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CHAIRMAN’S NOTE >>

We at the Digital Empowerment Foundation have been striving to eradicate information poverty in India for the last 20 years. Over the years we have been recognising ICT solutions for under-served communities through our awards. It is with the same endeavor that this year we are continuing with the eNGO Challenge Award that has been conceptualized in 2012 to recognise and facilitate civil society organizations using digital tools.

Many not-for-profit civil society organizations are working with a developmental agenda to solve local issues of grassroots communities. It is not just about helping marginalized people who need help and support, but they are creating an ecosystem of self-reliance through technology.

Organizations are using the internet as a powerful tool for community mobilization and advocacy. They are not only repositories of local knowledge but also the chief disseminators of the latest information and
scientific advances in various fields that impact the lives and livelihoods of people, especially the marginalized and underserved communities.

As this book documents, this year we have seen some extraordinary instances of the use of digital tools and ICT in the work of NGOs not only in India but also throughout the other countries of South Asia. This book is a testament to the relevance of civil society organizations in the post-COVID world.

Lastly, I would like to extend my gratitude to all the Jurors for going through a rigorous process to select the best among the best and a big congratulation to all the shortlisted candidates and Winners to develop some brilliant initiatives using ICT tools for the betterment and development of the society.
Technology & Accessibility

Amba Jamir
Vice President,
Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI)

The experience of serving as a juror for the mBillionth Mobile for Good Awards 2020 - 2021 was a challenge since there were numerous innovative and diverse projects. However, being an entrepreneur myself, it was rewarding to learn about the zeal the finalists had to offer in addition to their enlightening innovations.

India capacitates unexplored and unexploited markets with the potential of a genuine business problem. mBillionth Awards presented networking opportunities for upcoming businesses to be discovered. Furthermore, the small-scaled initiatives have the potential to resolve issues and grow into a vast solution.
I was struck by the diversity of the projects and presentations. Some of the projects were very interesting and challenging and displayed a massive organisational commitment. However, my sense was that the vast majority of the projects had not understood the brief and indeed did not deserve to be a part of the shortlist (purely as candidates for eNGO awards - they are exceptional projects otherwise). It becomes very difficult to score these as ZERO - especially given the quality of work they are doing on the ground! Some of the finalists actually had a new and innovative solution and used technology as an integral part of the solution.
JUROR’S NOTE >>>

Sustainability, Inclusion, Equity, Justice, and Technology

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Centre for Livelihood and Social Entrepreneurship
School of Social Work
Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)

The screening of the NGOs in this competition was very rigorous and considered the factors such as the impact created by the organization on the social sector with a focus on SDGs. Strategies of the NGOs to incorporate the principles of sustainability, inclusion, equity, justice, and technology integration in the development interventions carried out at the grassroots level and their impact on the communities were examined. We considered looking at the NGO’s consistency, track record and experience in the specific area and the impact created in the policy-making processes. We also looked at NGOs’ overall goals and how they are evolving innovations, creativity, and efforts made for future impact. However, as a competition, it was a tough choice for the juror to select from the pool of the most creative, impactful NGOs. Ultimately, the selection process aimed to identify the most qualified and deserving NGOs. Overall, the competition was inclusive, transparent, and fair.
Technology in the Social Justice Movement

Sudipta Das
Program Lead
The YP Foundation

The eNGO Challenge Award 2022-2023 aims to encourage the use of technology in the social justice movement and diversify the use of various tech tools to benefit communities. The post-pandemic world has highlighted the importance of tech, especially in reaching marginalized communities. However, there is a challenge in ensuring that tech spaces are affirmative to diverse communities’ needs. The benefit of using tech is greater reachability and network building across sections, and many projects discussed during the evaluation process were people-centric. The eNGO Challenge Award is a meaningful contributor to the transition towards using tech in social justice interventions. The applicants’ collective purpose is to imagine a just world, and the evaluation process has been a reflective and learning journey for all involved. The hope is that the eNGO Challenge Award will continue to nurture this space in the coming years and grow to its full potential.
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Importance of Tech in Post-Pandemic World

Tarun Kumar
Founder & Secretary,
Nischay Foundation

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eNGOChallenge Awards 2022-23
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Education and Learning
Gender Equality and Empowerment
Health Access & Delivery
Livelihood, Business and Entrepreneurship
NGO Digital Transformation
Public Services, Entitlements and Social Protection
Rights and Advocacy
Social Inclusion
**Winners**

Initiative: Digital Inclusion Of Young Aspirants (Diya)
Organisation: Anudip Foundation For Social Welfare

Initiative: Digiteyes
Organisation: Visionspring Foundation

Initiative: ISL Textbooks
Organisation: Haryana Welfare Society For Persons With Speech And Hearing Impairment

Initiative: Quality, Compassionate, Respectful Maternal Health: Scale-Up Of Professional Midwifery In Telangana, India
Organisation: Fernandez Foundation

Initiative: Oranges Road Safety Education, Training And Awareness Campaign
Organisation: Yuvajaya Foundation
Special Mentions

Initiative: Puducherry Youth Helpline
Organisation: Trust For Youth And Child Leadership (Suicide Prevention)

Initiative: 300 Million Citizens’ Challenge
Organisation: Katha

Initiative: Women Leadership Program
Organisation: AALI

Initiative: Jaago Foundation Digital School Program
Organisation: Jaago Foundation

Initiative: Sunny Lives: Ai-Based Disaster Impact Model
Organisation: Seeds
Digital Solutions for Community

WINNERS
Skills Development Program for at-risk Unemployed Youth and Vulnerable Women

Anudip Foundation's Digital Inclusion of Young Aspirants (DIYA) is a technology-driven skills development program for at-risk unemployed youth and vulnerable women to build sustainable incomes and dignified life. The program is structured around digital-age learning experiences and new-economy career opportunities for career aspirants from socially-excluded locations.

