



YUWA

Youth United for Waste and Climate Action

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**“Young people are not waiting anymore —
we are leading the climate movement.”
- Licypriya Kangujam**

FOREWORD

I am Prashant, a changemaker from Dehradun. My journey started with a forest clean-up drive during my school days which used to be a distressing sight whenever I went for forest walks. After these events, I decided to study about Nature Conservation and coincidentally I connected with Waste Warriors during my 1st year of college which helped me to start my climate journey.

YUWA provided me with a strong learning platform, a community, support and guidance, not only to take climate actions, but also grow while doing so. I've been a proud YUWA Changemaker since 2024 and during my changemaker journey, I've lead multiple clean-up drives and awareness sessions, launched my own Eco-Track course, and taken several individual and community level actions. I am looking forward to growing with YUWA and continue my work on nature, forest & Dehradun's waste & climate issues.

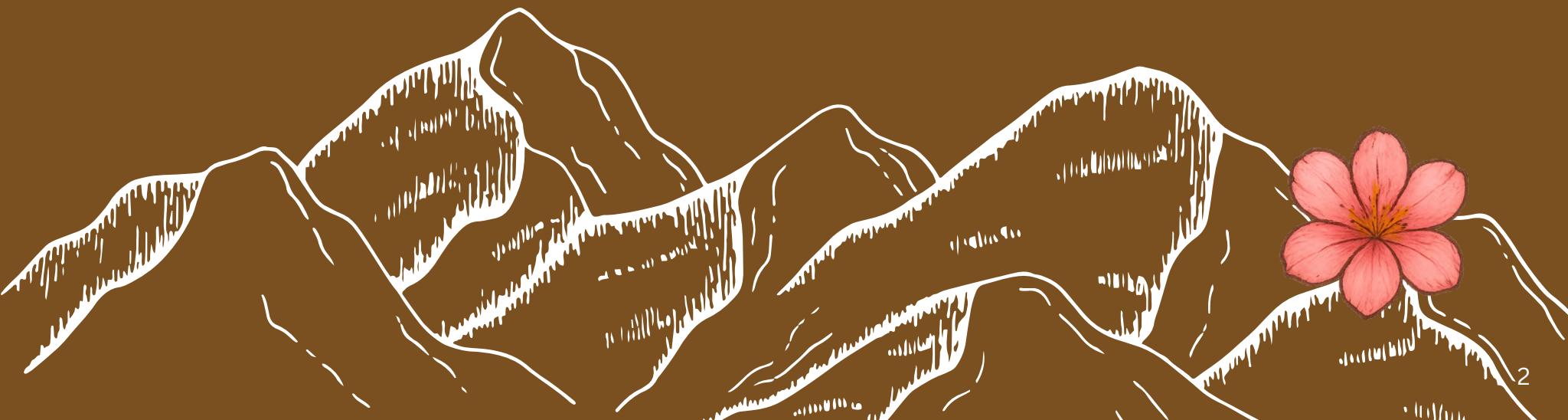
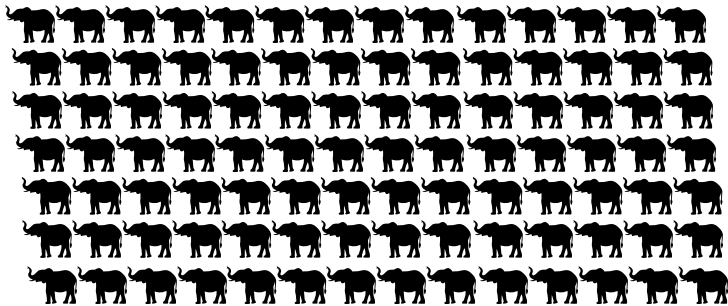


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THE PROBLEM

The IHR produces over **1.9 million tonnes*** of waste per year. Imagine that's the size of **9,00,000 Asian elephants.**



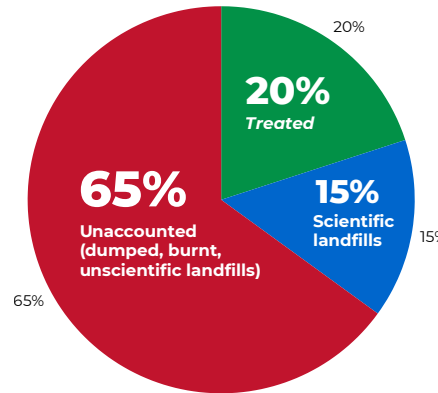
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THE COST OF RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT...



- **60-70%** of waste collected is **reject or low value.**
- Low sale of recyclables and **high cost of operations.**
- **Challenging terrain** for collection/transportation and **low land availability** for storage.
- **Insufficient government funds** for holistic waste management

WHERE DOES THE WASTE GO?*



Microplastics in soil, waterways, wildlife zones

20% global methane emissions from unmanaged wet waste

GHG and black carbon from open burning of waste

*Independent studies



IMPACT ON MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES...



Open dumps and waste burning trigger **respiratory and gut infections.**



Plastic-clogged drains and streams contribute to **severe flash floods.**



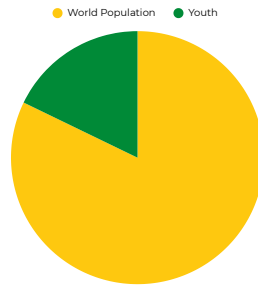
IHR warming **1.5x** faster than global average leading to **irreversible glacial melt.**

Over 2 billion people depend on the Himalayas for water, food, and life itself. Every piece of waste dumped or burnt in the Himalayas affects the air we breathe, the food we eat, and the water we drink.

DID YOU KNOW?

