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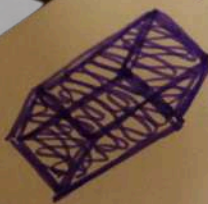
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WHAT IS YOUTH CENTRIC DEVELOPMENT

- ↳ creating space to nurture leaders who are the youth
- ↳ not instrumentalising the youth
- ↳ Humaron Ka Vikas + tomorrow ke logi vikas
- ↳ capacity building perspective

SEEING

JAGRIK



a self-motivated citizen who awakens the state

Why do we need coalition?

- vision shifting from to PEOPLE

- support, guidance, solidarity

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THE PARADOX OF WICKED CHALLENGES: WHY THE YOUTH SECTOR MUST COME TOGETHER

We are living in an ICE Age, a time marked by Inequality, Conflict, and Ecological collapse, where the dreams of humanity have frozen into a dangerous and unhealthy status quo.

Take the youth development sector. Over the last few decades, thousands of young changemakers have emerged, and countless organisations have invested in building youth leadership. Yet, persistent barriers from underfunding to instrumentalisation of youth, from lack of decision-making spaces for youth to identity-based exclusions continue to limit impact. This is not a failure of intent or effort. It is a sign that even our best work - if done in isolation can only get us so far.

What we are contending with today are WICKED Challenges, ones that are constantly shifting, interdependent, and shaped by conflicting values. What may be a 'solution' for one group deepens the problem for another. These challenges are not just technical they are paradoxical. They defy simple, linear problem-solving.

Wicked challenges manifest across four deeply interconnected dimensions: Complexity, Inequality, Depth, and Scale. The digital era has amplified interconnections and inequalities, creating unpredictable ripple effects, fuelling aspirations without access, and deepening disempowerment. True change requires mindset shifts as much as systemic reform, yet transforming at depth and at scale simultaneously remains a paradox no single strategy, however smart, can address alone.

Last year, at ComMutiny - The Youth Collective and the vartaLeap Coalition, we began a collective inquiry into the wicked challenges facing the youth sector in India. Over 100 sector leaders and practitioners shared their lived dilemmas. This churning brought to the surface the most persistent and complex issues besetting our field -

- Young people lack leadership platforms/ role models.
- Limited opportunities for young people to realise their dreams, especially marginalised youth.
- Education isn't preparing youth for real world challenges.
- Financial pressure often means prioritising survival over social change.

- Information overload leads to peripheral engagement with social change.
- Hierarchical social structures create resistance for young people.
- Funding for youth-led initiatives remains scarce.

What followed was a series of 14 dialogues across the country, hosted by vartaLeap members where we deliberated on these wicked challenges with 500+ stakeholders, CSOs, Academia and Media. These dialogues invited the stakeholders to see themselves as allies and mentors in enabling young people to navigate these challenges in their leadership journeys.

Our biggest learnings?

- There is a gap in the way we collate and visibilise outcomes of youth leadership, which makes it difficult to build evidence to influence stakeholders.
- When stakeholders see young leaders SHOW UP, they recognise young people as forces for nation building and are interested in building them.
- While stakeholders may align in spirit, in the absence of actionable pathways and strategies, we lose the momentum to transform intention into sustained action.

In the last one year at ComMutiny, we have had the privilege to walk alongside x[1] Jagriks who are transforming themselves and their communities inside out. Through social action projects and community-led action, they are creating a powerful impact in the spaces of Climate Action, Gender, Active Citizenship and Wellbeing. The Shared Leadership Pipeline shines through with youth leaders in different stages of their leadership journey - just jagriks, jabardast jagriks and lifelong changemakers (jeevan jagriks) nurturing more young people!

We now need to collectively show up and meet jagriks where they are...in the field.

That's what is on the horizon for vartaLeap in the coming year, exciting stakeholders to invest in youth leadership...



KANIKA SINHA
Convenor

**RAJESH N SINGH
MEHER**
COO

About Us



ComMutiny stands for the **first 'mutiny'** within a young person, symbolic of the fact that social and systemic transformation cannot happen without personal transformation. Founded in 2008, ComMutiny - The Youth Collective is a community of practice of youth work organisations across the country, engaging in Aggregating, **Accelerating and Amplifying empowering youth spaces, co-led with self awakened, proactive citizens, i.e. Jagriks.**

In 2019, recognizing the need to mainstream youth-centric development across all sectors, we incubated The vartaLeap Coalition. It is a cross-sectoral grouping of youth engaging organizations, working towards the vision '**Every Youth a Jagrik, Every Space Nurturing Jagriks**'.

