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Greetings! It has indeed been my greatest privilege and honour to be the National Chairman of this unique and amazing organization, Yi for the year 2016 - 2017, and what a year it has been. I take immense pride in writing this note for the Yi National Annual Report 2016 - 2017.

Another year has flown by and it seems like it was just yesterday when I assumed responsibility of National Chairman from Shaurya Veer. It is indeed heartening to see the progress of Yi from a fledging organization to one that is reaching a stage of maturity, both in visibility as well as activity levels. Yi is at an inflection point and is well on its way to higher growth, scale and impact.

It has been a year of growth in our activities and initiatives. Yi’s membership grew to over 2000 city chapter members and to 8000 YUVA students and we launched new chapters in Tiruppur and Noida. There were a total of over a 1000 Yi activities during the course of the year. This would have never been possible without the untiring efforts of our members and the chapter leadership of our 40 city chapters. Our Yi chapters have truly transformed themselves into grass root level change enablers.

Our projects have had a stellar growth with multifold increase in our impacts numbers in Masoom, HNOP, Swachh Bharat, Gift an Organ and our Entrepreneurship and Innovation vertical. We have impacted substantial over 20 Lakh children under our Masoom project, 80 lakh stakeholders under our HNOP campaign, 2 Lakh under Swachh Bharat and 1 Lakh under our Gift An Organ initiative. Our projects are the backbone of Yi and I do hope that these numbers would continue to grow exponentially.

Our student members, “YUVA” are the soul of Yi. They have once again showcased that when energized and given the right framework, the young in India are ready to make a transformative contribution to our nation. By integrating themselves seamlessly with the Yi chapters and collaborating nationally, they have created a force that cannot be ignored.

Yi has had several opportunities to make its presence felt in the international sphere. The year began with a mission to Silicon Valley to look at an opportunity to launch a Yi chapter in the US. This was followed by our delegation to the G20 YEA summit in China and ended with the CAYE – Asia summit in London.

I have many people to thank for this year of energy and engagement. I have had the privilege of working with two wonderful human beings and great leaders over the last two years – Shaurya Veer and Jacob Joy. Shaurya Veer, my brother and one of the finest Chairman Yi has seen has been a tremendous support to me. Bro, I have learnt a lot from you and will always cherish the great times. My Vice Chairman – Mr. Nice Guy, Jacob Joy for standing by me always and being an active support, critic, advisor and partner in crime. Jacob, I thoroughly enjoyed our time together, thanks for everything.

The members of the National Management team, Yi Governing council members, the chapter leadership teams across the country and Yi members have poured their hearts and soul into making this a truly memorable and beautiful experience. My heartfelt and sincere thanks to all of them. The Past National Chairmen of Yi have been very supportive to all my requests and have guided me throughout this year and my special thanks to each and every one of them.

I would also like to thank my family, my wife Shvetha and all of the others for their understanding and being by me during the last 2 years and providing me with the support needed. This wonderful journey would have never been possible without the active and tremendous support of Mr ChandrAjit Banerjee, Director General CII, Ms AmiTa Sarkar, Deputy Director General, CII and all the support from the National, Regional, State and Zonal levels of CII.

Last, but certainly not the least, sincere thanks to the Yi secretariat, our back bone, without which none of what we have done would have been possible. The Yi team first led by Thulasiraj and then Anamika Kalia have been a pillar of support and I have immensely enjoyed my time working with them.

Special thanks also go out to Tushar, Theja, Siddhi, Dheeraj, Shikhar, Mayank, Pooja and our EM’s across the country without whom none of what we have acheived would have been possible.

Wishing Jacob and Anuj the very best for the coming years, I am sure they will take Yi to dizzying heights. It has indeed been a pleasure and honour to lead Yi this year and sincere thanks to everyone who has been part of this incredible journey.

Jai Hind
Raghu Kailas
It gives me great pleasure to see the Young Indians (Yi) initiative thriving, driven by the dreams and aspirations of the young. Yi gives expression to these aspirations, generating new scenarios for the nation. India has been one the world's ten best performing economies in the last 25 years, and every forecast says we will be one of the ten best performing economies in the next 25 years. We have the potential to take China's place as the world's growth engine.

This requires that we do many things that range from including more and more of our population in the growth process to investing much more strongly in R&D and innovation. But most of all we need to tap our huge reservoir of entrepreneurship.

Entrepreneurship and Yi go together. I have been constantly stimulated by all interaction with Yi. Any discussion is positive, full of possibility, and fun. A key feature of less experience is that one does not know why something cannot happen, and thus it happens.

CII too is looking at Yi members to contribute to leadership roles. This year, some of the Yi members were invited to the CII's National Council. I see this trend continuing and wish to see Yi members fully committed to and involved in the work we do in the National Council and across all relevant CII National, Regional and State committees.

Young Indians (Yi) is the youthful face & an integral part of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The biggest strength of India is its youth. With the largest youth population, our country is one of the youngest nations in the world. It is extremely important to effectively engage this youth, the backbone of the nation.

The future of our country lies in the young leaders of today. Therefore, we must nurture their leadership skills and prepare them for the rigor of tomorrow.

Today, India's younger generation is leading a host of changes in the sociopolitical and economic scenario. Their clear message is that leadership in the 21st century is no longer about command and control but about inform and engage.

They know the importance of encouraging people to strive for excellence for advancement of the nation. They realize the importance of fostering ideas and working together to make a better India. The Young Indians are participating more actively in CII and we welcome their growing engagement in all walks of life.

I congratulate Raghu Kailas, National Chairman for Young Indians (Yi), and his team for giving us yet another fruitful year under his leadership. I have always enjoyed the time that I could spend with the members of Yi and having been on their platforms – it is always thoughtful, energizing and gives ideas to look at things differently with utmost conviction.

My appreciation to Raghu Kailas and his team of Office Bearers for fulfilling with utmost dedication their responsibility during the year. I would also like to congratulate all the members of Yi for their commitment and contribution towards an action-packed and fruitful year. I convey my best wishes to Yi for their future initiatives.

I am confident that Yi would continue to work towards shaping an India that meets all our aspirations.

Naushad Forbes

Message from Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry

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I am glad that CII along with Yi has carried forward many initiatives successfully. Yi, in particular, is playing an active role in enhancing the ability of young entrepreneurs and professionals to address the increasingly complex challenges that our society faces today. I feel confident that in 2017, Yi will see even greater growth and scale more heights. Wishing Yi all the best for their future initiatives.

Chandrajit Banerjee
PAST NATIONAL CHAIRMEN

GV Srinjay Reddy 2007-05
Narayan Setharaman 2005
Rajiv Nayar 2007
Jaysdev Gala 2008

Rahul Mitra Muhammad 2009
Bharat Jari 2010
Shankar Vanavarayar 2011
Anupama Ani 2012

Srikant Sanyal 2013
D N V Kumara Guru 2014
Shaurya Veer Himatsingko 2015

CURRENT LEADERSHIP

Reghu Nair
National Chairman

Jacob Joy
National Vice-Chairman

Abhishek Nayak
Regional Chair - Eastern

Amit Kundra
Regional Chair - Northern

Rahul Raisam
Regional Chair - Southern

Poornima Sah-Srivastav
Regional Chair - South Central

Ranika Goel
Regional Chair - North Eastern

Shubham Agrawal
Regional Chair - Western

REGIONAL MANAGEMENT
NATION BUILDING
In 2016, Masoom has introduced 2 themes, “SPEAK. SHARE. SMILE” for kids with a prime objective to educate them to speak their minds and share their problems/worries at different levels. It is all about making them aware of safe and unsafe touch (child sexual abuse); encouraging them to speak up when they feel unsafe and insecure. The campaign emphasizes children to take this pledge “I Speak. I Share. I Smile” and the other theme is “I SUPPORT. I SECURE. I SUGGEST” for parents asking them to support the child’s revelation, secure his tomorrow and suggest ways to overcome situations. It’s objective was to encourage parents to understand and support their child. Since children fear to speak up their problems and worries, so parents need to show full support and belief in them in order to secure and protect them from child sexual abuse. Parents need to understand and help their child, as their one suggestion may change their child’s life. Thus, the campaign lays stress on their responsibility towards their child.

Taking the themes forward, the project has come long way impacting the millions of students, faculties, parents, members, communities in 40 cities and endorsement by renowned personalities. Yi has organized awareness workshops for the children of age 7-13 years, primary school teachers, visiting schools to teach children about safe and unsafe touch, sensitize the parents and to spread awareness to the public through rallies & campaigns. Further to drive home the idea, animated CDs on child sex abuse were showcased.

Dr Kailash Satyarthi, Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize & Founder, Bachpan Bachao Andolan has nationally launched the project Masoom with an objective to spread awareness and desensitize the issues on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA).
Yi chapters had conducted more than 300 awareness sessions, campaigns in cities through rallies, hoardings, theatre festivals, carnivals for kids, exhibitions, skits performed by members of YUVA, celebration of Yi Masoom Day and talk shows at radio & TV channels touching the life of 1.73 cr people.

Yi has implemented the same with MOU partner ChildLine Foundation and has started working with another MOU partner Arpan NGO to spread the word to more cities across India.

Young Indians marked the 20th November as the Masoom Day to celebrate this day by organizing different programs to reassess the child rights across 40 chapters in India. Project Masoom team has been tirelessly working towards creating awareness and prevention of child abuse in their community. According to the child rights, it is very necessary to safeguard, care and legal protection of children during their physical and mental immaturity means childhood.

From awareness sessions to huge rallies, panel discussions to talk shows, drawing & quiz competition to self defence workshops have been organized by chapters, with active participation of their members.

Coimbatore Chapter as a part of Child Safety Week organized Talk Show on Theme “Every child Matters” awareness session addressing people of Coimbatore City on topic “Why Invest in Children?”. An interactive panel discussion on the theme “Happy Child - Safe and Healthy Society” was organized on 23 Nov 2016. The main outcome of this program is ensuring child safety and mental well being of the children. Alongside these sessions, chapter organized ‘Body & Mind Workshop’, a series of awareness sessions in various schools including PSGR School, Bharathi School, PSG High School & Islamiyah Matric High Sec School throughout the week.

Delhi Chapter has organized an awareness session on the occasion of “Masoom Day” celebration. The session was followed by drawing and quiz competition, for fun engagement and distributed the stationery items to the students for their use.

Erode Chapter members went to an orphanage to interact with the children there & sensitized them about the “Good touch” & “Bad touch”. Alongside this awareness session, Indore Chapter have organized a drawing competition & interactive extempore for the students. After the session, lunch packs were also distributed. Students actively participated in the interactive extempore & fun games organized at the school. There were around 80 students participated in the session.

Moving ahead, Jaipur Chapter team organized a daylong program witnessed activities like: Sports, Cultural, health check-up camp, Singing, Dancing, Plays, Drawing, Games etc. various sessions by social activists for children of NGO’s, nearby Villages and kids of Poornima Paathshala. They named this activity as “SAMAGAM” - a get together for the underprivileged children.

A talk show was organized at Madurai Chapter at a local channel “Krishna TV”. The talk show focused on the discussion with basic questions with regards to child sexual abuse. Yi Pune team combined the awareness session with an art competition to make the session more interactive & easy to grasp for the students of Maharana Pratap School.

Vadodara Chapter has organized a self defence workshop & drawing competition for the students. They also placed hoarding at prominent locations in the city to have a larger impact for the campaign during the week.

Goa Chapter has conducted “Masoom Rally” with the students and Trichy Chapter organized the awareness Session, Street Theatre play and Live Interview Slot in Suryan FM on Child Sexual Abuse under Project Masoom. Awareness Sessions and Street Theatre play were conducted in three different schools namely Adi Dravidar Government Higher Secondary School, Mannar Memorial Matriculation School and Seva Sangam School in the Cantonment region, Trichy.

AWARENESS TALK SHOW
05 March 2018: Coimbatore

Child Safety is a growing concern with increase in violence against Children right from Child Labor, Sexual abuse, etc. In such a scenario, are our children aware of how to protect themselves from such dangers, How do we ensure they tell us when they face such issues, Project Masoom with creating awareness and prevention of child abuse as top priorities, we Young Indians have launched Project Masoom at all 40 chapters across the country with an objective to take the awareness message about Child Safety to Schools across India.

With this background, Yi Coimbatore Chapter as a part of its contribution to the initiative and to create awareness among the public, organized a Public Talk Show on “Every Child Matters”, Bharathi Bankar, Tamil Orator & Vice President, City Bank was the special guest for the show and she spoke on ‘Why Invest In Children’ and ‘The World As We See It’.

Children from PSGR School demonstrated self defense techniques and a mime was performed by Studio KCT. The annual report of Project Masoom of Yi Coimbatore Chapter was also released during the event.

Young Indians Coimbatore Chapter this year in a first of its kind initiative took the cause to the public and created awareness on the raising concern. The talk show was well received among the people of Coimbatore and the event saw participation from more than 1000 participants.
LAUNCH OF MASOOM MILAP APP

18 April 2016: Bhopal

Bhopal chapter developed a mobile app that helps in finding the lost children and reunite them with parents and family. This was launched by Shri Babu Lal Gaur, Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh. This app is used by Police to get the information of lost and found children. Police and public can upload the information about the lost and found children and can connect with each other.

This app is made to focus on Simhastha Kumbh Mela in which children loss and found is a common problem.

Banners and posters of this app were installed at various railway stations of Madhya Pradesh, Trains, Police Stations, Simhastha Mela Area at Ujjain, etc.

SOCCER FOR GOOD

01 October 2016: Bengaluru

Bengaluru hosted the Southern Regional Soccer fest, as a part of CII National Committee on Sports Initiative to create awareness, connect and involve the key influencers for football within the Indian corporate world on 01 October 2016 in Bengaluru.

The theme for the tournament was #SoccerForGood as proceeds would be used for the community projects of Young Indians (Bengaluru). The event was inaugurated by Olympian Sajan Prakash.

The 5 a side soccer tournament saw 16 corporate teams vie for the Champions trophy. The finals between Bosch and Infosys saw twists and turns with Bosch scoring 2 quick goals in the second half to win the tournament with a score line of 3-1. Among other corporates who participated included TVS Motors, Toyota Kirloskar, BFW, Qualcomm, NetServ, Mahindra Retain and Arvind.

"Young Indians has initiated projects on Child Abuse, Pollution and Organ Donation. We believe sports is a wonderful platform to groom a healthy leadership for India. We used the platform of Soccer to merge both objectives.

Conscious to host an inclusive tournament we included women players and also had an exhibition match between teams of disabled children" shared Rajesh Kumar, Chair Young Indians. (Bengaluru Chapter) "Sports has been working actively for creating awareness and promoting sports in the country. Over the past few years, Indian sports particularly, football, has garnered great attention especially because of a growing audience and a changing mindset," shared Shri Ravi Raghavan, Chairman, CII Karnataka.
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NATION BUILDING

DRAWING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS & SUPPORT TO BUILD A TOY LIBRARY

21 November 2016: Vadodara

Vadodara Chapter as part of the Masoom Week organized a drawing competition for children with special needs and contributed new toys to build a toy library for the children’s in Tree House High School.

Aditi Tiwari, National Member, Project Masoom said, “There are children who are mentally challenged, autistic, have cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, and are slow learners, helping these children will gradually develop them to become independent, and the first important step for this is to interact with children and a theme based drawing competition is the first step to get closer to these children.

The competition was judged by Ruta Patel, Chair, Project Masoom, Yi Vadodara. The school principal has also suggested Yi to take a session on child protection with the parents of children with special needs which will help the parents to teach their children about good touch and bad touch. The session commenced in December 2016.

CHILD RIGHTS WEEK

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MASOOM HUMAN CHAIN
03 December 2016: Mysuru

Mysore Chapter as a part of its Project MASOOM in collaboration with the District Administration and cause partners Rotary Mysore, Childline conducted a HUMAN CHAIN at the Centenary clock tower, Manasagangotri, Mysore to create awareness against Child Sexual Abuse. Sir D Randeep IAS, Honorable Deputy Commissioner of Mysore inaugurated the program.

Ramya Bopanna, Chair, Yi Mysuru, Raja Ram, President Rotary Mysore, Akshara Kumar, Co-Chair, Yi Mysuru, Rajeev from Pramati Hill view academy and Arijp Arun addressed the gathering of about 2000 children and adults. The need to create awareness to eradicate Child Sexual Abuse from our society and also to enforce stringent laws against the offenders was emphasized. City schools like Rotary School, JSS Public school, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Rotary Midtown, Chaitra school, VijayaVittala, Pramathi Hill view Academy, Mahajanas, Acme, Gangotri school.

Children with special needs from Nireekshe, NR blind school also joined hands to show their solidarity towards the cause. UOM students, Automotive Axle, Triveni, Vikram hospital, and General Public also extended their support to fight against the Child Sexual Abuse.
To strengthen the ‘Swachh Bharat’ initiative announced by our Honorable Prime Minister in creating awareness and advocacy for a Clean & Healthy India by 2019, Yi launched ‘Mission – Sanitizing and Sensitizing India’, an initiative to work with Yi members, institutions and companies on areas of Social Responsibility. The objective of the mission is to create awareness and encourage students and industry participation through a network of 40 cities in India, spread across 27 states.

During the year Swachh Bharat vertical has taken up many initiatives to take the mission forward. Yi has adopted the Railways Stations to conduct cleanliness drive inside and outside by cleaning the walls every week and paint them with beautiful paintings, launched the waste segregation projects in the rural areas, plastic awareness rally by the Yuva students, promotion through talk shows on radio, celebrating the world environment day, sapling plantation drives at various square and industrial areas, worked with automobile companies to run the campaigns of putting car bins to avoid people throw waste while on roads, distribution of dustbins, working with local administration to support Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, health checkup camps in underprivileged schools and celebrated the Yi Swachh Bharat day on Gandhi Jayanti. The initiative has directly and indirectly impacted 5.88 cr people across the country.

The mission got support and recognition by Shri Piyush Goyal, Honorable Minister of State with Independent Charge for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Mines, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh, Smt. Lalitha Kumaramangalam, Chairperson National Commission for Women, Shri Shashi Tharoor Member of Parliament (NCP) & Writer, Public Intellectual & Former Diplomat, Sangram Singh, Indian wrestler and Kalki Koechlin, Bollywood Actress to name a few. Gandhi Jayanti on the 2nd October is being observed as Swachh Bharat Day all over India and there are bound to be great number of events commemorating the same. The Young Indians chapter have made a mark with 29 initiatives to contribute and take the mission forward.

The 19 chapters of Yi have organized various activities on the occasion across chapters: Swachh Bharat awareness rally / mass pledge drives, jungle clean up drive, the Yuva students hold Flash mob, Painting competition, Cleanliness Drive, Distribution of Car Bins, Launch of Swachh Bharat at Bhopal by Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and many more activities involving and impacting directly & indirectly 8.9 lakh people.
CHITHIRAM
April 2016 – March 2017: Erode

Erode chapter Swachh Bharat team which was conceived as a part of our Honourable Prime minister’s nation building efforts were looking for a good start. Swaachh bharat team derived inspiration from the wall painting activities in the metro cities and were geared up to beautify Erode. Initially we started with an aim of cleaning and painting walls to a length of 40 feet with the help of our members and school children.

