Seth, Sonam Kalra, Gaurav Gogoi, Jayant Chaudhary, Swara Bhaskar, Danish Alam and Varun Gandhi).



1150+

Signups by individuals and organizations



100+

Events and Reflection Circles by 60+ vartaLeap members



8

Languages that YDR Declaration is available in



3500+

People reached directly



1.5 M+

Online impressions through films, social media and online events

ComMutiny and vartaLeap members organised 40+ events during GenNation Building week and GenNationBuilding – Youth Duties and Rights in Action showcased the institutional adoption of this framework by many leading organisations. Q-कि: Plutury Power – a reality check game show showcasing live experiences of Youth Duties & Rights was also unveiled at the event.

NIIT Foundation included YDR in their ‘Civic Sense’ sessions to facilitate YDR conversations with 10000+ students every year across NIIT centres countrywide. Rotaract district 3190 engaged all of their 6000 rotaractors in the GenNation Building week. Sessions on YDR were conducted with intergenerational groups from Sangat, Young Sangat, Jagori, Video Volunteers, Quest Alliance, YuWaah-UNICEF, UNDP, Akshara Centre etc. **YDR microsite** and the **YDR App** were developed to popularize the YDR framework. Conversations between decision makers/ adults in positions of power and youth leaders about ‘how youth centric India is and YDR in general’ were facilitated and documented as **intergenerational dialogue videos**.



B. Public Engagements and Outreach

B.1. Events

Charcha 2020

vartaLeap and ComMutiny hosted 2 sessions at #Charcha2020 organised by The Nudge Foundation that aimed to create a space for collaborative conversations amid the continuous influx of one-way information during the pandemic. These conversations led to 700+ insightful recommendations from among the 300+ attendees which will lend to the programming and advocacy agenda in the sector.

Stakeholder Dialogues

were Jabardast Jagrik led conversations that brought together diverse stakeholders and Jabardast Jagriks working on-ground on different thematic issues. It was envisioned as an experience sharing space to nurture collaborations and strengthen on-ground actions. The dialogue series created an ecosystem of over

40 key allies and influencers including representatives from the Government departments, flagship schemes, institutional donors and collaborators, local duty bearers etc. invested in this mission of youth-led social action and change at the grassroots.

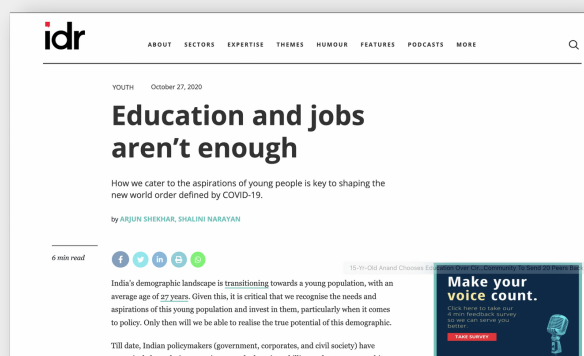
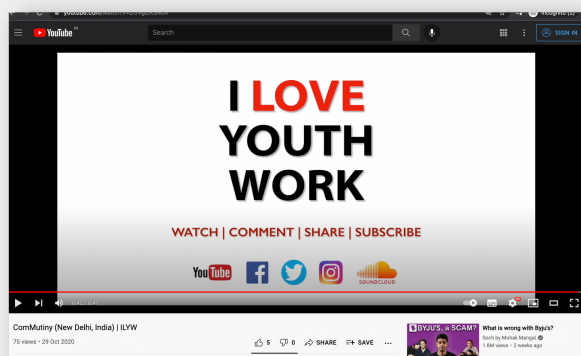
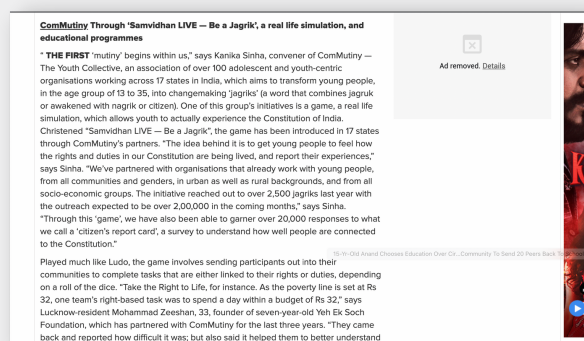
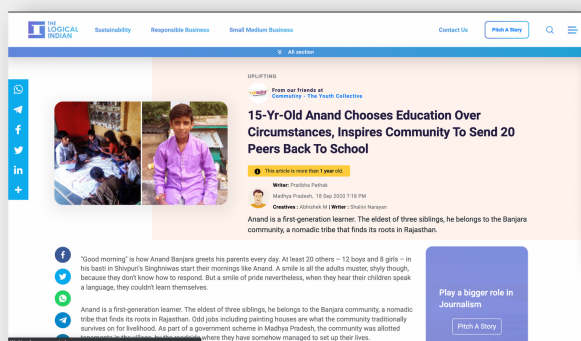
B.2. Media Partnerships