Over 150,000 families and 400,000 individuals have benefited from Anudip’s counseling, skilling and livelihood programs. Anudip's interventions focus on working with socially-excluded youth and women across 18 Indian States and 57 districts. The effort is to create lifelong learners, ready to access economic opportunities in an increasingly digital world thus securing for our students a life of dignity. The theory of change is that economic independence and a mindset of learning creates social consciousness and empathetic individuals who bring change not just to their families but serve as role models in their communities and for the next generations.

Initiative
Digital Inclusion Of Young Aspirants (DIYA)

Organization
Anudip Foundation For Social Welfare

Website
www.anudip.org

Location
West Bengal, India
VisionSpring Team conducts eye-screening in the field, which is miles away from our production lab. They capture screening data in the Customer Examination Sheet (CES-paper form) and courier them to the lab for production. Thus, we needed to move to a digital platform to reduce the delivery time of prescription glasses to the customers, to improve real-time and error-free data requirements.

Digital replacement of the paper-based CES work with off-the-shelf low-end computers and in environments with no electricity and spotty or no internet access can accommodate the movement of customers in a camp, at each station without giving the customer a tablet to hold and can be operated by staff with basic reading and writing skills.

DigitEYES digitally captures the beneficiary’s demographic and eye examination information at Vision Camps. The platform is designed to function without internet access or electricity and low-end off-the-shelf hardware. Vision Camps are set up in the DigitEYES Cloud Server. A laptop configured as the DigitEYES Camp Server reads the Cloud Server for the camp configuration data.
The New York Times

A Simple Way to Improve a Billion Lives: Eyeglasses

It’s the biggest health crisis you’ve never heard of. Doctors, philanthropists and companies are trying to solve it.

Touched Millions in India

2.78 Million
Eye-Screenings Annually

See to Earn
0.45 Million
Workers and Community Members

See to Learn
2.16 Million
School Children

See to Be Safe
0.16 Million
Drivers and Truckers
HWSPSHI has developed the Indian Sign Language (ISL) Textbooks from foundation years till Class VIII, as a unique innovation in the country to make ISL learning as a language subject possible for the deaf learners as L1 (first language). The textbooks have been developed by a team of certified and experienced ISL teachers (deaf), and subject experts and fully illustrated by a deaf designer ‘Himanshu Kansal’. This initiative would facilitate ISL learning in all deaf schools as well as provide an opportunity to offer ISL as an elective language subject in hearing schools. HWSPSHI introduced ISL as a language subject in 2019 in eight deaf schools taught by ISL teachers appointed in all eight centres. However, there were no textbooks or resources available in the country to teach ISL in schools in a graded manner. These ISL books facilitate early language access in native sign language, which is vital in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals set for 2030, including the reduction of poverty and income inequality, greater access to quality education, and the promotion of just and inclusive societies.
Training of Midwives for Safer Motherhood

Initiative
Quality, Compassionate, Respectful Maternal Health: Scale-Up Of Professional Midwifery In Telangana, India

Organization
Fernandez Foundation

Website
www.fernandez.foundation

Location
Haryana, India

A professional midwife, trained to global standards and providing continuity of care throughout pregnancy, and childbirth, has the most significant effect on reducing the number of planned cesareans and overall C-section rate. So, midwifery-led care is critical in promoting physiological births and reducing over-medicalization. A midwife provides skilled, knowledgeable, and compassionate care for childbearing women, newborn infants, and families, across the continuum, throughout pre-pregnancy, pregnancy, birth, postpartum and the early weeks of life. 87% of maternal and newborn needs of a country are met when midwives form the backbone of maternity services. (Lancet 2014)

Midwifery is widely acknowledged globally as a high-quality, low-cost vital solution to maternal and newborn care. Recognizing the critical role of skilled midwives, the Government of India developed guidelines in 2018 and initiated a midwifery training programme with an aim of strengthening the midwifery services of the country. It is estimated that India needs 86,000 professional midwives to serve women in public hospitals. Telangana initiated midwifery education and training under the preceptorship of the International midwifery faculty and was also the first state in the country to bring in global standards of training with 18 months of residential training. Telangana is also the first in the country to have a successful Public-Private partnership model through midwifery education and training with Fernandez Foundation and UNICEF.
Impact of Midwifery in The State of Telangana (April 2021-Aug 2022)
Many people, after the birth of a child, leave them on the street. We have built a cradle house (Palna Gruh) in the local government hospital where people can leave their unwanted children. Then we hand over those children to the government. In this way, we have saved a total of more than 100 children so far.

The campaign has saved more than 70,000 trees to cut under Save Paper Save Trees Campaign and has been involved in various developmental activities last five years and working in the field of Road Safety Awareness Programmes, Consumer Awareness Programs, Literacy Programmers, Women empowerment, SHG formation, Health, Legal Aid Awareness, PRI’s Awareness programs, Environment awareness programs, Cultural programmes and Health awareness programme etc. in the district of Dewas of Madhya Pradesh State.
ROAD SAFETY PROJECT
SAVED LIVES OF MORE THAN 750 ROAD ACCIDENT VICTIMS

“Rastriya Ratna Award 2020” For Saving Road Accident Victims.