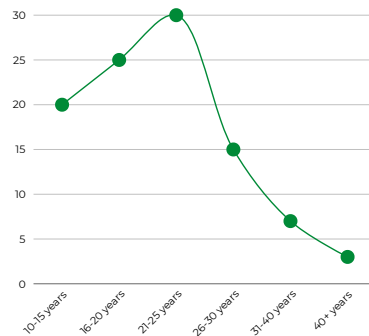
The largest youth generation in history

Young people (age 15–30) make up nearly 1.8 billion of the global population. Even small shifts in their daily habits can create massive environmental impact.



Lifelong consumption habits

Over 60% of lifelong consumption habits are formed before the age of 30. Influencing youth today shapes decades of sustainable (or unsustainable) behavior



Willingness to act

Climate anxiety is highest among people under 30—but so is willingness to act. They are not just aware—they are ready to drive scalable solutions shaping sustainable economies and global systems.



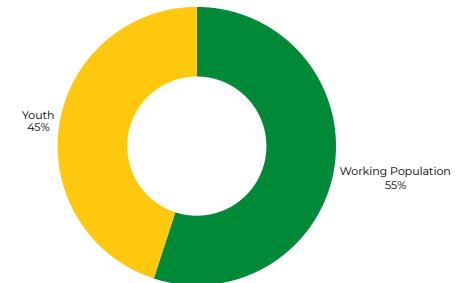
Stongest demographic to accelerated climate conversations

Youth-led climate movements have mobilized millions globally in the last decade. No other demographic has accelerated climate conversations this rapidly.



Majority of global workforce by 2030

today's youth will make up the majority of the global workforce. Their values will directly influence how industries operate and how sustainable economies become.



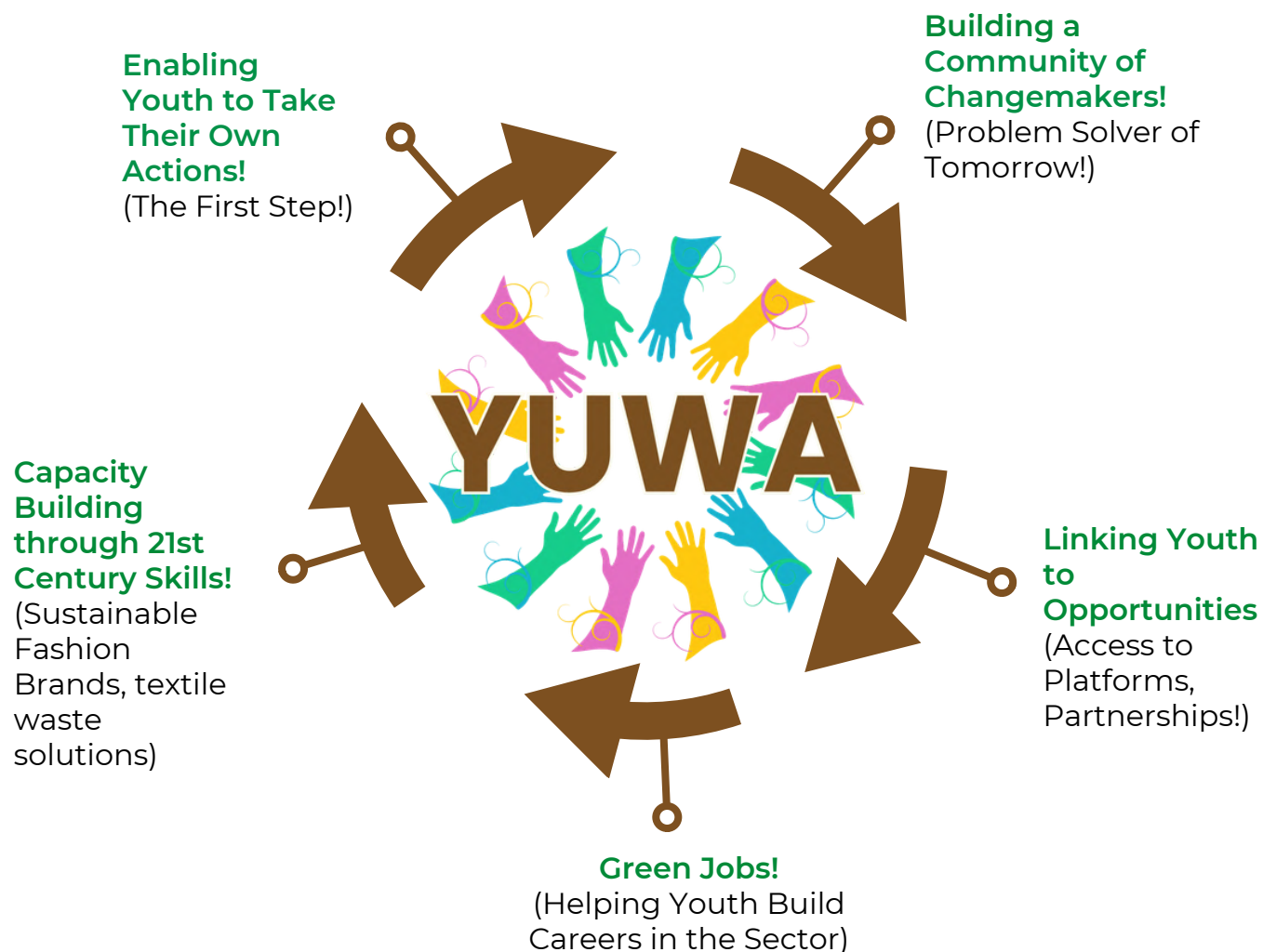
Youth generates one-third of the world's waste

Out of 2.5 trillion kg of global waste, ~800 billion kg comes from youth consumption. If youth reduces 1 kg of waste per week, world could cut over 100 billion kg of waste annually.



Find this interesting? Read more in article ["UNICEF - Indian Youth and Climate Change"](#) about how young Indians sees climate change.