Together, we are co-creating vibrant ecosystems that enable responsible youth leadership, shifting unequitable social norms, which is at the heart of nation building.



JAGRIK PIPELINE

THEMES WE WORK ON



Constitutional Literacy



Wellbeing



Climate Action



Gender

JAGRIK JAHAN

Collectives,
national and
state, vartaLeap
Coalition,

**Collective of Jagrik
Entrepreneurs ++ - Jagrik
Jahan**

**Lifelong Youth
Leaders - Jeevan Jagriks**

**Early Stage Youth
Leaders Jabardast Jagrik**

**Potential Youth and
adolescent Leaders
in & out of education
Just Jagriks**

Become Schools of Active Citizenship

Jeevan Jagrik (Youth led and
Youth Designed social
enterprises)

- Youth Development | Constitution Values, Fundamental Rights and Duties | Design and Facilitation Skills for active Citizenship Journeys| Systems Thinking | Conflict Transformation |Self, Relationships, Community, Organisation
- Capacity Building -> facilitation of active citizenship journeys -> mentoring -> monthly peer learning

Believe & Own

Samvidhan LIVE! Be a Jagrik (Adult curated and youth led social action) & Active citizenship curriculum for schools (100 hr modular curriculum for class 6-9)

- Constitution Values | Rights and Duties | Self to Society| 21st Century Skills
- Orientation on Constitution -> Weekly Peer Learning -> Self and Social Action Tasks (based on fundamental rights and duties) ->Public engagement initiatives

Act & Learn

Jabardast Jagrik (Social Action Projects Co-designed and Co-led by young leaders)

- Self, Relationships, Society | Themes - Gender Equality, Wellbeing, Climate Change, Constitutional Literacy | Intergenerational solidarities | Story-telling capacities
- Capacity Building workshops -> Envisioning Social Change ideas -> duty bearer engagement -> community wide dialogue circles and mohalla sabhas -> hyper local narrative shifts



AGGREGATE

Collectivising some of the best youth-focused organizations and youth-work practitioners in the country into an effective, collaborative ecosystem.



As India witnessed an unprecedented youth surge with over **500 million people under 35**, the need to create spaces that nurture leadership, agency, and constitutional values among young people has never been stronger. While the demographic advantage is widely discussed, what remains under-addressed is the deeper psychological shift: young people today are more informed, opinionated, and aspirational, navigating a complex world of diverse narratives and social divides.

vartaLeap Coalition emerged as a response to this moment in the year 2019. A cross-sectoral alliance of youth-engaging organizations from development, government, media, academia, and corporate sectors, vartaLeap seeks to build a new norm '**Every Youth a Jagrik, Every Space Nurturing Jagriks**'. A Jagrik is a self-awakened citizen who not only makes change but embodies it, linking personal growth with societal transformation.

The coalition functions through **vartaLabs** for experimentation, **Working Groups** for cross-learning and strategy, and **Advisory Groups** for thematic leadership on **climate action, gender justice, and youth-centric development narratives**. It nurtures a collective movement to amplify youth-led change at scale with soul- or as the coalition calls it, 'scoul'.



The past year has been a journey of expanding this ecosystem further. Between **April 2024** and **March 2025**, the coalition welcomed **33 new members- many from grassroots and youth-led organizations** bringing fresh perspectives, diversity, and raw energy into the collective. Across the year, more than **100 unique members engaged deeply in vartaLeap's** rhythm, contributing over 3000 voluntary hours.

The year was filled with moments of connection and co-creation. **Eight Burst Speed gatherings** including the **Bonding Night, Meet and Greet sessions around climate, wellbeing, and gender, learning exchanges on Fundraising and the Social Stock Exchange, and the Annual Treat** in Delhi brought people together in high-energy, reflective spaces. Meanwhile, the slow, steady work continued through monthly **vartaLabs, working groups**, and **13 beautiful vartaLeap Yatras**, where members visited each other's organizations, building bonds that no Zoom call could ever replicate.

More than 25 members stepped up to co-anchor spaces, design gatherings, and lead initiatives- not out of obligation, but out of a shared sense of possibility.

