



ICYO- Youth Information

(E-Newsletter from network of youth organizations in India)

ICYO - Platform of 411 Youth Organizations in India.

ICYO - India's largest network of urban and rural youth.

Asian Youth Council's General Assembly held

ICYO elected as Dy Secretary General.

The General Assembly (GA) of Asian Youth Council (AYC) was held from 29th to 31st July 2011 in Manila, Philippines and hosted by National Youth Commission, Philippines. The welcome speech was delivered by Mr Usec. Leon G. Flores III, Chairman, National Youth Commission, Office of the President of Philippines. The opening remarks were delivered by the Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamd Khir Bin Toyo, President, Asian Youth Council.



New Executive Committee of AYC, Mr Ravi Narayan, ICYO (right)

During the GA the election of office bearers was also held and Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamd Khir Bin Toyo was re-elected the President of AYC. Mr Ravi Narayan of Indian Committee of Youth Organizations (ICYO) is now Deputy Secretary General of Asian Youth Council (AYC).

One Asia Forum 2011 – Roundtable Discussion



Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamd Khir Bin Toyo,
President AYC

The Roundtable Discussion was the add-on in series of One Asia Forum held every year.

This year roundtable of One Asia was focused on two issues. First was 'Asian Youth Mainstreaming' and second was 'Asian Youth Internationalization'.

The Roundtable was addressed by Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamd Khir Bin Toyo, representative of all participating organization around the Asia including India.

The Roundtable was attended by AYC members from all over Asia and Philippines Youth Parliament representatives. ICYO attended the event and shared the India experience.

International Youth Year Events by CYP Asia Centre:

International Youth Year officially ended on 12th August 2011 on the International Youth Day. Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), Asia Center organized three events to mark its closure of IYY. This includes Seminar on Youth Volunteerism; Asian Workshop on Leadership and Advocacy and Seminar on International Youth Day.

1. Seminar on Youth Volunteerism



A one day seminar on Youth Volunteerism was held on 09 August 2011, at the UN Conference Hall, New Delhi. The Seminar was jointly organized by the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), Asia Center, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and United Nations Volunteers (UNV).

The aim of the seminar was to mark the conclusion of International Year of Youth, and observance of the International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10), first observed in 2001 as per a mandate given by the UN General Assembly with the objective to enhance the recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteer service.

The seminar was inaugurated by Mr. Rakesh Mohan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Youth & Sports. GOI. He gave the detail account of government led youth organizations in detail. Earlier, Mr Raj K Mishra, Regional Director, Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), Asia Center, welcomes the guests and participants. He

gave the background of series of event planned by CYP. Mr Stazin Dawa, Programme Manager, CYP proposed the vote of thanks.



The Seminar discussed on - Current situation of youth volunteerism; Youth volunteerism and MDGs; Law & policies on youth volunteerism; enabling environment for youth Volunteerism; Good practices on youth volunteerism.

ICYO nominated the seven youth to attend the events are includes Mr Aashish Arora, Core Member, The Difference; Ms Aanshika Puri, Activist, The Difference; Ms.Nandini, Coordinator, Kutumb; Mr.Kapil, Director, Kutumb; Mr. A, Chauhan, Member, Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM); Ms. Alisha Anthony, Member, ICYM; Mr. Abdul Shakeel, Coordinator, HAQ. Mr Ravi Narayan of ICYO

also attended the event.

2. Asian Workshop on Leadership and Advocacy

The two-day capacity building programme organized by Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), Asia Center in New Delhi on 10-11 August 2011 for capacity building in the field of Leadership and Advocacy of Asian Youth Leaders.

The workshop was attended by CYP's Regional Youth Caucus members/youth leaders from Commonwealth Asian countries and representatives of youth organizations from Asian Commonwealth countries.

Indian Committee of Youth Organizations (ICYO) nominated the youth to attend the workshop to share their experiences, includes Mr. A Chauhan, Member Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM); Ms. Alisha Anthony, Member ICYM; Mr.Devendra, Member, Kendriya Arya Yuva Parishad; Mr. Abdul Shakeel, Coordinator, HAQ.

3. Seminar on Int. Youth Day: 12th August 2011



The One-day seminar was organized to mark the celebration of International Youth Year. The seminar focused on central theme "Dialogue and Mutual Understanding" with a sub-theme "Our Year Our Voice". The event was organized by CYP, Asia Centre at British Council in New Delhi on 12 August 2011.

Mr Raj K Misra, Regional Director, CYP Asia Centre welcomes the guests and participants. Mr Rob

Lynes, Director, British Council also addresses the participants.

Mr Mani Shankar Aiyar, former Union Minister and MP gave the inaugural address. Mr Stanzin Dawa, Programme Manager CYP Asia Centre proposed the vote of thanks.



The events attended by youth leaders from Commonwealth Asian countries and representatives of youth organizations.

ICYO nominated the youth from Delhi to attend the event including Mr. A Chauhan, Member ICYM; Ms. Alisha Anthony, Member ICYM; Mr. Devendra, Member, Kendriya Arya Yuva Parishad; Mr. Aashish Arora, Core Member, The Difference; Ms Aanshika Puri, Activist, The Difference; Mr. Abdul Shakeel, coordinator, HAQ. Mr Ravi Narayan of ICYO also attended the event.

RGNIYD Celebrate its 4th Foundation Day



The Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD) celebrated 4th Foundation Day on 2nd & 3rd September 2011 in its campus in Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.

RGNIYD organized 13 events on this occasion. The main function was the Foundation Day Lecture on 3rd September 2011 and was delivered by Shri Ajay Maken, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports. Mr Maken lecture mainly government programmes and activities. He also mentioned about his speech in High Level Meeting held in New York and organized by United Nations.