The YUWA Model



Initiatives

Direct Action

- Green Gurukul
- Ecolympics
- Climate Chaupals
- Video Reels & Mass Media Outreach
- Jury Support
- Behaviour Change Partner
- Expert Talks

Enabling Action

- Changemaker Meetings
- Dark Spot Transformation & Signboard Installation

Green Skilling

- Leadership Accelerator & Mentorship Program
- Green Skilling Workshops
- Climate Fest
- Green Jobs Round-up

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Brief of YUWA Movement

The Issues

- The waste and climate crisis has reached a tipping point in India's Himalayan belt, where an ecological emergency intersects with a social crisis. Tourism-related activities generate 8.4 million MT of waste per year in the Indian Himalayan Region. Over 60% of this is dumped or burnt in the open. In cities like Dehradun, over 350 metric tons of waste are generated each day, overwhelming local systems even as climate impacts strain fragile mountain ecosystems. Yet beneath the visible pollution lies an invisible crisis: civic ownership has weakened, and youth are under-engaged, with no entry points into environmental action.
- Through YUWA (Youth United for Waste & Climate Action), Waste Warriors is creating a youth-led movement that solves civic issues exacerbating climate change. To achieve this, we empower youth through education and skills programs, leveraging IT-enabled activation tools, while adhering to a locally delivered and globally considered model. The program's ultimate goal is to ignite agency in the youth to tackle civic issues through pro-climate actions while building the capacity of the next generation of changemakers, nudging them to build and lead national and global climate initiatives.

Our Approach

- Through YUWA, we are helping youth to take the “First Step” and start their climate journeys. This is being done through flagship school & college-level competitions, Ecolympics, and Green Gurukul. Other active youth and the community are engaged through our monthly Climate Chaupals, where conversations around climate change and civic issues are facilitated.
- Once youth have started their respective journeys, this set of youth population is nudged to take independent climate actions, bringing changes into their own lifestyles, helping them to continue their journeys.
- A few of the youth from this set are identified as “Changemakers” who are then engaged through exclusive meet-ups, mentorship programs, and Green Skilling Workshops, building their capacities to lead bigger initiatives. The selected set of changemakers is then finally nudged and empowered to solve civic issues prevalent in the city independently, working closely with the communities and government stakeholders. These changemakers go on to become the flagbearers of the movement, taking the initiative forward, inspiring more youth in the city to become a part of the movement.

Project Snapshot

Sr. No.	Year	Climate Actions	People Engaged	Waste Diverted from Landfill	Total active Changemakers
1	2023-24	20,711	21,000	6.04 MT	1
2	2024-25	5,286	5,392	6.1 MT	24
3	2025-26	7,450	11,080	9.7 MT	41

OUR IMPACT

Environmental Impact



9.7 MT
waste diverted
in FY 2025-26


0.68 MT
carbon
emissions
reduced



25
trees
saved

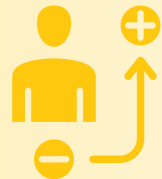


3
Awareness
Signboard
installed



0.25
hectares of
landfill saved

Social Impact



11,080
People Engaged via
IEC initiatives



1,045
Enabled Climate
actions



7,450
Positive
climate actions



41
Active
Changemakers



69
Institutions
engaged

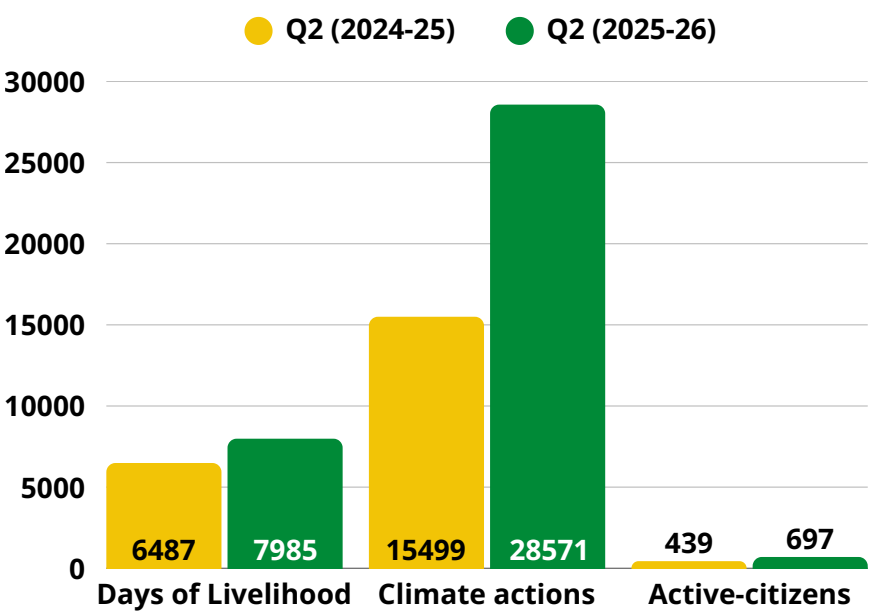


Sushant Kumar sharing his story of change from Shri Guru Nanak Boys School during Closing Ceremony

Q2 Growth Trends (FY '24-'25 vs FY '25-'26)