Our second round started with a different stretch of wall which is 1400 feet long. This time many city based artists and art masters from schools have along with their students joined us voluntarily. The walls of Erode has now become a canvas which is awaiting for all of its small and adult children to paint their heart with hands. We go on until all our walls get transformed into cute walls. The painted walls have started inspiring thousands who pass by them everyday. What started as a simple initiative has now become a movement. CHITHIRAM has now become the pride of Erode city. A simple spark of a story sets ablaze the burning fire to cleanup each and every wall in the country.

Now Erode chapter has volunteers from School / college student and Yi members and member organization staffs. It has became a every Sunday project for Erode. Erode chapter sincerely thanks stakeholders who support their work in form of paints, foods for volunteers and other venue support. Now the walls have become one among the hotspots of Erode.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT VADODARA RAILWAY STATION
29 May 2016: Vadodara

Vadodara chapter jointly with Railway Police of Vadodara organized a cleanliness drive & Awareness session with the citizens at Vadodara Railway Station. The cleanliness drive is an initiative to create awareness on Clean – India Swachh Bharat and will educate the citizens to keep the city clean & green.

Yi Swachh Bharat team & Yi Members interacted with the Railway Station Head, Sanjay Dubey, & the sweepers to understand the issues faced by them at the ground level and also urge the commuters to not litter and keep the station clean. It was also agreed by Sanjay Dubey to put up 30 unique creative’s in the station to create Swachh Bharat awareness. This initiative has impacted around 4000 citizens.
 globals. The assembling point to start the rally was Gammon India Complex, New Market, Bhopal. Before starting the rally, free T-shirts and caps were distributed to all the participants. The rally started in the morning and participants reached at end point to Shyama Prasad Mukhrjee Park, Patrakar Colony, Bhopal, by 8:00 am. The total distance covered by the participants was 7 km.

Where they covered the areas like Gammon India Complex, New Market, Shivaji Pratima, MP Nagar Board Office Square, BJnP Office Square, Habibganj Station, Narmada Hospital, CII Office, Bittan Market, Shyama Prasad Mukhrjee Park the end point. In the concluding ceremony the Mayor of the Bhopal Alok Sharma and officials of Nagar Nigam promised for the Plantation of 35000 trees and they have also prepared the budget of 3 crore for developing the cycling track in city. This tree plantation campaign will run for 4 full months of monsoon and any organization could volunteer to plant trees in its premises. Trees will be provided free of cost by Yi Bhopal and Nagar Nigam.

One of innovative ideas came during this session to gift cycle on any special occasion which will promote the Green Mode of Transportation and Save Environment. Mayor also endorsed HNOP and Swachh Bharat Campaign in the closing ceremony. Tree plantation was done at the end and the No Tobacco pledge was taken by all the participants.

India@75 has extended its support to the Union Government’s Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in conducting Cleaning Drive across different parts of India. As part of this initiative CII & Young Indians Guwahati Chapter through India@75 organized a Cleaning Drive in and around Dighalipukhuri area on 30 June 2016.

The Cleaning drive was flagged off by Shri Mrigen Sarania, Hon’ble Mayor, Guwahati Municipal Corporation. He appreciated the Cleanliness initiative taken by CII & Yi and also urged the participants to organize such awareness campaigns and drives in future as well. As part of this initiative around 100 volunteers collectively worked to clean up different parts in and around Dighalipukhuri area and also interacted with the vendors and locality and made them aware of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan as well as helped in bridging the gap between the NGO representatives and the residents and vendors by catering to their problems faced in garbage disposal on the spot.
SESSION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT & PLASTIC AWARENESS

8 July 2016: Madurai

Waste Management & Plastic Awareness: The main concept of this initiative is to create awareness in management of waste among the budding individuals with the schools in Madurai. According to Dr Vasudevan, Author, & Professor, Thigagaraj College of Engineering, the plastic goes to the road when the people do not know what to do with it, but if we educate the culture among the students that if the plastic can be made as roads then there will be no plastic to pollute the environment. To take this effect Yi Madurai Swachh Bharat vertical set up separate bins in Sitalakshmi Girls Hr Sec School and educate the students to deposit the waste plastic in Yi Swachh Bharat bins, which will be used in near future to lay plastic roads in Sitalakshmi Girls Hr Sec School, inside the campus, which soon will be practiced in few other schools in Madurai. Given this background, CII Madurai Zone & Yi Madurai Chapter organized Session on Waste Management & Plastic Awareness (8 July 2016) to create the culture of management of waste and plastic awareness among students.

The session started with the presentation of the students of Sitalakshmi Girls higher secondary school School with the topic of "Plastic Awareness" and went for 90 minutes with the energetic interaction with the students.

BRING YOUR OWN BAG

In the present world we see that the use of plastic for shopping is flooded across the city. The idea of BYOB is to make the consumer realize that use of bio degradable bag is an option and it is healthier for the environment. This will motivate the customer to reuse the existing bag he/she has by using it for shopping multiple times.

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CLEAN-UP OF ALEXANDRIA ROAD

15 July 2016: Trichy

Trichy Chapter has organized a clean up and beautification of Alexandria Road, Cantonment, Trichy on 15 July, 2016 from 6:30am onwards with the help of National Cadet Corps of (3(TN) CTC) St.Johns Vestry Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School. Trichy chapter took an effort to remove plastics and papers, swept the street and cleared the bushes on the side walls and fences, and also created awareness among the households, business entities etc in that street.

Members reached to each home and business entity in the street with a message and a pledge to support cleanliness. A sticker for the same has been pasted in their houses as the proof of their pledge to keep their home and street clean. At the start of the event the students were instructed on their safety measures and the happenings of the event. The students were divided by four groups with few Yi members leading the group of students along with few house keeping staffs from Kauvery hospital. The participants of the cleaning drive were given with the hand gloves and nose mask for their safety and hygiene.

This event had members from Yi, 50 National Cadet Corps (3(TN) CTC) students from St.Johns Vestry Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School, representation from Army camp in that area. Staffs from Yi Member organisation’s and Kauvery Hospital were also present and supported this noble cause. With the learning from the today’s event, the chapter decided to continue the Swachh Bharat activity in various part of Trichy with the vision of ‘CLEAN & GREEN TRICHY’. With the success of this drive the chapter is also planning to meet the Corporation Commissioner to seek support in their future activities.

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VISIT TO AT JUSCO - RESEARCH ON ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL
09 August 2016: Jharkhand

Jharkhand organized a Biogas Generation and organic waste disposal research visit for Yi members on 09 August 2016 at JUSCO, Jamshedpur. The team of Yi members visited JUSCO to understand their projects on elimination of waste. The various methods of waste management was explained to the members by a representative of JUSCO, Gaurav Anand.

Anand also showcased his research on developing a method to eliminate home kitchen waste which can be converted to biogas using a small equipment, where waste is thrown on daily basis. It works as a natural converters to produce biogas.

JUNGLE CLEAN UP DRIVE
28 August 2016: Coimbatore

Anaikatti, Coimbatore is one of the most serene locations in Coimbatore serving as a house of many species of flora & fauna. The location attracts a lot of tourists and also people travelling to Kerala via Anaikatti. In the recent times, due to the lack of environment consciousness of people, their roads on either sides are polluted with a lot of garbage. This not only damages the environment but also affects the wildlife in the region.

In this background, Coimbatore Chapter, organized a cleanup drive on the road leaning from Mankarai to Anaikatti (Tamil Nadu) checkpost. The activity involved volunteers who hand pick the plastic waste and other garbage dump in the area and dispose it in a proper manner with the help of the local panchayat.

The drive involved around 300 volunteers from Social Organizations, NGOs and Colleges. The cleanup drive started from Mankarai Checkpost and lead to Anaikatti Checkpost on Sunday, 28 August 2016. Overall through the activity 1.5 tonnes of plastic waste were cleared from the area.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE
02 October 2016: New Delhi

Delhi Chapter in association with Keep India Beautiful celebrated “Gandhi Jayanti cleanliness drive” with special emphasis on plastic recycling and reducing plastic pollution.

After the stupendous success of ‘Run to Clean’ Campaign hosted on June 26, 2016 at Connaught Place, CII Young Indians in association with Keep India Beautiful organized another cleanliness drive, at Lodi Road, with a difference wherein special emphasis was on plastic recycling and reducing plastic pollution.

Community participation was the theme of this cleanliness drive and volunteers marched carrying biodegradable garbage backpacks and gloves, picking plastic litter from their surroundings. After collecting more than 20 Kgs plastic, it was handed over to the POM POM team. A detailed case study would soon come up, analysing today’s drive with measures to reduce plastic use and pollution.

Objective of this drive was to raise awareness for conserving energy &amp; natural resources, reducing plastic pollution & greenhouse gases and not over burdening landfills as it takes hundreds of years for plastic to break down in a landfill. All the volunteers and members devoted time for this need of the hour situation, making it so meaningful and successful with an aim to keep on growing and becoming stronger to reclaim our surroundings and save our environment.
DUSTBINS PLACEMENTS AT PRIME PUBLIC PLACES
02 October 2016: Bhopal

On Swachh Bharat day, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan endorses Yi Bhopal’s Swachh Bharat Mission and inaugurated the Dustbins placement drive. The event was attended by almost 1000 people. In the event, apart from CM, other dignitaries present were Alok Sharma (Mayor of Bhopal), Alok Sanjar (Member of Parliament, Bhopal), Nishant Warwade (Collector of Bhopal), Chhavi Bharadwaj (Nagar Nigam Commissioner), Satyadev Katane (Leader of Opposition, Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha), Bhopal Chapter Chair Rakesh Sukhrmanani, Yi Swachh Bharat National Chair, Mihir Merchant, Yi Bhopal Chapter Co-Chair, Hitesh Ahuja, Yi Bhopal Swachh Bharat Chair Apoorve Malviya and 20 other Yi members were present at the ceremony. Around 2000 people were present at the inauguration ceremony. 200 dustbins are placed in the prime public places of Bhopal like upper lake, new market, lalghati and M.P Nagar.

Bhopal chapter distributed 10000 paper bags to general public at Simhastha Kumbh Mela Ujjain giving the message of "Quit Polythene".

PROJECT E-WASTE MANAGEMENT AND JOY OF GIVING
18 -28 October 2016: Bhopal

E-waste awareness drive was launched at Bhopal to make the city more beautiful and greener. This year around 1 ton of e-waste was collected through various colleges and offices and is handed over to the recycler named UER. This e-waste is collected through an e-auto rickshaw. Along with e-waste general daily needs things were also collected and were donated to underprivileged.

The inauguration session was done at LNCT college, and a workshop was organized to aware the faculty and students about e-waste. It is estimated that 75% of electronic items are stored due to uncertainty of how to manage it. These electronic junks lie unattended in houses, offices, warehouses etc. and normally mixed with household wastes, which are finally disposed off at landfills with necessitates implementable management measures.

F&B ATM
03 October 2016: Salem

In India, over 214 million citizens struggle with hunger, in spite of huge quantities of food being thrown away at various events like weddings and parties. While many of us still wonder about what can be the solution for this problem, Young Indians (Salem Chapter) & Round Table 175, Salem jointly with the Coimbatore city-based NGO, No Food Waste has initiated and launched “F&B ATM” (Food and Beverage Automated Teller Machine) at Salem on 03 October 2016. M Tirumala Kumar, I.R.S, Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, Salem inaugurated the F&B ATM. Donors who wish to contribute will be allowed to place edible foods and beverages in the refrigerator. Those who wish to consume will be allowed to take advantage of the food and beverage ATM.
Garage Sale 2016

Indore chapter organized Garage Sale 2016 on 05 November 2016 at Yeshwant Club, Indore. The event was to sensitize people towards environmental challenges and encourage them to limit consumerism by using the products every individual should join this revolution for the battle of survival and be a responsible inhabitant of this planet. During the event, various good items like showpieces and photo-frames to suitcase, music-systems, Apple iPod, motorbike, car, sofa set, etc were sold and bought by visitors and students. The Garage sale team reviewed the products and their prices before they went on sale to ensure that the products offered were in good condition and at throwaway prices.

Farmer Market:
There was a farmer’s market, organized along with the Garage Sale. The objective was to or organize a market set in a lively ambiance, where one can buy fresh organic produce and other earth-friendly products, which benefits them & the community today. Local NGO’s brought various products made by under-privileged children & women. There were paintings, handmade bags, clothes, diyas, etc under this category. During the event, there was a separate zone created for the kids Carnival. Many games like 7 Up & 7 Down, ring fishing game, treasure twins, ker plunk, target golf, tattoo, pottery & lucky-draw were organized to amuse the visitors. There were various organic cafe and food stalls taken up by Yi members and their spouse. Variety of home made food items prepared by the members and enjoyed by the visitors. There was an auction for paintings brought by various artists from the city. There was a gathering of more than 1000 visitors during the events.

Plastic Ban Awareness Rally

Madurai jointly with Madurai Corporation and Rotary Dist-3000 organized Plastic Awareness Rally on 26 November 2016.

The idea behind the campaign was to ban plastic from 01 January 2017. Madurai jointly with the Madurai Corporation and Rotary Dist 3000 spread awareness with general public by organizing a rally with College and School Students around Meenakshi Amman Temple around 3Km.

Most of the participants in the settings had the awareness of hazards of plastic bag usage. However, there is a need for spreading the awareness of using alternative strategies and effective implementation of legislation in order to minimize the usage of plastics in the community.

Project Muskan Launch & Distribution of Sanitary Pad

Vadodara chapter launched project Muskan along with Women Planet Foundation at Indira Nagar Koyli School. The project will emphasis to provide sanitary pad to under-privileged girls of rural area and Vadodara will provide sanitary pad to 15 under-privileged girls for one year. The project is supported was by Women Planet Foundation, Yi members and volunteers from Women Planet Foundation also distributed chocolates and Santa clause caps as part of pre-Christmas celebrations. Vadodara intends to adopt 50 girls over the coming month. Project impacted more than 300 children.
GOGREEN TIRUPUR MARATHON
22 January 2017: Tirupur

The Young Indians GoGreen Tirupur Marathon 2017 was the first edition of a landmark event in the history of Tirupur city and saw active participation from 6000+ individuals spanning men, women, boys and girls.

Urban deforestation while planning urban development, increase in carbon footprint and the consequent decrease in breathing spaces, pollution of land sites and water bodies due to unwarranted use/disposal of polythene covers, and effluent pollution in water bodies had prompted the need for establishing 'GoGreen' as the central theme of the marathon.

The GoGreen initiative will especially attempt to curtail the extent of plastic pollution within the city, by campaigning for a reduction in the use plastics or switching to greener alternatives.

As a result, the majority of event day collaterals were printed on fabric material, which will be recycled into bags and distributed to benefit the GoGreen campaign.

Medals were handed out to all the participants who completed the 5k and 10K race, with the 10K participants awarded cash prizes of up to 2 lakhs. The winners in the Male category were Thiyagu Bharatking (first place) and Prakash A (runner up) and in the female category were Soniya V (first place) and Sowmiya (runner up). The event saw the presence of notable chief guests like Actor Ashok Selvan of ‘Thegidi’ fame, Dr Sylendra Babu IPS, ADGP (Coastal Guard), S Gunasekaran MLA, Sanjay Mathur IPS, Commissioner of Police, Tirupur and Sravan Kumar IAS, Sub-Collector, Tirupur.

Several entertainment activities were scheduled during the course of and after the marathon like, RJ Chiyaa Satish of Radio City entertaining the audiences, mimes by students and a flash mob. The event also saw individuals from South Africa, France and London participate in the marathon. Towards the end, it was revealed that the second edition of the marathon will be conducted during January 2018.
Erode chapter to create a model village chose to clean up the village. The team decided to segregate the waste at source in future to collect only non-biodegradable waste, as all the bio degradable waste would be treated and consumed at the household itself. Chapter also got sponsors for bags to be distributed to the households for collection of non-biodegradable waste. The team went around the entire village and mapped all the sites where waste was dumped. The project started off with one ward and started expanding it to others. Members also did a door to door campaign for distributing the handbills, the collection bag and explaining to the residents about the segregation of waste on every Sunday. Volunteers also roped in from the Yi members, partners organisation, local residents and the Panchayat ward members for the door to door campaign. To clean up the waste that was thrown on the road sides, we did a campaign with the Yuva members and the panchayat.

WASTE SEGREGATION PROJECT AT LAKKAPURAM ERODE

2016: Erode

Lakshmi Vilas Bank inaugurated the launch of this project and handed over battery operated vehicle to Lakkapuram Panchayat for waste collection.

V P Sivasubramani MLA, Moddakuruchi Constitution, Erode District, S Prabhakar IAS, Collector, Erode District, S Datathreyan, Director, Lakshmi Vilas Bank inaugurated the launch of this project and handed over battery operated vehicle to Lakkapuram Panchayat for waste collection.

INTER SCHOOL SKIT CONTEST

16 February 2017: Kochi

To spread awareness on the importance of cleanliness and effective waste management, Yi Kochi chapter organized an interschool short skit contest amongst Upper Primary (UP) and High School (HS) students on the theme of Swachh Bharat. The finals of the Yi Swachh Bharat Interschool Short Skit Contest was held on 16 February 2017 at the Vyttila Mobility Hub, Kochi.

The contest was held at the Vyttila Mobility Hub so that the general public could view it and the message is communicated to them also. This is the first time that a skit contest was organized in a mobility hub and over 200 students participated in the finals. The programme was inaugurated by Sakunthala (aged 55 years), the oldest employee of the Vytilla Mobility Hub who is responsible for keeping the hub clean and tidy.

Over 227 schools have been covered as part of the contest and over 50,000 students have been impacted as all the participating teams had presented the skits in their school assemblies in the initial round, said Aishlesh Agarwal, Chair, Yi Kochi chapter. In the finals, the first, second and third prizes in the Upper Primary section were won by Amrita Vidyalayam, St Joseph’s Public School, Thottuva and CMI Chavara Darsan school respectively. And in the High school section, Bhavans Vidya Mandir, Elamakkara, Joe Mount Public School and ACS ENHSS, Kaloor won the first, second and third prizes respectively, Bhavans Munshi Vidyasram, Amrita Vidyalayam and St Joseph’s Public School, Thottuva were recognized for the work they had done in keeping the premises of their schools clean and were awarded the prize for Yi Kochi Swachh Vidyalaya 2017.

Hibi Eden, Honorable MLA and Dr Renu Raj IAS, Assistant Collector, Ernakulam district were the guests of honour and they distributed the prizes to the winners. Hibi Eden congratulated Yi for its efforts to spread awareness on such noble causes and Renu Raj appreciated the efforts taken by the students to put up such a good show. The skit contest was supported by Wonderla and K. Chittilappilly Foundation. The participants of the skit contest also went a step forward in spreading the message of reducing noise pollution by working as ambassadors of the Yi campaign against unnecessary honking - Horn Not OK Please (HNOP). Students went around the entire hub and stuck stickers carrying the message of HNOP on all the buses and autorikshaws parked in the hub.

Yi also launched its Car-bin project during the programme. To encourage vehicle goers not to discard wrappers or any waste materials on the roads and collect it in a bag and dispose it off in the waste bins once they are back home, the car bin project was initiated. The Car Bins can be conveniently hung to the seats of cars/autorikshaws and waste can be easily stored in it while commuting from one place to another. Yi Kochi chapter and its members also committed to fund the education of girl students in three schools in Ernakulam through an E-Waste campaign. The Kochi chapter of Yi is organizing the E-Waste campaign to spread awareness on the importance of handling E-Waste in a scientific manner. The E-Waste campaign will primarily involve collecting E-Waste from various organisations and institutions across the state of Kerala and selling it to an organisation who will dispose the E-Waste in a scientific manner. The chapter would use the money collected through the sales of the E-Waste to educate girl students from relatively lesser privileged backgrounds in the forthcoming year.

