

# NATIONAL YOUTH EQUITY FORUM (NYEF)

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# **ABOUT NYEF:**

National Youth Equity Forum (NYEF) is a membership based collective of/for socially excluded young people striving to promote leadership and equal opportunity for youth towards achieving their social, education, economic and cultural rights with a vision to build a just and socially inclusive society for all.

Currently, NYEF evolving as a membership based youth led movement consisting over 8000 members across structured and organised youth led collectives as Bihar Ambedkar Students' Forum (BASF), Uttar Pradesh Youth Equity Forum (UPYEF) and Delhi Youth Equity Forum (DYEF). NYEF vision is to nurture young leadership among socially excluded communities i.e. Dalit, Adivasi, Muslim, Nomadic Tribes & De-Notified Tribes, voice out their concerns of growing inequalities and aligned together for community based actions to transform and influence their self, society and governance !

On the principle of educate, agitate and organize, around 150 fellows and thousands of motivated cadres across states is able to push the agenda of social equity & inclusion and act in the area of improving transition in to tertiary education, health (SRHR), employability and entrepreneurial education on ground by keeping the national and global goals of "Leave No One Behind" in the frame of SDGs and Constitutional mandate of promoting equity, liberty, fraternity

# Highlights of Jan-March 2024

- 3 fellows qualified for "Azim Premji University (APU)" through Entrance Readiness Programme (ERP) for PG
  7 candidates selected for "Padho Videsh Ambedkar 2.0" campaign in collaboration with "Bahujan Scholar
- Group" collectively from U.P and Bihar for further mentoring by distinguished mentors from global academia. • NYEF participated in the "Word Social Forum" held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 5 Fellows selected and joined "Azadi Leadership Program" in New Delhi
- 20 married fellows started their journey of well-being and healthy relationship building programme named as "Shadi, Samajhdari aur Sanjhedari- Couple's ki baate !" under SRHR and Gender Education Programme
- 4 candidates applied and tutored for Shiv Nadar university Entrance Readiness Programme.
- 43 fellows enrolled for digital champion program by YLAC
- Annual assembly against Inequality and Discrimination organised with CLOs across 21 states in New Delhi

## **On-Ground Voices**

Nazia Parveen, hailing from a Muslim community, joined the CLAY-NYEF fellowship program in 2020. Initially uncertain, participation in the "KYBKYR" program provided her with vital knowledge in physical health. Her journey took a positive turn when selected for Restless Development, where she began educating others on sexual reproductive health, igniting her passion for helping others. Currently, she's immersed in the Sajhe Sapne program in Himachal, dedicating nine months to learning coding and pursuing her dreams with unwavering determination.

#### -Nazia Parveen-CLAY

Aradhana Sen, from Uttar Pradesh, discovered inspiration through UPYEF. Engaging in programs, she aided children on Republic Day and gained confidence at the World Social Forum. Witnessing girls' education reluctance on Women's Day, she reflects on empowering solutions. -Aradhana Sen- UPYEF

Rohan's journey from Delhi Youth Equity Forum to roles at Pravah & Azadi Project showcases personal growth. Inspired by projects like GO NISHA GO, he champions sexual reproductive health & societal transformation. Conducting surveys with Afghan refugees and using street plays, he's a symbol of change—an introvert turned passionate advocate, highlighting the impact of individual determination on societal progress.

-Rohan-DYEF

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#### Bihar Ambedkar Students forum- BASF

A Collective of Dalit, Adivasi, Muslim, NTs/DNTs and other marginalized youth operating in 12 districts of Bihar through :Ambedkar Fellowship programme with over 3500 members since 2012

- 4 girl candidates sent to "Kandabari" Himachal Pradesh for "Sanjhe Sapne", a residential career development program.
- 3 applicants from bihar selected for "Padho Videsh" Scheme under Higher Education Link Programme (HELP).
- Pre-workshop for "Har dil me Samvidhaan".
- international women's day celebrated on March 08, 2023.
- Training on digital awareness called " Digital Champion" by YLAC.
- Counselling session conducted for 10th and 12th standard state board exams.
- 9 students tutored and mentored for Azim Premji University entrance exam.
- Vaktitva vikas kendra (VVK) cum Ambedkar Community Library established and inaugurated in Begusarai.

# Let's hear from State Collectives

### Uttar Pradesh Youth Equity Forum-UPYEF

#### A Collective of Dalit, Muslim and other marginalized youth operating in 7 districts of UP through "Ambedkar Fellowship" and over 650 members since 2020

- Program organized on international women's day.
- Around 800 voters data survey collected for voter awareness programme.
- Weekly learning module completed across fellows
- 20 fellows applied for "digital awareness campaign" by YLAC.
- 3 applied for Azim Premji University PG entrance test under High Education Link Program.
- Monthly "Sameeskha" for 20 fellows.
- Monthly secretariat meeting conducted.
- 6-month monitoring and evolution of fellows.

#### Delhi Youth Equity Forum - DYEF A collective of Dalit, Adivasi, Muslim and other marginalized youth operating in Delhi NCR through "ASPIRE Fellowship and over 450 members since 2019

- 10 girls participated in gender budgeting workshop conducted on sex gender, discrimination, rights, and opportunities.
- 9 different organizations collaborated for "Har dil me Samvidhan", a constitutional awareness program.
- "Vihara" program a mobile game project focusing on boys' sexual reproductive health, consent, and contraceptives
- weekly camps conducted in 3 different locations of Delhi for "Mera Armaan Neela Asmaan."
- 3 weekly sessions on the new Aspire Fellowship model and camp discussions.

## Children's Equity Forum – CLAY Fellowship

- An educational development interventions for most marginalized adolescents and children towards promoting equity and inclusion in education through CLAY
- fellowship and Children's Equity Forum in government schools and communities since 2013
- "Savitri Jayanti" celebrated in CLC's with 80 children.
- 3 Clay fellows passed matric and intermediate exams repectively.
- two fellows participated in "nine is mine" training of NICP.
- 2 fellows applied for "Laghu Udhami Yoina".
- 2 fellows applied for UNICEF leading mind youth fellowship.
- Education Bank functional with self contribution thrice by 14 fellows
- LIPE post test with 80 children.
- 3 days Online Game research with adult and their parents by VIHARA.
- Training on Youth agenda 2024 by Samwada NGO
- Celebrated republic day at Vyktitva Vikas kendra.
- CLAY Programme Coordinator is now a TFIx fellow from 2024
- Conducted 11 Clay weekly learning cycle at VVK.



# **Upcoming Programmes:**

- Ambedkar Jayanti celebration at state level.
- on Ground Survey in 3 districts of Bihar for fellow selection.
- 80 fellows on boarding process in Bihar from 3 different districts.
- "Chintan Shivir" with secretariate team of BASF.

- Survey of Manjhi, Nat, Dom and other S.C community fellows.
- Propose 3 campaigns on climate change.
- Compulsory Education Act, 2009.





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- SRHR training with 100 fellows (Mtv Nishedh).
- 24 hour wellbeing workshop with cuples.

- Campaign on sec. 12(1)(c) of the Right of Children to Free and