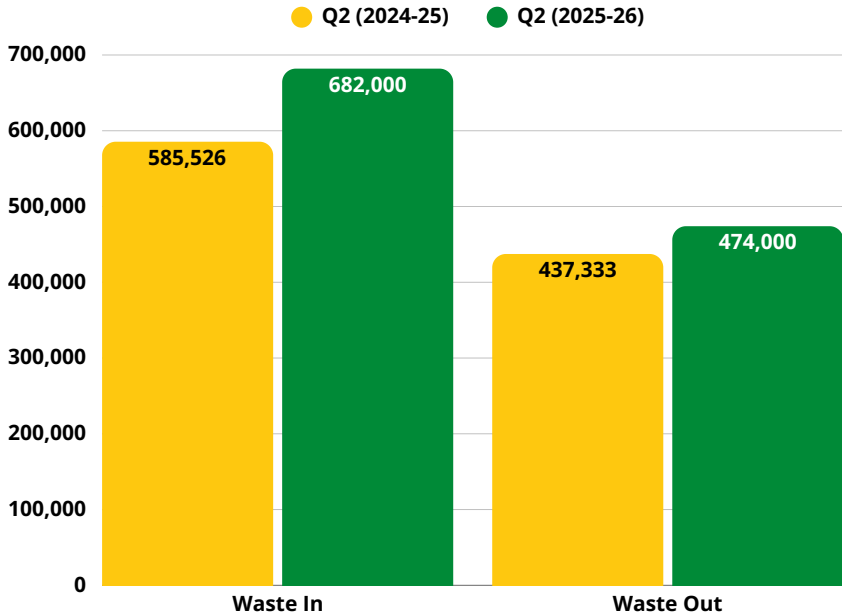
Growth in Livelihood Days, Climate actions, and Active Citizens

Days of Livelihood rose by 23% with new projects, additional Green Workers, improved safety. Climate actions increased by 84% due to expanded interventions and projects, while active citizens grew 45% through focused community engagement and word-of-mouth trust-building.



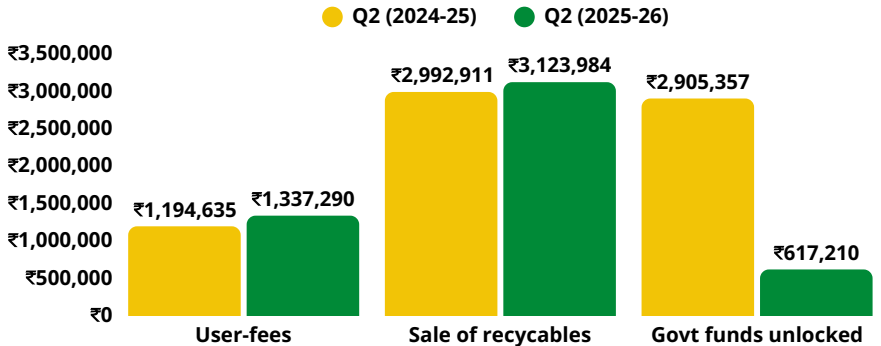
Growth in Waste Collection and Recycling Efficiency

Waste collected rose by 16% due to new and expanded projects (e.g., Corbett, Sahasradhara), while waste sent to recyclers increased by 8.39% thanks to better segregation efficiency and more waste workers.



Revenue Trends and Fund Flow: Q2 Insights

User-fee collection rose by 12% from last quarter, slowed down by 'Kooda bhi do, paisa bhi do' mindset, the transition of users from free services to paid services. Sales of recyclables increased by 4.5%, mainly due to pilferage of high-value plastics, and the maximum proportion of low-value plastics in the collected waste. There was a 79% dip in Government funds unlocked, following the completion of high-budget government-funded projects in March; capex funds are expected to be unlocked next quarter.



Green Gurukul 2025

39 schools • 1,075 participants • 267 Activities performed • 2,745 Climate Actions

Green Gurukul, is a month long, one of its kind inter-school competition, organised as part of direct action initiative. Student led teams from different schools competed against each other through different pro-environment activities such as clean-up drives, waste to art, cloth donation drive, jingle composition etc.

Third edition of Green Gurukul witnessed not only an increased number of participating schools but also an increase in the total number of climate action, reaching 2,745. This year, we were excited to welcome schools from Mussoorie and Rishikesh as well. This time we introduced not only intellectual activities like Green Debate but also artistic like Short Film and Trashion making the program more diverse and engaging.

Ecolympics 2025

24 Institutions • 800 participants • 231 Activities performed • 3,289 Climate Actions

Ecolympics, akin to Green Gurukul is a college-level competition, for a duration of one month. The activities in Ecolympics competition is designed to challenge participants with more rigorous and effort-intensive activities.

Third edition of Ecolympics also saw a increase in number of colleges participated from 16 in FY' 24 to 24 in FY 25. This also let to a tremendous increase in number of climate actions from 2,070 in Second Edition to 3,289 in Third edition.

Ecolympics plays a crucial role in movement building, as many of the changemakers we engage with throughout the year emerge from this platform.



Plastic Gullak installed under Green Gurukul '25 by participants of Universal Academy



Climate Chaupal conducted by SDBIT under Ecolympics '25

Story of Resilience

The broken boundary wall of Purkul Youth Development Society due to a flash flood.

Green Gurukul was planned from 15th August to 15th September, but heavy rainfall and floods forced many schools to close, so we extended the timeline to 25th September. But for **PYDS**, the challenges ran deeper. The rains caused severe damage to their school property. Hostels had to be evacuated, and the school remained closed until 30th September.

Against all odds, the participants and mentors didn't give up. Through determination and grit, they found ways to continue, to adapt, and to complete every single activity. Their efforts led them to secure the **4th position** and set an example of resilience and hope.



NextGen Talks

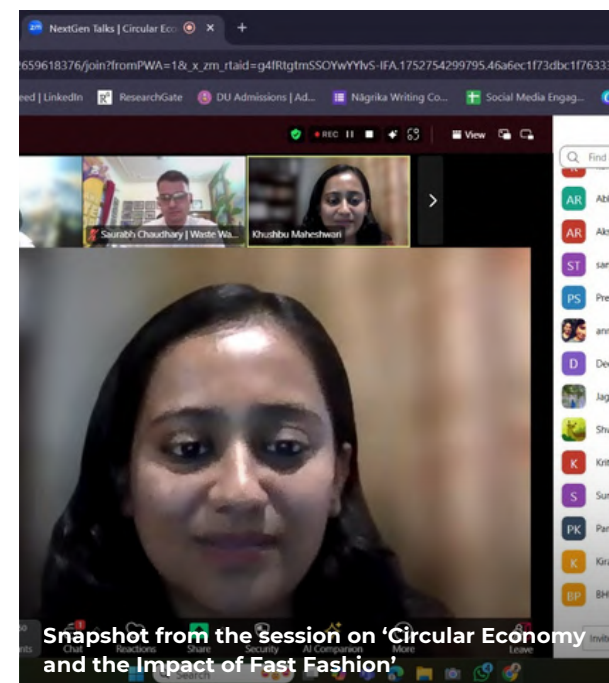
4 Editions • 134 Participants

NextGen Talks is a series of online sessions with leaders and professionals working across climate action, sustainability, and allied fields to provide exposure and insights to youth.