Yi Kochi also launched its Car-bin project on 16 February17 during the Yi Kochi inter school skit contest. To encourage vehicle goers not to discard wrappers or any waste materials on the roads and collect it in a bag and dispose it off in the waste bins once they are back home, the car bin project was initiated. The Car Bins can be conveniently hung to the seats of cars/autorikshaws and waste can be easily stored in it while commuting from one place to another. The Carbins were sponsored by Dreamflower Housing Projects Pvt Ltd and Sija Rose, popular Malayalam actor launched the project at Vytilla Mobility Hub.
TREES FOR LIFE PROJECT
24 May 2016: Kochi

Kochi chapter launched their Tree for Life Project at Mangayil Government School, Maradu on 24 May 2016. The launch was held in partnership with Radio Mango. Saplings of Mango, Mangosteen, Jackfruit, breadfruit and Lakshmitharu were planted at the launch function. As part of the project and the World Environment Day celebrations, Kochi chapter organized a mass tree planting initiative through the Shishya and Yuva schools and colleges. 1500 grafted mango saplings were distributed to the schools and colleges with a commitment from the students to nurture and care for the saplings.

The State Horticulture Mission-Kerala supported the chapter with specially grafted saplings and these saplings were distributed to the schools and colleges. Some schools as Bhavans Munshi Vidyashram initiated a community drive where the students went in groups to the households near the school, briefed them about the importance of planting trees and sought a commitment from them to plant and take care of the saplings.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
05 June 2016: Guwahati

Guwahati Chapter and Centre for Wildlife Rehabilitation and Conservation (CWRC), the wildlife care facility near Kaziranga National Park run by IFAW-WTI in partnership with the Assam Forest Department in association with Confederation of Indian Industry, celebrated the World Environment Day on 05 June 2016. The Chapter also had a Session on Wildlife Conservation with Varnali Deka, District Commissioner of Golaghat.
Jharkhand Chapter launched "The Sapling Projects" for the Adityapur Industrial region on the World Environment Day 2015. The year-long projects which provided around 1000 saplings free of cost to every citizen who promised to plant and take care of them for at least the next two years.

It is one of the initiatives taken by Yi Jharkhand to make a difference to the environment of the Adityapur Industrial region. It’s the plantation of saplings in the Adityapur Industrial area and Jamshedpur to reduce the carbon debt industry owes to the environment. Taking forward this initiative, the sapling drive was carried in many factory premises of the industrial area in the month of July 2016 such as Highco Engineers (P) Ltd, Newco auto(P) Ltd and Pioneer Engg Works.

In total, around 300 saplings were planted in the mentioned factory premises by taking a commitment from the factory owners to nurture the saplings till it becomes a tree.

Bhopal chapter made an attempt for plantation of trees. The first plantation in this series was done at IES college, Bhopal on 03 October 2016 and afterwards in LNCT college on 04 October 2016. Five more Yuva colleges and some building sites, roads and restaurants are also volunteered to provide space for the tree plantation drive.

This initiative encouraged CII and Yi members to do the plantation in their companies or home premises. This was done to create awareness among the members for environment protection. Around 3000 trees are planted under this special cause.
ANTI-TOBACCO MOVEMENT
31 May & 01 June 2016: Bhopal

World No Tobacco Day is observed around the World every year on 31 May and 01 June. Bhopal chapter launched the Anti Tobacco Movement with an objective to stand against Tobacco with the Pledge to Quit. The session started with the session making people aware about the consequences of indulging in tobacco intake. The session was followed by the pledge taking ceremony to quit tobacco. These Anti Tobacco Movement sessions held at 9 places including at Scope, Truba, Paridhi Industries, Impression Furniture1, Impression Furniture2, Inder Engg, Fort Caps Ltd, Vision Advisory, Pind Balluchi Restaurant, Harsh Transport, LM bakers, DenAsia clinic, Bhopal.

DENTAL HEALTH CAMP
31 July 2016: Bhopal

A dental camp was organised at Dr Gaurav and Deepali Beohar’s Dental clinic “Centre for Smile” for Yi members and families. Along with this a respiratory health camp was also organized here with in association with Cipla. Yi-Cipla breathometer test is a public service initiative for patient awareness and education on various respiratory diseases such as Asthma, COPD and Allergic Rhinitis. It provides free diagnostic services like Spirometer, Breath-o-meter test for Asthma and Inspiratory Flow Meter test for Allergic Rhinitis.

To inculcate the feeling of a cleaner and greater India, Yi Bhopal chapter has organised a drawing contest for kids under Swachh Bharat theme. The purpose of this initiative is to be aware and sensitize the students about the importance of cleanliness. The cleanliness kit was also distributed. The kit includes one toothbrush, one tooth paste, one soap bar, dental health brochure, and one shampoo sachet.

A Robology workshop was also organized in which expert Nitin Gupta told about the future role of the robot, which will contribute to cleaning the cities. Not only had this he taught children to make some basic robots. The purpose of the workshop was to inspire the children choose careers in robotics. Usually children choose as traditional careers. The workshop helped to show another career path they will know about. Many students expressed their desire to choose robotics.

At last all the members were requested to spread awareness about organ donation. The initiative of organ donation was held in association with Bhopal Organ Donation Society.

SESSION ON “FREEDOM FROM DIABETES”
28 August 2016: Jamshedpur

With an aim to create awareness towards lifestyle management for healthy living, Yi Jharkhand chapter organized the second edition of “Freedom From Diabetes” workshop on 28 August 2016 at Tata Auditorium, XLRI Campus, Jamshedpur. This was a half day session which presented fundamental support for healthy living through optimal diet, appropriate exercise and a stress release experience. The “Freedom From Diabetes” program, created by Dr Pramod Tripathi, is based on international research work on the phenomenon of “Diabetes Reversal”.

WELLNESS & STRESS MANAGEMENT
21 December 2016: Jamshedpur

Ek Dawa Nirali, 15 Seconds ki Tali Clap 15 Seconds a Day and keep all the life doctors away Jharkhand chapter organized a Session on Wellness and Stress Management by Arun Rishi on 21 December 2016 at Center for Excellence, Jamshedpur. Rishi has conducted more than 1600 workshops worldwide at very prestigious places like most of the IIMs, Lal Bahadur Shastri Acedemy Massori and IIT’s on Life Style Managements and Health Management through clapping. Rishi addressed the Yi members sharing his valuable knowledge and experience on Health, Wellness & Fitness.

He suggested an effective method of enjoying and living healthy lifestyle without the use of any chemical product in the daily routine. He mentioned that boy cutting MNC product can easily strengthen the economy. He talked about how ancient Indian Ayurvedic medicine and acupressure treatment can be the best way to maintain fitness and health throughout life.
HEALTHY KOVAI
December 2016–January 2017: Coimbatore

Young Indians Coimbatore Chapter along with the Healthcare Panel of CII Coimbatore with the support of the Coimbatore Corporation organized comprehensive health screening camps for all the permanent sanitary workers of the Coimbatore Corporation during December 2016.

This initiative is ably supported by Thyrocare India; ITC’s CSR division “Well Being out of Waste (WOW)” and Rathna Group besides 9 leading hospitals from the city of Coimbatore.

The primary goal of this project is to reach out to all the workers and provide them best-in-class healthcare screening services. This initiative has been structured to ensure maximum participation and towards that the medical camps across different wards in respective zones are being proposed in a staggered manner, so that it doesn’t affect the working hours of the sanitary workers and is convenient for them to attend. Medical Camps across the city were organized in three batches on planned 24 December 2016, 21 January 2017 & 29 January 2017. About 2,500 permanent sanitary workers were covered as a part of these medical camps.

Speaking at the launch function organized at Coimbatore Corporation premises, Dr S Raja Sabapathy, Convenor, Healthcare Panel, CII Coimbatore zone briefed on the way in which the medical camps are planned across several wards. He also mentioned on the efforts taken by all 9 partner hospitals towards adding value to the health of sanitary workers of the corporation through these comprehensive medical tests. He concluded by mentioning that a final outcome dossier will be prepared and will be handed over to the Commissioner for further course of action.

Yi Healthcare team comprising of Dr Aishwarya Arjun and Srikumaravelu made a presentation explaining about the process in which the camps were planned and also the partnering organizations and hospitals that were a part of this initiative. They also stressed on the importance and impetus given by all the partnering organizations towards the success of this initiative.

Dr K Vijayakarthikeyan IAS, Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation in his address commended the meticulous planning and the seamless execution proposed by the organizing team. He also appreciated the efforts taken, to bring in leading hospitals from across the city as partners in this initiative, particularly in reference to the target recipients being the health guardians (sanitary workers) of our city.

He assured all logistical support towards the success of this initiative. He also mentioned that the outcome report explaining various health metrics and related data with reference to the workers will be a boon towards planning health welfare initiatives for them in future.

The Coimbatore chapter of Young Indians (YI) which is a part of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and CCMC in partnership with eight city-based hospitals, hosted ‘Healthy Kovai’ a comprehensive free medical camp for all the permanent conservancy workers of the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC) in four corporation schools in our city.

A dedicated team of doctors from Sankara hospitals, PSG Hospitals, Ramakrishna Hospitals, GKNM, Ganga hospitals, KG hospitals, GEM hospitals, Aravind eye hospitals and KMCH participated in the camp and provided consultation and counseling to the sanitary workers.

Those conservancy workers who had themselves checked at the camp were also provided medicines free of cost and if needed further treatment would also be provided free of cost by the participating hospitals.
PROJECT RAKSHA: DIABETICS SCREENING CAMPAIGN

2016: Erode

Health Vertical of Erode Chapter—initiated Project Raksha, Diabetics Screening Campaign for Middle level Employees working in members premises companies. The main objective of this project is to bring awareness to public on hazards of Diabetics. As first phase of this project, initiated with all members companies in and around eorde.

The estimated prevalence of diabetes among adults was 7.4% in 1995: this is expected to rise to 9% in 2025. However, specific population subgroups have a much higher prevalence of the disease than the population as a whole. These subgroups have certain attributes or risk factors that either directly cause diabetes or are associated with diabetes. With aligning to above context on behalf of Health vertical, targeted every employees who working in manufacturing and other service industry were chosen to screen Diabetics Test. Erode Chapter associated with Global Medi Labs for this project. Global Medi lab will take care of this test screening and give consultation all who participated for this test. Also free one to one consultation to the diabetic affected individuals was given and reports of their test was given to them. More than 9000 employees were screened through this campaign.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

2016 - 2017: Raipur

Blood is a precious lifesaving fluid with a variety of proteins and blood cells. Blood is one of the lifesaving gifts that one person can give to the other person in need. It cannot be manufactured. It is needed every day by mothers, who experience complications during child birth, children suffering from clinical complications, victims of accidents, patients needing surgery and transfusions.

With this background Raipur Chapter organized a Voluntary Blood Donation camps at different important locations of Raipur. Chetan Agrawal, Health, Safety & Environment Chair, Raipur Chapter encouraged everybody to donate blood. He shared his views and said that everyone should donate blood as it replicates human values and social responsibility towards our society. “Blood can’t be manufactured as other things can, it can only be given to save the lives”

Abhishek Agrawal, Chair, Yi Raipur Chapter said that Blood Donation is service to humankind, by donating blood you help a needy and save a precious life. Transfusion of blood every year saves Millions of life all over the world every year, there are Millions of Blood Donors all over the country but still there are number of people who don’t have adequate number of blood suppliers and face the challenge of blood supply to the patients in the country. He also highlighted the importance of Blood Donation which can help to save thousands of lives. He inspired his employees to come forward and donate blood to safeguard life of others. Agrawal stated that Blood is more required in traumatic cases and in our country due to non-availability of blood, millions of lives are lost.

Donors were given refreshments and a certificate of appreciation for this service to humanity. The response from Yi Raipur members and from various employees of different departments was overwhelming and a large number of officers / staff actively participated in the camp. A total of 850 units of voluntary blood donations have been handed over to Indian Red Cross Society for a noble cause in the year 2016-2017. Yi Members, top management, senior officials & Yi Secretariat were present on the occasion of different Blood Donation Camps held during the year.
In 2015, Yi has taken up the responsibility of spreading social awareness regarding Noise pollution and initiating action at the Community level to stop the growing menace of vehicle honking.

Noise pollution has been one of the main factors that have disturbed our peace of mind. Noise can be defined as an unwanted or undesired sound. Be it human or machine-created, noise disrupts the activity and balance of life. Vehicle honking in traffic dons the dubious cap of being the largest noise maker throughout the world.

The Horn Not Ok Please Campaign of Yi has created a huge impact during the year by creating Horn Not Ok Zone’s at various place in the cities, industrial areas, hospitals and airports of Hyderabad and Bangalore. The campaign saw distribution of lakhs of Yi-HNOP Sticker throughout year, car rally’s, awareness Cyclothons, jingles on local FM radio, Horn Not Ok Day Celebrations and thousands of online pledges of No Honking for students, members and stakeholders.

HNOP has also got recognition by Shri Manohar Parrikar, Honorable Minister of Defence, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways and Shipping, Shri Piyush Goyal, Honorable Minister of State with Independent Charge for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Mines, Shri KT Rama Rao, Honorable Minister for Information Technology, Municipal Administration & Urban Development, Government of Telangana, Shri Ratan Tata, Chairman, Tata Sons, Sanjay Reddy, Vice Chairman, GVK Power and Infrastructure Ltd and celebrities like Aamir Khan, Akshay Kumar, John Abraham, Jackie Shroff, Cyrus Broacha, Kangana Ranaut, Manisha Koirala, Laksmi Manchu etc.

**TOTAL IMPACT**

3.65 CRORE
Yi HNOP team has joined hands with Dr Reddy’s Laboratories Ltd to launch the HNOP Online Campaign on 14 November 2016.

The overarching objective of this campaign is to help Yi to create awareness about the noise pollution caused by honking, resultant health and environment hazards it results in. The future aim of the campaign is to build relevance for the cause, encourage people to take action and create consciousness of effects among the Youth of India.

In the months the HNOP online campaign through a series of posts, the messaging was created to build awareness and showcase how excessive honking is prevalent in India and how each one of us can individually take a pledge and spread the message of responsible driving etiquettes.

The HNOP campaign was supported by Dr Reddy’s through a series of creatives to be used on different digital platforms for promoting the campaign.
Bhopal Chapter launched a campaign against growing menace of noise pollution from vehicles. Under the campaign Young Indians Bhopal chapter in one day delivered 50,000 Horn Not Ok Please stickers to the Regional Transport Office, Sanjay Tiwari. These stickers where also pasted on newly registered vehicles as well as the vehicles coming for transfer at RTO office. The stickers were also handed over to driving schools and vehicle showroom owners to get them pasted on the vehicles. Session was also conducted for vehicle owners to use horn only when it is very necessary.

Appreciating the initiative, Sanjay Tiwari said that vehicle riders should think of it in a serious manner and avoid unnecessary honking. “Doing this will not only prove that they are good citizens but also a responsible person”, he said. Horn Not Ok Please vertical head, Bhopal Saurabh Sharma informed that the Central government will table a Bill in Lokshakha against unnecessary honking and use of pressure horns. There will be a provision to penalise the errant drivers with a penalty of Rs.500 to Rs.10,000.

Delhi chapter organized Horn Not Ok Please (HNOP) campaign reaching out to around 1000 people with a pledge wall, in association with The Times of India, at CII India@75 Cyclothon event held on 13 August 2016 in Gurgaon. The event was planned to encourage people for cycling and creating awareness on No Unnecessary Honking.

This event was divided into two formats, Joy Ride and Signature Ride. The Joy Ride was Short Distance Rides of 2 to 5 KM for amateur cyclists along Traffic Managed Loop while the Signature Ride was a 75 KM Ride along a supported route for experienced riders.

Delhi chapter associated with Times of India (TOI) to take the pledge against honking by placing up a pledge wall at the venue for the participants to sign and pledge for this initiative.

The cyclothon was covered by media and the same was telecasted on CNBC Network 18 Channels on 14 August 2016. This actually gained the maximum outreach for the initiative.

Gurgaon Deputy Commissioner, T L Satyaprakash who flagged off the event at 6:00 am on the day-cycled 68km during the morning. He was the first to initiate the cycling and take the pledge for Yi’s HNOP initiative by signing at the pledge wall against honking during the flag off. How else can we inspire others to follow suit? We need to keep in mind of all kinds of road users for better development and safety.

The guests, customers & others who gathered for the awareness session took a pledge to reduce unnecessary honking which is the largest noise maker in the world. Raipur Chapter’s Horn Not Ok Please (HNOP) Campaign was endorsed by O P Choudhary, IAS Collector & DM Raipur. The members of Raipur Chapter along with Shri O P Choudhary, IAS Collector & DM Raipur. The members of Raipur Chapter endorsed the use of HNOP stickers and Car Bins to create public awareness regarding Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Horn Not Ok Please Campaigns.

Guwahati Chapter in association with the Guwahati City Traffic Police launched a campaign on ‘Horn Not Ok Please. As part of the campaign a lot of activities have been organised by Yi Guwahati Chapter such as Press Conference, Live Talk show Panel Discussions comprising of Amanjeet Kaur IPS, Deputy Commissioner, Guwahati Traffic Police, Saurav Nawka, audiologist and speech language pathologist, Srutimala Duara, Author and Professor, Mehtaj Zaman Ahmed, Chair, Yi Guwahati Chapter, Nilesh Agarwal, Chair - HNOP, Yi Guwahati Chapter.

Apart from the Talk show The HNOP Campaign is being endorsed by some of the renowned personalities Amanjeet Kaur IPS , Deputy Commissioner, Guwahati Traffic Police, Sheetal Lama, one of the only five lady drivers of the iconic double decker bus in London , Kapil Bora, renowned Assamese Actor, Anchor and All India Radio Voice Artist. The Chapter has also Installed Horn Not Ok Bill Boards in select spaces of the city, Road Markings at select Bus Stops, Roundabouts, Radio Jingles, as well as engaged in a lot of Outdoor activities such as slogan writing competition, flash mobs etc engaging members and Yuva Students.

Raipur Chapter signed a MoU with Raipur Automobile Dealers Association (RADA) to start the campaign of Horn Not Ok Please (HNOP), along with signing of the MoU with RADA the members of the Yi Raipur Chapter were also present at Sky Automobile promoting the campaign of ‘Horn NOT OK Please’. On the occasion for the awareness session Manish Raj Singhania, President RADA and Abhishek Agrawal, Chair Yi Raipur Chapter along with them Amar Parwani, President Chhattisgarh Chamber of Commerce & Industry were also present for the awareness drive. Customers as well as general public were made aware about the ill effects of unnecessary honking on the streets. The customers were also educated about spreading the word of HNPO to the people at large whenever they see or observe someone honking unnecessarily.

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Kochi Chapter students from across the city got together at the Vyttila Mobility Hub on 16 February 2017 along with Yi members to sensitize the general public, bus and auto rikshaw drivers about the harmful effects of unnecessary honking. The students also pledged to serve as ambassadors of the campaign by promising to make their parents, friends and family members aware of the campaign and stop them from honking on the road, if it is not needed to honk.