Seminar on Women Empowerment, Education, Road Safety, Health, Environment and other Cultural Activities.
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SPECIAL MENTIONS
In comparison to the national average, Pondicherry has a higher risk of youth suicide. Academic and relationship failure, unemployment, and alcoholism are the major factors leading to suicide in Pondicherry, the exact causes of many suicides are usually unknown. Puducherry Youth Helpline provides services like counseling, career guidance, job assistance, education loan support, entrepreneurship, and fellowships. It is a confidential and anonymous connection that troubled or concerned youth and young adults in Pondicherry can call to share their problems, needs and priorities. They offer the service to members of the community for no cost in order to increase awareness of the same through our Mobile Mental Health Clinic. Also, they promote our services to each and every home in rural areas. We provide our services to young people between the ages of 18 and 35.

Counseling to Save Lives

**Initiative**
Puducherry Youth Helpline

**Organization**
Trust For Youth And Child Leadership

**Website**
www.tycl.org.in/about-us

**Location**
Puducherry, India
Initiative
300 Million Citizens’ Challenge

Organization
Katha

Website
http://www.katha.org

Location
Delhi, India

300 Million Citizen’s Challenge innovative model uses the three decades of proven techniques that *enhance the joy of reading* towards learning outcomes for children.

This is done through broad-based open and collaborative partnerships with other grassroots organizations and communities whose facilitators we ENGAGE, ENABLE and EMPOWER with rich, interactive, child-centric, and proven pedagogy.

300M uses technology as a lever, built on a world-class international standards-based learning platform. In addition, the omnichannel “Anytime, anywhere, anyone” platform, built on AWS, Moodle, and Google AI chat, is available to all last-mile partners and their children at no charge.

Primary offering: The 300M hybrid learning platform learn.katha.org along with workshops and training for the facilitators.

Mode of offering: The program engages large and small partners with award-winning content and pedagogical approaches. They involve fun and activity-based reading interventions via technology and deep-rooted connections with the communities.
CREATING A NATION WHERE EVERY CHILD IS A READER-LEADER

QUALITATIVE IMPACT - 3RD PARTY EVALUATION

- 70% of children reading levels increased in 2 years
- 48.56% of reading comprehension improved by 25%
- 33% of schools increased reading proficiency by 1 grade level

SCHOOLS IMPACT
- 1,000 government schools transformed
- 1,000,000 children reached through student libraries
- 95% of principal and teachers attended mandatory training
- 200+ school libraries established in urban and rural areas

QUANTITATIVE IMPACT
- 85% of girls graduated in secondary education
- 98% nutrition
- 1.5 million children improved reading
- 85% attendance improvement
- 4,000 teachers trained to be community volunteers
- 25,000 teachers trained to improve children’s critical thinking
- 1130 community-based schools established in tribal and urban slums

We build excitement in every child! Our content and pedagogy inspire children to think, ask questions, discuss, act, achieve! Katha’s TADA!: Way out of poverty for millions of children in India!
Creating Women Leaders in Marginalized Communities

The Women Leadership Program is specific in relation to Azamgarh and Varanasi. The objective of this program is to enable women from marginalized communities in Uttar Pradesh to assert their citizenship and claim their rights and entitlements from the state and prevent exclusion.

This initiative is unique because in this selected women from marginalized communities are identified as Community Leaders (CLs) and their capacities are built, they are made aware of their fundamental rights and how to avail them, and they are made wholly equipped so that they are able to participate in local governance. These CLs conduct regular monitoring in their communities to ensure that everyone is able to access and claim their rights and social security entitlements. This helps these women to break away from the stereotype of being purdah-clad, backward, and oppressed by socio-cultural norms and become empowered citizens of the country, who are aware of their rights as citizens, and able to exercise them towards their security and betterment.

Initiative
Women Leadership Program

Organization
Association For Advocacy And Legal Initiatives Trust (Aali)

Website
www.aalilegal.org

Location
Uttar Pradesh, India
Women Leadership Program

AALI'S VISION

AALI ENVISIONS AN EGALITARIAM SOCIAL SYSTEM THAT RECOGNIZES WOMEN AS COMPLETE INDIVIDUALS AND EQUAL HUMAN BEINGS THROUGH ADVOCACY FOR WOMEN’S HUMAN RIGHTS.

Association for Advocacy and Legal Initiatives Trust (AALI) is a women-led organization committed to the protection and advancement of rights of women, children and other marginalized communities. AALI has direct field presence in Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttarakhand and Bihar, and provides technical support to various women rights organizations and groups across India.

Explore AALI →

Outreach Insights

In the last 6 years (2021-2022)
Providing Access to Education in Far Flung Areas

Initiative
JAAGO Foundation Digital School Program

Organization
Jaago Foundation

Website
www.jaago.com.bd

Location
Dhaka, Bangladesh

JAAGO Foundation has been providing free, quality education following the digital schooling approach to underprivileged children (age group 4 to 16), in different rural and far flung areas of Bangladesh including Rajshahi, Chattogram, Gaibandha, Bandarban, Madaripur, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Habiganj, Teknaf, and Dhaka. Currently, 4,500+ students are being taught by 180+ skilled and highly qualified teachers. The beneficiaries are from marginalized communities and don’t have access to education. Besides schooling, JAAGO also provides all kinds of educational materials, nutrition, and hygiene products and arranges co-curricular activities to facilitate the overall development of the students.

In this digital education process, quality teachers from all over Bangladesh take online classes with video conferencing technology. This school’s classrooms are equipped with a multimedia setup, including a wide monitor, projector, speaker, microphone, and high-speed internet connection. Qualified and equipped teachers virtually take interactive classes following the NCTB English version curriculum with the physical presence of a classroom facilitator responsible for ensuring the students’ active participation during the class and checking their scripts and homework. Thus the students get a formal education in a learning-friendly environment.
JAAGO’s Digital Classroom
Qualified Teachers are teaching through the video-conferencing technology

Facilitators ensure the Teaching-Learning activity inside the classroom

The Problem
Lack of access to quality education in rural parts of Bangladesh

The Solution
JAAGO introduced the Digital School Platform to overcome geographical challenges and take quality education to the remotest areas of Bangladesh
Sunny Lives, is a model developed by SEEDS for impact-based disaster risk assessment for multiple hazards such as floods, heatwaves and earthquakes. This artificial intelligence model uses high-resolution satellite imagery and other open-source datasets for analyzing hyper-local risk – i.e. at the scale of each building! It has been developed under Microsoft’s global program ‘AI for Humanitarian Action’ over the course of three years. It has been piloted for over 20 locations across India and exhibits high accuracy. The model has been used to reach out to 58,000 families vulnerable to climate and disaster risks with customized advisories and warnings till date. Currently, the focus of the project is to scale through government partnerships in 6 Indian cities.
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FINALISTS
Bridging the Digital Divide in India’s Social Sector

The Organisation 1NGO conducted the programme “Digital Empowerment of NGOs“ in Gaya District of Bihar State. The coaching is for students of Backward and Other Backward classes of society. The society also imparts free education to 150 students from marginalized communities and provides scholarships for deserving students of the lowest rung of the society on the economic ladder. This programme ensured legal rights by an independent judiciary, dimension to police reform & their monitoring, ensured nondiscrimination against women and minorities, minority participation in decision-making structures, efforts for reducing horizontal inequalities the sanctity of the vote, the population of code of conduct for tolerant behaviour of political parties, pro-poor human development strategies etc. will be taken as education and awareness, focusing of civil right on media, PIL etc. Various noted academicians, leaders and social workers have shown keen interest in this proposed programme for the society.
A Learning Platform Containing Unique Courses and Interactive Resources on Environment and Conservation

One Planet Academy is a digital world where the oldest lessons from nature and the latest developments in technology come together for students and teachers. One Planet Academy is a digital learning destination for environmental education. It brings together the expertise of the environment and knowledge of nature education into a state-of-the-art technology platform to:

- Enable teachers’ capacity to teach the environment and encourage conservation action.
- Engage students via a rich repository of interactive nature education resources.
- Provide students with a platform to deliberate and speak on biodiversity and the environment.

The One Planet Academy platform offers engaging and interactive content on various environmental themes such as biodiversity, habitat and ecosystems, climate change etc in interesting formats like videos, comics, animation games, e-books, podcasts, and 360Deg ecosystem trails.
Empowering the Visually Impaired through Audiobooks

Children with visual impairments face disproportionate challenges in learning and by the time they reach college, they are significantly under-represented in science, mathematics and other disciplines. Many of them don’t even have textbooks. High school students (Class 8 onwards) face most difficulties in the absence of adequate study materials and support as the course becomes tougher. In the absence of Braille textbooks, visually impaired students depend on their sighted siblings, friends or parents to read out books to them. In such circumstances, audio-books are a savior to them.

VIEWS proposes to convert high school and college textbooks from Class VI to Post Graduation into the audio format by engaging professionals with help of its initiative Empowering the visually impaired through audiobooks. The priority is to prepare an audio version of the textbooks from Class VI to Post Graduation under the prescribed curriculum apart from popular fiction and nonfiction books and make those accessible for every visually impaired student.

Initiative
Empowering the visually impaired through audiobooks

Organization
Voluntary Integration For Education And Welfare Of Society (VIEWS)

Website
http://www.viewsindia.org.in/

Location
Odisha, India
Digitally Enabling Government Schools

Y4D seeks to establish a technology-enabled learning platform for government schools by setting up a digital lab having computers, and smartboards under the flagship program of the Digital Training, and Resource Center (DTRC), in order to introduce them to technical education through which they will be digitally equipped. As a result, government school students can overcome digital illiteracy and reduce the digital gap. It will not only provide training to the students but also train the teachers as per the guideline of DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) by MHRD 7.
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Multi-Mode Delivery Model to Bridge the Digital Divide

The EVidyaloka Digital School Program works on a multi-mode delivery model to address the digital divide. It includes a Digital School set-up in the community through the eVidyaloka Learning App, interventions through workbooks and worksheets, and learning through television programs. This is a conventional model that covers learning in a medium that is accessible to the child either in-school or out-of-school/community-based. The program interventions are focused on benefitting the most deserving children of rural India. Even students who do not have devices are covered under the program.
Career Connect skill unemployed first-generation graduates from economically challenged families so that they start a meaningful career in the service sector. This has two distinct changes.

The educated youth become employed and contribute to the overall economy of society.

The young girls, who form the majority of our beneficiaries, are able to be financially independent and make decisions about their own lives. This has a cascading impact on their families as they project their confidence into the next generation as well.
Multisensory Learning Methods to Provide Education to All

At Agastya, we believe in the natural potential of children to remain curious, and their ability to build knowledge on their own. Agastya embarked upon building interactive digital modules to combine the excitement of using technology, with easy-to-learn science content to provide a self-learning experience for children. Providing digital self-learning capsules in vernacular languages helps in developing the belief in the child that he/she can learn on their own and thereby builds confidence to further explore and learn unaided.