This year the NextGen Talks sessions, included:

- Episode I on "Circular Economy and the Impact of Fast Fashion," led by **Khushboo Maheshwari**, Senior Expert in Circular Economy at WWF India,
- Episode II on "Climate Extremes in the Indian Himalayan Region," led by **Soma Sarkar**, Associate Fellow at Observer Research Foundation,
- Episode III on "Youth Voices in Governance: How Youth Can Shape Environmental Policies," led by **Antaraa Vasudev**, CEO & Co founder CIVIS and
- Episode IV on Driving impact through social media," led by **Angad Khanna**, Associate Director, Communications, Waste Warriors Society which successfully strengthened participants' understanding of interconnected environmental and climate challenges.

Over 85% of participants (based on consolidated feedback responses from all four episodes) felt more informed and highly motivated to engage in future environmental conservation and climate action initiatives, with improved clarity on sustainable consumption, climate risks, region-specific environmental issues and how social media can be used to create on ground impact.



Green Skilling workshops : Climate Fresk

4 Workshops • 92 Participants

Climate Fresk is a tool specially designed to provide quality climate education through cards based on IPCC reports. Designed in France, these workshops have been conducted in 162 countries and more than 2 million participants have been educated through this tool till date.

With total of 92 participants, 4 Green Skilling workshops were organized in this FY, where the major participants were the part of Ecolympics 2025, which not only helped them continue their journey but also give a deeper understanding of how climate change actually happens.

Over 90% of the participants rated high on their understanding changed about Climate Change and other environmental issues through the workshop. There was a section in the workshop in which participants took 21 days challenge to adopt a sustainable habits and a civic issue they'll start working on. Many of the participants completed their 21 days challenge and also solve the civic issue they planned on solving.



Green Job Round-ups

4 Green Job Roundups • 340 Participants

The idea of the YUWA movement is not just to involve young people in activities and encourage them to take pro-environment actions, but also to plant the seed of becoming a “green warrior” in them for the future. The Green Jobs Round-Ups play a crucial role in advancing this vision by connecting young people with emerging opportunities in the sustainability sector.

4 Green Jobs Round-Up sessions were conducted with, a total of 340 students were engaged from IMS Unison University, Shivalik College, Graphic Era Deemed To Be University in Dehradun and Quantum University, in Roorkee providing sector-specific exposure to sustainability as a career lens.

- The first session featured Mrs. Tanya Roy, Director, Sustainability, Six Senses Vana, who highlighted how sustainability is embedded in hospitality operations, energy and water efficiency, waste systems, responsible sourcing, ESG reporting, eco-certifications, and regenerative tourism.
- The second session was taken by Mr. Niraj Bhatia, Senior Manager, M&E, R&D, Waste Warriors Society, who introduced students to real-world sustainability roles across data, research, monitoring, policy, and implementation.
- The third and fourth roundups were led by Mr. Avadesh Pundir, Outreach and Advocacy Manager, Project YUWA, and Oceanika Bhatt, Assistant Manager, Project YUWA, from Waste Warriors Society. Avadesh with his 25+ years of work experience talked about Green Careers & Legal Careers for Climate Action whereas Oceanika Bhatt with her academic expertise on environment and development talked about Biodiversity Conservation and sustainable Impact.

Across all the sessions, students gained clarity on diverse green career pathways, moving beyond the perception of green jobs as only fieldwork, and understood their relevance within their own disciplines.



Green Job round-up in Quantum University



Green Jobs round-up in Graphic Era University

Story of New Possibilities

“Green Job round up in my college helped me understand the importance of sustainable careers in today’s world. I learned about various job opportunities in renewable energy and environmental protection. The speaker explained how Green Skills are becoming essential for future employment. The examples shared made the topic easy to understand and relatable. I realized how small actions can contribute to a greener economy. The session motivated me to explore eco-friendly career options. It also cleared many doubts about the scope and growth of Green Jobs.

The interactive discussion made the session engaging and interesting. Overall, it was a valuable and enlightening experience for me as a student.”



Divyansha Kumar, BBA LLB
Quantum University, Roorkee

Climate Chaupal

424 Youth Engaged • 10 Monthly Chaupals • Attendance records broken three times

Climate Chaupals are participatory spaces where youth come together to discuss local climate and civic issues and co-create solutions. Rather than one-way knowledge sharing, the sessions encourage open dialogue, storytelling, and experiential learning. This approach builds a sense of belonging and motivates youth to think collectively about climate action.

In FY 2025–26, Chaupals became more structured and aligned with seasonal and local contexts. Topics ranged from waste and wildlife conflict in May, water conservation during monsoon months, and natural disasters following cloudbursts in Uttarakhand, to sustainable development planning, eco-tourism, and fast fashion. The format emphasized green skills such as facilitation, climate communication, and community organizing. Over time, participants began taking ownership, engaging in campaigns, clean-up drives, and awareness activities, showing growing confidence and commitment.



Youth Engaging in Conversations at Climate Chaupal



Climate Chaupal included a Learning Walk at the Forest Research Institute museum.

Climate Chaupals gained strong momentum through the year with steadily increasing participation. Attendance records were broken three times - reaching 50 participants in September, 67 in December, and 73 in January. Across 10 Chaupals, a total of 424 youth engagements were recorded. The growth reflects both the relevance of the themes and the participatory nature of the sessions, which encouraged youth to return and bring their peers along.

