

**Launching of the YES Orissa Network Chapter and Consultative Workshop on Sustainable Youth Development Opportunities in Orissa
29 October 2004, Bhubaneswar, Orissa**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Orissa, Shri. Naveen Patnaik formally launched the YES Orissa Network on 29th October 2004 at a function hosted by the READ Foundation at Hotel Swosti Plaza, Bhubaneswar, Orissa.

Mr. S.B.Rath, CEO of READ Foundation had taken the initiative to launch the YES Campaign in the state.

Mr.Praveen Kumar Prithvi, Country Coordinator, YES India Network introduced the YES India and SAARC Network activities. Mr. Vishal Deve, IAS, Director, Information Technology, Government of Orissa addressed the youth employment opportunities in Information and Communication Technology (ICT). Prof. P.C.Mishra, Department of Psychology, Utkal University, Orissa explained the current youth behaviors and attitude in the state of Orissa. Dr.Bhagaban Prakash addressed the youth in search of work and dignity.

A one-day consultative workshop on Sustainable Youth Employment Opportunities in Orissa was conducted on 29th October 2004, which addressed the topics of Youth Employment Opportunities in ICT, On Farm and Off Farm sectors and Renewable Energy.

Mr. Subrat Kumar Singdeo, Madhyam Foundation, Bhubaneswar and Mr. Ashok Ku. Choudhry, Assistant Director, Orissa Renewable Energy Development Authority (OREDA) spoke on employment opportunities in emerging sectors like on farm and off farm sectors and renewable energy.

Mr. Raj Kumar Samal, Member of Legislative Assembly, Orissa State invited YES to take up youth employment related activities in his constituency and assured YES of his support and cooperation to the YES campaign activities in the state.

Gallery of Photos from the YES Orissa Network Launch and Consultative Workshop on Sustainable Youth Employment Opportunities in Orissa



Shri. Naveen Patnaik, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Orissa launching of the YES Orissa Network on 29 October 2004 at Hotel Swosti Plaza, Bhubaneswar, Orissa



Mr. Praveen Kumar Prithvi, Coordinator, YES India Network handing over a CD-Rom on the YES Campaign and YES India Network to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Orissa in the presence of Mr. S.B. Rath, CEO, READ Foundation and Coordinator of YES Orissa Network (right)



Presentation on employment opportunities in Renewable Energy by Mr. Ashok Ku Choudhury, Assistant Director of Orissa Renewable Energy Development Authority



A view of the delegates who had attended the YES Orissa Network Launch