



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 (DYEYF). 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 Jul-Sep 2024

- A new batch of 30 youth undergoing Entrance Readiness Programme for SNU/CUET/APU/TISS and provided mentorship under Higher Education Link Programme (HELP)
- 7th Batch of Ambedkar Fellowship launched, outreach over 400 youth in Patna, Jamui, and Araria districts, 169 applications received, and 80 fellows are finally onboarded.
- "Navodaya Ab Door Nahi" - 47 first generation children are facilitated to apply for Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) and mentor/coaching is being provided through Ambedkar Fellows.
- 2 Fellows joined Shiv Nadar University (SNU) and TISS Mumbai campus for their PG courses
- Two fellows selected for Go Rurban Camp - Threads of Tradition.
- Two fellows selected for the Changeloom Youth Leadership in Climate Action program.
- On International Youth Day, a library committee for Vyaktitva Vikas Kendra (VVK) consisting of 8 members was formed with 150 youth, through a democratic election process.
- The inauguration of the Savitribai Phule Library, in collaboration with fellows, the committee, and PRI members, was organized on the occasion of Periyar Day, 17th September 2024
- Four fellows have joined free courses provided by Lighthouse (organization).
- Three fellows have applied for the UNICEF Yuwaah program.

On-Ground Voices

Govind Kumar, from Aurangabad, Bihar, belongs to a marginalized community with limited education awareness. He is the first youth from his community pursuing higher education, supported by BASF since 2023. Govind actively promotes education among local youth and was recently selected for a Digital Democracy program, where he learned to create a documentary on community issues. He continues to advance in his journey to make a difference.

-Govind-BASF

Anjali has been with the CLAY Fellowship since 2019 and actively participates in every program. She continuously strives to improve herself, adopting various approaches with a focus on leadership. Her passion lies in issues related to gender and sexuality, and she has recently excelled in the "Hamaari Kahani, Hamaara Rang" project, emerging as a strong leader. Through art and colors, she is empowering the young girls of her community, raising awareness on gender and sexuality.

-Anjali- CLAY

Ajay, from the village of Jamuniya in Uttar Pradesh, joined UPYEF a year ago. Initially hesitant, he gradually developed an understanding of the Constitution, fundamental rights, and social issues. He conducted surveys in his village and learned about media and teamwork during training in Banaras. The UPYEF meetings boosted his confidence and broadened his perspective. Today, Ajay reflects on his experiences through his diary, bringing positive changes to his life.

-Ajay-UPYEF-



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

- Nine weekly session on (A Behavioral contract, Report making, Play for Peace, Community action Project about 5W (why, what, when, where, Whom), Lighthouse Courses Orientation, Reflection and feedback of Training, Redesigning CAP, Trust building and creating safe space, discrimination and inequality through performance-based activities, practice role-playing for the performance) were organized with ASPIRE fellows and the DYEF network, with each session involving 35 participants, reaching a total of 315 youth.
- 20 fellows have prepared their Community Action Projects:- Promoting Mental and Emotional Well-being, Empowering Youth through Education and Awareness, Fostering Inclusivity and Environmental Responsibility:
- 3-Day Residential Training: Conducted a capacity building and training workshop for ASPIRE fellows.
- SMILE Internship: One fellow is actively participating in the SMILE internship program.



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

- A review of the previous month's activities and planning for the upcoming month was conducted with the secretariat and fellows.
- 2 fellow applied for Skill Development, leadership building, higher education in APF.
- A survey on community issues was conducted, in which 20 fellows collectively completed 1,000 surveys.
- Fifteen fellows shared their one-year journey in the form of a story.
- A fellow named Sunny helped four YEF members get admission into M.Sc. Agriculture.
- In 15 districts, 20 fellows visited historical sites in their respective districts on International Youth Day to learn about them and took photographs. They then celebrated this on August 15 in their respective districts.
- A 3-day training program was organized in Varanasi, focusing on capacity building and enhancing the program.

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

- On International Youth Day, seven fellows submitted a letter to their mukhiya regarding the library application.
- On August 15, the event was celebrated through 15 fellows, and an update was posted on social media tagging BASF.
- Two fellows were selected for the 10-day Digital Democracy course, where they will have the opportunity to create a documentary film on issues related to their community.
- Five fellows appeared for the Bihar Police exam.
- 10 batches have been completed for SNU/CUET/APU.
- A senior Ambedkar fellow participated in the 12th BDC meetup, where they had the opportunity to learn and understand from 40 organizations.
- Under the "Navodaya Ab Door Nahi" campaign running in BASF, forms for 47 children were filled out.
- Forms for 10 youth were filled out for the post-matric scholarship.



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

- Finalize 30 CLAY Fellows for 4th Batch
- Three workshops on gender identity through art and craft were conducted at VVK, each lasting six days.
- A senior fellow attended the Youth Work Course class in Bangalore and Mumbai, organized by SAMWADA.
- Celebrate International youth-day and formation Library committees
- CLAY Team a member Attend Learning companion workshop & Fundraising in Lakhnow & Kolkata by TFIx
- Goal setting training with 30 fellows.
- Start Computer Batch with 10 student in VVK
- CLAY Team Prepare 8 Weekly Learning Cycle module.
- Regular 30 Clay fellows tracking of School/Collage/Tuition for present in class.
- Conducted 11 Clay Weekly Learning Cycle Meeting in VVK
- On Periyar Day, the Savitribai Phule Library was inaugurated, with fellows, community members, and PRIs attending the event.
- A team member from CLAY participated in the Practitioners' Colloquium event organized by Blue Ribbon in Mumbai.



Upcoming Programmes:

- Annual Campaign to educate and facilitate youth to learn and practice constitutional values, "Sanvidhan Se Gantantra Nirmaan Abhiyaan" will be launched from November 26 to January 26, 2026
- As part of the "Shadi Samjhdari or Sajhedari" program, 10 married couples from 5 districts of Bihar will start 10 new business ventures using innovative approaches.
- A 3-day learning exposure and experience training will be organized at the state level with 100 fellows.
- An art and colors program "Hamar Kahani, Hamar Rang" will be conducted with 40 girls, along with their families and communities. The culmination of this program will include an exhibition and a mural display.
- A "My Day" event will be organized with 30 children from the marginalized community, at the community level. The event will include participation from all community members, where the progress and journey of the 30 fellows so far will be shared. This will be a significant day for the children.

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