



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 and justice for all!

Highlights of Apr-Jun 2024

- 5 fellows/students got through selection process of Azim Premji University (APU) and Shiv Nadar University (SNU) as part of Higher Education Link Programme (HELP)
- 30 Youth trained on understanding and addressing Caste Based Discrimination (CBD) and how to be part of Anti Caste movement by our emerging experiential educators of NYEF
- Voter Awareness Campaign was conducted to reach out first time voters in Bihar and UP along with reaching out to approximate 20,000 voters in Bihar
- Ambedkar Jayanti celebration at Parliament Street led by Delhi Youth Equity Forum (DYEF) in collaboration with Centre for Social Equity and Inclusion (CSEI)
- 400+ outreach with youth, 169 applications for 7th batch of Ambedkar Fellow from Patna, Jamui and Araria district
- Mera Armaan, Neela Aasmaan - 9 Community Camps in Delhi as part of Government Scheme Assistance Desk (GSAD), facilitating government schemes benefit to over 350 people.
- Sec 12.1.C - Right to Education community camps in to facilitate 100 applications, 20 children got admission
- A three-day capacity enhancement and re-orientation workshop was conducted to strengthen NYEF team, secretariate, vision and plans for next 3 years.

On-Ground Voices

Saurabh, belonging to a Manjhi community, joined NYEF in 2013, becoming the first in his community to engage in educational initiatives. Despite facing numerous challenges, he persevered and applied for the prestigious DISOM Fellowship. Selected from across Bihar, he embarked on an 18-month journey (2022-2024), returning with newfound skills determined to uplift his community. Recognizing the transformative power of education, Saurav rejoined NYEF in 2024, dedicating himself to training young individuals like him, thus marking his greatest achievement in life.

-Saurabh-CLAY-Leader

Manish has joined UPYEF in 2022 and his developed several important skills since joining UPYEF, such as the art of speaking and a curiosity for learning new things. He engages in dialogue with youth on their issues, listens to them, and understands their problems. Manish realized how crucial it is to help them find solutions to their study-related challenges. His dedication and hard work encourage the youth and show them the path forward. Manish's journey is an inspiration to young people, demonstrating his commitment to serving his community.

-Manish- UPYEF

Sujal Salwan, a 20-year-old youth leader, joined the Delhi Youth Equity Forum (DYEF) in December 2020. Pursuing his BA, he passionately advocates for marginalized communities, focusing on SRHR and gender equality. Sujal epitomizes societal transformation, raising awareness and challenging stereotypes. His vision is to foster inclusive change and create a brighter, equitable future for all. Through his commitment, Sujal embodies the essence of youth leadership and social commitment.

-Sujal-DYEF



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

- Five sessions (Masculinity, Constitutional Rights and Values, Educational Drive, Art Therapy for Peer Education, Design Thinking) were organized with ASPIRE fellows and the DYEF network, with each session involving 35 participants, reaching a total of 170 youth.
- Community Action Project was implemented through the Azadi Project.
- Mera Armaan, Neela Aasmaan - A campaigns against air pollution along with Government Schemes Assistance Desk (GSAD) through community camps.
- Campaign on Right to Education (Sec 12.1.C) to get 20 children admission under EWS seat
- Sessions with Vihara, Go Nisha Go and Restless development on gender and SRHR education with boys and girls.

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 "Social Inclusion Fellowship" with over 650 members since 2020

- Outreach to 800 + 1st time voter for voter awareness campaign
- 2 fellow applied SMILE internship.
- 1 fellow applied for "film and story telling" editing course, in Dehradun.
- Book donation drive by fellows who have complete their board Exam.
- 9 Module Completed by 20 Fellows.
- One fellow selected for interview for Shiv Nadar University (SNU) under Higher Education Link Programme (HELP)
- One Fellow Selected in Naga Arjun Institute for the course on Samvidhanik Knowledge

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

- Ambedkar Jayanti was celebrated at state level with the participation of 300 youths.
- Two fellows selected for "Joking Justice - An Introduction to Theatre of the Oppressed," through a seven-day training program
- Education Mapping Survey in Patna, Jamui and Araria for 7th batch of Ambedkar Fellowship.
- Partnering JJSS, Sarita Mahesh Youth Leadership Programme, Bihar Development Collective (BDC)
- Workshop for youth fellows on understanding and mapping hate crimes and hate speech in association with PUCL (People's Union for Civil Liberties)

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

- 13-Weekly Learning Cycles (WLCs) was conducted with CLAY fellows
- 5 fellows were part of 5-Day active citizenship workshop was conducted in collaboration with the Device organization, focusing on filmmaking
- Planning and visits were conducted in collaboration with Doctors for You, in which 19 fellows participated.
- 6-day training was organized on SRHR and Gender education in which 100 youth participated
- Summer Camp for children in association with interns from Patang organisation through Art & Craft to learn gender and education.
- Voter awareness campaign was conducted in which all the fellows participated and raised awareness at their village level.
- A meeting was held with 20 parents in Mahipatpur village to discuss how to connect the youth with education and to address the challenges being faced.
- A meeting was organized in collaboration with the Restless Development to play the Go Bro Game Play with boys/men



Upcoming Programmes:

- Starting a 100-days against Inequality and discrimination campaign at the National level from August 15 to November 26.
- Perspective building and Capacity enhancement for 150 young fellows from Bihar, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Collaborating with 15 youths to form a band that can perform street plays and similar activities focusing on equity, inclusion, and constitutional values.
- Celebrating International Youth Day with youths from Bihar, Delhi, and UP.
- 3 days OD training with NYEF leaders and enhancing their capacity.
- Entrance Readiness Batch of 30 for Higher Education Link Programme (HELP) for APU, SNU, TISS, JNU (CUET) etc

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