Beyond numbers, the Chaupals played an important role in sensitizing youth to environmental and civic issues in Dehradun. They also served as an entry point into the wider YUWA movement, connecting participants to clean-up drives, awareness campaigns, and research initiatives. The discussions helped youth convert ideas into small but meaningful climate actions, while also identifying emerging climate champions who are now taking leadership within their communities.

Story of Change

Jagmohan Negi, a B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture student from SGRR University, hails from Chamoli. Before joining Climate Chaupal, he believed climate change was important but rarely reflected on his own actions. Attending Climate Chaupal helped him understand practical solutions like segregating waste and following the principles of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. His biggest learning was that small actions matter.

"I got the opportunity to attend Climate Chaupal, and that's where my thinking started to change. I learned that improper waste disposal harms the environment, and simple steps like segregation of wet and dry waste can make a big difference."

Previously, he thought one wrapper would not make a difference, but now he understands that responsibility starts with him. Today, he tries to avoid littering, reduce plastic use, and encourage others. Climate Chaupal showed him that many small steps together can create meaningful change, and one should not wait for others to begin.



Changemakers

43 Changemakers • 12 Monthly meets

We define a “changemaker” as a conscious individual who recognizes systemic challenges and takes consistent, confident action to address them, even if it means stepping beyond social norms. Through our efforts, we identify, nurture, and build the capacities of such individuals to become active problem-solvers addressing civic issues on the ground. This year, the Changemakers community grew from 24 to 43 members, supported through monthly virtual and on-site engagements. Experiential learning initiatives like the Transect Walk and Nature Walk enabled deeper understanding of Dehradun’s ecology while encouraging youth-led action on local civic concerns.



Ward members participate in UID distribution in Dharampur, Kasauli.



Waste collection in Garkhal Kasauli.

Enabling Actions

1,045 actions enabled • 136% increase from last year

We define “Enabling Actions” as climate actions that result from activities initiated or executed by youth with the support of Waste Warriors. These include community-level initiatives such as clean-up drives, surveys, civic issue reporting, and engagement activities, as well as individual actions like source segregation, composting, upcycling, and article writing. Youth in Dehradun are increasingly taking independent action, reflecting growing ownership. This is also leading to visible behaviour change, with youth becoming more aware and consistent in adopting sustainable practices. In FY25–26, 1,045 actions were enabled, marking a 136% increase from 442 actions in FY24–25.

Civic Issues

25 civic issues resolved • Youth-led local problem solving

This year, youth engagement moved beyond awareness and individual action to actively addressing civic challenges in their localities. Instead of choosing to ignore everyday issues, young people stepped forward to take responsibility and drive change. They reported concerns through the CM Helpline and also initiated direct solutions such as fixing potholes and addressing leakages. These efforts reflect a strong shift towards accountability and problem-solving at the community level. In total, 25 civic issues were successfully resolved through youth-led action.



Changemakers shared their journey at YUWA Fest 2026



Changemaker Aastha Saini conducting an awareness session for school students.



Youth solving civic issue by fixing tap leakage in their neighbourhood

Dark Spot Transformation & Signboard Installation

3 dark spots transformed • 1,969+ kg waste diverted • 3 Signboards installed for prevention

Waste dumping in open spaces is a persistent issue, but this year youth took sustained action to address it at the community level. This year, three dumping sites: one in Manduwala and two in Clement Town were transformed.

In Manduwala, Changemaker Aastha Saini took the lead, working alongside the Gram Pradhan, Ward Members, BDO, and Karma Welfare Team. In Clement Town, efforts were strengthened through collaboration with NSS volunteers from Graphic Era Hill University and students from Graphic Era Deemed to be University, along with support from the Cantonment Board and Forest Department. These initiatives combined multiple clean-up drives with over 150 community engagement. Installation of three signboards, along with other preventive measures, helped ensure long-term accountability and discourage further dumping.



Signboard Installation in Clement Town, Dehradun



Pranjal Singh conducted sessions with students as part of the YUWA Micro Grants initiative.

YUWA Micro Grants

5 youth-led projects supported • ₹87,000 disbursed • 1,107 people engaged

Through interventions like the YUWA Micro Grants, youth were able to implement community projects related to waste and climate independently. It supported youth-led ideas addressing sustainability challenges, enabling young people aged 15–30 in Dehradun to move from awareness to action. In this cycle, five projects were implemented across schools, colleges, communities, and institutional spaces, with ₹87,000 in funding along with guidance. These efforts engaged 1,107 individuals, diverted over 530 kg of waste, conducted 20+ awareness sessions, and enabled 96 climate actions.

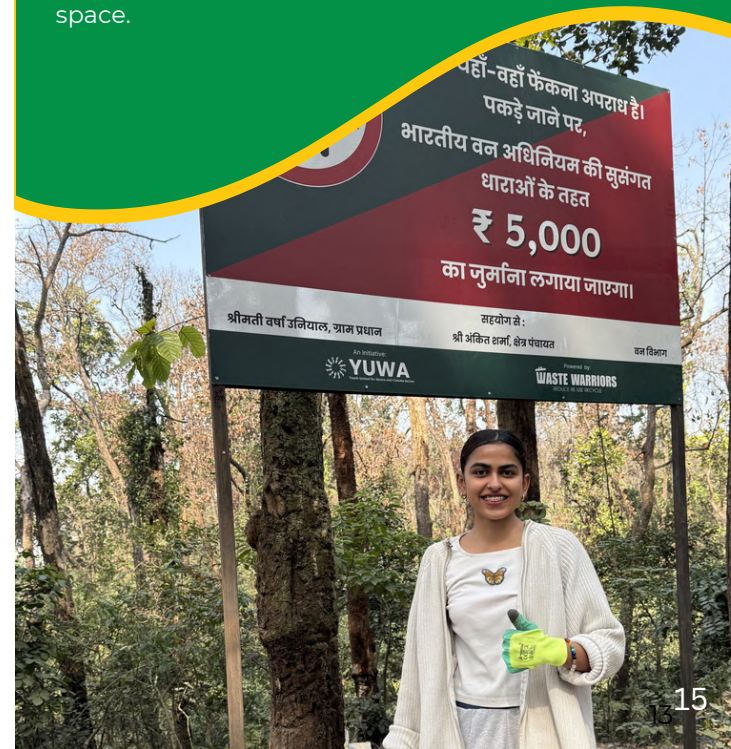
The five supported projects included Threads of Change by Sonali Chauhan (engaging homemakers on sustainable practices), SHUDDHI by Jahanvi Negi (promoting sustainable menstrual health), Bin it Right, Keep Nature Bright by Pranjal Singh (community waste management), Pranaa – The Green Clean by Pratiksha Saiyam (developing bio-enzyme cleaners from citrus waste), and Green Yatra by Prashant Bagiyal (environmental learning for school students).