Bengaluru chapter launched the “Horn Not OK Please” (HNOP) campaign on 26 September 2016 at the Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru (KIAB). The objective of the campaign is to make Bengaluru a honk free city by spreading awareness amongst public against unnecessary honking by working with the Govt. authorities to enforce the prevailing rules and regulations etc. The airport saw students from the Sankara College of Optometry and Sarana College presenting Mimes & Street plays to reinforce that Horn Not OK. Placards with slogans to encourage better driving and reduce horn use dotted the road leading to the airport. “The last Sunday of September is observed as World Deaf Day. We chose this day to launch the awareness drive against unnecessary honking at the Kempegowda International Airport.

The campaign would be a sustained effort which would encourage all Bengalureans to pledge Horn Not OK Please”, shared Rajesh, Chapter Chair, Yi Bengaluru. Noise pollution is second only to air pollution in the harm it does to the human body. Vehicle honking in traffic dons the dubious cap of being the largest noise maker throughout the world. Unnecessary honking causes not only noise pollution but it also has a serious impact on health of citizens and many times it leads to road rage and accidents. As per a recent study done by the Central Pollution Control Board, Bangalore was rated as the 7th noisiest city in India.

As a conscientious corporate we are cognizant of our responsibility towards the environment and have made conscious efforts to introduce initiatives that enable us to operate in a sustainable manner. One such introduction was adopting the “Silent Airport” philosophy to eliminate unnecessary sound at our Terminal.

The ‘Horn Not Ok’ campaign is in-sync with our overall approach to operate in a noise-free environment. When Young Indians approached us with this concept, we were happy to partner them. We pledged our support to this campaign and urge you to join us in making our airport a No Horn Zone” shared Hari Marar, President Airport Operations, Bangalore International Airport Limited. Shri Hitendra, Additional Commissioner Police (traffic), at the inauguration alluded, “Bengaluru has been a multifold increase in traffic over the past decade. This leads often to long waits on the road. Traffic Police Bangalore is happy to support this campaign of Horn Not OK Please, and we will work with Young Indians in identifying and enforcing Horn Not OK Zones across the city.”

Over 1500 passenger and drivers including prominent citizens Ravi Raghavan, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry; Sandeep Maini, Managing Director Maini Group among others Horn Not OK Pledge in an endeavor to reduce the noise from unnecessary horn use by vehicles.
Thousands of people die every year with end stage organ failure. The only way they can have a new lease of life is by having an organ transplant.

One donor can give life to a minimum of 8 people. There is a critical shortage of organs, and the gap between the number of organs donated and the number of patients waiting for a transplant is increasing. Right now, more than 1,00,000 people in India need an organ transplant and every year around 1,000 people die while waiting to find a donated organ.

Yi has launched the Gift an Organ initiative nationwide to help reduce the efforts of Organ Transplant Counsellors in Hospitals through increased awareness on Organ Donation in the society by breaking the myths revolving around the noble cause and to evolve a National Level Awareness Movement and ultimately bring a National Directory for Organ Transplantation in the country. A pilot project was launched in Coimbatore where Yi organized numerous awareness drives by placing posters and hoardings in public places, conducting awareness meetings at industries and educational institutions, social media campaigns.

In 2016, Yi has organized the several awareness session drives, GAO Sticker Distribution campaigns, Walkathons with NDTV, Marathons, Human Chain Awareness Rally, GAO Hoardings at the prominent place in the selected chapters, Celebrated Gift an Organ day, created association with hospitals like Apollo, LV Prasad, Sankara Eye Hospital, Brookfeld Hospital, Rainbow Hospital, Sakara Hospital & Rainbow etc. The campaign has online generated close to 15000 organ donation pledges.

Yi will proudly work further to increase awareness about organ donation, help dispel myths and explore issues that deter organ donation. The campaign, whose earlier chapters motivated thousands to sign up as donors in a matter of months, also aims to engage with relevant authorities ensure organ donation is a fair practice, and the process smooth enough so donated organs do not go waste.
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Bhopal chapter in collaboration with Organ India-Parashar Foundation organized four awareness session on Organ Donation. The session was taken by Dr Saurabh Sharma from Parashar Foundation, New Delhi. In these sessions around 300 employees of participation companies were sensitized regarding organ donation.

Dr Rakesh Bhargava from Bhopal Organ Donation Society continued the initiative and conducted more sessions in the series. Till dates 10 sessions of organ donation awareness are organized in which more than 2000 people are sensitized.

Going further a village named Kekariya was also targeted to spread awareness about organ donation. A health camp was also organized for villagers under the initiative. Thirty Organ Donation banners were installed at various Ganesh and Durga Pooja pandals spreading the awareness for organ donation.

PUBLIC AWARENESS TALKSHOW ON ORGAN DONATION

15 August 2016 : Coimbatore

The Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 heralded a significant change in the organ donation and transplantation scene in India. Many of the states of India adopted the Act over the next few years, but there was hardly any focused work done towards furthering the deceased organ donation programme.

In 2008, the Government of Tamil Nadu through a pioneering effort put together government orders laying down systems and procedures for deceased organ donation and transplantation in the state. With 540 donors having given over 2,500 organs in the past half a decade, Tamil Nadu performed ten times more cadaver transplantations than any other State in India.

Coimbatore is now being termed as the most promising “Medical Destination of South India”. The city has some of the finest hospitals in the country offering the world class quality treatments equivalent to the best hospitals around the world. The city is also well-known for its exclusive super-speciality hospitals. Coimbatore accounted for more than half of the organ donations performed in Tamil Nadu during 2015. Coimbatore is fast emerging as a leader of Organ Transplantation in the country.

With this background note, the Healthcare Panel of CII Coimbatore Zone & Young Indians Coimbatore Chapter Organized Mass GiftAnOrgan Mass Organ Donation Awareness Programme on 15 August 2016. The main objective of the initiative is to create awareness and need for organ donation among the general public in a sustained but conspicuous manner.

Thousands of people die every year with end stage organ failure. The only way they can have a new lease of life is by having an organ transplant. One donor can give life to a minimum of 8 people. There is a critical shortage of organs, and the gap between the number of organs donated and the number of patients waiting for a transplant is increasing. Organ transplantation is one of the most miraculous achievements of modern Medical Science.

But, it depends entirely on the generosity of donors and their families who are willing to make this lifesaving gift to others.

This initiative is driven by the joint effort of all of the Leading Hospitals in Coimbatore city like:

Aravind Eye Hospital | GEM Hospital | Coimbatore Kidney Care & Research P Ltd | KG Hospital | G Kuppuswamy Naidu Memorial Hospital | Koval Medical Center and Hospital | Ganga Medical Centre & Hospitals Pvt. Ltd. | PSG Hospitals | Sankara Eye Care Institutions India | Sree Abirami Hospital (P) Ltd. | Sri Ramakrishna Hospital | SPT Hospitals

The event was to take the message to the masses. Any campaign will be successful only if the message reaches the right target group. This event was aimed at taking the message to each and every Coimbatorean.

The event was also supported by the Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu - TRANSTRAN.

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Trichy Chapter jointly with Kauvery Hospital organised a flagship event in Trichy. The Trichy Marathon 2016 on 25th September 2016 in order to create awareness among the public on "Organ Donation". The mega event that created a huge public impact and attracted formidable media attention. As we take up a cause in the social sphere every year, this year we have chosen the noble cause of Organ Donation. Organ donation is a generous and worthwhile decision that can save many lives. By donating, each person can save the lives of up to 7 individuals. Nationally, with a population of 1.2 billion people, the statistic stands at 0.08 persons as organ donors per million populations (PMP). This is an incredibly small and insignificant number compared to the statistics around the world.

In order to promote awareness and willingness on Organ Donation, CII, Yi Trichy and Kauvery Hospital are organizing a flagship event in Trichy with the specific objectives, to unite the people of Trichy across class & segments towards a common cause and to sensitize the community towards Organ Donation and saving lives.

This year we had three different categories of races like 21 K - Half Marathon (Men & Women), 10 K – Youth run (Men & Women), 5 K - Run & Walk (Open to all). While 300 persons — all athletes participated in 21 km marathon that started at 5:20 am; 2,000 persons participated in 10km marathon that commenced at 5:50 am while a massive strength of close to 6000 entries were registered for 5 km marathon which was flagged off at 7:00 am. These marathon races were flagged off by Ramesh Kymal, Chairman, CII Tamilnadu and Managing Director, Gamesa Wind Turbines Pvt Ltd, Murugesan, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic) and N Ravichandran, City Corporation Commissioner. And also we had S Sampath, Chairman, CII Trichy Zone & Chief Executive Operations, Velmurugan Industries, Anbarasu, Vice Chairman, CII Trichy Zone & DGM-HR, SRF Ltd, Prative Chend B, Chair, Yi Trichy Chapter & CEO, CARE Group of Institutions, Dr Chandrakumar, Managing Director, Kauvery Hospital during the flag off.

In all categories, total of 18 persons at the rate of six for each category — three women and three men, got winner medal and prizes. And for those who all finish the race were awarded with a finisher medal. Dr K S Palanisamy, District Collector, Trichy was the chief guest for the valediction and gave away the prizes to winners. T V Murali, Past Chairman, CII Trichy Zone & Managing Director, Mangal Home Builders and K Meena, Former Vice Chancellor of Bharathidasan University, were also present in the valediction along with the key organizers.
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GIFT AN ORGAN DAY
20 January 2017: Multiple Cities

Gift an Organ has always been an initiative to increase awareness on organ donation and we are sure that Yi chapters are educating people and removing the myths related to this noble gesture. Yi Nationally celebrated Gift Organ Day on 20th January 2017 across country. Ahmedabad chapter celebrated the day at Silver Oak of Engineering and Technology College and Devam Institute, at Ahmedabad by distributing the brochures, organ donation promotion caps and donor form to the students and faculty member. The students also gave an presentation on the importance of the day. Bhopal Chapter has organized various activities during celebrating the week like Awareness about Gift an organ on Radio and Doordarshan, street play on the awareness of the organ donation. Jaipur Chapter organized the street play on awareness of the cause whereas Indore chapter members has distributed the GAO sticker to the people during the day.

Guwahati Chapter in association with CII’s project vision North East and Rotary Club Guwahati and along with a host of other social bodies organised “World Blind Walk 2016” at Shradhanjali Kannan. The walk was flagged off by Smt. Bijaya Chakravarty, Honourable Member of Parliament. The event was also graced by Rev. John Moolachira, (Archbishop of Guwahati). Smt. Bijaya Chakravarty, Honourable Member of Parliament, accepted the “Gift an Organ” certificate from Young Indians Guwahati Chapter. Smt Chakravarty launched the campaign and also pledged to donate her eyes.

GIFT AN ORGAN DAY
20 January 2017: Multiple Cities

Total Impact
2.88 LAKHS

WORLD BLIND WALK 2016 & LAUNCH OF GIFT AN ORGAN
13 October 2016: Guwahati

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WALKATHON ON ORGAN DONATION JOINTLY WITH ORGAN INDIA AND NDTV
27 November 2016: Delhi

Delhi Chapter jointly with ORGAN India and NDTV organized a Walkathon on creating awareness on Organ Donation on 27 November 2016. Jaideep Ahuja, Chair, Yi Delhi Chapter went live on NDTV creating awareness on Organ Donation and promoting Gift an Organ – a vertical under Yi for the cause. It aimed at creating awareness around the loss of lives that happen for the want of organs and was one such initiative hopes to mobilise the nation in this direction.

FLASH MOB AND NUKKAD NATAK IN MALLS FOR AWARENESS
26 & 27 January 2017: Indore

Indore chapter in association with IIPS Yuva, organised flash mob and nukkad natak in malls in Indore for creating awareness for organ donation. A team of around 20 students from IIPS Yuva prepared flash mob and nukkad natak and played it in various malls in Indore on 26 and 27 January 2017.
Bhopal chapter has organized the MP Tech Innovation Challenge 2016, which is an attempt to identify and promote the spirit of innovation amongst the students of engineering colleges across MP. The goal is to make students aware about this platform and opportunity to participate in this challenge of identifying innovative solutions to some of the relevant problems faced by India today.

Students from across the State participated in it and presented innovative technical ideas to solve the social problems. The team of Rajiv Gandhi Technical University won the contest.
Chennai chapter organised the winning edge program throughout the year as part of the Entrepreneurship & Innovation initiative. It is a four session program of three hours each, held once a week, targeting students from Schools, Colleges & ITIs. The Winning Edge process ensures to bring out the winning potential and helps the students to do things differently out of the box. The key aspect achieved from the program is - Clarity about achieving their dreams, high self-confidence and overcoming fear of failure. The participants enjoy the process and get more clarity on their life goals and understand how to sustain the winning potential. The students developed a wholesome personality and are able to take on the challenges of life positively. This leads to better relationships, teamwork and enhanced self-confidence and thereby sustaining them as winners.

WINNING EDGE
April 2016 – March 2017: Chennai

Raipur Chapter organized its first Entrepreneurship & Innovation Vertical event on “Startupreneurs – Aspire Innovate Achieve”. The role of innovation is to boost industrial competitiveness and growth also needs recognition so that more and more companies, especially SMEs, come forward and adopt a structured innovation approach to do their business. Similarly, innovation driven start-ups need recognition and promotion so that not only they prosper, but their peers and competitors are also motivated to adopt innovation as the key driver for their business growth.

STARTUPRENEURS – ASPIRE INNOVATE ACHIEVE
21 May 2016: Raipur

With this backdrop Raipur Chapter invited the growing Startups from the city of Raipur like SmileBots, HealthPotli & DiscountBazar. These Startups shared, introduced their idea and explained their brain child into the work which they are doing. They also explained the problem and the difficulty which they faced initially when their idea was just growing. Since startups are generally considered as a baby which needs an expert guidance & mentorship, Raipur Chapter invited Anshul Dave, a renowned Angel Investor who mentors new startups companies and helps them incubate and reach to the next level. He is one of the Top 100 Angel Investors in the world to be followed on Twitter in 2015-16. Dave excellently explained on the technicalities of how a startup should present their idea to investors; the startup is seeking for. He explained the breakeven analysis of funding in a startup, as to how & when one should start funding and when should one exit. For the first time Raipur has taken the initiative of promoting the startup culture in the city of Raipur where startups are getting a chance to showcase their idea at the right place and to the right person. Innovation is increasingly being seen as the currency of 21st century. The future prosperity of India in the new knowledge economy will depend on its ability to generate new ideas, processes and solutions, and through the process of innovation convert knowledge into social good and economic wealth. The event witnessed a large number of participation from Raipur Chapter, Industries, funding agencies and distinguished association from Raipur making it a huge success.
A conclave on Tech-Knowledge titled ‘Internet of Things’ (IoT) was organised on June 25. The event that was attended by around 80 participants showed how the internet will re-shape our interactions with the real and virtual worlds in the coming years, it explored latest happenings in the IoT Industry and things the Internet of Things will offer as businesses and consumers. It also attempted to realize Internet of Thing’s importance in existing business and the need to explore the plethora of unexploited opportunities in that domain.

The speakers at the event included Vikas Aggarwal, National Head, Client Acquisition, Indiamart, Francesco Alfieri, M D, ST Smart Solution Pvt. Ltd, Italy and a keynote by Ninad Karpe, Deputy Chairman CII Western Region & Managing Director, APTECH Limited. Vikas Aggarwal talked about ‘Business Development through Digital Marketing.” Francesco Alfieri briefed the audience about how IoT will bring the fourth Industrial Revolution. Ninad Karpe spoke at length about how IoT will eventually become a part of our daily lives.

The programme also included a panel discussion on ‘IoT Opportunities for entrepreneurs’ that was moderated by Manish Rajoria, Convenor, CII MP, State Panel on Skill and CSR and Director, Aadarsh Pvt. Ltd. The panelists include, Shashank Vaishnav, Co-Founder and CTO, WittyFeed and Punit Modgil, Director & Co-founder, Octane and Anand Saraiya, Director, Digimind Technology.

The programme provided an ultimate learning and networking experience for those who wish to hear world-class management strategies, proven best practices and new research insights on online marketing. It focused on thought provoking and insightful IT and Digitization case studies and provided the opportunity to meet IoT experts, Start-Ups and network with experienced Business and Technical practitioners and Start-Ups in the area of IoT. Abhishek Gupta, Convener, CII M.P. Panel for IT/ITES & MD, Surevin, offered a vote of thanks and presented mementoes to the speakers.

CII Yi TECH-KNOW-EDGE
25 June 2016: Bhopal

DREAM START-UP CHALLENGE 2016-17
July 2016 to Feb 2017: Bhopal

Bhopal chapter organized “Dream Startup Challenge” for past 2 years in which entries from business start-ups were called to contest. The Dream Start-Up Challenge is an initiative by CII-Yi to encourage start-ups and young entrepreneurs. The objective of this initiative is to help participating start-ups to be mentored to develop their start-up ideas, and a venture capital to be provided to the teams which show potential for growth. It is a national level contest and entries came from across the country including most major cities of Madhya Pradesh. In this financial year it was started in the month of August 2016 and currently the incubation program is going on. More than 200 teams/startups participated and shortlisted 10 start-ups selected as finalists.

The final listing of the entries was done through 5 rounds of personal interviews of the teams. These shortlisted startups are given guidance and incubation from CII-Yi members, experienced industrialists and businessmen so that they can go in right direction to run their business. For the incubation of shortlisted startups many workshops were held covering the areas of marketing, finance, advertising and HR.

The finals of the startup challenge will be on 25th February 2017 in which finalists will present their business start-up in front of several Regional investors. Top 2 start-up teams can win some cash prizes and interaction with investors and capitalists. This whole event of Grand Finale will be in the form of seminar and interactive sessions, in which guest speakers will guide the finalists and audience about the process of starting a business and how to sustain its profitability.

SMART CITY HACKATHON
19 & 20 August 2016: Coimbatore

A hackathon is a 24-36 hour building/learning fair where students from various backgrounds come together, form teams, share ideas, and help each other build innovative projects. It is one of the best ways to meet new people, learn from mentors, and make cool stuff.

With this background Coimbatore chapter organized a Smart City Hackathon on 19, 20 August 2016 at KGISL, Coimbatore. The objective of this Hackathon is to create the culture of Ideation among the Youth to create sustainable development for the city and the nation at large.

The Smart City Hackathon is all about ~ 30 hours of Ideating, Implementing, and Collaborative Learning! Over 600 participants from reputed organizations, upcoming startups and budding students are expected to participate in the maiden edition of Smart City Hackathon! The Smart City Hackathon will have specific problems to solve in different streams like IT, IoT & Engineering. We had around 800 plus participants and 25 Mentors for the event, Dr Vijaya Karthikeyan IAS, Commissioner Coimbatore Corporation and Anil Raj IPS, Commissioner of Police Coimbatore City inaugurated the session. Five winners were chosen and apart from mentoring support were provided 1 lakh cash prize.
Entrepreneurship and Innovation is one of the key focus areas for Yi this year to create a well-balanced eco-system by bringing innovation and entrepreneurship at the center stage of both business and social growth, and to support the innovation promotion by identifying, discussing and evangelising innovations in Yi’s key focus areas of education, healthcare, and environment. The objective is to spread the concept and understanding of the principles of innovation amongst students and Yi members under a common national brand.

To provide an opportunity for students & Yi members to see innovation first-hand via industrial visits to corporate factories, plants, workshops, banks, institutions, R&D centres, Laboratories and Testing facilities.

8th INDIA INNOVATION INITIATIVE 2016
18-19 October 2016: New Delhi

To promote and inculcate a spirit of innovation in India and to encourage participation of breakthrough technology/ideas in society, Young Indians under its vertical ‘Entrepreneurship & Innovation’ partnered with Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to support ‘8th India Innovation Initiative 2016’.

It is a national challenge organized jointly by Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) with the principal aim to expand and strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem of the country by encouraging the spirit of innovation among young citizens by rewarding them and facilitating commercialization of their innovations that provide novel and disruptive solutions to industrial and social challenges.

The objective of the “8th India Innovation Initiative 2016” is to foster a culture of innovation and expand and strengthen the entrepreneurial eco-system in the country by sensitizing, encouraging and promoting students, professionals, independent researchers, grassroots innovators and early-stage innovative start-ups and facilitating commercialization of their innovations. Kumaar Bagrodia, Chair, Yi National E&I Vertical & Chief Executive Officer, LeapVault, Abhinav Banthia, Member, Yi National E&I Vertical & Executive Director, Manu Yantralaya (P) Ltd, Saurabh Sureka, Member, Yi National E&I Vertical & Director, Pushpajit Ispat Pvt. Ltd. & Debajit Chaliha, Member, Yi National E&I Vertical & Director, Green Gold (Assam) Pvt Ltd have participated as jury members to identify the best potential innovators for this year’s national Challenge.

On the sidelines of the competition, Young Indians along with DST & The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Delhi-NCR & The Startup Board jointly organized the workshop on “Mentoring the Innovator for Entrepreneurship” at Delhi on 18 October 2016. In addition, an article on “Entrepreneurship, Employability and Innovation: Strands of Strength” for i3 publications was also shared by Kumaar Bagrodia, Chair, Yi National E&I Vertical & Chief Executive Officer, Leap Vault.

During the Award Ceremony on 19 October 2016 at The Lalit Hotel (New Delhi), Young Indians gave awards to the 3 Best Young Innovators along with cash prize money and mentoring support by its members. Kumaar Bagrodia attended the award ceremony on behalf of Young Indians to recognize and bestowed the winners. Venus Mohan Chaudhury, Apurv Madhusudan Mhatre, Akanksha Rav Prakash Agarwal were chosen for the Young Indians Award for Best Young Innovator for their project titled ‘Green Villips Vintage’. Soham Choksi & Narayan Bharadwaj has also been chosen for the Young Indians Award for Best Young Innovator for their project titled ‘Big Data Analytics for Logistics’ & ‘Maclec Advance Swachh Bharat Trash Waste Compaction Machine’ respectively.

As one of the flagship initiatives of CII, Yi takes pride in having been part of this initiative in the past few years and in providing an opportunity for young people to be creative and bring out ideas to benefit the society at large. With Entrepreneur and Innovation being one of the core focus areas of Yi, the involvement of Yi in this initiative underlined its commitment towards making a positive change.
21 December 2016: Raipur

Raipur Chapter organized a workshop on “Angel in the City; Igniting Angel Investing” with Sanjay Enishetty, MD & CEO 50k Ventures and Co-Founder 50k Network, a platform that nurtures early stage startups right from the beginning while providing access to funding, mentorship and go to market solutions Hyderabad. Sanjay is an entrepreneur and one of the most prominent faces in the startup arena.

In recent years, the trend has been for individual angels to band together and form “angel groups”. This trend has occurred because individual angel investors have found many advantages to working together, including better investment decisions, enhanced deal flow and the ability to combine their funds into larger and higher-quality investments. While no two angel groups operate exactly alike, most angel groups maintain a local or regional geographic focus in order to maximize members’ ability to actively engage in the growth of their investments. Angel groups often have websites that provide directions for business plan submissions. After screening business plans for top-quality deals that match the group’s criteria, these groups organize regular meetings for members to hear pitches from selected companies. If the group (or members of the group) decides to proceed, interested members commonly collaborate on due diligence and deal negotiation. Based on the group’s structure, investments are either made directly by individual members, or by the group as a whole. Most groups apply standard terms to their investments, with some flexibility to negotiate said Sanjay.
The objective was to spark, develop and encourage entrepreneurship skills which would help the respective individual to hone their analytical abilities and strategic competencies necessary to become successful entrepreneurs some day.

The focus was to give 1000 individuals a taste of entrepreneurial thinking in a safe controlled environment. This was not a business plan or venture competition.

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YUTRY 2017: “3rd National Conference on Entrepreneurship & Startup Competition-Sharpen your Saw”

06 - 07 January 2017: Trichy

This conference strives to stimulate the Entrepreneurial spirit latent in Young Indians through interaction with successful Entrepreneurs and by endeavoring to emulate them on path to success. The hallmark of the conference is a Start up Competition “Sharpen Your Saw” where the shortlisted students presented their start up ideas, which is designed to ignite entrepreneurial spark in young minds and enable students to discover their entrepreneurial potential.

St Joseph’s Institute of Management (JIM) were the winners of the start up competition and the runner up was shared between CARE School of Business Management & St Joseph’s Institute of Management (JIM).

This conference was hosted by CII - Young Indians, Trichy Zone and partnered with TIE - knowledge partner, Native Angle Network (NAN) - Mentoring and Funding partner.

Below are the star key note speakers who shared their own entrepreneurial story and inspired the gathering Murugavel Janakiraman, Founder & CEO, Bharat Matrimony Group.

Dr S Chandrakumar, Founder & Managing Director, Kauvery Hospitals, Sachit Singhi, CFO, Stayzilla, Dr Rahul Mirchandani, Executive Director, Aries Agro Limited, Past National Chairman, CII-Yi. Manick Rajendran, Founder & CEO, iMMi Life Healthcare Pvt. Ltd, Swaminathan K, Founder and CEO, Aspire Ventures, Suresh Radhakrishnan, Chief Tea Officer, Chai King, Maran Nagarajan, Chairman & CEO, Kaar Technologies, Ganesh Ramakrishnan, Managing Director and Head of Delivery & Operations, iLink Systems.
This conference is designed in such way to provide lots of learning, interaction, competition and networking. The one and half day conference was well attended by 300 participants which include Members, Prospective members, non members, faculties and students.

The conference started with an energetic valedictory address by Dr Rahul Mirchandani, Executive Director, Aries Agro Limited, Past National Chairman, Young Indians and Founder, Commonwealth Asia Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs and special address by RA Krishnakumar, Past Chairman, CII Trichy Zone and Executive Director, Dalma Cement (Bharat) Ltd.

Following the inaugural the two key note address by Murugavel Janakiraman, Founder & CEO, Bharat Matrimony Group and Dr S Chandrakumar, Founder & Managing Director, Kauvery Hospitals who are legends in their respective fields. The day closed with their inspiring note.

Day two started with an electrifying key note address by Swaminathan K, Founder and CEO, Aspire Ventures, followed by the start up competition. In the afternoon the panel discussion on the topic Entrepreneurs Journey with Manick Rajendran, Founder & CEO, IMM Life Healthcare Pvt. Ltd, Suresh Radhakrishnan, Chief Tea Officer, Chai King, Maran Nagarajan, Chairman & CEO, Kaar Technologies & Ganesh Ramakrishnan, Managing Director and Head of Delivery & Operations, iLink Systems, where the panelists shared their real life experience in running their own business.

The conference valediction had Sachit Singhi, CFO, Stayzilla, who shared his start up journey experience for the young minds gathered there and the conference ended with the prizes distribution for the winners of the startup competition.

BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION
2017: Across the chapters

Business Plan Competition 2017 was launched in the month of January 2017 for all the chapters across India. The main objective of organizing this competition was to encourage and support the new start up’s innovators in their journey of creativity and innovation. It was also a unique opportunity for the young entrepreneurs to share their sustainable business ideas.

It aims to expand the entrepreneurial ecosystem of the country by fostering the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship among young Indian citizens who have the ability to think out-of-the-box and the boldness and passion to solve contemporary industry and social challenges. The competition was open to students, innovators, industry professionals, and early stage start-ups from all regions of the country as an individual or in a group.

The applicants were requested to submit an executive summary of their business plan. Some of the key takeaways for the winners were to get recognition and famous in the world of Yi & CII, get exciting Amazon Web services Activate (AWS) benefits, mentorship from senior business leaders of Yi and CII, networking opportunity with CII Start-ups Coalition. The Top 3 winners will be felicitated at GALA evening during Yi Annual Summit – Take Pride 2017 with a 1000 delegates and leaders from across India.
With the aim of promoting entrepreneurship in the city and to make Mysuru the first choice for start-ups, Young Indians (Yi) Mysuru chapter conceptualized and organised an entrepreneurship summit #WhyNotMysuru on 04 February 2017. The event was inaugurated by Sri D Randeep IAS, Hon’ble Deputy Commissioner Mysuru & District Magistrate Mysuru. Ramya Bopanna, Chair of Yi Mysore addressed the gathering about Yi, its objective, and next steps. Akshara Kumar, Co-chair Yi Mysore spoke about the idea, objective and concept behind #WhyNotMysuru.

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US Mahendran, Founder Hatti Kaapi, Musthafa P C, Founder ID Fresh Food, Bharathram Lokkur, Lokkur Investment Advisors Private Limited, Deepak Natraj Aarin Capital, Yashasvi Shankar President & COO, Saanvi Technologies LLC shared their journey, thoughts and were truly inspiring to a 400 plus audience.

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R K Misra, Serial Entrepreneur & winner of Lead India Campaign said that, disrupted industries typically suffer from a perfect storm of two forces. First, low barriers to entry into these sectors lead to more agile competition. Secondly, they have large legacy business models which often generate the majority of their revenue. These organizations, therefore, have embedded cultural and organizational challenges when it comes to changing at the pace required.

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Subramanyam Putrevu, Chief Information Officer, Mindtree ltd said that Entrepreneurs and policy makers must not only know what’s on the horizon but also start preparing for its impact. It is estimated that these new emerging technologies could have a potential economic impact between $14 trillion and $33 trillion a year by 2025. This estimate is neither predictive nor comprehensive but based on an in-depth analysis of key potential applications and the value they could create in a number of ways, including the consumer surplus that arises from better products, lower prices, a cleaner environment, and better health.

Ajith Mathew George, Chair, Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 said that today’s fast paced techno driven business eco-system is evolving where mere innovation is not good enough for a business to survive leave aside success. The new mantra is "Disruption". In last decade where the focus was on innovation the next decade would be dedicated to disruption. Disruptive ideas are changing the game for businesses by creating entirely new products and services. Entrepreneurs have to keep their organizational strategies updated in the face of continually evolving technologies. They not only have to look for disruptive business models but also use technologies to improve internal performance. Digital India stands for transforming India into a digitally empowered knowledge economy. The summit will discuss about “Digital India” initiative of Govt. of India and the challenges & opportunities arising therefrom for Indian Entrepreneurs. It will also look at various schemes launched by Central and State Govt. for the start-ups and young entrepreneurs.

The ideas and business plans have been ranked by jury members from Yi and Native Lead foundation based on Idea Feasibility, Innovation, Scalability, Commitment, Reachability and Presentation. The ideas ranked and selected from the preliminary rounds have presented at the final round at Thiagarajar College, Madurai on Wednesday, 01 March 2017 which was initiated by Sandeep Nandani, Commissioner, Madurai Corporation & the Special Address was delivered by P Mahendravel, Chairman, Perrys Biscuits Pvt Ltd. The winning ideas from the mainstream entrepreneurs will be mentored and referred to the Native Angels Network, for funding while delivering the closing remark. The participants felt Arambam as a great opportunity to take their ventures to the next level, while students got an opportunity to showcase their ideas on a platform which helped them to have access for alternative career opportunities.
National Volunteering Week (NVW), was organised from 18 - 24 January 2017. Yi for last three years has been associating with India@75 to celebrate the NVW.

This week celebrates the spirit of volunteering through a series of events and activities reaching out to millions of people pan India by engaging thousands of volunteers in supporting NGOs, community groups etc to collaboratively participate in social development.

Yi has played an active role during this week in the past three editions by engaging at the leadership, national and chapter level, primarily because the objectives of India@75 are in immense sync with those of Yi and we both represent very vital initiatives of CII. As a youth based organization, we have made significant contribution during this week across the country by closely working with the necessary stakeholders including the students through our ‘Yuva network’. We feel that this week falls naturally into one of our most important pillars, ‘Nation Building’ and has given us a wonderful opportunity to yet again carry on our task of impacting people, especially the lesser privileged.
Experiencing the liberating effects of Yoga, participants across all the sessions echoed the feelings of joy, peace and happiness that few minutes of dedicated time to yoga can bring to the fast paced lives that we lead today. Inculcating the spirit of inclusivity in spreading the reach of Yoga, Yi chapters such as Yi Ahmadabad organised sessions at the railway station with the active involvement of Indian Railways employees and commuters. In many other chapters, students from schools and colleges, members of resident associations, and employees of corporates joined Yi in celebrating IDY. Yoga embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and the nature. In spreading the message of Yoga across the country, CII and Indian Women Network (IWN) in many parts of the country, joined the celebrations on this day that has elevated our country in the international scenario. Impacting more than 12,000 lives on a single day, the International Day of Yoga, Yi has shown its strength with a united call to action across India.

To what was a clarion call by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, during his address to the UN General Assembly in September 2014, 21 June was declared by the United Nations General Assembly as the ‘International Day of Yoga’. On 21 June 2016, which marked the second year of the International Day of Yoga (IDY), Young Indians (Yi) across the country joined together, in spirit and action, to become ambassadors of this 5000-year old discipline.
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NATION BUILDING
RIGHT TO WRITE
Recycled Notebooks making with unused old pages & distribution to underprivileged

March 2016 - January 2017: Bhopal

Bhopal chapter successfully accomplished the 4th year of project Right to Write. Under this project the unused pages of old notebooks are taken out and new recycled notebooks are made out of them and these notebooks are distributed to underprivileged kids. These old notebooks are donated by various schools of Bhopal.

More than 50,000 students donated the old notebooks and more than 2000 underprivileged received the recycled notebooks. 600 recycled notepads were also made this year with the unused pages were used in the Yi National Summit at Mumbai. People’s University is the principal sponsor for this year for the project.

Recycled NotebooksDistributed at:

Kekariya Village | Aarambh NGO | Glorious Academy |
Babganga School | During child rights week | DAV School

51000+ Donor Students
600 Recycled Notepad
20+ Donor Student
1300 Recycled Notebooks
800+ Beneficiary Student
Childline Details also in notebook
Young Indians (Yi), as part of their efforts to encourage citizens of our state to cast their votes in the state elections organized the ‘Show The Ink campaign’ during the month of May 2016. Through this campaign, citizens were offered a special discount from select shops, malls, eateries, movies etc. if they show the ink that is stamped on their fingers once they have cast their votes.

The Show The Ink campaign ran for 10 days from the day of the elections. The discount rates were decided by respective shops/vendors and over 500 brands associated with Yi chapter in this campaign. The campaign was also well covered in the media with it receiving good coverage in the TV, Radio and Print media. The campaign also deserves a special mention as a member-driven campaign with over 500 members being actively involved in its promotion and on-ground implementation.
A friendly match was played between CII Young Indians and IAS Officers of Indore at Daly College, Indore on 06 March 2016. The match was organized as a networking activity between IAS officers (Government) and Yi Members and to promote our “Horn Not Ok Please” campaign and creating awareness for Project Masoom.

The match had a nail biting finish and it’s gone till the final ball of the match. The winners were IAS officers. IAS made 144 runs in 15 over’s with the loss of 6 wickets. CII Young Indians made 120 runs at the loss of 5 wickets. Sanjay Dubey, Commissioner, Indore was the Captain of the team of IAS officers while Sumer Singh, Principal, Daly College, Indore was the Captain of team of Yi members.

There was a gathering of around 70-80 people including Yi members, faculties of Daly College, Indore Commissioner, Indore Collector, IG Police & many other IAS officers.

Jaipur Chapter organised the second edition of the Yi Box Cricket league from 21-23 April 2016 at Poornima University, Jaipur. Eighteen teams, including Mayur Leather Products Ltd; Trimurty Builders; Manu Vantalya (P) Ltd; Gravita India Ltd and many Yi Members team and CII Staff participated in this league. CII Staff team also participated in this league.

Yi Box Cricket League was inaugurated by Haider Ali Zaidi, IPS, DCP- Traffic Jaipur, GoR along with Rajat Agrawal, Chairman, CII Rajasthan State Council and Ashish Maheshwari, Chair, Yi Jaipur Chapter. It is a unique initiative taken by CII- Yi Jaipur for promoting sports among corporates and industries. In this, the matches were played for 8 overs by each team in 45 minutes. The Winner of this league was Jewel of Jaipur (GIE Gold Pvt Ltd, Yi Member) and Runner Up was Au Financiers (CII Members team). It was attended by more than 150 participants, families and colleagues.
SKATERS RALLY TOWARDS SALEM 100 PERCENT VOTING

17 April 2016: Salem

Awaited assembly elections were announced by the Election Commission. Voters need to be educated about the importance of voting to cast their ‘enlightened’ vote. Salem Chapter organised an awareness campaign called “SALEM 100 PERCENT” to encourage the voters to participate in the democracy by enrolling themselves and ensure that people understand their right as voters and exercise that right with full knowledge and responsibility.

Salem Chapter organized Skaters Rally on 17 April 2016 in associating with Salem Skaters Association. The rally was flagged off by P Vimalan, Chairman, CII Salem and SS Yuvaraj, Vice Chairman, CII Salem. More than 30 Students participated.

FLASH MOB in Reliance Mega Mall by STEP UP Dance Studio, Salem was organised on 08 May 2016. In addition to this Yi Salem Chapter wants to give an incentive for voters by running a campaign called “SHOW THE INK, SEE THE PRICE SINK”. Students Awareness Rally towards SALEM 100 Percent Voting was organised on 12 May 2016 started from Salem New bus stand to Sri Gokulam Hospital Pvt Ltd, Salem.

The students of Narasus’s College who took part in the rally also explained passersby on the reason for coming out with such a campaign. And also educated the audience by holding placards on the importance of voting. The aim was to create awareness among young voters and enable them to participate in the voting process with enthusiasm to help them cast an enlightened vote. More than 250 students and members participated in the rally.

NEON NIGHT RUN & CANAL RUN

22 April & 11 September 2016: Chhattisgarh

Raipur Chapter in association with LetsRun participated in its first ever Neon Night Run in Raipur. Set against the backdrop of glow-in-the-dark colors and the evening sky, this new, exciting running format saw runners coming together to salute the spirit of Raipur. They came, they ran, and they glowed. That sums up the evening for more than 100 runners who came for the LetsRun – Neon Night organized by Young Indians Raipur Chapter in association with LetsRun on the 22 April 2016 in Naya Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

The first ever night run in the city saw runners participating across 10km and 5km on the roads of Naya Raipur. This mix of the adrenalin of a run had people grooving in their neon t-shirts, with neon painted faces and neon props. Participants from all over Raipur along with members of Raipur Chapter had a luminously electrifying experience of the 10k and 5k run they ever competed in.
24 July 2016: Coimbatore

YiPL – Young Indians Premier League was initiated by Coimbatore Chapter to stress on the importance of sports, exercise and its effect on health. The event created a lot of buzz in the city circles. It is the brain child of few of the enterprising young members who felt that Cricket was the best way for the members to bond. YiPL is a platform where young entrepreneurs get together to network at a more casual level.