Other events organized to mark the Foundation Day are: Sadbhavana Cycle Rally, Carrier Mela, Youth Film Festival, Youth Talent Exhibition, Adolescent Mela, Sport Events, Cultural and variety Entertainment Programmes, Inauguration of NSS Unit, Mainstreaming Youth in Local Governance, National Seminar on Youth and Volunteerism, National Campaign to Reach the unreached, Alumni Association and YDA.

ICYO represented by Mr Vijay Bharatiya and Mr Ravi Narayan to witness the celebration.



Mr Maken is Addressing the YDA Gathering.
Mr Vijay Bharatiya of ICYO (extreme right)
with others

India's Foreign Office to Get Youth Boost

In a pioneering initiative, External Affairs Ministry is set to open its doors to young scholars for an internship programme that will enable it to tide over manpower crunch in the short run and help augment much-needed research capacity in the formulation of foreign policy.

"The internship programme will provide an opportunity for the officers of the ministry to interact with young thinking minds with brilliant academic record from reputed institutions," the External Affairs Ministry said here Wednesday, 3rd August, while advertising the programme.

It promises to be a win-win arrangement. "Ideas from budding scholars will prove to be of importance to the practitioners of diplomacy in the ministry," the ministry said.

"At the same time, it will provide the interns with an excellent opportunity to familiarise themselves with the process of the foreign policy formulation in government of India," the ministry said.

The programme, valid for a maximum period of six months, will be open to all Indian citizens with at least a degree in humanities. The interns will be attached to a territorial division of the ministry and will be required to present a report or paper at the end of their internship to the Head of Division.

Interns will be carefully scrutinized by a selection committee and will be accepted after a security clearance.

With India's global footprints expanding and New Delhi increasingly being seen as an emerging global power, the workload on the Indian diplomatic corps has grown manifold. (From India News/IANNS)

CYP Proposes Professional Association for Youth Development Workers

Representatives from the regional centres of the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) have proposed establishing a professional association for youth development workers in the Commonwealth, as part of a wider strategy to ensure young people is empowered to contribute to development and democracy. The meeting which looks at the future of Commonwealth youth development workers was held in London from 22 to 24 August 2011.

The regional representatives also discussed the future of the youth work training offered by CYP through its diploma course.

Regional representatives recommended that the training be moved online so it can be more accessible to youth development workers around the Commonwealth. The meeting agreed greater use of e-learning facilities and a pilot version of the Commonwealth Youth Development Diploma will be available through e-learning facilities as early as October 2011. CYP plans to use e-learning facilities to provide more support for youth workers in their communities.

The American India Foundation highlights skill development in India

"Skilling India's Youth" addressed poignant topics for India including how the youth of the country must be armed with marketable skills for India to compete in the global world economy

The American India Foundation (AIF), in collaboration with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), held its third national knowledge seminar on skill development entitled "Skilling India's Youth: Successes, Lessons, and the Way Forward" at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on August 3, 2011.

The annual seminar, which brought various skill sector experts from around the country together, was especially notable this year as Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India, attended and delivered the keynote address to an audience of training providers, governmental agencies, employers and non-profit organizations.

"Skilling India's Youth" addressed poignant topics for India including how the youth of the country must be armed with marketable skills for India to compete in the global world economy. Particularly discussed was the way in which stakeholders, including the governmental organizations and NGOs, will address the emerging challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for providing skills training to unemployed youth. Additionally, ways to present innovative delivery approaches and facilitate private-public partnerships to expand skill building capacity in India were debated as some of the best practices in the field were shared.

AIF CEO Dr. Sanjay Sinho remarked, "As India continues to grow and evolve in the 21st century, it still faces significant issues with unemployed youth. We hope today's event can be a jumping-off point for knowledge sharing between organizations that allows all important information to be collective, because it will take many actors to be a part of the solution."

National Integration Youth Camp

National Youth Project will organize the National Integration Youth Camp in Shanti Niketan, West Bengal. The camp will be held from September 21st to 28th, 2011. Five hundred youth expected from all over India to attend the event.

During the Camp, the NSS Day will also be celebrated and expected 500 NSS volunteers to join the event. For more detail, please contact ICYO secretariat.

National children's Festival

The National Youth Project is organizing the National Children Festival from 6-10 November 2011 in Sonapat, Haryana. The Children of age 8 to 12 year can participate (one adult escort must be every group of five children). For participation contact ICYO.

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Indian Committee of Youth Organizations (ICYO) is a registered non-profit, non-governmental network organization, committed in developing areas of mutual cooperation and understanding among different youth voluntary agencies, youth groups, clubs and individuals working in the field of youth welfare in India. ICYO functions as an umbrella organization of youth NGOs in India. It's family consists of over 389 organizations spread in 124 districts of 26 states from different corners of India.

Our goal:

To improve and extend the youth work and services through Youth Organizations;
To enhance and demonstrate youth work in the society;
To promote effective youth programme;
To organize network of civil society organizations working towards the development of youth work;
To organize seminars, conferences, workshops, trainings;
To maintain international relation with organizations promoting young people in their programme and activities

Affiliation:

Consultative (Roster) Status with ECOSOC, United Nations;
Consultative Status with Commission on Sustainable Development;
Full Member of World Assembly of Youth (WAY); Asian Youth Council (AYC);
Member of CRIN;
Member of South Asia Youth Environment Network (SAYEN);
Affiliate with ECPAT International, Thailand;
Member of ATSECE-DELHI;
Working relation with International Medical Parliamentarians Organizations (IMPO);
Working relation with Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD).