

GOALS

- ## UPCOMING YES EVENTS

PROJECT PLANNING WORKSHOPS

Suggestions by the members

- ☞ Shri. U.V.N. Murthy, Chief Reporter, News Time suggested to print 'YES' literature in Telugu Language. Mr. Murthy entrusted to do the translation work.
- ☞ Shri. Jason Devaraj, Shri. Samala Venu, Ms. Yamuna Pathak, Shri K.M.S. Rao also given different opinions of involving youth in the 'YES' Campaign.
- ☞ Shri. Krupa Varma suggested to approach District Collectors and explain about the YES Country Network and YES Regional Forum 2003 with a letter from Shri. Kamala Vardhana Rao, IAS Director of Youth Services, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

YES Campaign Team

A team of YES Network members proposed to start YES Country Network from Medak district, which is 50 kilometers away from capital city of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. Medak District will become showcase for pilot projects implemented by the youth. Shri. Krupa Varma, Executive Secretary, Action Coop and YES member took up the initiative to start YES Campaign from Medak District and submitted a action plan to Dr. Puneetha Palakurthy.

Proposed Action Plan

- ☐ Formation of District YES Country Network
- ☐ To organize District Youth Meetings
- ☐ To organise skill trainings and Capacity Building Programmes
- ☐ To prepare pilot projects

Shri Rajendra Prasad Godi, Ms. Arshia Akheel, YES representatives discussed with the Director of Youth services and got approved to send letters to all the District Collectors in the state. The letters were posted to all the Collectors informing about the visit of YES Campaign team members. Shri. Kamala Vardhana Rao, Director of Youth Services, agreed to Inaugurate District YES Country Network Medak on 6th August 2003.

Formation of Launch of YES Country Network Programme Committee

Shri Krupa Varma formed a programme committee to look after the programme activities with the help of Shri Surya Sobhan, District Youth Welfare Officer, Shri. Narsimha Rao, Divisional Manager Shriram Chits, Shri P. Narahari Reddy, Honorary President, District Youth Association Forum and Shri M.B.L. Shreedhar, Social Worker.

Formal Interaction with District Collector, Superintendent of Police and Other Dignitaries

Shri Krupa Varma and Shri. Surya Sobhan met Shri Anil Kumar Singhal, IAS District Collector and informed about launch of YES Network by Shri. Kamala Vardhana Rao, IAS, Director of Youth Services scheduled to be organized on 6th August 2003 at 1.30 p.m. The Collector agreed to be the Chairperson for the YES Country Network Medak Chapter. He instructed the District Youth Welfare Officer to invite all the

Shri. G. Sudhakar Rao, District Project Manager, Velugu Project, Medak

Shri. Samala Venu, YES Member, Hyderabad

Shri. V. Yadagiri Rao, Asst. Diretor, Department of Animal Husbandry

Shri. P. Ram Reddy, District Employment Office, Sangareddy

Shri K.V.S.N.Narasimha Rao, Divisional Manager, Shriram Chits, Sangareddy.

Shri. Gunnala Pochanna, District Youth President, Medak

Shri. V. Krupa Varma, YCN Member and coordinator District YES Country Network,
Executive Secretary Action Coop, Medak District.

The inaugural launch of YES country Network Medak Chapter started with a prayer song by the children of Bharatiya Vidya Mandir School followed by a Welcome Speech. Shri V. Krupa Varma gave a cordial and hearty welcome to all the youth representing different youth clubs of Medak for this inaugural function. He introduced the chief guest and all other distinguished guests to the participants.

Shri. Krupa Varma in his welcome speech explained about the Formation of Youth Employment Summit (YES) by the Education Development Center Inc., Boston, USA. Ms. Poonam Ahluwalia, Executive Director and Dr. Puneetha Palakurthy, Global Alliance Coordinator representing both at the management level are from India. Youth Employment Summit – YES initiated in 2002 at Alexandria, Egypt is first of its kind throughout the globe organized exclusively for the youth. Further YES is the Brain Child of Education Development Centre and marks as a platform for the youth towards their empowerment.

Further to this the Government of Andhra Pradesh in Collaboration with Education Development Centre is organizing YES Regional Forum in Hyderabad from 14th – 18th December, 2003.

The focal points at the Hyderabad Regional Forum – 2003

- (1) Information and Communication Technology
- (2) Rural Development (on-farm and off-farm)
- (3) Renewable Energy
- (4) Water and Sanitation and
- (5) HIV/AIDS

Delegates from 22 countries are expected to participate in this event to and share and exchange experiences from each other. A call has given to the youth of the district to attend YES Regional Forum by paying required Registration fee.

Inaugural Address

The launch of YES Country Network Medak chapter was inaugurated by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest Smt. Mumtaz Fathima, Deputy Director of Youth Services, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. Smt. Mumtaz Fathima in her inaugural address said that it was indeed her immense pleasure to inaugurate the launch of YES Country Network Medak Chapter. She appreciated the efforts of Programme committee in their attempt to launch the first YES Country Network at Medak District. She has expressed that the youth should come forward and play a pivotal role in this changing scenario towards their own livelihood in particular and sustenance of the nation at large. Further, she has reiterated that the youth possess firm determination to become change agents in the society.