Following the enormous success & response the chapter organized 6th edition of YiPL on , 24 July 2016 in Manis School Ground. The current edition of YiPL includes teams namely Mighty Sixers, Red Indians, Centino Stallions, Wild Tiger Foundation, Yi Champs, Kovai Force. Chandra Shekar, Past Chairman, Young Indians Coimbatore Chapter & Partner NM & Co was the chief guest for the valedictory function. With the entire exciting atmosphere, Team Red Indians and Kovai Force played for the final match, where Red Indians won the Trophy by their blasting batting performance. The 6th edition of YiPL witnessed close to 100 Yi members and spectators.

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Varnam Erode Vizha is a celebration with a focus on the preservation of Erode’s history, traditions, culture, and heritage. Erode Vizha is envisioned as “Celebrating the colourful Heritage of Erode”. (Yellow for Turmeric, Green for Agriculture, Blue for Cavery, Rainbow of colour for textiles). It highlights the heritage, culture, dance forms, martial arts, cuisine, crafts and arts of this region thereby promoting Erode as a premier tourist destination. It also serves as an educational tool for creating awareness among the citizens of Erode to know more about their culture & traditions. Erode is a confluence of cultures and is a place that is truly unique in the nation, known for its spirit of enterprise and culture. It is a city festival that has made us all as one that passionately enhancing us various ways.

4th Edition of Varnam Erode Vizha had more than 20 events. Which had an impact of more than 2 lakh people.

Know Your Army - Expo
10 – 11 August 2016: Coimbatore

Coimbatore Chapter in association with The Indian Army organized ‘Know Your Army’ exhibition at PSG Institute of Management Grounds on 10 – 11 August 2016. This is a part of the Independence Day celebrations by the Indian Army with the objective to enable Indian Army to share information about current and future technology/product demands with the industry and seek response towards the same. The equipment on display includes guns and mortars, machine guns, small arms, security equipment and communication equipment. Lt. Gen. Subrata Saha, Deputy Chief of Army Staff (P&S), was the chief guest. Gen. Saha inaugurated the exhibition and interacted with industry members, faculty and students from engineering colleges on the requirements of the Indian Army, the areas of improvement in the displayed equipment and took their inputs.
2nd EDITION OF Yi BOX CRICKET LEAGUE
10 September 2016: Vadodara

Vadodara chapter organized the 2nd edition of Box Cricket League at Sama indoor stadium. It is that time of the year when cricket and captains of the Indian Industry come together to play one of the most awaited events of the year. 2nd edition of Yi Vadodara Box Cricket League was played by teams in an indoor stadium.

Box Cricket League consists of 8 teams namely Larsen & Toubro, Elecon Engineering Limited, Express Rentals & logistics, Seal for Life Private Limited, Shaily Engineering Private Limited, Transform Gym & Axtel Industries Limited comprising of 112 corporate players that had competed against each other playing a total of 10 matches of 10 overs each. Unlike a typical cricket match, this was a tournament where both men and women played together as cricket players.

Nayan Mongia Former Indian Cricketer inaugurated the 2nd edition of Vadodara Box Cricket League and shared his experience & journey of cricket which motivated the teams.

Pranav Bansar, Chair – Vadodara chapter present at the inaugural ceremony said “This Yi Box Cricket League (Yi BCL), which has set the stage for the Box Cricket League, celebrating the love of cricket and the passion of the competing teams; the stage is just about warming-up for the plush performances ahead. Corporates have come together to exhibit their team spirit and sportsmanship. It will also work well as their team building exercise”. The funds accumulated from 2nd edition of Vadodara Box Cricket League shall be used for Swach Bharat & Project Masoom which deals with creating awareness on Child Sexual Abuse.

All the teams were divided into four groups, A, B, C and D. Each team in group A played against each team of group C and each team in group B played against each team of group D leading to 4 winners and 4 losers. Winners had compete for main trophy and losers had compete for plate division trophy. There were 4 quarterfinalists for main league and same for plate league. Winners of quarter-finals qualified for the semi-finals. The winner then competed in a high-octane final for the coveted trophy. The winners of the league division were Larsen & Toubro and the winners of the plate division were Axtel Industries Limited. This event impacted more than 8000 citizens

4th EDITION OF JAIPUR BY NITE
16-17 September 2016: Jaipur

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Young Indians (Yi) with Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan and Incredible India, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India organised 4th Edition of Jaipur By Nite - A Gala Cultural Festival to promote Summer - Monsoon and Night Tourism in Jaipur on 16 -17 September 2016. The two-day festival witnessed a mélange of music, traditional dances and an enthusiastic participation of people from across the country and many parts of the world. Shri Gajendra Singh Khimsar, Hon’ble Minister for Industries Rajasthan; Princess Diya Kumari of Jaipur, Brand Ambassador of Jaipur by Nite and MLA - Sawai Madhopur; Lt General Sarath Chand, Commander in Chief South Western Command; His Excellency, Ambassador of Afghanistan, Dr Shaida Mohammad Abdali; His Excellency, Ambassador of Niger, Ali Illiassou; His Excellency, Sikapale Henry Chinzewe, Charge D’affaires Ad Interim, Zambia High Commission; Rumjhum Chatterjee, Chairperson, CII Northern Region; Sumant Sinha, Dy Chairman CII NR; Rajat Agrawal Chairman, CII Rajasthan; Roli Singh, Secretary, Tourism, Govt of Rajasthan; Anil Singhal, General Manager, North Western Railways and many senior officials from State Govt were present for Lamp Lighting Ceremony on 16 September evening at Jaigarh Fort.

Enthralling performances by well-known Euphoria Band, a contemporary fusion music band, Rajasthan Roots – a unique style fusion band of Rajasthani and Sufi music and Army Band mesmerised the audiences with their performance at Jaigarh Fort on first evening of the event. The event also featured Live Painting Exhibition where 16 painters showcased their art. On next evening, 1st Mid Night Marathon of Rajasthan – Jaipur by Nite Marathon was organised wherein Runners from Switzerland, Canada, Netherlands, UK, Indian Army, State Government, Corporates and many parts of the country participated Marathon was flagged off by Lt General Sarath Chand, CoC In Command, South Western Command; Nirmal Nahata, Mayor Jaipur; His Excellency, the Ambassador of Afghanistan, Dr Shaida Mohammad Abdali; Shri Anil Singhal, General Manager, North Western Railways and Arpuri Chandela, Shooter, Gold Medalist at Commonwealth Games and Arjuna Awardee.

Over 2500 participants were part of the two day extravaganza. Chairman; Past Chairmen of CII along with their families attended JBN on both the days. The unique initiative was appreciated by various stakeholders including Government, Tourism Fraternity and Participants.
Heavy rains lashed state capital Bhopal and many parts Madhya Pradesh in the just 24 hours leading to 10 deaths including 4 in Bhopal itself and inundation of many low lying areas, throwing life off gear on Saturday, 9th July. Bhopal city has recorded a rainfall of 23.4 cm of rain in 24 hours which is said to be a record of sorts. Large parts of the city, especially the flooded areas in old Bhopal and parts of new Bhopal such as Ayodhya Nagar, Shahpura were flooded and were plunged into darkness and electricity supply snapped.

Yi Bhopal members volunteered to donate 2000 food packets for the flood victims. Arrangements for food packets were being made for residents of low lying areas. This is yet another initiative by Yi Bhopal like last year’s Nepal earthquake relief fund and Jammu and Kashmir flood relief fund.

ASSAM FLOOD RELIEF CAMPAIGN - HANDOVER OF THE BOAT

The Guwahati Chapter organized a Relief initiative to help support flood victims of the Golaghat District. The Flood Relief Campaign was a PAN India initiative that spread over a period of one Month as the Flood situation in this region is really grim and needs attention. At the end of the Campaign the Chapter handed over two rescue boat to the District Administration which could be utilised in the relief activities.
SAMAGAM
14 November 2016: Jaipur


As the term Samagam symbolizes the assembly for some specific cause. From the same perspective Yi Jaipur Chapter and Poornima Paathshala came forward to take this noble cause to the masses and hence on the Children’s Day organized SAMAGAM, a get together for the underprivileged children. The day long program witnessed activities like: sports, cultural, health checkup camp, singing, dancing, plays, drawing, games etc.; various sessions by social activists for children of NGO’s, nearby Villages and kids of Poornima Paathshala. Yi also organised the Masoom Session with all the underprivileged kids with Yi office bearers followed by a session by Ajay Setia, (Ex-Chairman, State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Uttarakhand) Ashish Maheshwari, Chair, Yi Jaipur Chapter along with other Yi members was present during the day long programme.

CORPORATE SPORTS LEAGUE 2016
15 - 17 December 2016: Bhopal

CII & Yi Bhopal Zone organized the second edition of corporate sports league from 15 - 17 December 2016 at Bhopal. The second edition of sportathon had multiple sports activities encouraging team as well as individual participations. There were more than 30 members as well as non member industries & institutions participation in Cricket, Badminton & Chess from Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior.

The Corporate Sports League – Sportathon was inaugurated by Pradeep Karambelkar, Chairman CII Bhopal Zonal Council. Jagran Social Welfare Society won the finals of crickets, Anju Pharmaceuticals won the single’s in Badminton and Bhojpur Club won the doubles. Lupin Limited won the chess finals.

WHEELCHAIR CRICKET TOURNAMENT
06 November 2017: Lucknow

Lucknow chapter organised a unique cricket match for physically challenged player. This unique tournament was witnessed by one of the most dynamic lady who herself is a paraplegic but one of the most abled player of the nation, Deepa Malik who recently become the first women to win the first silver in Rio Paralympics 2016.

Mere her presence was a big motivation for the wheelchair cricket players which go on to prove that the athletic ability has no limitation for enthusiasts to give it their all on the playing field. It is a way to blossom the monotonous lives of the physically challenged players by unveiling their sporting spirits in front of everyone and making them realise the hidden ability they possess even after being on a wheelchair.

The players of the participating team from Uttar Pradesh and Delhi represented the highest level of sports and team spirit during the match. The first of its kind cricket match ever happened in Lucknow was claimed by Delhi with a marvellous victory over Team of UP.

The one most interesting fact about these teams were that they had also featured in the India’s got talent and made it to semi-final round. This cricket match got massive media coverage and created a huge buzz in the city.
Special Screening of Dangal movie for 100+ Differently Abled Children
11 January 2017: Jaipur

CII-Yi Jaipur Chapter as part of CSR activity has offered a Special Screening of Dangal movie for 100+ Differently Abled Children. Since Dangal movie is providing a good inspiration to girls to fight with all the surrounding odds and become a successful role model for many.

CII approached Disha Foundation Children, one of the best NGO working for the society and managed by Basant Khaitan, Vice Chairman, CII Rajasthan. Shri Mohan Lal Gupta, Hon’ble Member, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly also joined to encourage the children. Ashish Maheshwari, Chair-Yi Jaipur Chapter along with other Yi members were also attended the screening.

3rd EDITION OF YOUNG INDIANS SPORTS LEAGUE
23 – 25 December 2016: Jaipur

Third Edition of Young Indians Sports League (YI SL-3) was organized on 23 – 25 December 2016 at Jaipur. More than 225 contestants participated in the tournament which generated a lot of excitement amongst the participants. YI SL had three categories namely Badminton, Squash & Lawn Tennis. The participants were from all age group. Kids starting from 8 Years old participated in the League. Various organizations also nominated their colleagues to play in this league. It encouraged engagement amongst the industry and promoted a spirit of healthy competition.

Sunil Mathur, Commissioner – Income Tax (Admin), Income Tax Department, Government of India addressed and distributed the trophies to the winners during the valedictory session. Our aim of holding this tournament was to help them learn the art of working as a team, to inculcate a never say die spirit, to learn to play as a cohesive unit and coordinate well with each other to achieve desired results. It helps in interaction of Young Indians from various organisations.

BOX CRICKET LEAGUE
23 December 2016: Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad organized Box Cricket League on 23 December 2016 at Adani Shanti Gram exclusive for Yi Members.
COIMBATORE VIZHA
27 January – 05 February 2017: Coimbatore

Coimbatore Vizha is an initiative facilitated by various organizations of Coimbatore, moving into its 9th edition this year and has been a celebrated event “By the people of Coimbatore” and an event “For the people of Coimbatore” ever since its inception. The Coimbatore Vizha gives the right platform for people to celebrate the Spirit of Coimbatore. The Vizha has been powered by the Coimbatore Chapter of Young Indians, an integral part of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) with generous support from various Corporate, Associations and Individuals. Since then we have completed Eight successful Vizhas (2009 - 2016). Every year it has been a new experience celebrating the Spirit of this wonderful City. In terms of magnitude in participation and reach, Coimbatore Vizha remains the single largest initiative in Coimbatore.

This edition of Coimbatore Vizha had a lot of new elements attached to it and there are many unique programs that are organized. The 9th Edition of coimbatore Vizha is been launched by Kollywood Actor, Nanban Fame Srikanth on 27 January 2017. This edition of Coimbatore Vizha witnessed around ninety plus events at various location of Coimbatore city includes Arts, Sports, Culture, Traditions & business. The highlight of this year’s Vizha was the Coimbatore Vizha Mascot named “Chippy” Emerald Dove - The state bird of Tamilnadu which comes around the city during these ten days of Vizha celebration.
Goa hosted the fourth edition of the Goa Tower Run 2017 which was held on 05 February 2017. An international event supported by the Tower running World Association (TWA) a total of five buildings were chosen for the competition, with an emphasis of creating healthy organizations by encouraging healthy lifestyle of employees in member companies, thus encouraging the use staircase rather than the elevators at their work places.

Suraj Bind, Aditi Rajesh Patil and Vishwanath Shetye grabbed individual honours in the men's, women's and Veteran category respectively, while Crown Hotel emerged as the top corporate team at the Linc Tower Run, Goa 2017 held at EDC's Patto Plaza on Sunday 05 February 2016. Other prize winners included Narayan Zantye College (top student team) and Predator (top group), while Aditi Rajesh Patil and Prajwal Shetty were winners in women's and men's categories in the Vertical Sprint (One Building Only). The event was organized by Yi and Adventure Breaks.

The event was flagged off by Shekhar Sardessai, Chairman, Cll Goa State Council, in the presence of Prakash Jalan, CEO Linc Properties Developers Pvt. Ltd., Omkar Kamat Sanbary, Chair Yi Goa Chapter. Altogether over 300 participants ran 840 steps up and 840 steps down across five buildings, competing in three events and bagging prizes in seven categories. EDC's Patto plaza had a festival atmosphere with a focus on health, as each race was interspersed by performances. Norberts Fitness led a warm-up exercise session, while Cheryl's Zumba dance exercise troupe and Capoeira, Brazilian martial art techniques demonstration were held. Winners got medals and cash prizes.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON RENAISSANCE IN SPORTS
10 -11 February 2017: Trichy

As a part of special initiative in Sports, Trichy Chapter in association with the Physical Education Department of National College, The Regional Directorate of National Service Scheme (NSS), NSS Technical Cell, Kerala, National Association of Physical Education and Sports Sciences (NAPESS), Vasan Estates, Tiruchirapalli, Rotary District 3000 and The Research Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences conducted the International Congress on Renaissance in Sports – Strategies, Challenges and Choices (ICRS 2017) on 10 and 11 February 2017. This Congress is the sequel of ICRS 2014, the chain of which is going to be held at Chicago, USA in 2018.

It is with a view to bring into light the extinct and endangered sports forms which enthralled the people in the days of yore and to identify, train and reveal the raw youth potentials to the global arena, this ICRS had been planned and executed. Sponsored by the UGC, this ICRS 2017, is conducted with the support of a large number of sports lovers and philanthropists. The two-day event had plenary sessions, scientific paper presentations, audio-visual and physical demonstrations, short films and documentaries. Distinguished Sports Scientists, Sports Physicians - traditional, native and alien, from here and abroad echoed their arguments. The tribal games, sports and dance forms, apart from the improved forms like bharatanatyam and karagam, the native systems of day to day healthy living, like the Siddha medicine and treatment, Varma therapy, Practice of Yoga, Ayurvedic, Unani, Tibetan and Chinese medicines and physiotherapy, were explored. The evenings were ornamented by the sparkling Indian Dance forms presented by groups drawn from across our mother land. The debate on Indian Sports.

All the dignitaries recorded their unbiased impressions about ICRS 2017, analyze the resolutions of ICRS 2014, examine the actions carried out, trace the lacunae and suggest strong measures to improve the performance. The practical resolutions of the congress shall be formulated to be discussed in ICRS 2018 at Chicago USA. This conference was well attended by around 400 people from various parts of India, who were working and passionate towards the development of Sports in India.
LAUNCH OF TIRUPUR CHAPTER

13 June 2016

The 40th chapter of Young Indians (Yi), the youth wing of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), was launched at Tirupur with 120 young entrepreneurs, professionals and achievers from different sectors as its members. Inaugurating the chapter, Raghu Kailas, National Chairman, Yi, explained how the forum provided a platform for young enterprising Indians to make contribution to the growth story of the country since the inception of Young Indians in 2002. Special address was made by TR Ramanathan, Auditor and Raja M Shanmugam, Past Chairman, CII Tirupur Zone & Partner, Warsaw International. Keynote address was by S K Sundaramaram, Past Chairman, CII Coimbatore Zone & Executive Director, Shiva Texyarn Ltd. R Govindaraju, Chairman, CII Tirupur Zone & Managing Director, SRG Apparels Ltd and T R Vijayakumar, Vice Chairman, CII Tirupur Zone & Managing Director, CBC Fashions (Asia) Pvt Ltd were also present. D Shanmugasundaram, Immediate Past Chair, Yi (Erode Chapter) Member – CII Tamil Nadu State Council & Managing Partner, Venbro Polymers, P B Balaji, Chair, Yi (Coimbatore Chapter) & Managing Partner & Director Chandran, Poultry Farm, P M Senthil Kumar, Chair, Yi (Erode Chapter) & Director, Hindustan Tantra Amsha also shared their beautiful memories with Yi.
Young Indians launched its 39th chapter in Noida on 19 April 2016, with an objective of creating a platform for Young Indians to contribute by becoming an integral part of the Indian growth story.

Rumjhum Chatterjee, Chairperson, CII Northern Region and Group Managing Director – HCD Feedback Infra Pvt Ltd gave the special address. C P Gupta, Chairman, CII Western UP Council & Managing Director, Ambica Steel Ltd, Amit Juneja, Chair, Young Indians (NR) and Raghu Kailas, National Chairman, Young Indians also addressed the audience.

Mayank Gupta, Managing Director, Olympic Zippers Limited and Abhinav Gupta, Director (Commercial), Ambica Steels were inducted as the Chair and the Co Chair of the Yi Noida chapter.
The Yi Leaders Fellowships Cohort for the Year 2016-17 was organised from 26-28 August 2016 at Kochi. The objective of the program was to offer the Leadership Fellowship Program to the incoming Chapter Chairs for deepening knowledge, broadening perspectives, enhancing their capacity to understand Yi, to provide a connect with the larger picture of nation building and taking the select group through experiences to explore, introspect and reflect on their personal qualities and capacities.