Story of Change

Aastha Saini, a B.Sc. Forestry student from Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University, lives in Manduwala, where a forest area had turned into an informal dumping site. She engaged with YUWA through Climate Chaupal, strengthening her understanding of environmental action. Disturbed by the waste dumping in a natural space, Aastha chose to act and reached out to Waste Warriors for guidance. She connected with the Village Pradhan, Ward Members, and local stakeholders to build support and mobilize the community.

"It is the start of transformation to a cleaner and greener environment. I wish to continue working like this"

Leading multiple clean-up drives, she united youth and residents, diverting a total of 230 kg of waste in December 2025 and January 2026. Her consistent efforts led to an installation of signboard and 2 trees (Silver Oak and Jamun Tree) tree guards in February 2026, transforming the site into a cleaner, protected space.

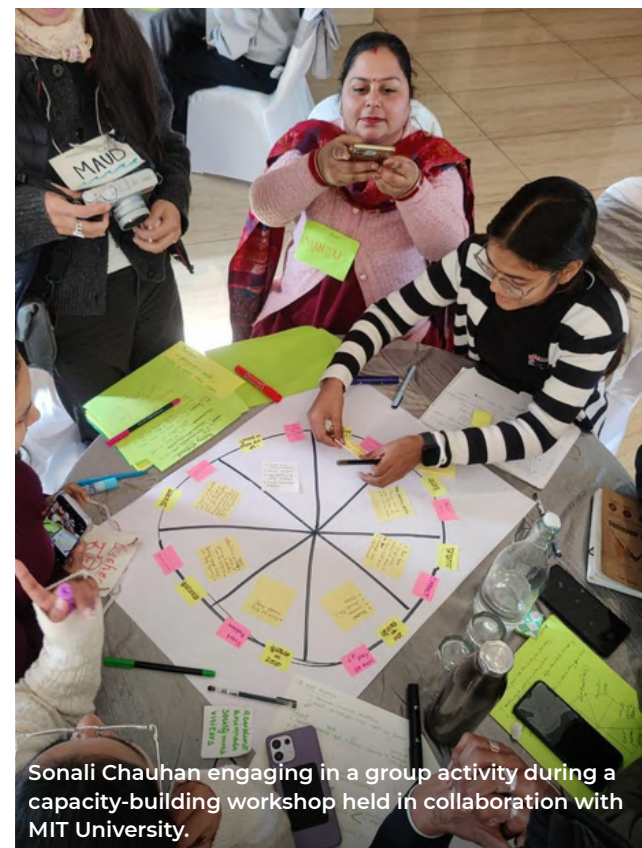


Linking Youth to Opportunities

33 Youth Engaged • 21 Linked to Internships & Fellowships • 12 Exposure & Capacity Opportunities

At YUWA, youth are not only encouraged to take action but also to learn and grow through meaningful experiences. This year, 33 youth actively explored pathways, with 21 linked to internships and fellowships, 6 engaged through volunteering, and 6 accessing exposure and capacity-building opportunities. These experiences are helping youth understand climate risks and their role in addressing them.

Through internships and volunteering, youth are gaining practical skills such as communication, working in professional environments, and organizing community initiatives. Fellowships and exposure opportunities are further strengthening their problem-solving abilities, critical thinking, and understanding of the climate sector. This approach ensures that youth are not just taking action, but are also building the skills needed to sustain that action over time.



Story of Growth

Saumya Rana's Journey to the ICON Fellowship

Saumya Rana's journey with Waste Warriors began in 2024 when she joined YUWA as an intern. Even after her internship ended, she stayed connected through volunteering, continuing to contribute to ongoing initiatives. In 2025, she returned as an intern with greater clarity and confidence, taking on leadership roles such as managing a clean-up site during the Largest Mountain Clean-up and mobilizing over 40 participants.

Through the YUWA Uttarakhand network, she discovered the ICON Fellowship and was selected after a rigorous process. She is currently based at The Himalayan Habre Center in Taplejung, eastern Nepal. Her project, Vriksh Mandala, focuses on restoring degraded land through a community-driven approach inspired by balance and sustainability. Alongside this, she engaged in learning spaces like the ICSE Conference and green jobs workshop, expanding her exposure to the climate sector. Her journey from intern to fellow reflects how consistent learning, opportunities, and support can enable youth to transition towards meaningful careers in the climate and sustainability sector.

Saurmya Rana (L), currently residing in Taplejung, Nepal, during her fellowship.