Today, vartaLeap is not just a coalition of organizations; it feels like a living organism, breathing in the dreams, doubts and determination of its members. Looking ahead, the journey continues towards refining a shared value proposition, building a simple, common language for youth-centric development, and strengthening the diversity that gives this coalition its pulse.





Designing, piloting and scaling youth-centric experiences to address current 'psycho-social-cultural-economic-ecological' needs of young people.

12K+ Just Jagriks

3.3k Jabardast Jagriks

151 Jeevan Jagriks

85 Partner Organisations

5 Hubs

117 Youth Facilitators



SAMVIDHAN LIVE!

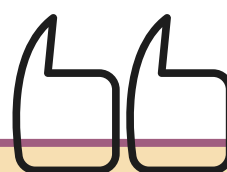
Be A Jagrik

For many of us, constitutional literacy begins and ends with school textbooks - something we memorize, write exams for and forget. But the Constitution isn't just something to be learned; it's something to be lived. That belief sparked Samvidhan Live! Be A Jagrik, a hands-on, deeply engaging game that takes young people on a journey to embody the rights, duties and values enshrined in the Constitution.

Since 2016, the initiative has transformed constitutional literacy from rote learning into real-life action, empowering numerous adolescents to balance their rights and duties through lived experiences. By engaging with duty bearers, challenging social norms, participating in school and community spaces and taking up real-world action projects, young people build critical 21st-century skills like empathy, decision-making, negotiation and creative problem solving - becoming active and responsible citizens within the framework of the Constitution and the UNCRC.

The initiative also initiated the Jagrik Kathakaar - a collective of 38 organizations working to embed constitutional values into their broader youth work.

This year we partnered with the Regional Institution of Education, Bhopal, which is a constituent of NCERT by conducting a training with 104 master trainers. This promoted constitutional literacy through the Samvidhan Live! Be A Jagrik game in govt school of 52 districts in MP.



Till Date-

26k+

Young
people

20

States

150+

Partner
Organisations

In 2024-25 (13 states)

38

Partner
Organisations

1.5k+

Young
People

38

Jagrik Kathakaar-A
collective



Sunita, Jagrik from Sonbhadra, UP SHARED: "जब हमने लोगों से दहेज न लेने की बात करनी शुरू की, तो हमें नहीं लगा था कि वे हमारी बात सुनेंगे। लेकिन हर बातचीत के साथ हमें समझ आया कि अगर आप लगातार प्रयास करें, तो बदलाव मुमकिन है।"

Reena, Founder of Neev Shiksha Jankalyan Samiti REFLECTED: "एक संस्थापक के तौर पर मुझे इस प्रोग्राम की डिज़ाइन बहुत रोचक लगी। मैं इसे अपनी संस्था के अलग-अलग विषयों में अपनाने की योजना बना रही हूँ। इस प्रोग्राम ने मुझे समुदाय के साथ काम करने का एक नया, ज़्यादा संवादात्मक और दिलचस्प तरीका दिया है।"





JABARDAST JAGRIK

Peer Tutor Initiative

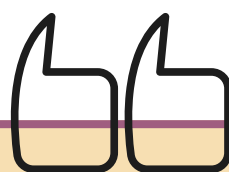


When the COVID-19 lockdown shut schools across India, we anticipated that adolescent girls, already at the margins of education, would be the hardest hit. With families deprioritizing their learning and online education out of reach, the risk of significant learning loss in foundational skills was clear. At the same time, the livelihood sector was struggling, leaving many young people without opportunities.

To address both challenges, the Jabardast Jagrik Peer Tutor Initiative was launched as a peer-led intervention, helping girls reclaim their education while providing young people with the means to earn stipends while contributing their time, energy, skills and capacities to nurture these adolescent girls.

Since 2022, this initiative has been transforming the educational landscape for marginalized communities by empowering youth leaders (18-22 years) to mentor adolescent girls in Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN)

This initiative continues to create **lasting change, empowering both girls and Peer Tutors to shape their futures.** With every session, **confidence grows** and **dreams feel closer.** It's not just education, it's a step towards **independence, dignity, and hope.**



Till Date-

5.8k +

Adolescent girls

7

States

In 2024-25 (Indore & Lucknow)

36

Peer Tutors mentored

19

dropout girls rejoined the education system.