This year Yi Leaders fellowship has covered topic which are most relevant to the leaders of the Yi leadership like-What Makes Yi, Seven Habits of An Effective Chair, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, You, Me & India - Purpose and Path, Fostering Positive Youth Development etc. During the 3 days engagement the academy saw the presence to 34 cities office bearer with various engagement activities like skits, outdoor activities and fun games. The leadership academy was able to increase the momentum and contribute effectively in their roles, quiet visibly.
Yi Executive Members Leadership Academy workshop at Indian School of Business, 10-11 June 2016: Hyderabad

Leadership workshop for Executive Council Member, 18 December 2016: Coimbatore
India is projected to be the world’s most populous country by 2022. This makes India a country with one of the “Youngest” populations in the World. The youth, which constitute a large percent of India’s population, are a vibrant and productive resource to the country.

Youth play a very important role in nation building. For youth to take up and discharge their duties as responsible citizens, they need to be included in, not excluded from their community. It is immensely important that the mind of youth is nurtured with the desire to work towards the development of the society.

This is possible by moulding their minds through education at a very young age. Therefore, educational institutions have to play a pivotal role in developing and fostering the qualities of giving back to the society in “young minds”. To understand the views of the Youth their voices on various topics, Yi has started an initiative called the “Yi Thought Leadership”.

Yi wants to provide the youth access to the best thinkers on the most important issues. Additionally, we also feel that it is important to give them a holistic view of all the key issues and the different sides to each story. For this, the Yi Though Leadership Debate Series has been started to enable students to engage with domain experts from a variety of backgrounds and sectors. The debates will be properly moderated and will take the students to the heart of the issues that matter. Debates will be conducted in an atmosphere of respect, with timed (and uninterrupted) arguments and audience interaction. The aim is to make the audience more informed members of India’s development journey. Towards this, Yi would organize debate and online campaigns in various institutions across India, where selected speakers from Yi would speak for and against the same topic. The collective voice will be recorded to ensure that the voice of the Youth are adequately heard by the policy makers, Government etc. We firmly believe that the proactive engagement of students in nation building will fetch the desired results to make a better more peaceful and equitable world.

Goa Chapter organized Thought Leadership Debate Series which has been developed to engage young professionals, entrepreneurs and students on issues of national importance. The debate on the Motion: ‘The use of hydrocarbons is essential for the development of India’, was moderated by Arjun Chowgule with Ujjwal Bhattacharjee, Senior Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and student debater Shreya Jain arguing for the Motion and Hemant Lamba, Co-founder, Auroville Renewable Energy (AuroRE) and student debater Abhirupa Sarkar arguing against the Motion. The debate was held at Parvatibai Chowgule College of Science and Arts Autonomous.

The debate highlighted that if India is to change its primary source of energy to renewable energy, it has to be a gradual process. We can’t stop fossil fuel usage immediately. Thus, India has to rely on around 40-50% non-renewable energy and top it up with renewables therefore, India must focus on a balanced growth approach, which is balancing decarbonisation of the environment with development of the country. One of the ways is by developing energy efficient technology. Only technology can lead us to a Greener future, where we can even have empowered ‘Prosumers’, consumers who produce their own electricity. For some people, availability and reliability are more important than cost for some people the world biggest wholesale market of solar power is in Patna.

Mysore Chapter along with its student conducted the ‘Let’sTalk – Thought Leadership Debate’ here at JSS CMS Campus. The topic of the debate was - India’s energy needs must be satisfied primarily through renewable sources of energy like hydropower, solar power and wind. The debating panel comprised of Vaishak Ravindran, Amulya Dechakka, Juliet, Seema Noronah and Sujay Asokan, students of JSS Centre for Management Studies, Mysore. Eminent Scientist and Economist like Murali Ramakrishnan, Sr. Research Analyst ( Energy Efficiency) CSTEP, Bangalore, TiruMalai, Research Scientist, CSTEP, Bangalore were the expert mentors to the panelist. The debate was moderated by Arjun Chowgule Chair, Yi -Thought Leadership Debates. The Various aspects and issues related to the motion were discussed.

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Questions pertaining on how to reduce our carbon footprint on the planet, the epidemic of global warming, the need for formulating a public policy on a Social Economic Environmental and Political model etc, were also explored. It was concluded that a mixture of both technologies i.e, renewable and non-renewable sources of energy, used in a well planned and judicious manner side by side, is essential for the growth of our country’s economy for at least another 20 years down the line before totally switching to renewable sources of energy like hydropower, solar power and wind power.

Jaipur Chapter along with its student wing Yi Yuva organised the ‘Lets Talk – Thought Leadership Debate’ in Jaipur. YUVA always comes up with activities to empower students and make them show case their real talents. The topic for the debate was “Demonetization is a game changer for Indian Economy”. It was a brainstorming debate organised to address the issues and challenges being faced by the society and entrepreneurs at large to address their issues and concerns and to consolidate the learnings of the discussions. The key takeaways from the debate were as follows - Demonetization is a generations’ memorable experience and is going to be one of the economic events of our time.

Its impact is felt by every Indian citizen. Demonetization affects the economy through the liquidity side. Its effect will be a telling one because nearly 86% of currency value in circulation was withdrawn without replacing the bulk. As a result of the withdrawal of ₹500 and ₹1000 notes, there occurred huge gap in the currency composition as after ₹100; ₹2000 is the only denomination. The demonetization of the 500 rupee note and the 1,000 rupee note—the two highest currency denominations available in India—will likely hit the economy hard in the short term. The surprise move is expected to grind the consumption activity in the Indian economy to a virtual halt. The service sector, which dominates economic activity and involves a sizable chunk of cash transactions, will likely be hit the hardest.

Demonetization technically is a liquidity shock; a sudden stop in terms of currency availability. It creates a situation where lack of currencies jams consumption, investment, production, employment etc. In this context, the exercise may produce following short term/long term/, consumption/investment, welfare/growth impacts on Indian economy. The intensity of demonetization effects clearly depends upon the duration of the liquidity shocks.

On the positive side, there is likely to a reset of spending patterns as this move represents indirectly a significant push towards a cashless economy. Businesses in the fin-tech sector, including payment banks, mobile wallets, electronic transfer providers, etc., are expected to see gains. It gave opportunity to students to talk about their country and its growth path. All four Yuva Chaupals i.e. Global Institute of Technology, The IIS University, Poornima University and J K Lakshmipat University participated in the debate.

**BRICS India 2016: Advantage Goa**

10 October 2016: Goa

In tune with the Yi Thought Leadership vision to influence inspire and motivate thousands of people across the State, Yi organized a symposium titled “BRICS India 2016: Advantage Goa” at the Ravindra Bhavan, Margao on 10th of October, where Experts in the field shared their views on how Goa will benefit from the 8th BRICS Summit which will take place in Goa.

The symposium featured distinguished personalities such as Prof. Varun Sahni, Vice Chancellor - Goa University, Shri Yatin Kalodkar - Eminent Industrialist & President, International Centre Goa, Prof. Dattesh Parulekar Faculty at the Centre for Latin American Studies, Goa University and other prominent experts from varied fields, deliberate on the tangible benefits that Goa will derive due to the hosting of the BRICS 2016 Summit in Goa. The discussion encompassed such diverse topics such as Tourism, Trade, Sports, Education and Knowledge based industry, and Investment opportunities. The panel discussion was moderated by Prof. Dattesh Parulekar.

Calling upon the Goans to stop opposing BRICS related development works, Member of Parliament Narendra Sawalkar said the opposition to all ideas sends a wrong message to the nations, who are willing to partner with Goa for global tourism and education. Sawalkar said the improvements in the telecommunication sector in Goa for BRICS will remain for Goa, which will boost tourism. All of them spoke of BRICS as a huge advantage for Goa’s development in all sectors and spheres. Varun Sahni has termed BRICS as an opportunity for Goa to raise the field of education to such an extent that Goa University becomes one of the best universities internationally. The speakers at the symposium also revisited the development of North Goa during the CHOGM summit. Like CHOGM developed North, BRICS will develop South Goa said Ralph De Souza, former TTAG president.
YOUTH LEADERSHIP
The focus is on embedding the message of taking active part in our country’s future while students are in school and college. Educational institutions play a pivotal role in developing and fostering the qualities of giving back to the society in “young minds”. By offering additional value based learning we are preparing them to be street smart. This year Yuva has enrolled more than 7300 students across 27 cities and plan is to increase this exponentially in the coming years. Students have been playing active role in activities conducted at the chapter level in major initiatives of Yi and thus contributing toward the country’s growth.

Youth today has ambitions to become future leaders, to be role models, to be something great. In the frenzied pursuit of these ambitions, our young people often get confused and lose sight of what really matters. We want to enable our future generations to keep a cool head and avoid peer pressure; that they should have enough self-esteem to get through those rough moments effectively. One of the toughest challenges is to swim against the tide and to go it alone when necessary and be an original thinker. Meditation is the means to have it all – focus, peace of mind, contentment and a complete lack of anxiety. Through meditation we invited youth to discover themselves.

Yi Yuva conducted pan India Meditation workshop with the Heartfulness Institute on 30 January 2017 observing the Peace and Non-violence Day. The workshop was carried out in 13 chapters involving Yi members, faculties and Yuva members.
Yi Yuva has organized the Blue Ocean Dialogues for YUVA, Packet of Seeds workshop for Yi members & Train the Trainer workshop for the students. The objective of the workshop was to get the students to identify untapped/unexplored areas. It then gives ‘Students’ the basic skills to take ‘Ideas’ or ‘Desirables’ and get them filtered into ‘Do-ables. Post the workshop it is the student’s choice whether they wish to take their ideas forward into implementation mode with the local organisations. It is however essential to note that the “Blue Ocean Dialogues” is not just meant to tickle these young minds and sow the seeds of Innovation and Entrepreneurship leave it, but to motivate them to identify “White Spaces” and get down to “Do-ables”. BOD is a process of thinking, which has all the answers of every existing problem if we seriously think and practice on it, we believe Blue Ocean Dialogue is a critical focus area for Yi to engage our Yuva members and also showcase path breaking thought leadership.

The third edition of Yuva Leadership Camp was organized from 04-06 November 2016 at Basilica Holiday Home in Lonavla Maharashtra. The objective of the camp was to give an opportunity for the students to fuel the leadership aspiration and broaden their vision for life. Around 130 selected students from the Yuva network across the country participated in the annual event of Yi Yuva.

To amplify the qualities of leadership; participants were given chits during registration and each chit had a name of the student written on top of it and one word of a particular song written inside it and they were asked to identify their team members by finding the remaining words of the song which were written on different chits. There were 10-12 predefined and identified songs and their chits were made in advance. There were total of 8 teams with 16 members in each.

Yi members Jacob Joy, National Vice Chairman, Yi, Kartik Shah, National Chair YUVA, Yi, Namrata Khona Samra, National Chair, Leadership Academy, Yi and members Rohit Kauntia, Utsav Agarwal, Alifiya Calcuttawala, Erle Brito, Yashodhara Bajoria, Vikgnesh Sekar, Co-Chair, Salem chapter, Yi were present.

The third day of leadership camp gave an opportunity for the Yi members and students to fuel aspirations among them and broaden their vision in life. The camp brought out the essential aspects of leadership. Every students was made to feel interesting and special. With an agenda that was mixed with enough learning and fun exercises, the students wouldn’t have expected a better one.
The eighth annual Jamshedpur Run was organized by CII-Young Indians (CII-Yi) YUVA at XLRI on 31 July 2016. The marathon garnered the footfall of 2000 participants from diverse backgrounds including students, faculty, school children and corporates from in and around Jamshedpur who hit the ground at 6am. The marathon theme “Heroes” resonated with the XLRI belief of starving for greater heights by realizing the heroic potential within us.

AWAKEN YOUR INNER HERO

KSHITIJ

31 July 2016: Jamshedpur
23 October 2016: Jamshedpur

The third edition of the Young Journalist – the Yi Kochi Inter-School newspaper making competition was organized on 28 January 2017 at Kochi. Students from Yuva and Shishya schools in the city participated in the competition, in which students were explained the challenges a journalist faces in their day-to-day lives and the basic points that they need to keep in mind while coming out with a newspaper. The objective of the event was not just to nurture young journalists but also to help students to think differently, train them in managing a major task within a deadline, interview with confidence and in a responsible way, amongst other skills. As part of this competition, all the teams edited, printed and published a 4-page tabloid size newspaper during the day.

Sam K Sadan, Senior journalist from Malayalam Manorama gave the initial guidance following which the teams set out to develop their newspapers. The students got to interview leading personalities from a wide range of streams and age groups starting from Kicha, the child celebrity chef to Smitha Naik, Jojo Antony, Anubha Sinha, Deepu Skaria- leading business professionals in the city and Brother Mavus, a social worker. The students were also taken to the Kochi Biennale where they interviewed Bose Krishnamachari, President, Kochi Biennale Foundation.

Promoting Positive journalism, this competition is a one that students look forward to every year for more than the ‘competition’ aspect, it is the spirit of team work, creativity and leadership that it inspires.

STUDENT @ BUSINESS

18 February 2017: Kochi

Kochi organized Students@Business, the Yi start up expo cum business plan execution competition for students on 18 February 17 at Abad Nucleus Mall. Students@Business (S@B) is a program initiated by Yi for the Yuva students to inculcate entrepreneurial qualities in them. Students, in teams, implemented, live, their business plans in the time and space allotted to them at the mall. This year the competition was run on the theme – ‘Wealth out of waste’.

Stalls selling purses, lamp shades, pen holders, key chains etc made out of waste materials as used clothes and rags, coconut shells, used pens, bottle caps were set up by the students. One team also organized variety games using old bottles, paper cups, bangles etc. The team from Bhavan’s Vidya Mandir, Girinagar and Rajagiri College of Social Sciences bagged the first and second prizes respectively.
Choosing a career can be easily defined as the biggest decision that one takes at a very young age. It’s never easy to decide what one wants to do with their lives, especially when the students are not mature enough to think ahead and take an informed decision. Even though it may seem that students are not capable to choose a career, the decision depends on them. So, it’s essential that they are informed about all the options and choices they have so that when they choose a career.

The conference mandate is to educate, inspire, and connect its attendees with leading experts that provide relevant information to expand career opportunities and promote growth. Keeping this in mind, Yi Yuva Madurai launched the Yuva Shakthi on 28 February 2017 at Thiagarajar College, Teppakulam, Madurai. The conference was inaugurated and launched by Veera Raghava Rao, Collector, Madurai District.
YOUTH CONCLAVES & SUMMITS
The 12th Young Indians National Summit on the theme, ‘Take PRIDE’ was held at the Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi. Shaurya Veer Himatsingka, National Chairman, Young Indians & Deputy Managing Director, India carbon Ltd welcomed the 600 plus Yi members from across the country and welcomed Sadguru Jaggi Vasudev, Founder, Isha Foundation to the stage along with Manisha Koirala, Indian Film Actress. The theme of this session was ‘Calm In Clamour’. Prior to the beginning of the 12th Young Indians National summit, there was a special Flute Recitation on Vande Mataram & National Anthem by Rohit Anand from the Indian Council of Cultural Relations.

This exclusive plenary was followed by a panel discussion on ‘Believing In the India Story’, the four prominent panellists: Pranjal Sharma, Consulting Editor, Business World and the moderator of the session; Bhaskar Pramanik, Managing Director, Microsoft Corporation India; Himatsingka, National Chairman, Young Indians & Deputy Managing Director, India carbon Ltd; Ravneet Gill, Chief Executive Officer, Deutsche Bank India and Slraj Chaudhry, Chairman, Cargill India Pvt Ltd had an intense conversation about believing in what the country has to offer and essentially in ‘Believing the India Story’.

The 12th Young Indians National Summit consisted of many sessions on various topics pertinent to the country’s growth, development, past, present and future. It was in tandem with this theme, that author, Indian Politician and Former Government of India in conversation with Shaurya Veer Himatsingka, National Chairman, Young Indians and Raghuraj Kailas, National Vice-Chairman, Young Indians began his speech appreciating the efforts put in by the Young Indians team in gathering speakers from various fields and making the summit a grand success. Recalling his previous year’s interaction at the 11th Young Indians National summit, he spoke about making India a Global Economic Superpower.

Laxmi Alok Dixit, Campaigner against Acid attacks beautifully narrated on surviving & living life after an Acid Attack.

The 12th Young Indians National Summit had many sessions varying topics of interest. The session with the most fireworks was, perhaps, the panel discussion on ‘Has Political interest taken over people’s Interests?’ The panel was moderated by Rahul Kanwal, Consulting Editor, Business World and the moderator of the session; Pranjal Sharma, Consulting Editor, Business World and the moderator of the session; Bhaskar Pramanik, Managing Director, Microsoft Corporation India; Ravneet Gill, Chief Executive Officer, Deutsche Bank India and Slraj Chaudhry, Chairman, Cargill India Pvt Ltd had an intense conversation about believing in what the country has to offer and essentially in ‘Believing the India Story’.

The audience at the 12th Young Indians National Summit turned into an excited crowd as two cricketing doyens took stage to decode the formula to achieve excellence in the game of life Jonty Rhodes, Former South African Cricketer & K Srikkanth, Former Captain of Indian Cricket Team the session was moderated by Sanjeeb Mukherjee, Chief Cricket Correspondent, CNN IBN. As young Indians sit in the comfort of their homes, there are people who are ever-vigilant in the border ensuring that life within the border is peaceful. To provide insight into the commendable efforts taken by the army jawans to ensure the harmony of the citizens of its country, Lt.Gen Zarabi, Deputy Chief of Army Staff, (Planning & Systems) The Indian Army was the next speaker.

The last session was with Kangana Ranaut has certainly created a niche for herself in the Indian film industry. She is strong willed and has such a unique personality that she stands out tall from the rest of the crowd in the 12th Yi Summit. Ambika Anand, Fashion Editor, NDTV Good Time, had a conversation with the Queen of Bollywood about her journey so far in the industry.
The Young Indians national and regional conclaves are flagship events of Yi providing an opportunity for members to converge on a common platform to discuss and debate on issues of importance to the development of the country.

National Youth Conclave of the year, Blitz, is organized by Yi Coimbatore, Erode, Salem & Tiruppur Chapters between 16 - 18 December 2016 at The Manchester of South India, Coimbatore with participation over 350 delegates from across the country. The theme of the Youth Conclave “Energy” is really about the spirit of the youth of India and aims to bring together thought leaders that would be relevant to the next generation of leaders.

The participants of the 28th Yi Youth Conclave - Blitz went through a series of fun, networking & learning activities through Sport Blitz, Networking Dinners, Knowledge Expedition, Summit and an Experiential Journey.

Sport Blitz is a kind of an effort to bring hundreds of young Indians to get physical and to bring out the spirit and sport in them!

The Sport Blitz had a series of Sport activities with professional sports like Cricket, Badminton, Tennis, Table Tennis and Engagement Sports like Tug Off War, Obstacle Run, Pinatu and some traditional Tamil Nadu Sports.

The idea is to bring out the spirit and sport in them. The sport athon ended with a mega zumba congregation and performance by students like Karate and Ushu.
The Blitz Conclave had unique and highly experiential journeys being carefully curated to learn from entrepreneurial stalwarts, business models, and successful products in and around the city.

Along with exploring and learning from the entrepreneurial ecosystem of Coimbatore, the journeys also showcased the spirit of the city through its sights, structures and strengths.

Then the summit had some amazing speakers through a mix of sessions that are stand-alone, conversations, panel discussion and interludes. The Learning Paradigm aimed to create an exotic stimulus to the mind of the Young Indians with themes and session related to the lives of the Young Indians in their realms of personal, professional, social and global realities.