YUWA Fest

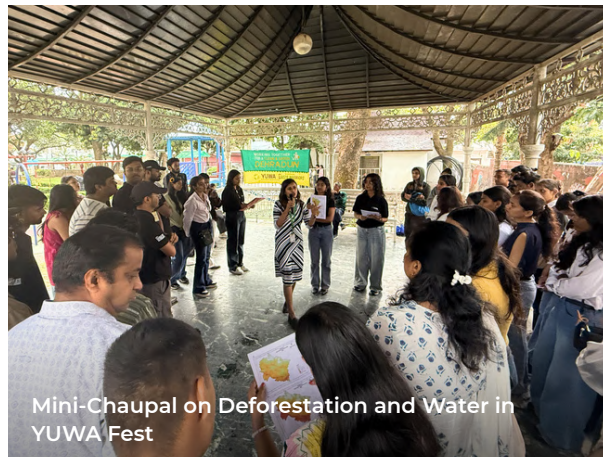
531 participants

YUWA fest is conducted once a year and this year we conducted fest on 29th March in MDDA Park with over 500 participants. In YUWA Fest we celebrate youth actions and bring like-minded youth together, with changemakers volunteering across spaces and presenting their climate journeys.

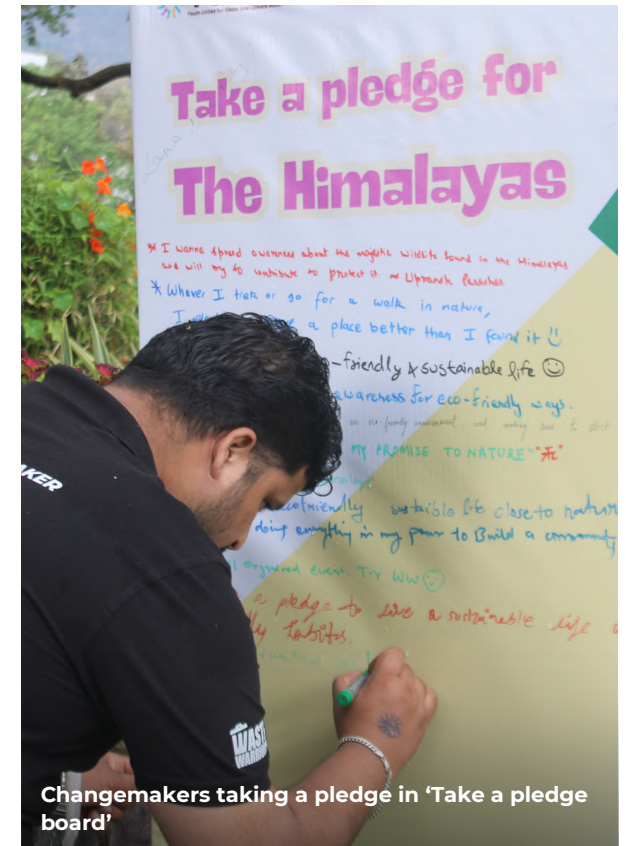
We had different parallel spaces this time like **Youth Voices** where 7 youth shared their “Climate Journey (Youth ka safar)”, a **Mini-Chaupal** on Deforestation and Water, interactive **games**, sustainability and food stalls including two stalls by YUWA changemakers, a photo gallery titled **'Reconnecting with Nature'** showcasing local flora & fauna along with a nursery encouraging people to adopt a plant, a book stall and many more and receptivity of the YUWA movement in Dehradun



'Reconnecting with Nature' lead by Kalash Thapa



Mini-Chaupal on Deforestation and Water in YUWA Fest



Changemakers taking a pledge in 'Take a pledge board'



Devasthali performing in YUWA Fest

Story of Roots & Rhythms

The fest ended with a vibrant performance by Devasthali which is one of Uttarakhand's folk artist group. Devasthali uses music as a tool for awareness, reviving local traditions, promoting eco-conscious living, and inspiring youth to take pride in their cultural roots. Blending traditional Pahadi rhythms with contemporary sounds, Devasthali brought stories of the mountains to the stage.

As soon as the performance started the entire space turned into a celebration with youth dancing and enjoying together on songs of different culture, history and folk lores.

But the message was clear that, “As we see the destruction caused by the development across Indian Himalayan Region we often forget the importance of old tradition. These old traditions were not only simple but also deeply rooted in sustainable practices. Through Fest we not only celebrates the achievements we have in the year but it also is an reminder of how far we have come in one year and still there are miles to cover before we achieve our goal.”



From our Funder

Write about the funder here : SAP , with Dimpy Picture

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But the message was clear that, "As we see the destruction caused by the development across Indian Himalayan Region we often forget the importance of old tradition. These old traditions were not only simple but also deeply rooted in sustainable practices. Through Fest we not only celebrates the achievements we have in the year but it also is an remainder of how far we have come in one year and still there are miles to cover before we achieve our goal."

Our Esteemed Partners

Thankful to all our partners for their guidance, support and commitment!



SOCIAL MEDIA & FILMS



Social Media

Social media has become a powerful space where movements grow, voices connect and stories travel far. For yuwa4himalayas, it has been more than just a digital presence it has become a living platform for youth.

Last year, the journey began with a little over 1,000+ followers. This year, the community has grown to 1,900+, showing that more and more young people are choosing to engage, learn and act for the environment.

Young people from different parts of the Himalayas come together here to connect, exchange ideas and share the actions they are taking for the environment. Stories of young changemakers, along with updates from campaigns and events, keep the spirit of the movement alive online.

Over time, this space has become much more than just a page. It has turned into a community of young voices, inviting others to follow the journey, share their own stories and join hands in protecting our planet.



Watch Australian filmmaker, Brodie Hopkins, cover our work as part of his Protect the World series on wildlife and conservation.



Watch how a young woman from Dehradun who takes her #FirstStep towards change.

We're in the NEWS!

Our initiatives have received media recognition, amplifying the visibility of youth-led climate action.

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YUWA movement continues to build a community of young problem solvers; empowering them to lead climate action initiatives. We are blessed to have a committed community of changemakers working towards a sustainable future. With growing momentum, we remain committed to building pathways for climate action, learning, community engagement and green opportunities driven by the belief that youth are drivers of solutions to the waste & climate crises.

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