918

Girls

25%

Improvement in FLN skills



Shifa, an adolescent girl from Lucknow, shared:

"पहले हमारे परिवार में लड़कियों की पढ़ाई पर कोई ध्यान नहीं देता था। अब मेरी माँ भी चाहती हैं कि मैं आगे बढ़ूँ।"

Madhuri, a Peer Tutor from Indore, reflected:

"मैंने सिर्फ पढ़ाना नहीं सीखा, मैंने यह भी सीखा कि कैसे किसी समुदाय में बदलाव लाया जा सकता है। अब मुझे लगता है कि मैं सिर्फ ट्यूटर ही नहीं, बल्कि एक सामाजिक सुधारक भी हूँ।"





JABARDAST JAGRIK

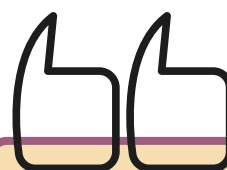
Peer Leader Initiative

When adolescent wellbeing is threatened by early marriage, teenage pregnancy and silence around sexual and reproductive health, change needs to come from those closest to the issue. That's the belief behind the Peer Leader Initiative - a youth-led movement that empowers adolescents to lead conversations that matter.

The current cycle of this program started in December 2023 in partnership with UNICEF Jharkhand, Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS), Pratigya Foundation and members of the Jharkhand state collective, the initiative equipped young changemakers with leadership skills, deepened their understanding of SRHR, GBV, ECM, EVAC and emotional wellbeing. These peer leaders have now created safe spaces, and are contributing to creating informed and empowered communities.

The positive impact of the Peer Leader Initiative has made it set to expand to 5 states in 2025, where **212 early-stage changemakers (Jabardast Jagriks)** will take the lead on Social Action Projects, impacting **5,300+** young people from marginalized communities.

By placing leadership in their hands, the Peer Leader Initiative is engaging young people in conversations that deeply affect them and amplifies their voices.



Till Date-

9.4k

Adolescents

3

Districts of
Jharkhand

In 2024-25

90

Peer Leaders

&

70

Changemakers

9.4k

Adolescents

120+

Hyperlocal
Campaigns



Sonamuni, a peer leader, West Singhbhum:
"I learned how to start the work, how to interact with people, and how to build my own identity. This project gave me confidence and taught me how to strengthen my relationships while working with the community."

Rakshak, a peer leader, Giridih:
"I was nervous talking about Sexual and Reproductive Health. But I used dance to engage boys in my class. Slowly, they began opening up and understood why these issues matter."





SAMJHO TOH:

The Samvidhan LIVE! Dialogues & Fraternity Labs

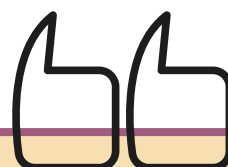
With a significant rise in polarisation, especially among young people in India and an overall lack of space to conduct dialogue and engage with the Constitution of India and its values, ComMutiny the Youth Collective and vartaLeap launched Samjho Toh: Samvidhan LIVE! with the aim to build a fraternity-first generation.

Samjho Toh: The Samvidhan LIVE! Dialogues is a 9 month journey undertaken by young people coming from diverse and distinct social backgrounds and experiences in order to co-create their shared vision of India, while promoting the incorporation of the values enshrined in the preamble to the Constitution of India in the everyday lives of people.

Through an experiential learning journey, young people are enabled to utilise their agency to collaboratively conduct dialogue, create artistic products promoting their shared vision, conduct weekly social action projects in their immediate communities, curate Mohalla Sabhas for large audiences and participate in the Samjho Toh National Championship to display their skills of pluralistic and inclusive storytelling while championing the values of the Constitution of India.

In 2024-25, the first cycle of a 2-cycle Samjho Toh journey began. We undertook the journey with **1690 young participants** and a total of **42 youth facilitators** curated the journey for young participants across Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha.

Throughout the journey, facilitators have empowered and enabled young participants to utilise their agency and co-create their leadership journeys while centering the values of the Constitution of India and creating their shared vision of India. At the same time, the youth facilitators are also undergoing transformative leadership journeys through their interactions, facilitation and mentorship of their respective batches.



Till Date-

3.3k

Young people

17

States

In 2024-25

1.6k

Young participants

42

Youth facilitators

3

States

17.3k

Community members



15+

Visibility Products



Vineeta, a young participant from Rajsamand, shared:
 “I come from a Brahmin family, and have always been taught that society contains people who are considered lower than us, and that I should maintain a distance from such people. Through Samjho Toh, I have been able to transform my beliefs and viewpoint, and have actively begun fighting against discrimination and having conversations at home.

