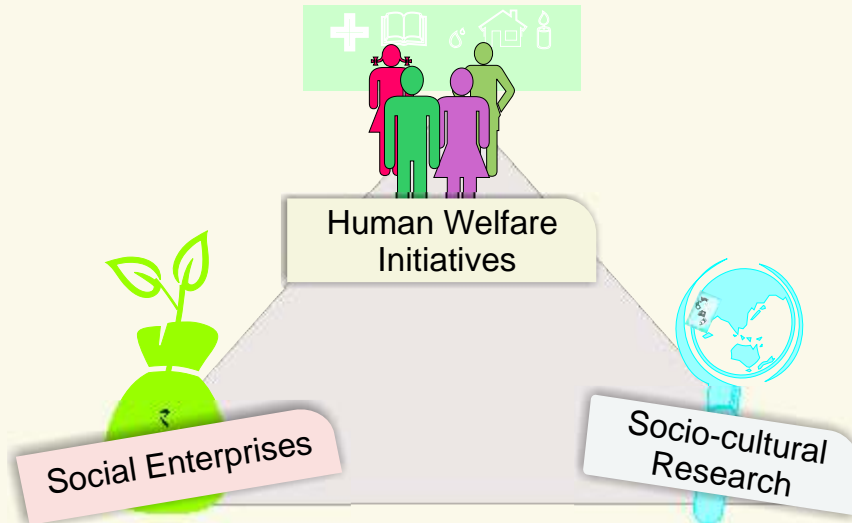




Youth Organization for Joining, Action & Knowledge

Youth Organization for joining, Action & Knowledge (YOJAK) is an NGO registered in 2005-06 under Societies Registration Act, 1860 & Bombay Public Trusts Act 1950. We are working passionately to bring positive change in the world by building social enterprises (JOINING), initiating human welfare programs for underprivileged (ACTION) & conducting socio-economic research. (KNOWLEDGE).



A group of approximately 15 people, including men and women of various ages, are posing for a group photo outdoors. They are gathered around a large, thick tree trunk on the left side of the frame. In the background, there is a large body of water, possibly a lake or reservoir, with a hilly, vegetated landscape under a clear sky. The text 'Social Enterprises (Joining)' is overlaid in a large, white, outlined font across the upper portion of the image.

Social Enterprises (Joining)

Social Enterprises

YOJAK explores enterprises where commercial strategies can be applied to maximize improvements in human and environmental well-being. Projects are undertaken with special focus on creation of livelihood opportunities for marginalised communities and environmental conservation.

We are working with Tribal communities and slums dwellers and facilitating various social enterprises through formation of Self-help groups, formation of cooperative societies, customised trainings, Liasoning with government, proposal writing, Bank linkage, Project management etc.



Program “VOICE”

YOJAK is working with landless tribal groups since past many years. We have experienced the ability of poor tribal group and felt that they can contribute to national economy if given an opportunity. YOJAK is empowering dynamic youth groups from underprivileged areas by providing ideas, seed fund and forward-backward linkages in Karonda supply, palash plates, Paper plates, paper cups, honey & medicinal plants production etc.

Success Story: Paper plate making plant:

While working with tribal youth from Lonavala, YOJAK noted that despite of having abandon natural resources and government schemes to improve livelihood, youngsters are not able to raise their living standards.

YOJAK facilitated youth self help group formation and provided seed fund to start paper plate manufacturing plant. YOJAK also provided forward & backward linkages with marketing assistance.

Along with this, YOJAK provided training to SHG on fish farming also provided fingerlings for cultivation. The annual collective savings upto 1.5 lakhs is expected in initial years.





Welfare initiatives (Action)

So far YOJAK has designed and executed community development projects in the field of water, health and education across Pune and Thane districts of Maharashtra.

To name few;

1. Improving quality of primary education through creative tools & inspirational classes in Kasarwadi slums (Since 2007, Funded by Forbes Marshall).
2. Adult Literacy classes for Bopkhel village women (2010, Funded by Forbes Marshall)
3. Roof top rainwater harvesting in village Wangni, district Pune to solve drinking water problem of 20 tribal families (2008, Funded by The UnFF, USA)
4. CCT & Check-dam construction in village Rambaug, district Palghar to increase ground water level in village (2006, Individual donor).



Success Story: Inspirational Centers in slums



Project Prerana Kendra is all about improving quality of primary education through creative tools & inspirational classes. The project started in 2007 in Kasarwadi slums of Pimpri-Chinchwad. YOJAK successfully streamlined nearly 40 innovative tools that helped children to learn basics of language and maths with fun. The project has been upscaled to 5 villages near Talegaon MIDC and 3 villages near Khopoli MIDC with the help of YOJAK.



Socio-Economic research & publications

YOJAK partnered with Centre for Public Policy Research, Cochin for India Development Indicator project (Funded by Google.org) in 2008 and published districtwide ranking of 35 districts of Maharashtra based on 87 development indicators. The data is available with NGO and can be accessed by paying nominal charges.



Research & Training

YOJAK organizes field visits to project sites. Based on our proven demonstrated action projects, we train teachers, farmers on subjects such as; Primary Teachers' training on Learn with fun tools , Volunteers training on adult literacy tools, Plastic tank construction, Continuous contour trenching, Check dam construction, Ferro cement tank construction, Roof top rainwater harvesting

Future Research Activities

YOJAK is planning to involved in CSR research for corporate which will include concept note writing, need assessment, need gap analysis, feasibility study and pilot for corporate.

About us

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Our trustees from diverse fields such as Anthropology, social work, law and mass communication actively work with field volunteers and paid staff members and design innovative projects. So far we have worked mainly with tribal and urban slum communities of Pune, Raigad and Thane districts of Maharashtra state.

Over past ten years YOJAK has been supported by national & international organizations/corporates such as Centre for Public Policy Research (Cochin), The UnForgotten Fund (United States), Forbes Marshall (Pimpri-Chinchwad), JCB (Talegaon) etc.



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