Agastya developed “wE-Learn” (an Android application) carrying interactive audio-visual content freely available for all through the Google Play store. The multisensory learning methods used in wE-Learn ensure that all types of learners benefit from the tool. Audio-visuals facilitate both auditory and visual learning, while interactive activities through touchscreen technology ensure active learning. The content developed is contextual and relatable for the learners and is available in the learners’ regional language, to facilitate better understanding.
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Project Parivartan is a CSR initiative of AkzoNobel India and Deepalaya. The project is being run in partnership with the Department of Education, Punjab aligning its objectives and vision with the DoE, Punjab. The three main components of the project are Life Skill Education & Holistic Development, Remedial Education and Infrastructural Upgradation.

In the present academic year, four government high schools in Mohali, Punjab were adopted.
Access to Meal Kits and Other Necessities by the Vulnerable Communities

Apne Aap Women Worldwide is a grassroots Indian organization that empowers marginalized girls and women to resist and end sex trafficking. We organize vulnerable girls and women into small self-empowerment groups, where they work collectively to access legal, social, economic and political rights. Apne Aap targets the most vulnerable. This is who they call “the Last Girl”.

Apne Aap Women Worldwide continues to strive to turn this vision into reality.
Making Everyone Entrepreneurial, Employable, and Skilled

The Adani Skill Development Centre offers courses that are regularly updated in line with the industry’s requirements. Also, innovation in the course material is constantly being made and the introduction of courses based on new technologies in the market is also a part of our offerings. For instance, ASDC offers a 3D Printing Operator Course, which is the first of its kind in the industry. In addition to this, ASDC has adopted state-of-the-art technologies to deliver training in technical courses like Electrician and Crane Operation. These courses make use of cutting-edge AR and VR technologies to introduce the highest levels of efficiency.

The environment is designed to encourage young girls & boys to take up training & employment opportunities to build a trained workforce. ASDC aims to help the youth of India in achieving their goals by turning them into skilled professionals.
Combatting Gender Based Violence

**Initiative**
Girls Lead Girls - A Holistic Self-Defence Program

**Organization**
Trust For Youth And Child Leadership (Tycl)

**Website**
http://www.tycl.org.in

**Location**
Puducherry, India

Violence against women and girls is a human rights violation and a substantial physical and mental health challenge across the globe. Understanding gender-based violence and its impact on women's and girls' health is critical for human rights action and social inclusion. In order to make girls and women strong self-defenders and knowledge-based resources in society, TYCL launched “Girls Lead Girls - A Holistic During Covid-19 “Girls Lead Girls’ curriculum was structured and simplified to be converted as an online course so that the girls and women can access the knowledge and empowering perspectives from their respective locations in their convenient time. TYCL has prepared, piloted and launched the e-learning platform for the same with valuable contributions from quality resource persons around the state. The free online self-defence curriculum was promoted widely across educational institutions and directly in the doorsteps of the vulnerable community girls and women’s households in association with the parallel community suicide prevention intervention initiative “Mobile Mental Health Clinic” in Puducherry and Tamil Nadu. The Girls Lead Girls e-learning program consists of a pre-and-post test to measure the efficacy and impact of the program among girls.
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Girls Lead Girls Hybrid Workshop 2
Enabling Access to Affordable Eye Care

VisionSpring Foundation has been working with the most neglected community, underprivileged and marginalized who earn less than USD 4 per day. It is found that with a simple pair of eyeglasses, there is an increase in productivity which has the potential to increase income by an estimated 20%. For the Base of the Pyramid (BoP) populations, this can translate into increased earnings of roughly USD 216 over the two-year lifespan of a pair of VisionSpring eyeglasses.

- In recent times with technology, VSF has launched paperless data collection, DigitEYES- which helps in data entry and other facilities, making it easier for teams to work. We also work on Cloud Data entry on Salesforce which is used as a CRM tool for multiple data entries. This mechanism helped the whole team take a closer look at day-to-day screening numbers and their needs.

- Sustainability was embedded with the introduction of the Vision Champion Program. To bring continuity in intervention, it was of utmost importance to engage with the community, create a pool of knowledge accessible by the community members, create a positive environment to encourage eyeglasses-wearing practice and address their concerns. Through Vision Champion Program, Vision Champions were created within the community to provide knowledge about eyecare and a bridge between local eye hospitals and VisionSpring, respectively.
Relief Program for Rural Afghanistan

With a Vision of “A World of Prosperous families empowered to make informed choices” ORCD has the mission to implement health & Education access and Thirst Relief in rural areas in Afghanistan. Orcd has provided through its program:

Free labor for food-for-work projects (Paktika)

More than 800 volunteers as community health workers – Ghazni Provinces

More than 6 houses free of charge for health facilities in Ghazni

Free venues for training, Baghlan and other provinces

Initiative
Health Access & Education

Organization
Orcd

Website
https://www.orcd.org/

Location
Kabul, Afghanistan.
Winners, Special Mentions, Chairperson’s Distinction And Finalist Summary
DigiSwasthya Foundation delivers quality health care services via Tele-consultations, awareness camps and referral pathways to the remotest parts of India.

Services Provided:
A panel of healthcare professionals includes doctors across all specialisations and languages. The patient navigator at the centre measures the vitals using digital devices, shares it with the doctors, facilitates a consultation through a telemedicine platform, generates an electronic medical record, generates a prescription, translates the instructions, etc.

There are referral pathways for our patients, pro-bono or subsidised healthcare services, including tie-ups with pharmacies and diagnostic labs.