Other Speakers

Ms. Arshia Akheel in her address said that the 'YES' Country Network, Medak District will become one of the powerful network in future. She has appreciated the imperative efforts put in by the programme committee.

Shri. Rajendra Prasad Godi assured the youth to provide technical support, skills etc, YES Academy will mentor the programmes taken up by the youth for sustainable livelihoods. He has further made crystal clear to the participants about the focal points of YES campaign in detail.

Shri. Jason Devaraj was a delegate participated in YES Alexandria summit 2002 has shared his valuable and rich experiences with the participants.

STORIES OF CHANGE
EXPERIENCES OF ENTREPRENEURS

A wish in his dream has come true in reality

Shri G.V. Prasad, Proprietor, PGS Abrasives manufactures high quality granite, marbles, mosaic and ceramic polishing bricks. With the help of his father, he started practicing the research work with the proper knowledge by investing a meagre sum of Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand), Of late, he was succeeded in research work with over whelming results. Further with kind support of his best friend, he started manufacturing polish bricks with a investment of Rs. 20,000/- (twenty thousand) in a rented building.

As he could view the consistence in his own work, he applied for CMEY Loan and the government has accepted his proposal and sanctioned Rs. 1,00,000/- (One lakh) to scale up his business. The various nationalized banks have come forward and sanctioned interim loans at regular intervals.

Presently, the firm is moving ahead and competing with international standards while locally his firm got its own reputation and recognition through its valued customers. Today, Shri. G.V. Prasad is a hassle free person with good name and fame in maintaining two independent workshops and employing more than 50 youth with a total turnover of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Five Lakhs) per month. Recently, He has been awarded “Best Entrepreneur ” by Government of Andhra Pradesh.

A Farmer turned into Entrepreneur

Shri B. Veerappa, a youth awarded Best Youth Activist for his immense service in his own village for their fellow beings. With the help of CMEY, he has initiated to set up a tent house in Tekmal village of Tekmal mandal, Medak District.

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

The month divided into six groups to discuss employment opportunities to

Volugu Project Shri. C. Sudhakar Rao, District Project Manager

Wetland Project	Shri. G. Sudhakar Rao, District Project Manager
Agricultural	Shri. Ch. Madhusudhan Reddy, Asst. Director
Horticulture	Shri. Ravinder, Asst. Director,
Animal Husbandry	Shri. V. Yadagiri Rao. Asst. Director.
Industries	Shri G. Ramakanth Rao. General Manager
	Shri. Bikshapathy. I.P.O.

Identified Needs and Problems

★ Problems with the financial Institutions

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- ★ Lack of Proper skills to youth
- ★ No proper guidance from departments
- ★ Delay in processing the schemes

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- ★ Need skill tracings, capacity builders, vocational training
- ★ Exposure to other successful units/ entrepreneurs
- ★ Regular meetings with youth organizations/professionals
- ★ Identify new areas for sustainable livelihoods projects

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Scope and Relevance of Youth in Employment Sector

Shri. KVSN Narsimha Rao, Divisional Manager, Shriram Chits informed the youth about the scope for employment in the Insurance sector. Shriram Chits encourages youth who have passed tenth class and willing to become insurance agents can approach their branches at Zaheerabad, Medak, Vikarabad and Sangareddy. Selected candidates will be provided with necessary training skills. They can work on commission basis. He gave an example that a person who was working in a small company resigned and taken up as an agent ship in Shriram Chits. Now, he is receiving commission four times of his salary what he received in the previous company.

Formation of YES Country Networks : Medak District Chapter

The YES Country network consisting of following members

Chair Person	Collector
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Convenor Dist. Youth Welfare Officer

	Coordinator		YCN Member
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Members	All District Officers, Reporters, NGO's, Industrialists, One youth in each Mandal
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PROPOSED ACTION PLAN

- ❖ Organizing YES meetings at Mandal, Division and District level.
- ❖ Formation of YES Country Network at Mandal Level.
- ❖ Involving Mandal Revenue Officer, Mandal Parshad Development Officers, Medical Officer, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Reporters, Peoples Representatives in the Mandal.
- ❖ Identify the local resources available in the Village / Mandal / Region and make use to initiate pilot projects.

END WAYS

We acknowledge Shriram Chits Sangareddy branch for sponsoring the programme by providing necessary arrangements like hospitality, venue and publicity. We are thankful to Shri. MBL Shreedhar who was the instrumental to arrange sponsorship from Shri KVSN Narsimha Rao Divisional Manager Shriram Chits.

Shri. P. Narahari Reddy, Honorary President Medak Dist. Youth Association Forum thanked all the guests, print and electronic media, Participants, Donors, Press Club authorities, District officials, Staff of the District Youth Services staff of the Shriram Chits and other well wishers in making this event as a torch bearer.

*Today, we believe, this is just a beginning
and there are many miles to go.....*