New partnerships were forged with India Development Review and The Logical Indian for regular media stories and Gutenberg was brought in as a media agency to support media dissemination during GenNation Building. The **Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award (SEYO)** gave us huge media mileage and was covered by **53 online media platforms and 22 print media platforms**. In addition to the SEYO stories, **31 other media stories** about #GenNationBuilding, #SamjhoToh, Youth Day, active citizenship, youth and entrepreneurship etc. were also published.

B.3. Online platforms

In addition to topical conversations/ posts and interactive stories during National-International Days (like Constitution Day, Youth Work Week, 16 days of activism), impact stories of jagriks/ ecosystem members, innovations and tools; social media and website were also used to aggregate the distributed impact of online and offline events and actions. Communication about events, Tweet-a-thons and change stories on social media platforms led to 1.5M + online impressions.

Some Media Stories



Balance Sheet

COMMUNITY-THE YOUTH COLLECTIVE DRAFT CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2021

LIABILITIES	SCHEDULE	TOTAL	ASSETS	SCHEDULE	TOTAL
Capital Fund			FIXED ASSETS:		
As per last Balance Sheet	6,415,870.54		General Account	"1A"	99,539.00
Add-Excess of income over Expenditure	243,555.41	6,659,425.95	Foreign Account	"1B"	22,531.00
Capital Fund-Fixed Asset					
Addition as per Contra		122,070.00			
Restricted Fund (Indian Grants)					
Opening Balance	1,397,633.00				
Add-Grant received	20,514,316.72				
Less-Utilised	20,148,185.00	1,763,764.72			
Restricted Fund (Foreign Grants)					
Opening Balance	3,548,045.95				
Add-Grant received	7,691,027.72				
Less-Utilised	7,269,596.53	3,969,477.14			
Un-Restricted Fund			CURRENT ASSETS		
As per last Balance Sheet	3,167,094.94		General Account	"2A"	8,423,190.67
Add:Addition during the year	63,777.39		F.C. Account	"2B"	7,465,957.47
Add:Interest earned on Foreign Funds	265,608.00	3,496,480.33			
TOTAL RS.		16,011,218.14		TOTAL RS.	16,011,218.14

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Opening Balances			Utilization		
General Account	7,813,503.54		General Account	20,148,185.00	
Foreign Contribution	6,715,140.89	14,528,644.43	Foreign Contribution	7,269,596.53	27,417,781.53
Grant Received			Other Overhead Expenses		
General Account	20,514,316.72		General Expenses	6,139.59	
Foreign Contribution	7,691,027.72	28,205,344.44	Honorarium	41,400.00	
Other Income			Covid relief	487,000.00	
General Account	534,122.00		Samvidhan Be A Jagrik (Impact Guru)	102,500.00	637,039.59
Foreign Account	63,777.39	597,899.39			
Bank Interest			Closing Balances		
General Account	346,473.00		General Account	8,423,190.67	
Foreign Contribution	265,608.00	612,081.00	Foreign Contribution	7,465,957.47	15,889,148.14
TOTAL RS.		43,943,969.26	TOTAL RS.		43,943,969.26

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	TOTAL	INCOME	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Expenditure met from Foreign Grants		7,269,596.53	GRANTS FOREIGN(incl Intt)		
Expenditure met From Indian Grants		20,148,185.00	Received During the year	7,704,566.11	
Other Overhead Expenses			Add: Interest on SB/FD	315,847.00	
General Expenses	6,139.59		Add:Unutilised as on 01.04.2020	6,715,140.89	
Honorarium	41,400.00		Less:Unutilised as on 31.03.2021	7,465,957.47	7,269,596.53
Covid relief	487,000.00		Grants INDIAN		
Samvidhan Be A Jagrik (Impact Guru)	102,500.00		Received During the year	20,514,316.72	
			Add:Unutilised as on 01.04.2020	1,397,633.00	
			Less:Unutilised as on 31.03.2021	1,763,764.72	
			Less: Refunds of Grant (incl. intt.)	-	20,148,185.00
			Other General Income		534,122.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure		243,555.41	Bank Interest on SB/FD		346,473.00
TOTAL RS.		28,298,376.53	TOTAL RS.		28,298,376.53

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

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We are grateful to all our **individual donors** who have supported our work over the last one year. Your solidarity has helped us tide over these difficult times.

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