The speakers for the Summit were Ashok Soota, Past President CII & Executive Chairman, Happiest Minds; Shaurya Doval, Founder Partner, India Foundation & Managing Director, Zeus Caps; Ashok Malik, Columnist; Rajiv Bajaj, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Bajaj Capital Ltd; Satish Kumar T, Founder & CEO, MilkyMist Dairy Foods; Rajeev Mecheri, Entrepreneur & Angel Investor, Mecheri Smart Capital P Ltd; Jairam Varadaraj, Past Chairman CII Tamilnadu & Managing Director, ELGI Equipments Ltd; Namperumal Swamy, Chairman, Aravind Eye Hospitals; Velumani A, Founder, Thyrocare Technologies P Ltd; Ullas Kamath, Joint Managing Director, Jyothy Laboratories Ltd; Amit Sheth, Motivational Speaker & Author, Dare To Run.

The conclave also had two special networking dinners for Yi Members. The Takkar Party on day one had a standup comedy act with traditional food and DJ and Techno Party on day two was 80’s themed costume dinner party.

Overall, the three days Yi Youth Conclave was well received among the Yi Members, Speakers, Organizers YUVA Students & other non members.
Kolkata Chapter organized the Youth Conclave – Game Changers in Kolkata. “Game Changer” was structured with the objective to trigger a passion and culture across the society and to create awareness on the process of entrepreneurship development among the young and professionals and to encourage more dynamic start-ups by providing a platform for entrepreneurs, angel investors, VCs and other stakeholders. The summit was curated to cater to the diverse needs of the audience which included Yi members, early entrepreneurs, established entrepreneurs, representatives from the government and students.

The Conclave was inaugurated by Raghu Kailas, National Chairman, Young Indians & Managing Director, The UNIMO Exports Private Limited. Devesh Bansal, Chair, Yi(Kolkata Chapter) welcomed the members to the summit. Speakers for the summit where HG Gauranga Prabhu, Disciple of H.H. Radhanath Swami Maharaja & Preacher at ISKCON, Sangram Singh, Indian wrestler and an actor, Hemant Kanoria, Chairman & Managing Director, SREI Infrastructure Finance Ltd, Ankit Tiwari, Singer who is known for his song “Teri Galliyan”, “Tu hai ki nahi” and his first single song “Badtameez”, mesmerized everyone present in the audience with his presence. Kalki Koechlin, Indian Actress and screenwriter of French ethnicity, who predominantly works in Bollywood.

A visit was organized for members to the Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd & Eden Gardens. Followed by workshops with Manaklal Agarwal, Signature & Logo Consultant and with Nimesh Rathod, Professional with an entrepreneurial background in Engineering was organized for the Members on the 24 June 2016. A Tram Ride was also organised for the Yi Members to give them the flavor of Kolkata. The last show was “Laugh Ok Please” with Atul Khatri and Sorabh Pant, Indian Standup Comedians from East India Comedy. The two day Conclave ended with a vote of thanks by Devesh Bansal, Chair – Yi (Kolkata Chapter) and Director, Skipper Ltd.
With the theme Imagine, Inspire, Ignite, the Regional Conclave of Yi was organized in the city of dreams, Mumbai. The conclave witnessed presence of speakers and dignitaries from various walks of life as well as 250 Yi members from across 30 cities of India. Sujit Patil, Chair and Allan Rodrigues, Co-chair welcomed all the guests and members present. In the inaugural session the Founding Chairman of Yi, Sanjay Reddy also Vice Chairman of GVK Infrastructure and Power spoke on the journey of building India’s first and most advanced vertical passenger terminal, Mumbai’s T2 Airport.

Brand Custodian & Chief Ethics Officer of TATA Sons, Mukund Rajan spoke on the journey of India’s most valuable brand – Tata. Shaheen Mistri, CEO, Teach for India joined by students, fellows and teachers from Teach for India initiated the discussion on impacting systematic change towards educational equity. Radio Jockeys (RJs) from four prominent radio channels of Mumbai spoke about the social impact of Radio and how RJs can become catalysts of change in the society by being the voice of the common man.

R Gopalakrishnan, Author & Corporate Advisor, Mind Works shared some insightful lessons on work, relationships, life and beyond. His speech outlining his admirable life experiences and journey of 31 years in Unilever & 17 years in Tata resulted in a deserving standing ovation from the audience. Arun Wahaha, Executive Chairman of Pragati Leadership gave a soul searching talk on wholesome leadership also launched his new book ‘One Wholesome World’.

The vibrant and humorous Parmesh Shahani, Head of Godrej India Culture Lab gave a progressive talk on LGBT rights and about the social inclusion policy at Godrej. One of the sessions was addressed by actors from Indian Television industry. They spoke on the future of Television industry and the impact of digitisation on it.

The day ended with a session on Innovation and Entrepreneurship moderated by Vaibhav Chhabra, Yi member and also Founder of Makers Asylum. The discussion circled around innovation as the crux of development and why young entrepreneurs should never stop imagining, thinking and creating. The two day Conclave ended with a vote of thanks by Mr Sujit Patil, Chair - Yi (Mumbai Chapter) and Director, Skipper Ltd.
INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS
India is a member of the Working Group on the 20th anniversary celebrations of ASEM and as part of India’s commitment to the celebrations, the meeting of the ASEM youth dialogue was held on 26 March 2016 at the Taj Palace, New Delhi. Jointly organized by the Government of India; Young Indians and the Confederation of Indian Industry, the objective of this engagement was to focus on strengthening youth links between Asia and Europe, in particular closer people-to-people contacts which are indispensable for the promotion of greater awareness and understanding between the two regions by creating new networking links and mutual understanding through entrepreneurial, cultural, artistic, educational activities and exchanges. ASEM has evolved over the years as a dialogue facilitator, a policy making laboratory and managing the ever growing Asia Europe engagements. This youth dialogue had the participation of youth from most of the member countries of ASEM as delegates who also engaged with the panelists and thought leaders.

Jacob Joy, National Vice Chairman Designate, Young Indians welcomed the members to India. Address was given by Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry India and keynote address by Preeti Saran, Secretary (East) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The panel discussion on “The Way Forward for Asia-Europe: A Youth Perspective” was Chaired by Pooja Kapur, Joint Secretary [ASEAN ML], Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Panelists where Kumar Bagrodia Founder & Chief Executive Officer, LeapVault, Executive and Entrepreneur Coach & Member of Yi Governing Council India; Xia Bing, President & Founder Novo Nation Youth Community, China ; Dimitris Tsingos, Head of Entrepreneurship, StarTech Ventures, Greece ; Sandor Mohacsi ;Founder & Managing Director, Commlab GmbH ,Germany.

The second panel discussion on “Strategic Choices for Equitable Development” Chaired by D N V Kumara Guru ,Imm. Past National Chairman, Young Indians Director - External Relations & HR Indian School of Business (ISB) ,India and panelists where Alex Mitchell Founder, Kit Us Out, Co-Founder, Young Brits Network & U K President, G20 Young Entrepreneur Alliance United Kingdom; Chandrasekhar D P, Chief Operating Officer JGI Group India ;Hayley Bolding, Founder, Alma & Lead (Asia), Foundation for Young Australians, Australia; Ejaj Ahmed, Founder & President Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center, Bangladesh ;Sintija Bernava, Chairwoman, Donum Animus, Latvia.
This year the 37 Portugal Horasis India Meeting CII, along with Horasis, the City of Cascais, and the Portuguese Government, co-hosted the 8th edition of the Horasis India Meeting from 03-04 July in Cascais, Portugal. The Horasis India Meeting gathered a host of decision makers from business and government from Portugal, Europe and other parts of the world, to discuss India’s role in the global economy and to shape the country’s future direction. Following Yi members were also part of this meeting: Raghu Kailas, Managing Director, Unimo Exports Pvt Ltd, Jacob Joy, Director, J J Confectionery Pvt Ltd, Siddharth Ganeriwala, Chief Executive Officer & Director, Aura Integrated Solutions Private Limited, Mohit Mardia, Director, Grace Castings Ltd., Kartik Kapoor, Managing Director, IIGM and Raunak Goyal, Managing Director, GMC Industries Pvt Ltd. Presentations on the Indian economy and the opportunities for collaboration were also made during the business meetings.

Horasis is an independent international organization committed to enacting visions for a sustainable future. It is a visions community and together with its members, it explores, defines and implements trajectories of sustainable growth. Horasis provides strategic foresight to public and private entities who envisage growing into global and sustainable organizations. During the annual meetings to advance solutions to the most critical challenges facing corporations today, participants jointly identify globally relevant business issues and develop sophisticated & interdisciplinary solutions to enhance corporate performance and long-term growth.

CII Rajasthan & Yi Jaipur Chapter took a Mission to Singapore from 22 - 26 June 2016. The objective of organising this mission was to provide a platform to the Industry and Young Indian members to explore business opportunities in the international market and also create linkages with the relevant stakeholders in Singapore. The 9 member delegation visited water renewal plants and had meetings with various chambers and industrialists. The mission had various fruitful meetings starting with H E Vijay Thakur Singh, High Commissioner of India in Singapore. The interaction with High Commissioner was to brief about the objective of delegation visit at the Singapore. The delegation met Sembcorp, Singapore Business Federation, Singapore International Foundation, Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, National University of Singapore and IE Singapore.
The mission of festival of Globe - Silicon Valley was organised to help communities better integrate with each other and unify for the greater purpose of the common good. The specific festival FOG aimed to bring Thought Leaders, Young Entrepreneurs, Investors and Indian Diaspora on a common platform. The representatives also shared their knowledge on topic ‘Emerging Global Opportunities’, ‘Youth Entrepreneurs’, ‘Emerging Trends in Media & Entertainment’, ‘Emerging Trends in Food Industry’ and ‘Empowering Youth Against Sex Crime’. Members had the opportunity to attend the VIP reception, fashion show and India Day parade organized by the FOG.

The mission was also packed with a mix of multi world class companies based at Silicon Valley such as Google, Facebook, KPMG, Boot Up, Cisco System and Indian startup based at Silicon Valley. The mission saw participation of the Yi Members representing all the regions of the country.

Young Indians organized the Global Excellence Mission to Silicon Valley led by Raghu Kailas, National Chairman Young Indians between 09-15 August 2016. Positioned as enterprising brand ambassadors of new age India and Indian Business, the delegation met like minded Next Gen business, social and political leaders of USA. The aim of this delegation was to bring together young entrepreneurs from both the countries and to reinforce the theme of Yi while building bridges between both ‘Young Businesses’ and ‘Young in Business’. Members also interacted with Shri Ashok Venkatesan, Consulate General of India, San Francisco.
Yi undertook a delegation to the G20 Young Entrepreneur Alliance Summit that was held at Beijing, China between 08-10 September 2016. The G20 YEA Summit is a forum where young entrepreneurs, thought leaders and world class entrepreneurship focused organisations from around the world can meet with their peers, share best practices and develop recommendations to drive youth entrepreneurship in their respective countries. These recommendations are then put forward to leaders attending the B20 and G20 Summits and are auctioned by the G20 YEA members in their respective countries.

The delegation also had the opportunity to interact with the Indian Ambassador, China. The interaction with his Excellency was meant to understand a broad perspective of India-China Bilateral Trade: the emerging opportunities and the challenges. Around 20 members from across India participated.
SESSION WITH CONSUL GENERAL, KOREAN CONSULATE

07 October 2016: Trichy

Trichy chapter organized an Interactive Session with Kyungsuo Kim, Consul General, Korean Consulate, Chennai on 07 October 2016 at Hotel PLA Krishna INN, Trichy. The objective of the session is to bring more Korean investments to Trichy and to know business opportunities in Korea. The session started with the welcome address and chief guest introduction by TV Murali, Past Chairman, CII Trichy Zone & Chairman & Managing Director, Mangal Home Builders. Wasting no time the session was handed over to the keynote speaker.

Kyungsuo Kim, Consul General, Korean Consulate, Chennai started his speech by saying the significant presence of South Korean industries in southern India had as much to do with a business-friendly environment here as with the cultural affinity between India and South Korea. Speaking ahead in the interactive session, Kim said, “It is not simple coincidence that majority of Korean companies are based in Tamil Nadu. The Korean people’s way of thinking matches well with the Tamil ethos. Like the Koreans, Tamils are well-educated, hard-working, and very friendly.” Later, in his address, the diplomat said that while Hyundai and Samsung seem to be the most prominent brands in India, there were actually over 300 Korean companies within a 30 km radius of Chennai. “There are 4,000 Korean expatriates in Chennai alone (the largest in India), and their average age is getting younger. This clearly shows that we feel very much at home here,” said Kim. He also said that the ‘Sister City’ agreement signed in August this year between Chennai and the Korean city of Ulsan was likely to offer more opportunities for industrial development in the suburbs.

The interaction how the Make In India initiative would impact Korean manufacturers, Kim said, “We have been here for 20 years, so we know India very well and we know the conducive business environment. The initiative will move forward, beyond policies and slogans, in a positive way.” In reply to a query from a member of the audience, related to cooperation in the petrochemical sector, Kim said that at present there was a gap in the products needed by India and that produced in South Korea. This session was well attended by around 50 participants who represent various industries in Trichy. The session was concluded by John Ashok Varadarajan, Co Chair, YI Trichy Chapter & Vice Chairman, Roever Group of Institutions.

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH CEIC MEMBERS, UK

09 November 2016: Delhi

Delhi Chapter organized an interactive session for its members with Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council Members (CEIC) from UK on 09 November 2016. CEIC brought a trade delegation of Commonwealth Export Champions to Delhi during the ongoing India-UK Tech Summit. As Yi is one of the founders of the Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs (CAYE-A) which is a network of young entrepreneurs from the Commonwealth Asia region and the organization that supports them. The main aim of this mission was to promote their Commonwealth first programme for UK SMEs companies seeking to find and support 100 UK SME Export Champions over a three year period. As well as inviting the chosen companies to join them on trade missions and networking events, Export Champions and also receive practical advice and guidance from a range of mentors. Also to network, through its engagement with governments, media, public, all relevant stakeholders and member organizations champions the cause of young entrepreneurs at the local, national, regional and international level and an alliance of organizations from economies of the Commonwealth-Asia region that makes measurable progress towards development of entrepreneurship to ensure future prosperity.

The delegation was led by John Pemberton – Pigott, Director of Programmes, CEIC with other members from SME background. The interaction gave the platform for the delegation members from UK SMEs looking for opportunities to expand and invest across the Commonwealth countries.
As a capstone to every year of work, CAYE-Asia hosts an annual summit to provide a platform for engagement and networking among young entrepreneurs. The summit also proudly showcases innovation at work and excellence in action in the host country through action-learning during field visits and exceptional industry interactions.

The Commonwealth Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs-Asia (CAYE-Asia), the premier network of networks of young entrepreneurs in Asia and the organization’s that support them, came together for ‘The 5th anniversary edition of the Annual Commonwealth-Asia Young Entrepreneur Summit’ : Business Across Borders which was held in London, United Kingdom from 07-09 December 2016. This year’s theme ‘Business Across Borders’ brought together the Asian Diaspora in the UK and the CAYE-Asia to promote cross-border trade and collaboration.

The summit served as a celebration of five years of sustained high impact work that the Alliance has carried out in the Asian Region, covering India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Brunei and Nepal.

The three day summit was hosted by Commonwealth Secretariat and this annual event was attended by over 100 dynamic young entrepreneurs and close to 20 speakers from various CAYE-Asia member nations including Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal, UK & diaspora from the countries resident in the UK. The congregation met for 3 days to grow networks, build business connections, learn and share insights and attend conferences as well as field visits from India. 14 Young Entrepreneurs representing various sectors like Silk, Handicraft, Steel & Foundry, Financial Services, Automobiles, Agriculture, Education etc participated in the summit. The Young Indians Delegation to this summit was led by Akhilesh Agarwal, Chair, Yi (Kochi Chapter) & Managing Director, Acumen Commodities (I) Ltd.

The summit this year also proudly showcased innovation at work and excellence in action through field visits to various successful organizations which was an opportunity for the CAYE-Asia members to interact with UK Entrepreneurs who have created successful enterprises and excelled in their entrepreneurship journey.

On 07 & 08 December 2016, field visits were organized for the CAYE-Asia participants. The companies visited as part of this were Institute of Directors, Wayra, Commonwealth Secretariat, Runway East, Tech City, Royal Society of Arts to witness and learn the global best practices, primarily showcasing excellence in the start up accelerator and incubation ecosystem of the UK.
NATIONAL RETREAT
NATIONAL RETREAT TO JODHPUR & JAISALMER
13 - 16 October 2016

Members arrived from various chapters across the country for Young Indians, National Retreat at Jodhpur and Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. In the evening members visited Mehrangarh Fort one of the best preserved forts in India, which stands a hundred feet in splendor on a perpendicular cliff, four hundred feet above the sky line of Jodhpur. Burnished red sand stone, imposing, invincible and yet with a strange haunting beauty that beckons. Second day morning the members proceeded to Jaisalmer and stayed at Hotel Suryagarh, a city of the state Rajasthan located in the heart of the Thar Desert.

Hotel Suryagarh is not merely about luxury, the traditions and culture woven by forefathers are clung on to too. Glimpses of Rajasthan decorate the corners of this spacious hotel, along with elements of elegance and sophistication. Its staff welcomes the guests with warmth and serves them graciously. The golden edifice complements Thar Desert.

After few hours of leisure hours post lunch members enjoyed the local culture showcased more at Suryagarh than in the music, live music, on offer for guests. Musicians from the Langa and Manganiar communities of folk musicians from Rajasthan at the hotel’s rolls and during the stay there and members had such amazing music that it merits a separate post altogether.

The third day after breakfast members explored the Gadsisar lake and Fort. The lake is a popular destination for the locals as well as tourists. Followed the members visited the Jaisalmer Fort. The Fort is made up of yellow sand stones which stands on a hillock and is actually an old township spread over a little less than 6 sq. kms.
Even now, one-fourth of the population of Jaisalmer resides inside the Fort. There are temples, hotels, restaurants and residence houses inside the Fort. The uniqueness of this fort is that it is living fort. Interestingly, the present descendants of Maharaja of Jaisalmer do not stay in the Rajmahal Palace located inside but stay outside the Fort near Hanuman Circle.

The palace and its chambers inside the fort have been converted into museum displaying the rare collections of the royal family. There are some intricately carved Jain and Hindu temples inside the Fort. They are worth visiting. The first half of the day ended with few shopping at the bazaars of Jaisalmer.

In the evening members visited the Sum / Khuri for Camel ride, Jeep safari and Rajasthani Traditional dinner at Dunes with dance and music. In Jaisalmer, you just cannot miss visiting the Thar Desert for a camel safari tour of Jaisalmer. There are two different options for the desert safari. One is the jeep safari in Jaisalmer which is for all those who don't want to ride on camel at sand dunes, which is awesome. For those who are interested in enjoying traditional way should ideally opt for the camel safari.

Members also stayed back at the Sam sand dunes desert camps, and enjoyed an evening program, after the sunset with bonfires and local folk dancers that perform the Kalbelia dance in the night in front of the Bonfire. It was once in a lifetime opportunity for members.
FELICITATION TO MARIAPPAN THANGAVELU, GOLD MEDALIST OF RIO PARALYMPICS GAMES

26 September 2016: Salem

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THE JUMP THAT WON INDIA A PARALYMPICS GOLD

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