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Message from



Dear **Readers**,

This quarter has been an extraordinary testament to youth empowerment, showcasing the incredible efforts of passionate changemakers who are leading various initiatives. From vibrant plantation drives to the lively celebrations of **Global Handwashing Day**, and impactful river clean-up efforts during the colorful **Bali Jatra festival**, the energy has been palpable. A standout moment was when *Kauchal Chandrakar* and their dedicated team created an astonishing **10,000 seed balls**, truly exemplifying proactive climate leadership in action.

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the **Leading Eco-preneurs for Action and Development (L.E.A.D.)** programme & the third edition of **Young Climate Leaders Action Project (YCLAP 3.0)**. These two groundbreaking initiatives are meticulously designed to equip young innovators with essential green skills, empowering them to turn their visionary ideas into practical solutions for a sustainable future.

Moreover, we are excited to introduce the **“Walk and Talk” Climate Podcast**, which debuted in November, 2025. This engaging platform is dedicated to fostering enjoyable discussions around climate issues, making these important conversations accessible and fun for everyone involved. A heartfelt shoutout goes to our Youth Editor, *Ms. Pratyusha Bhattacharya*, for her invaluable contributions in shaping this edition and inspiring our readers to engage with these critical topics.

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Yours in action,

With gratitude & excitement,
The **Youth4Water Plus** Team 💙✨

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VOICES FROM THE GROUND

HOW ODISHA'S YOUTH SHAPED CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS @COP30

Stalin Nayak, Founder & CEO of PANTISS Group and Advisory Board Member of Youth4Water Plus, championed Odisha's youth at COP30 in city of Belém, Brazil. Focusing on WASH and community adaptation, he amplified priorities from the recent Odisha youth conference, such as youth inclusion in climate finance and skill-building.

Nayak connected local models with global funders and held a dedicated session with the Union Minister of Environment & Climate Change, GoI, regarding climate restoration in polluted districts of Odisha, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh. By showcasing PANTISS initiatives—such as abandoned mining land & waterbody restoration and WASHPreneur fellowships—as scalable templates, he strengthened ties between Odisha's changemakers and global actors, advocating for practical, youth-led climate action.



Leading Ecopreneurs for Action & Development

PROJECT L.E.A.D.

TURNING IDEAS INTO CLIMATE SOLUTIONS: THE LEAD INITIATIVE 2025

The LEAD Programme launched on 22 November 2025 at Hotel Excellency, Bhubaneswar, empowering youth ecopreneurs to create sustainable tech solutions. Supported by Youth4Water Plus partners, the event featured speakers Shipra Saxena (UNICEF-Odisha), Durga Prasad Gouda (AIC-Nalanda), Blorin Kumar Mohanty (BGVS-Odisha), and Sujit Mahapatra (Bakul Foundation).



Participants refined their ideas in a mentoring session with Mr. Pradeep Ghosal (Head of CSR at Odisha TATA Power and the Head of CSR at TP Central Odisha, and an Advisory Board Member, Youth4Water Plus) and Ms. Lipsa Beura (Founder of Beyond Waste and winner of an earlier *Meraki* edition supported by Youth4Water Plus).

Following the Youth4Water Plus and AIC-NITF "ThinkCamps" (15–27 October) across 9 universities, 10 top innovations were selected from 81 entries: WindowWatt, Solar Powered Precision Irrigation, Lateral Flow Assay for Childhood Diarrhoea Detection, AI-based Ayurveda Health Assessment, PUNRPUSHP, Algora Sips, MushGro, NutrinesT, Agrohive, and an IoT-based IV Fluid Monitoring System. These teams will now receive structured incubation to build real-world climate solutions.





SWACHHATA HI SEVA '25

YOUTH AND PARTNERS JOIN HANDS FOR A *CLEANER, GREENER* ODISHA

During Swachhata Hi Seva 2025, Youth4Water Plus and youth volunteers led clean-ups and awareness drives across Odisha, inspiring communities to adopt cleaner habits.

On 25 September 2025, Youth4Water Plus joined hands with BMC, Udyama, and the Kalinga Vihar Residential Association for a fun and impactful cleaning drive. Under the theme “*Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Sath*”, youth volunteers, residents, and sanitation workers cleared plastic, cleaned public spaces, and planted saplings, showing how teamwork can make our neighbourhoods greener and cooler.



Youth4Water Plus volunteers and STAR, led by Mr Kedar Nath Aruk, assisted the Saharapada Block Administration in Keonjhar with a plantation drive, road cleaning, and a health camp, involving SHG members, students, and PRI representatives to promote community engagement and a greener environment. The Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 campaign highlighted how empowered youth and partner NGOs can drive climate action and foster cleaner, greener communities across Odisha.

Plantation Drives: Youth volunteer Manoj Nayak and peers planted 100 fruit saplings in Jagatsinghpur, while youth-led drives in Khordha at Hi-Tech Institute, Gandamunda, and Gurujanga schools boosted community green action. A Mega Plantation Drive was led by Mr Pradeep Ghosal (TPCODL) with Youth4Water Plus volunteers and TPCODL staff, planting 50 saplings under the theme “*Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam*” to promote sustainability and personal responsibility.

Youth volunteers with Multipurpose Association for Reciprocal Service (MARS) planted Banyan and Peepal trees in Palang Gram Panchayat to protect coastal ecosystems and prevent soil erosion, with communities taking charge of plant monitoring as guided by Mr Bhaskar Pujari. Youth for Social Development (YSD) led a week-long drive across 32 Gram Panchayats, mobilising 1,230 people (including 455 youth) to plant 27.5K+ saplings near key community spaces, supported by MGNREGA, empowering youth as long-term plantation stewards.



🏠 Street Play and Household Plantation in Dhenkanal: On 24 September, Youth4Water Plus volunteers, along with the Indira Social Welfare Organisation conducted an awareness programme in Kamakhyanagar Block, Dhenkanal, featuring a 20-minute street play on tree plantation and youth responsibility towards nature. Following the performance, 37 households were motivated to plant saplings in their backyards, strengthening community ownership and participation.



SHAPING TOMORROW YCLAP

YOUTH INNOVATORS BEGIN THEIR YCLAP 3.0 JOURNEY

Youth Climate
Leaders **Action**
Project

The orientation for the newly selected youth innovators of YCLAP 3.0 took place on 30 November 2025 at the Bakul Foundation in Bhubaneswar. This event gathered enthusiastic Young Climate Leaders who were prepared to take action on climate and ecological security. The youth engaged with their mentors and former YCLAP innovators, gaining a solid understanding of the program's goals and opportunities.



Previous participants shared their inspiring journeys, motivating the new group to think creatively and work with confidence. Through interactive activities, teamwork exercises, and idea-sharing, the young participants forged strong connections. They also presented their climate project ideas and discussed an eight-month action plan aimed at promoting impactful youth-led climate action.

CLEAN HANDS, SAFER COMMUNITIES



STATEWIDE HYGIENE AWARENESS DRIVES ON GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

Youth4Water Plus marked Global Handwashing Day across Odisha through interactive hygiene sessions in schools and colleges. In Khordha, Biswajit Beura, Vibek Roy, Sidhanta Das and Sai Krishna Nayak led handwashing demonstrations at PN College and a government primary school.

Volunteers Pravash Mohapatra in Keonjhar and Rabindra Ku. Gamango and Ashok Sabar in Gajapati engaged students in learning safe handwashing practices, with hygiene oaths taken at select schools.

Partner organisations, Indian Society for Rural Development (ISRD) and Society for Tribal Affairs and Rehabilitation (STAR), led by Kedar Nath Aruk, conducted sessions across Ganjam, Gajapati and Nabarangpur districts. At CRP High School, students pledged to become hygiene champions by practising smart handwashing, using SATO Protect, avoiding unsafe food stalls and setting up mini handwash units in their communities.



YOUTH LEADING THE CHANGE!**Water, Food and Resilience** Tomorrow.

On 20 Sept 2025, Youth4Water Plus with UNICEF Odisha brought 50 young climate leaders to CYSD, Bhubaneswar. Experts Dr Sushant Kumar Swain, Mr Sourav Bhattacharjee, Ms Shipra Saxena, Mr Sanjay Kumar Sahoo (UNICEF Odisha), and Mr Durga Prasad Gouda (AIC-Nalanda Foundation) shared insights on water, nutrition, and climate-smart habits. Youth teams then designed action plans for water conservation and climate projects.

Respecting Culture & Environment

Maa Patadevi Temple, 28 Oct – 5 Nov 2025

Biswa Bhusan Jena (Youth4Water Plus) led a week-long pond clean-up before Kartika Purnima Danga Bhasa, inspiring temple priests, local youth, and Jeevan Seva Foundation members led by Haris Chandra Pattanaik.

Kauchal's Seed Ball Journey

Nuapada, 27 Nov 2025

On 27 Nov 2025, youth delegate Kauchal Chandrakar began his 10,000 seed ball mission, training students and driving youth action for forests and biodiversity.

Reviving Samantarapur Pond

Khordha, Post Kartika Purnima

Youth4Water Plus members Biswajit Beura, Priyanka Dakua, and Smruti Rekha Pradhan restored Samantarapur Pond, used by 1,000+ devotees, motivating community action.



PROTECTING THE MAHANADI

BALI JATRA RIVERBANK DRIVE

Bali Jatra 2025 Odisha, 5 – 12 November

From 5–12 November 2025, Odisha's iconic Bali Jatra lit up the Mahanadi riverbanks, kicking off on Kartika Purnima. With Boita boats, crafts, local food, and cultural performances, the festival celebrated Odisha's maritime pride and drew millions.

On 12 November, Youth4Water Plus, led by Aroop Kumar Deo, joined Red Cross volunteers, students, and the community for a cleanliness drive—celebrating culture while caring for nature.



TRAILS OF RESILIENCE

BARUNEI HILLS BIODIVERSITY TREK

Monsoon Trek

Barunei Hills, 4 Sep 2025

On 4 Sep 2025, Youth4Water Plus with Uydama took 43 youth and experts on a refreshing Monsoon Trek at Barunei Hills.

From 6:35–10:30 am, they explored biodiversity, did plogging, captured moments, and planted saplings—learning how nature strengthens climate resilience. The trek inspired youth to connect with nature and take small daily steps for environmental protection and climate action.



Sanitation4All

WORLD TOILET DAY RALLIES & WORKSHOPS

On World Toilet Day 2025, Youth4Water Plus engaged 85 NSS students at Chandaka HSS, Bhubaneswar, with Sri Biswa Mohan Jena (NSS-CHSE), Ms Sudhanshu Bala Sahoo (Principal), and Ms Shipra Saxena (WASH & CCES Specialist) leading workshops on hygiene and sanitation, followed by a student-led rally.



In Rangeilunda, Ganjam, YSD partnered with students, ASHA/Anganwadi workers, and officials for rallies and SBM++ awareness, promoting safe sanitation and cleaner communities.

World Toilet Day 2025 | Tulasidepur, Chandaka

On World Toilet Day 2025, Youth4Water Plus showcased a low-cost SATO toilet. Ms Shipra Saxena (WASH-CCES Specialist, UNICEF) encouraged regular toilet use, handwashing, and waste management, while local youth got hands-on training in toilet construction and upkeep.

World Toilet Day 2025 | Patharabandha (Urban Drive)

In Patharabandha, a sanitation rally led by Mr Sadasiv Swain (Secretary, CCWD) promoted clean toilets and healthy habits. Youth4Water Plus volunteers Dharmananda Sundaray and Subhrasima Mohanty helped the community turn awareness into action.



On 9th October of 2025, Youth4Water Plus volunteers cleaned plastic waste at Bindusagar Lake and engaged visitors on saving water, reducing pollution, and protecting urban lakes.



On 8th October of 2025, Saranya Mohanty, a Youth4Water Plus Volunteer, being guided by Subhrasima Mohanty (Behaviour and Communication Coordinator, Youth4Water Plus), led a seed ball workshop at Star Academy, Keonjhar, inspiring students to green their surroundings.

Building Safer Communities

EQUIPPING YOUTH FOR CRISIS RESPONSE



In November 2025, Youth4Water Plus empowered youth through specialized Disaster Risk Resilience trainings using the WASH Guardian Modules.

The initiative engaged 55 youth at Biswakarma Institute, Ganjam on November 19, followed by 71 students at the Anchalika Higher Secondary School, Jagannathprasad on November 27. These sessions highlighted the critical role of young people in disaster planning, relief, rescue, and first aid, equipping participants to respond confidently to crises & helping to build safer, more resilient communities.



BUILDING CLIMATE-READY VILLAGES THROUGH YOUTH ACTION

MOBILIZING STUDENTS FOR GRASSROOTS RESILIENCE AND LOCAL ADAPTATION



In November 2025, Youth4Water Plus partnered with NYP-Odisha to spearhead climate dialogues aiming to foster 'Climate-Ready Villages.' Under the guidance of S. Madhusudan Das (Convener, NYP Odisha), the initiative engaged a total of 219 young people, with sessions held at Rajkanika SN College on November 21 and Gopabandhu Choudhury Degree College on November 22. During these drives, Youth Volunteer Farhat Jahan played a pivotal role in motivating the students, inspiring new wave of local climate action & rural resilience.



Celebrating Solidarity

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY 2025

At CYST Campus in Bhubaneswar, over 100 enthusiastic young people took part in the event "Solidarity Through Volunteerism." Dr. Bhagaban Prakash, a noted writer and social thinker, inspired attendees to embrace climate-positive habits. Mr. Sai Krishna Nayak, a committed Youth Committee member, received the Best Volunteer Award for his outstanding leadership in climate initiatives.



Campus Action

CLIMATE AWARENESS WITH NSS UNITS

From Sept-Nov 2025, Youth4Water Plus brought climate action to campuses! PN College, Khordha hosted a session on 29 Sept with Pradeep Kumar Mohanty, and Panchayat HSS, Puri on 8 Nov was led by Mr Dharmananda Sundaray (Campaign Manager)—inspiring students to adopt everyday climate actions





Walk and Talk Podcast

CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS, SIMPLIFIED.

We are rewriting the script on climate change. In November 2025, Youth4Water Plus officially launched the “Walk and Talk” Climate Podcast—a new space dedicated to making climate chats fun, relatable, and jargon-free for the young changemakers like you.

Our mission? To turn “*Climate Anxiety*” into *Climate Leadership*.

Fresh on the Airwaves:

The Premiere: Turning Passion into Power feat. *Ms. Shipra Saxena* (UNICEF Odisha)

Ms. Saxena decodes modern youth leadership, proving you don't need a massive budget to make a difference. She shares a “masterclass in solutions,” unpacking simple habits that cut climate risks and help you become an architect of a resilient future.

Episode 2: Local Stories, Global Impact feat. *Mr. Pradeep Ghosal* (Advisor, Youth4Water Plus)

Mr. Ghosal strips away the complexity of “global warming.” He highlights local challenges and teaches us how to translate scary concepts into everyday language, showing us that our most powerful tool for inspiring change is our own voice.

Plug In and Power Up

The conversation has started, but it's incomplete without you. Whether you're walking to campus, riding the bus, or taking a break, tune in to hear how your peers and mentors are rewriting the climate script.

Watch the Episodes Now:

- **Episode 1:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtlzKb6SJEW>
- **Episode 2:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KAhir2jpZY>



Image: Poster of Episode 2







Mr. Durga Prasad Gouda
CEO, AIC-Nalanda

"Having worked with startups at AIC-Nalanda and Youth4Water Plus, I've seen how driven and capable our youth are. With the right guidance, they can lead impactful projects in agriculture, enterprise, and community development shaping a greener, brighter future."



Mr. Stalin Nayak
Director & Chairperson, Pantiss

"Attending COP30 in Belém, Brazil, I saw firsthand how seriously the world is taking climate action. The energy and dedication of youth worldwide are truly inspiring. As a young climate activist, I feel responsible for sharing this message and encouraging more youth to act for our planet."

Together We **HUSTLE!**

Calling all youth champions!

Are you, or someone you know, actively working on issues related to water, the environment, or climate change?

We want to hear from you! Share your details with us at youth4watercampaign@gmail.com, and you could be featured in our next edition as a contributor!