Priyanka Mahawar, a young participant from Jaipur
 REFLECTED:

“I was made to believe by my family and larger society in all the superstitions that I seriously followed. Something as simple as not touching pickles or entering a temple/kitchen when you’re on your period really restricted me. In an attempt to break existing taboos around menstruation, I have been able to take collective steps with other young people as this program has given me a space to express my voice, change my beliefs and help others unlearn as well.”





JAGRIK LED

Agroecology Initiative

Young people are on the front lines of shaping the food systems of the future, even as they confront climate risks, social and economic inequities, and political marginalisation. Despite this, most youth today engage with food systems only as consumers, disconnected from producers, and reliant on processed foods, contributing to a growing health crisis. In India, youth account for 22% of the population (261 million people), yet only 5% are involved in agriculture, even though over 60% of rural households depend on farming for their livelihoods.

The Jagrik-led Agroecology initiative in North East India is working to transform this narrative. The programme identifies and mentors young leaders, facilitates safe and empowering spaces to learn about active citizenship, and creates opportunities for applying the 13 Principles of Agroecology within local communities. By connecting food with culture, climate, and livelihoods, it aims to make agroecology both relevant and accessible for young people.

Since its launch, the initiative has inspired youth across South Asia to lead community action, revive traditional food knowledge, and connect generations through shared learning. These young leaders are not only promoting ecological farming and diverse local diets they are building healthier, more resilient food systems for the future.





Trishna Hazarika,
“The Northeast is a land of beauty and deep-rooted food cultures. We already have everything now we need to be conscious about it. Our health depends on our food, and our food depends on our soil. Agroecology is the answer, if youth want to thrive, they must participate.”

Debashish Saikia,
The youth are the driving force for a sustainable future. We need to uplift them and embrace agroecology, for with it comes equity, better practices, and a healthier world.





CHANGELOOMS

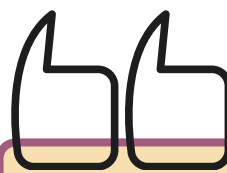
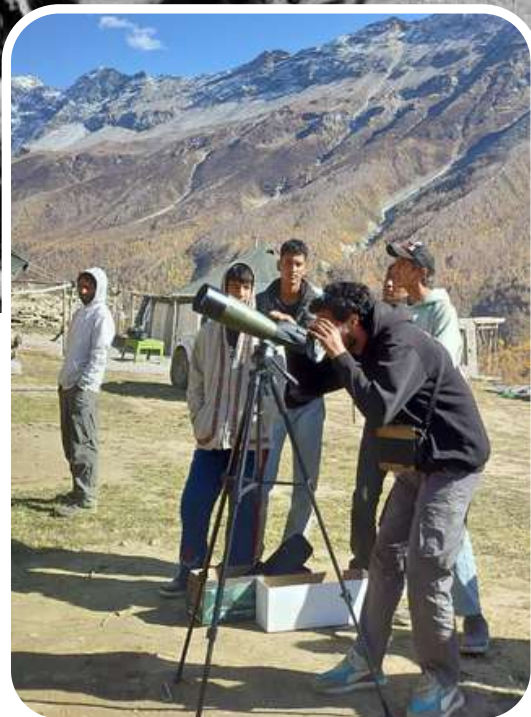
Youth Leaders in Climate Action

Changelooms: Youth Leaders in Climate Action was launched in 2022 to reimagine how young people engage with climate change- not through fear, but through hope, agency, and deep-rooted community action. Alongside, vartaLeap developed the 'Nourishing Now' principles, helping young leaders connect climate action to their immediate psychological, social, economic and ecological realities.

Since then, 106 Changeloomers have taken forward community-driven initiatives in areas like rewilding, renewable energy, agro-ecology, wildlife conservation and waste management, supported by partners like Wild Tales, Bindi International and Dhriiti. Mentored by 12 youth and climate experts, they are becoming role models in their communities, inspiring others through action.

For example, young Leaders Arunav and Vicky from West Bengal are building sustainable models of forest-community coexistence, blending conservation efforts with cultural preservation and nature-positive livelihoods through their initiative, Muhaan.

From 2025, the momentum will increase with **3 new cohorts of 150 young social entrepreneurs leading 100 'Nourishing Now' climate action projects**, and organizational leaders embedding climate action as a strategic priority.