DigiSwasthya organises webinars to increase awareness about healthcare and has on-ground awareness camps to educate the masses about telemedicine. Our team goes from village to village with educational material, and we are also involved in training frontline workers to empower local communities in the field of healthcare.
Empowering Tribal Women Farmers through Sustainable Coffee Farming in Visakhapatnam Coffee Cluster

Initiative
Visakhapatnam Coffee Cluster: Co-Creation Of Sustainable Value Chains

Organization
Indian Micro Enterprises Development Foundation (Imedf)

Website

Location
Delhi, India

Visakhapatnam Coffee Cluster is a cluster of 500 Bagata tribal women farmers that aims to improve the livelihood and income generation opportunities of the coffee growers and conserve the natural farming practices in the rainforest zone of Andhra Pradesh & Odisha state bordering areas.

Under the initiative, the farmers have been institutionalized as a cooperative and trained in organic farming practices in the coffee gardens. Their capacities have been built upon good farming practices to improve the harvesting and post-harvesting quality of three types of coffee—Hill, Robusta and Arabica.

A coffee processing unit consisting of both wet and dry lines along with a state of art eco pulping unit has been set up to process coffee meeting export standards for the Fair Trade forum (FTF). This has improved the selling price of the coffee and the farmer's collective informs the farmer members about market trends to prevent them from falling into the trap of middlemen who buy at low prices.

Through the intervention, the tribal youth have been trained in farm mechanization and post-harvesting practices and thus, help their parents in coffee farming.
Winners, Special Mentions, Chairperson's Distinction And Finalist Summary
Creating Economic Resilience to Reduce Poverty and Vulnerability

The project aims to create economic resilience in the rural-tribal community to reduce poverty and vulnerability to shops through the delivery of business, ecological and social services to achieve economic and social empowerment. The project area is of 10 villages situated at Sapotra tehsil of Karauli district of Rajasthan. Seven out of ten villages are located in Aravali Forest and the other three in the fringes of the forest. Villages are deprived of basic infrastructures such as roads, electricity, and safe drinking water. The community is struggling to access better and remunerative employment opportunities along with basic facilities like quality drinking water, education and health.

Initiative
Holistic Rural Development Project

Organization
Udyogini

Location
Delhi, India
Winners, Special Mentions, Chairperson’s Distinction And Finalist Summary

[Images of people working in a field and in a rural setting]

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Skill Building to Create Employable Youth

The freelancing job is the most popular job among people from marginalized communities. Due to lack of training and financial limitations, they are not able to fully utilize their talents. “She Power Project” provides ICT training free of cost with the support of local and international donors. And trying to empower millions of vulnerable girls and women at the grassroots level by replacing them with freelancing/outsourcing job and helping them to set up small enterprises for their sustainable development freelancing job is easy and less costly. If you have ICT knowledge you can do it. This is like your own business without much cash capital. You do when you like and earn.

Initiative
She Power Project

Organization
Sustainable Development For Vulnerable Peoples In Bangladesh

Location
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Winners, Special Mentions, Chairperson’s Distinction And Finalist Summary

[Images of various groups and individuals, possibly related to digital solutions for community engagement and development.]
Skill Development Through a Blend of Simulation-Based Learning

Initiative
She Power Project

Organization
Sustainable Development For Vulnerable Peoples In Bangladesh

Location
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Skill Development Centre through Unique Learning Technology focuses on providing exemplary training solutions in the skill development sector by offering a blend of simulation-based learning along with livelihood opportunities. Sometimes, physical training is a risky, time-consuming, and costlier affair. This NPO pioneers in this area with a simulation-based training solution for Welders, Electricians, HMV drivers, Crane Operators and some other programs. As a result, industries get skilled manpower without compromising the safety and quality of training through a cost-effective mechanism. Various technologies like Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and Mixed Reality (MR) are the pillars of these simulators giving a variety of experiences to the learners through different modes of operation. Thus, creating a transformative educational experience for candidates by focusing on bridging the industry skill gap and contributing towards Nation Building.

This NPO (Not-for-Profit Organization), which is present in 11 states of India, has successfully trained over 100,000 youth of the Nation in different domains. Among them, it has trained more than 6,000 candidates in Trades like electricians, Welding technicians, Crane Operations, etc… by enabling technology as a primary medium of training at highly affordable rates along with providing them with the opportunity to become self-reliant. 71.52% of the trained candidates are successfully employed at various companies by allowing them to grow financially from earning merely $20 - $30 per month to $130 - $150 per month.
Providing Information, Services and Support to PwDs

CapSarathi is a mobile application/website which functions as a one-stop solution for information services for PwDs and is a joint initiative by Capgemini and Sarthak Educational Trust. It aims at reaching every nook and cranny across India and providing information, services and support to people with disability (PwD) at a click.

It includes information on a number of topics required for PwDs such as Government Schemes, Policies & Provisions such as Disability certificates, pensions, transport concessions, reservations and others. Services such as Counseling, Guidance, Early Intervention, Education, Skill development, Employment, Career Growth and Career Continuance support to people with a disability.

Initiative
Capsarathi - One-Stop Digital Solution For Disability Related Info & Services

Organization
Sarthak Educational Trust

Website
http://sarthakindia.org

Location
Delhi, India
Winners, Special Mentions, Chairperson’s Distinction And Finalist Summary

CapSarathi - Mobile App
CapSarathi is a joint initiative by Capgemini & Sarthak Educational Trust

CapSarathi App
A one-stop solution for Information & services for Persons with Disabilities

Concessional Transport Passes
Disability Certificate
Disability Pension
Higher Age Pension
Loans
Others
UIDD
Coordinating the Activities of NGOs to Avoid Duplication in Charity

**Initiative**
Digital Platform To Coordinate Charity And Make It Scientific

**Organization**
Vellnez Foundation Trust

**Website**
www.cva.org.in, www.vellcast.com

**Location**
Kerala, India

The cva.org.in portal is designed to coordinate the activities of NGOs and avoid duplication in charity. The vellcast.com portal is the first online news portal that focuses on news of charity organizations and their charitable activities.

