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Message from the Yi National Chairman



ARUN RATHOD
National Chairman

It is truly an honour to serve this movement, and I thank each one of you for contributing not just your time and energy but your belief in Yi. Yi has never been just a platform, it is a shared responsibility carried by young Indians who understand that leadership is about action, integrity and commitment to something larger than ourselves.

India is at a defining moment for young, ambitious and moving forward with confidence. Yet real progress is not measured only by growth but by the character of its people- how responsible we are, how inclusive we become and how consciously we lead. That is where Yi holds a unique role. Every initiative we undertake is not merely an activity but a signal that young Indians are ready to step up with empathy, discipline, and purpose.

In 2026, our focus sharpens through meaningful national initiatives. We will work towards strengthening sports infrastructure in rural India to empower youth and build champions. A nationwide Civic Sense Program will engage school children, shaping responsible behaviour early in life. We will strive to make railway stations more accessible for the specially abled, reinforcing dignity and inclusivity. Youth and communities will be encouraged to take pride in maintaining Indian heritage sites, preserving our shared legacy. Centres of Excellence will be developed to nurture youth who think nation first, while a structured point-based nation-building program will recognise meaningful contributions. Together, we will also pursue international & national record-setting efforts that showcase the scale and spirit of Yi impact.

What makes Yi special is not only what we do, but how we do it : we collaborate, we listen and we build for the long term. Every chapter, member and volunteer plays a role in this journey. Nation-building is not done by a few loud voices but through many consistent actions. Leadership begins with self-discipline, being prepared, respectful, punctual and accountable. Before asking society to change, we must reflect that change ourselves.

Let us choose meaningful engagement over visibility, legacy over applause, and contribution over recognition. Yi is not about what we gain; it is about what we give back. When the future looks back at this generation, let it be said we chose responsibility over comfort, purpose over position and nation over self.

Thank you for your commitment and belief in Yi. Together, let us continue building One Bharat. One Spirit.



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Message from the Yi National Vice-Chairman



ANUJ AGARWAL
National Vice
Chairman

As we begin a new year, I feel both proud and optimistic about the direction in which Yi is moving.

What truly defines Yi is not the scale of our activities, but the spirit with which our members come together to learn, to contribute and to grow collectively.

Yi is a ecosystem where leadership is practiced every day. It is seen in the member who volunteers time beyond business commitments, in chapters that collaborate across regions, and in Yuva students who take their first step toward responsible citizenship.

These everyday actions create the real strength of our movement.

This year brings an opportunity to deepen not just impact, but participation. Our national initiatives across rural sports infrastructure, civic sense among school children, accessibility, heritage preservation, youth leadership development and structured nation-building programs will succeed only when chapters take ownership and members bring ideas to life locally. The true power of Yi lies in translating national vision into grassroots action.

As leaders, our responsibility is also to build strong systems, better management and meaningful engagement across chapters. When we share knowledge, mentor young leaders, and support one another, we move from isolated efforts to collective progress.

Yi's journey is not about individual recognition; it is about collective credibility. Each initiative we undertake during the year will reflects the values we stand for — integrity, inclusiveness, and responsibility.

Let us continue to strengthen one another, welcome new members with openness and keep the spirit of learning active. When young leaders connect with purpose, the impact goes far beyond projects as it shapes mindsets.

I look forward to working closely with all of you as we make 2026 a year of deeper engagement, stronger partnerships and meaningful outcomes. Together, let us continue building a connected, capable and responsible Yi community.



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Yi One Bharat | Spirit Theme 2026

We are a nation of 1.4 billion dreams, but our spirit is one—focused, determined, and relentlessly future-ready. Young Indians stands united in its mission to shape a developed Bharat, driven by the collective energy of youth who believe in possibility and action.

India's strength lies in its incredible diversity—different regions, different cultures, different ideas, and different ways of creating impact. Young Indians reflects this vibrant mosaic.

Each chapter brings its own processes, voice, and style of execution, yet our spirit remains one.

United by purpose, connected by intent, and driven by a shared passion for nation-building, we move forward together.

One Nation, One Spirit is our collective commitment to build a better, stronger, more inclusive Bharat.



IMPACT REPORT JANUARY 2026

NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES: 396

3481

MEMBERS ENGAGED



MEMBERSHIP

GROW • BOND • ENGAGE • LEARN



39377

SCHOOL STUDENTS

20000

COLLEGE STUDENTS



RURAL INITIATIVES

Young Indians
WE CAN WE WILL

821

RURAL CITIZENS

ROAD SAFETY

INITIATIVES BY Yi

GUWAHATI

Key Road Safety Initiatives

The Yi Guwahati Chapter is advancing road safety awareness across Assam through impactful initiatives. In partnership with the Assam State Transport Department, the flagship Chhota Cop Program, endorsed by Transport Minister Shri Charan Boro, aims to reach over 400,000 school students statewide, building early awareness of road safety and responsible citizenship. Distribution and collection of Chhota Cop report cards is currently underway. Complementing this, the Farishtey Awareness Campaign saw Yi Guwahati collaborate with Assam Downtown University to produce a film promoting the Good Samaritan Law. First screened at a Bodoland rally, the film is now being prepared for national rollout.



Dehradun, Uttarakhand, भारत



ROAD SAFETY

INITIATIVES BY Yi

DEHRADUN

Road Safety Awareness Campaign by Yi Dehradun

Yi Dehradun conducted a citywide road safety awareness campaign targeting industrial workers, commuters, students, and youth. Hoardings in industrial zones and markets reached over 50,000 workers and 20,000–25,000 daily commuters. Road safety videos screened in cinemas engaged around 27,000 viewers and were further shared across Yuva platforms and colleges. The initiative also connected with 10,000 school students and 15,000 youth, promoting responsible road behavior. Through coordinated outreach across multiple touchpoints, Yi Dehradun created strong citywide visibility and impact, reinforcing the importance of road safety among diverse sections of the community.

ROAD SAFETY

INITIATIVES BY Yi

KARUR

Road Safety Rally Organized by Yi Karur

Yi Karur with the Karur District Police, organised a large Road Safety Rally with over 1,100 Thalir school students, 900 college students, 100 Yi members, 50 police personnel, and factory staff. The rally introduced the Chhota Cop Card and included a Road Safety Pledge.

Hon'ble MLA V. Senthil Balaji, SP Josh Thangaiah, and Collector Thangavel, IAS, attended, reinforcing the district's commitment to safer roads and youth awareness.



ROAD SAFETY

INITIATIVES BY Yi

NASHIK

Road Safety Awareness Activities by Yi Nashik

Yi Nashik Road Safety began its activities with a field visit to a sugar factory in Sangamner. Eighteen volunteers identified nearly 400 tractors and bullock carts without reflectors. The team installed reflector tape on 150 vehicles, improving visibility and compliance.

Volunteers also educated over 50 drivers on road safety practices and the Samaritan Law. The visit concluded with a learning interaction at the factory.



ROAD SAFETY

Awareness Activities by Yi

HUBLI

Yi Hubli, with Hubli Dharwad Traffic Police, organised the **“Kids Bicycle Rally – Pedal to Stay Safe”** on 18 January 2026, promoting road safety among children aged 6–14. Over 500 cyclists, including 413 children, participated. Helmets were mandatory, with 135 provided by Yi.

Sessions covered traffic rules, cycling benefits, and basic first aid



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Yi Bengaluru Chapter under the Entrepreneurship Vertical – Rural Initiatives conducted the Udyami Naari program, impacting 68 rural women entrepreneurs. The session built awareness on government schemes, financial inclusion, and livelihood opportunities. Schemes like MUDRA and Udyayogini were explained simply.

A hands-on “My Business; My Loan” mock dossier helped participants understand documentation and eligibility, while interactive discussions enabled women to share business ideas, financial needs, and challenges confidently.

Yi Raipur hosted Venture Connect Day under the Entrepreneurship Vertical, engaging 50 Members and 35 Yuva. The event fostered entrepreneurship through insights on startup investing, a fireside chat with Rahul Gope (Oyela), and a panel featuring leading investors and industry experts. The day concluded with a Demo Session where seven early-stage startups — Intellimint, Visomni, Chikookids, Softwired, Decatho, MUNO AI, and Erkey Motors — pitched their ventures to the investor panel.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Yi Gurugram collected 182 kg of e-waste in January, reinforcing its commitment to responsible recycling and climate action. By ensuring safe disposal of discarded wires, devices, and electronic components, the initiative supports a cleaner, more sustainable environment and reflects Yi's focus on turning collective intent into measurable environmental impact.



RURAL INITIATIVES

Yi Durg hosted a two-day Kabaddi Tournament on 24–25 January 2026 at Village Parikhurd, Rajnandgaon, with over 40 teams participating. The event celebrated sportsmanship and community spirit while also conducting an anti-drug awareness campaign, promoting a healthy, active, and addiction-free lifestyle among youth and local communities.

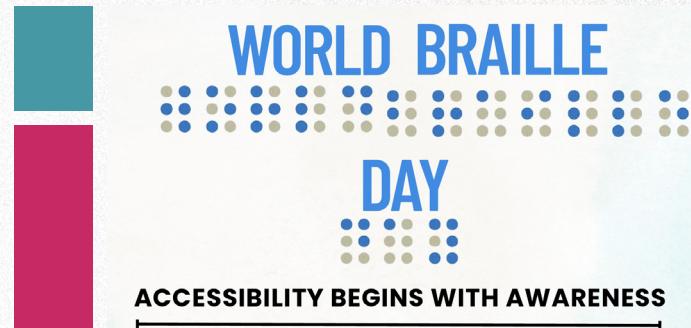
Yi Karur in association with Startup TN, launched the Village Startup Community on 5 January 2026 to promote awareness of government schemes for rural innovators. The Panchayat President supported the initiative, which focuses on identifying, mentoring, and empowering village innovators and linking them to Startup TN grants of ₹1 lakh per village.



ACCESSIBILITY

Yi Kanpur organised the Inclusion Fest under the Accessibility Vertical, celebrating ability and inclusion. Three candidates were placed through Project Smile, with 24 shortlisted. Special children showcased creativity at Adrishya Karawan. A panel with school principals discussed practical steps toward inclusive education, reinforcing Yi's commitment to equal opportunities.

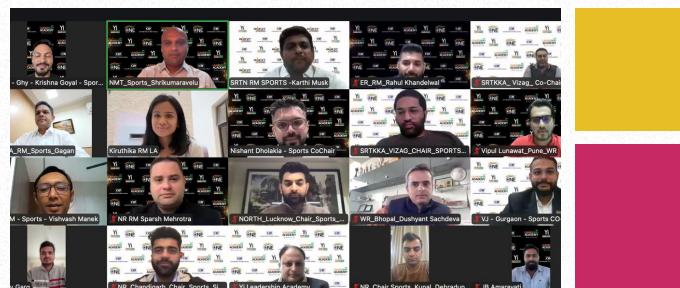
Marking World Braille Day, Yi Chennai's Accessibility Vertical led an experiential campaign encouraging students nationwide to learn Braille and write their names. The simple, zero-cost activity saw 3,000+ participants and strong peer-led adoption. By turning awareness into hands-on experience, the initiative made inclusion personal and relatable, aligning with Yi's CMP pillars of youth engagement and inclusive nation-building while demonstrating how small, action-driven ideas can create meaningful national impact.



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



The Yi Leadership Academy for EC Members was held from 5-7 January 2026 virtually had brought together over 1,700 leaders from 70+ cities under the unifying vision of One Bharat, One Spirit. The three-day initiative focused on the theme Aligning Leadership, Sharpening Impact. Through focused vertical sessions and national priorities, leaders strengthened collaboration, clarity and execution emerging with a unified voice, stronger organisational alignment and a renewed commitment to nation-building initiatives.



Yi PATHFINDER 2026

Strategic Planning Activity
Across Chapters



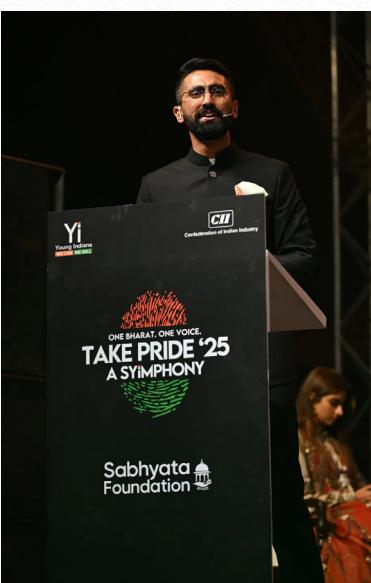
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Yi NATIONAL SUMMIT 2025- TAKEPRIDE

19th-20th December 2025



The 22nd Young Indians (Yi) National Summit – Take Pride 2025, held on 19–20 December 2025 in New Delhi, emerged as a flagship national platform bringing together young leaders, policymakers, industry stalwarts, thinkers and cultural icons from across the country. Anchored in the theme of Take Pride, the Summit focused on constitutional values, leadership, nation-building and India's evolving global role, reaffirming Yi's commitment to nurturing responsible, ethical and purpose-driven youth leadership.



The Summit opened with a ceremonial lamp lighting and context setting by Mr Tarang Khurana, National Chairman, Young Indians, along with other dignitaries. In his address, he articulated the core theme of the Summit, underscoring civic responsibility, democratic values and the critical role of youth as custodians of India's constitutional and civilisational ethos.

The opening plenary on Constitutional Values and Civic Duties: A Roadmap for Responsible Youth, chaired by Dr Seema Kaul Singh, Director, Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies, alongside former Hon'ble Members of Parliament Ms Meenakshi Lekhi and Ms Sunita Duggal, positioned the Constitution as a living moral framework. The discussion highlighted informed citizenship, civic engagement and youth participation as essential pillars for sustaining India's democratic institutions.

Leadership and entrepreneurship were explored in Scaling Organizations to Build Brand India at the Global Stage. Opening remarks by Ms Jyotsna Singh Agarwal, Chair – Masoom, Young Indians, set the context for a dialogue between Dr Surabhi Sahai, MD & CEO, Possible Education Pvt. Ltd., and Mr Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Founder & Executive Vice Chairman, Info Edge. The conversation emphasised ethical leadership, resilience, innovation and the long-term responsibility of Indian enterprises in shaping globally respected institutions.



A special in-conversation session with Shri Sanjay Seth, Hon'ble Minister of State for Defence, Government of India, moderated by Mr Anuj Agarwal, National Vice Chairman-Designate, Young Indians, focused on India's expanding defence ecosystem, opportunities for youth in defence manufacturing and innovation, and the importance of national service.



The session India – Perceptions vs Reality, featured Dr Anand Ranganathan and encouraged participants to confidently articulate India's pluralistic strengths while challenging prevailing global narratives.



A keynote address by Mr BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog, highlighted India's development roadmap and the role of youth-led institutions in translating policy vision into grassroots impact. This was complemented by an address from Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, who spoke on skilling, entrepreneurship and preparing future-ready youth.



The Summit also featured an engaging session with Indian actress Ms Tannishtha Chatterjee, who shared insights from her journey, emphasising discipline, resilience and self-belief. Leadership perspectives continued with Dr Shashi Tharoor, who spoke on Bharat's strate-

gic identity, global positioning and soft power, urging youth to engage internationally while remaining rooted in Indian values. Leadership expert Mr Prakash Iyer highlighted storytelling as a tool for authenticity and influence.



A significant milestone was the signing of a Letter of Intent between Young Indians and UNICEF, marking a shared commitment to advancing child rights and youth-led solutions. Thematic sessions concluded with an address by Col Shivender Kunwar, Ex-Para Special Forces, on leadership under pressure and purpose-driven living.

The Summit culminated with the Yi Annual Session 2025 at Purana Qila, reflecting on milestones, institutional impact and the year's journey. Mr Tarang Khurana presented key achievements, followed by an in-conversation with Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry. The session included introspection, recognition of outstanding leaders and chapters, release of the Yi Annual Report 2025 and the announcement of the incoming national leadership for setting a confident tone for the future.

YI INTERNATIONAL LEARNING MISSION TO OXFORD- SAID BUSINESS SCHOOL

8th-12th December 2025



The Yi International Learning Mission to Oxford – Saïd Business School brought together 32 Yi delegates for an intensive five-day programme exclusively designed for Yi members, with the objective of shaping future-ready leaders.

The programme challenged participants to think boldly, lead with purpose and act strategically. Through sessions on entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence, innovation, leadership, family business, communication and market dynamics, delegates were encouraged to question conventional approaches and explore new frameworks for decision-making and problem-solving.

Immersive classroom learning was complemented by workshops, ecosystem exposure and rich peer-to-peer dialogue, creating an environment that fostered deeper insights into sustainable growth and responsible leadership.

The experience struck a thoughtful balance between reflection and application, enabling participants to translate learning into meaningful action within their organisations and communities.

The journey concluded with a certification ceremony at Oxford, reaffirming a shared commitment to leadership excellence, innovation and creating positive societal impact.

Yi UPCOMING ACTIVITES



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Quote of
the month

**Arise,
awake, stop
not till the
goal is
reached!**

Swami Vivekananda