Till Date-

2k+

Stakeholders

3

Cohorts

106

Changeloomers

In 2024-25

2

Cohorts

79

Changeloomers

12

Mentors



"As Akhina (Alarmo) from Kerala, Changeloomer shared:

I had a great time during the Window to Changelooms workshop. It provided an opportunity to discuss various aspects of climate action, interact with people from different parts of the country, and understand how environmental issues affect them locally."

Ankush (COHAS) from Delhi Changeloomer shared:
The Changelooms journey has been an incredibly enriching and exciting experience for me. It gave me the opportunity to deeply understand what it truly means to lead and manage an initiative not just from an operational lens, but from a place of empathy, vision, and resilience. I learned how to seek support when needed, and equally, how to extend support meaningfully to others. One of the most powerful aspects of this journey has been the diversity of the cohort changemakers from across India, each bringing their unique stories, struggles, and strengths. Engaging with them expanded my perspective and allowed me to learn from the rich of ideas, cultures, and lived experiences they carried.





CHANGELOOMS

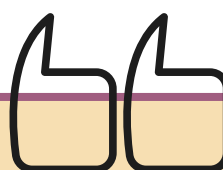
Youth Leaders Shifting Gender Norms

Gender-based violence (GBV) remains a harsh reality in India, restricting the freedom, safety, and aspirations of countless women and girls. Even as conversations around gender equality have gained ground, deeply entrenched patriarchal structures continue to limit women's leadership and participation in public life. The role of men and boys, both as potential perpetrators and key allies, has often remained overlooked.

Recognizing this gap, the Gender Jagrik intervention was initiated in 2021, rooted in the belief that real change must begin with perspective-building. Through dialogue circles, young men and boys were invited into honest conversations about masculinity, power and patriarchy. This preventive approach focused not only on raising awareness but on nurturing empathy, critical reflection and community-led action.

We recognised that in space of youth development, investing in facilitators and youth leaders who can lead gender transformative programming was crucial and this led to the initiation of Changelooms: Youth Leaders shifting Gender Norms. In this first year of a 3-year program, **48 changeloomers** have been identified from Lucknow, Delhi, Indore, Ahmedabad and Kolkata. These Changeloomers are working with **1500 young men and boys** as inspired insiders, to lead social action and shift gender norms within their community and city.

Going ahead, the Changelooms initiative will set up over 90 Gender Labs across five states, activate dialogue circles with Gender Jagriks and roll out powerful public initiatives to spark narrative shifts around gender.



6

Organisations

5

Cities

48

Changeloomers

1.5k

Gender Jagriks



Debangshi, Changeloomer shared, "Breaking free from the stereotypes imposed on the transgender community was an immense challenge throughout my formative years, education and much of my life. Concepts like "future" and "career" felt distant and theoretical, confined to the pages of books and journals. However, I am incredibly proud to be a part of Changelooms journey. This programme identifies, celebrates and nurtures the capacities of young social entrepreneurs and their initiatives, offering a pathway to real social change. This opportunity signifies a monumental shift in my life, transforming the once-distant concepts of future and career into tangible realities."

"Chandan chanegeloomer shared, After participating in the workshop my feelings about gender and other societal ideas have changed. Along with this, the hesitation I used to feel about expressing my own thoughts has gone. I have now decided that I will no longer hide my beliefs out of fear of what people might say. I need to challenge gender norms—starting with myself, then within my family, my surroundings, and finally the wider community."





AMPLIFY

Amplifying norm-shifting narratives to build a case for youth-centric development by engaging diverse stakeholders

ENGAGING DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH A SERIES OF DIALOGUES & EVENTS

Inspired by Rumi's timeless wisdom, ComMutiny and the vartaLeap Coalition launched Beyond Right & Wrong: Youth Leadership is Changing the Game, an initiative aimed at shifting mindsets and reimagining what youth leadership can mean in today's world. The initiative was born from a simple yet powerful belief: lasting transformation begins with changes in mindset.

Through 14 member-led regional dialogues and a national convening held in Delhi, the movement brought together more than **350 youth allies across 15 cities**, including donors, educators, policymakers, and grassroots leaders. These gatherings unpacked the complex challenges young people face, from navigating inequality and exclusion to confronting the climate crisis and promoted honest, grounded conversations that went beyond textbook solutions.



"We assume a degree guarantees a job, but the reality is shifting. The future of work demands continuous learning. But unless we build a system that values skills over degrees, young people will remain stuck in an outdated mindset."

**Hon'ble Minister Jayant Chaudhary,
Minister of State Skill Development &
Entrepreneurship, GOI**

120+

Climate
Pitches

82

Partner
Organisations

15

Cities

350+

Youth Allies

14

VartaLeap
member-led
regional events



To further catalyse action, the Climate Action Championship provided a platform for youth-led solutions. Eighty-two organizations from 20 states submitted climate action ideas, and the top 12 initiatives are now receiving mentorship and resources to bring their solutions to life. The Championship was designed to encourage youth-focused organizations and institutions to rethink strategies and adopt more integrated, climate-conscious approaches to development.

Beyond Right & Wrong demonstrated that reimagining leadership is not just about building skills, it's about shifting perspectives, challenging entrenched narratives, and linking culture, rights, and responsibility with climate action, resilience, and systemic change. More than an initiative, it is a growing movement that places youth leadership at the heart of building a just, inclusive, and sustainable future for all.



“Take menstrual hygiene-countless projects focus on sanitary pads, yet many don't even mention patriarchy. Real change happens when we shift power towards social justice, when we challenge oppressive systems, not just patch their consequences.”

Yamini Mishra,
Country Director,
MacArthur
Foundation



DISSEMINATING YOUTH-CENTRIC STORIES AND NARRATIVES



This year, we amplified youth voices and everyday leadership digitally, ensuring they were not only heard, but celebrated.

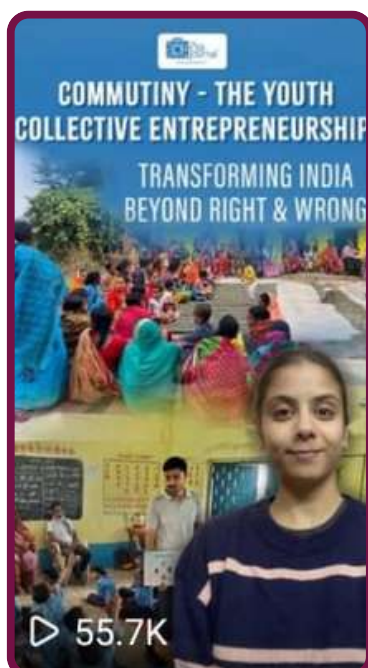
- 23 media stories across local and national outlets
- 200+ press features, 400+ social media posts
- 9,21,447 digital impressions:
- 3,91,447 : Instagram
- 3,80,000 : LinkedIn
- 1,50,000 : Media

Click on the posters to read the full article



Strategic media partnerships helped us transform grounded, complex narratives into widespread public conversations, building awareness and legitimacy around youth-centric development.

Click on the posters to watch the full reel



Promoting Youth-Centric Development Across Platforms

We took the narrative of youth-led social change beyond the rooms we were in, presenting it across **15 sectoral events** hosted by partners. This helped us reach **750+ sectoral leaders, youth workers and youth leaders**, building narratives on youth leadership, collectivisation and intergenerational allyship.



Ashraf talked about youth leadership and ecosystem building at Invoked by Shikshalokam, Bangalore



Kanika from ComMutiny talked about ecosystem shaping opportunities for young people at Cities for Youth by Safetipin, Jaipur



Kanika & Pooja from ComMutiny shared about Intergenerational Partnerships for youth leadership at Youth Work Convention by YouthLink Scotland



Pooja & Ankush from ComMutiny hosted a session on storytelling with youth leaders at SolveCon by Reap Benefit, Jalandhar



Changeloomers Lakshay & Karan from EcoReform shared about sustainability and ecological innovation at Catalysing Social Impact by Catalyst Management Services, Delhi



Dimpy & Trishna, young agroecology leaders from Assam, talked about transforming food systems at Catalysing Social Impact by Catalyst Management Services, Delhi



Dialogue on 'Unleashing Young People's Agency in Media Narratives,' by Yeh Ek Soch Foundation and Uttar Pradesh Collective



Rang
[Click here to watch](#)

Products That Built Perspective

We co-created powerful storytelling and learning tools, starting with the initiative of Collectivisation Playbook to compelling films on Climate Action like Rang and Berang. These films reimagine how we tell the story of climate action. With a belief that real transformation begins when we shift the narrative from a 'Frightening Future' to a 'Nourishing Now'.