http://cva.org.in/ portal was created by Vellnez Foundation Trust. The purpose is to consolidate NGOs supporting different causes. For example, it consolidates NGOs supporting kidney transplantation. When a deserving patient applies through the portal, a member NGO verifies the authenticity of the case. The case is then automatically shared with all the NGOs supporting kidney transplantation. These NGOs together take up the case and raise funds or find out what hospitals are doing at reduced costs or any other government support. This will help to prevent the duplication of support and preserve the best-earned money of our well-wishers or CSR funds.
Winners, Special Mentions, Chairperson's Distinction And Finalist Summary
“Rewards for sustainable gestures” is a mobile application for rewarding citizens for sustainable gestures. It ensures proper awareness towards the education of the citizens.

KarmaCoin is India’s first digital application that provides Reward points for eco-gestures that would be redeemable on one’s favourite franchise.

**Initiative**  
Rewards For Sustainable Gestures

**Organization**  
3rzw Environment Foundation

**Website**  
http://www.0waste.org.in/

**Location**  
Haryana, India
Boosting Entrepreneurship: An Integrated Ecosystem for Outreach and Assistance

Initiative
Byst Entrepreneur Acquisition Management System (Beam)

Organization
Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust

Website
www.byst.org.in

Location
New Delhi, India

BYST’s Entrepreneur Acquisition Management System (BEAM) is a multi-channel ecosystem, comprising a host of integrated technology tools and services, which helps BYST to:

- Create Awareness -- on opportunities for finance, mentoring, training, networking etc.
- Conduct Outreach – to potential and existing Entrepreneurs pan-India
- Manage Workflow – for Counseling, Training, Loan Disbursement, Mentoring
- Answer Queries, in 6 Local languages – from potential entrepreneurs and other stakeholders, thereby allowing a wider reach and greater capacity building targets
- Review, Direct & Govern – through data analysis and performance reviews
- Promote Branding – in tandem with Digital Marketing initiatives

Starting off as a tele-based outreach channel for entrepreneur acquisition, the Namaste Grampreneur Toll-free Helpline soon expanded in scope and functionality and morphed into a comprehensive product and service ecosystem that offered end-to-end services for the promotion of Entrepreneurship amongst underprivileged youth in this country.

Namaste Grampreneur is the first of its kind ‘Lifeline for Livelihood’ nationally and internationally (among 46 partner countries of YBI).

The helpline evinced a lot of interest, especially with Google who funded this initially and based on good performance topped up funding in January’21
Winners, Special Mentions, Chairperson’s Distinction And Finalist Summary
Balajee Sewa Sansthan's initiative “Save The Life Of Chronicle Disease Patients Like Tb, Hiv-Aids” chooses 200 of the neediest patients each month and offers them all kinds of assistance, including connections with the TB department and ART centres for HIV-positive patients. It gives dry ration kits and medicine to the families each month so they can take care of themselves. If any patients are migrants without any documentation, the team will, after doing its due research, assist in obtaining documentation by helping to create Aadhar cards, ration cards, etc.
Planting Forests to Mitigate Air Pollution

To prevent the air pollution of the city “Green Yatra Trust” have collaborated with Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) and developed many Miyawaki Forests across the city and aiming around millions of trees in next 2-3 years and in less than 1.5 years we are about to finish 275,000 saplings plantation in more than 15 Miyawaki Forest in dead/wasteland, roadside, parks, gardens, playgrounds old dumping yards.

Miyawaki Plantation has saved, protected, and planted many million trees across India with many 100s of projects and a maximum survival rate for a greener and healthy India. These Small Green patches are one of the best solutions worldwide to increase native urban green cover, fight air pollution, #climatechange and heat waves.
Empowering Vulnerable Women and Children

Women and Children Center and Child helpline 1098 project is for the protection and promotion of women and children's rights. Risk-bearing children and women can get free counselling services and support for accessing their rights. An average of 1,000 people per year including women and children who are at risk have gotten support from the project intervention. They get psychosocial counselling support, free legal service, medicine treatment service, emergency shelter support, education material support, and food relief support.

Initiative
Women and Children Center and Child helpline 1098

Organization
Social Service Center (Sosec) Nepal

Website
www.sosec.org.np

Location
Karnali, Nepal
Winners, Special Mentions, Chairperson’s Distinction And Finalist Summary

Group of Commitment-Led to Success

Society for Living with Disability, Kathmandu

Long back, a group of disable persons living in Kathmandu came together to form a society for living with disabilities. They faced numerous challenges, including lack of employment opportunities and social discrimination. Despite these obstacles, they were determined to lead a life of dignity and a sense of purpose.

The society focused on providing education and vocational training to its members. They believed that education was the key to unlocking opportunities and enabling them to lead an independent life. They started small, with a few members teaching basic literacy and numeracy skills.

Over the years, the society has grown significantly. They now have a full-time staff member who oversees the educational programs and seeks to expand their reach. They have also begun offering vocational training in various fields such as tailoring, weaving, and computer skills.

The society has partnered with local businesses and organizations, helping to create job opportunities for its members. They have also received support from the government and international donors, allowing them to scale their programs and reach more people.

The success of the society is evident in the number of its graduates. Many have found stable employment, some have started their own businesses, and others have gained the skills to support themselves and their families. The society’s mission is far-reaching, aiming to create a positive impact on the lives of people with disabilities in the Kathmandu Valley and beyond.

With continued support and resources, the society’s members are working towards a future where all individuals with disabilities have equal opportunities to live fulfilling lives in their communities.
Provision of Legal-Aid and Rehabilitation Initiative for Survivors of Gender and Identity-based Violence

The Casework Intervention is an initiative undertaken by AALI to provide pro-bono legal-aid to the survivors of gender and identity-based violence. The most distinct feature of this initiative was that at the time of its establishment, it was one of the first organisations in Uttar Pradesh that provided victims of gender and identity-based violence pro-bono legal aid from start till justice. And even today, AALI is one of the very few organisations providing these services.

Another major distinctive factor that made AALI’s initiative distinct from other organisations was that AALI follows a feminist and rights-based approach in its handling of cases.

In the past year, AALI has also started a rehabilitation program for survivors in Lucknow and Ranchi. There are survivor meetings held every month. The focus of these meetings is to equip the survivors with the skills required for their reintegration and develops their perspective and capacity to make them aware of their civil political and socio-economic rights. Currently, AALI is holding two networks in which around 45-50 survivors regularly engage in and feel motivated and empowered.

Initiative
Casework Intervention

Organization
Association For Advocacy And Legal Initiatives Trust (AALI)

Website
https://www.aalilegal.org/

Location
Uttar Pradesh, India
Safeguarding the Rights of the Oppressed: Dalits

Initiative
Monitoring Dalit Human Rights
Promoting Social Justice

Organization
Evidence Program Unit Of Media
Institute For National Development Trust

Website
www.evidence.org.in/

Location
Tamil Nadu, India

Evidence is a Dalit human rights organization based in Madurai, Tamil Nadu since 2005. So far it has conducted direct fact findings against more than 3000 human rights violations and legal intervention and rescued more than 25,000 people.

Fact-finding means going to the spot of the incident 3 to 7 times on average for each case. In the case of the honour murder of a youth named Shankar, the Evidence team visited the spot more than 35 times to do fact-finding and go to the affected victim’s area and collect the legal and medical documents and find witnesses, file complaints on behalf of the victims, take the victims kin to the police and court hearings, to get rehabilitation and relief to the victims. An average of 20 million rupees is being given to the affected people by the government. Every year 10 to 12 cases are also getting favorable judgments.

The organization that first brought the fact to light that caste-based murders were happening in Tamil Nadu is the Evidence. It is the only organization that is conducting a legal archive and case against caste murders in south India.

Evidence organization has 3,000 case documents. At least 50 to 1,500 pages of the document are in each file. Universities, media, researchers, and government organizations use case documents. The documents are based on expertise so that they are exemplary. If you take a case you have to work continuously until the case is completed. Evidence organization is involved in the responsibility of handling the case for an average of 3 to 10 years. Currently, we handle 350 cases in 25 courts in Tamil Nadu on behalf of the victims. So people believe that if the Evidence organization takes up a case, they will not let it go until the end. Therefore the belief in justice has been brought only to the affected people but also to the general public.
Winners, Special Mentions, Chairperson's Distinction And Finalist Summary
Connecting People and Preserving Heritage

Evidence Program Unit Of Media Institute For National Development Trust. With the vision of our foundation-‘Connecting people, Building Communities, we aim at involving people from all walks of life. Under this initiative, the involvement of the general public and students towards the larger cause of Heritage conservation and sensitize them towards its preservation by developing a sense of belongingness towards the city.

Patiala Foundation encourages the involvement of volunteers and interns to take such Heritage walks and employs digital technologies for a better experience online. We have been working with the corporates and undertaking CSR funds for propagating these heritage sites amongst local residents and doing heritage walks with the school children to explore their old roots and tell them the importance of Heritage conservation and our culture.
Pioneering Cancer Prevention and Control through Nationwide Community Awareness Campaigns

Initiative
Nationwide Cancer Control Program

Organization
Cancer Aid Society

Website
canceraidocietyindia.org; canceraidsociety.com

Location
Uttar Pradesh, India

Cancer Aid Society, an ISO 9001 NGO in Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 2012. With Eagle’s Eyed Vision, the founders perceived the threat early and initiated the fight against Cancer in 1987 at Lucknow, without external funding unfurling a series of events internationally. The foresight got reflected in the National Cancer Control Programme of WHO in 1995. International development started as the Charter of Paris on the 4th of February 2000 now celebrated as World Cancer Day. In 2007 UICC launched World Cancer Campaign themed “Today’s Children, tomorrow’s world” in line with our philoso-

phy practised since 1987 for the Prevention & Control of Cancer under our Nationwide Cancer Control Program. Keeping with the age-old adage “Prevention is better than Cure” thousands of community awareness campaigns are organized in educational Institutions. About a million volunteers are mobilized every year generating awareness among 20 million people all over India on Health, Hygiene, and Tobacco abuse including Passive Smoking, Carcinogens, Balanced Diet, Regular Exercise, Obesity, clean drinking Water, Pollution of Air, Water & Land etc. This plays an integral part in inculcating a healthy lifestyle and grooming our future generation at a time when they are most receptive and developing habits. They further multiply awareness manifold improving the overall health of the community.

Nationwide Cancer Control Program:
It covers the need of the current & future generations on cancer control. Effectively fights Tobacco use. Promotes good dietary habits. Promotes healthy living habits. Generates awareness on primary prevention. Generates awareness on secondary prevention. Raises vital resources required to implement the programme. Makes fight against Cancer & NCDs - A mass movement. Targets at Breaking the Vicious Circle by encouraging the formation of

Pain and Palliative Care clinics at hospitals as an alternative to conventional therapy in terminal cases.
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