Berang
[Click here to watch the film](#)



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

School Mental Health Initiative (SMHI)

ComMutiny-The Youth Collective played a pivotal role in the School Mental Health Initiative (SMHI) embedding a preventive and promotive approach to mental health in Delhi government schools. ComMutiny provided strategic inputs for data collection, curriculum structuring and field processes, enabling iterative learning across the programme. Our engagement fostered a culture of openness, adaptability and continuous improvement across the participating schools, empowering young people and educators alike to better navigate emotional and social complexities.



UDARTA:EG Study on Everyday Giving

As one of the Outreach Partners in the UDARTA:EG study led by GivingTuesday, ComMutiny-The Youth Collective contributed to shaping a deeper understanding of everyday giving practices among nonprofit organizations in India. Anchored in our commitment to collectivization and sector-building, ComMutiny mobilized its wide network of youth-focused and grassroots nonprofits to participate in the national study.

We actively disseminated outreach materials, responded to queries and supported organizations in submitting Expressions of Interest (EoIs) and surveys. Our engagement helped ensure that diverse and often underrepresented voices especially those working with young people were part of this important narrative on giving. Through this collaboration, we reinforced our role as a connector in the development ecosystem, while also gaining insights that can shape more inclusive and community-rooted fundraising strategies across the sector.



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We are deeply grateful to our partners, advisory members, and coalition members for your trust, collaboration, and unwavering support. You make it possible for us to reach young people, nurture their leadership, and walk beside them in creating meaningful change.

What makes this journey truly special is the spirit of solidarity, care, and shared purpose you bring. Together, we are co-creating empowering spaces where every young person can step into their role as a Jagrik shaping a just, inclusive, and sustainable future.

**The Changelooms - Youth Leaders Shifting Gender Norms initiative is supported by Ford Foundation.*

BALANCE SHEET

COMMUNITY-THE YOUTH COLLECTIVE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

LIABILITIES	SCHEDULE	TOTAL	ASSETS	SCHEDULE	TOTAL
Capital Fund			FIXED ASSETS:		
As per last Balance Sheet	1,10,75,431.47		General Account	"1A"	3,11,116.00
Add-Excess of Income over Expenditure	21,20,595.26	1,31,96,026.73	Foreign Account	"1B"	1,69,641.00
Capital Fund-Fixed Asset					
Addition as per Contra		4,80,757.00			
Restricted Fund (Indian Grants)					
Opening Balance	3,71,21,649.00				
Add-Grant received	5,71,74,756.33				
Add-Transfer For Projects	-				
Less-Utilised	6,93,15,537.33	2,49,80,868.00			
Restricted Fund (Foreign Grants)					
Opening Balance	45,12,302.94				
Add-Grant received	3,21,47,909.25				
Less-Utilised	2,62,65,587.56	1,03,94,624.63			
Un-Restricted Fund			CURRENT ASSETS		
As per last Balance Sheet	53,87,078.33		General Account	"2A"	3,81,76,894.73
Add-Addition during the year	-		F.C. Account	"2B"	1,65,23,923.96
Add-Interest earned on Foreign Funds	7,42,221.00	61,29,299.33			
TOTAL RS.		5,51,81,575.69			TOTAL RS. 5,51,81,575.69

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts - Schedule - '3'


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COMMUNITY-THE YOUTH COLLECTIVE CONSOLIDATED RECEIPT & PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Opening Balances			Utilization		
General Account	4,81,97,080.47		General Account	6,93,15,537.33	
Foreign Contribution	98,99,381.27	5,80,96,461.74	Foreign Contribution	2,62,65,587.56	9,55,81,124.89
Grant Received			Other Overhead Expenses		
General Account	5,71,74,756.33		General Expenses	3,403.74	
Foreign Contribution	3,21,47,909.25	8,93,22,665.58	Honorarium / Salaries	-	
Other Income			Samvidhan box expenses	-	3,403.74
General Account	22,802.00				
Foreign Account	-	22,802.00			
Bank Interest			Closing Balances		
General Account	21,01,197.00		General Account	3,81,76,894.73	
Foreign Contribution	7,42,221.00	28,43,418.00	Foreign Contribution	1,65,23,923.96	5,47,00,818.69
TOTAL RS.		15,02,85,347.32	TOTAL RS.		15,02,85,347.32


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