



# TYPF 2023 REPORT -24





## ABOUT THE YP FOUNDATION

Founded in 2002, **The YP Foundation (TYPF)** is a feminist, youth-led organization committed to equipping young people with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead transformative social change. Recognizing the power of young voices, TYPF creates safe, inclusive spaces for critical dialogue and learning, fostering both personal and collective growth.

Grounded in feminist and intersectional values, the organization works to challenge stereotypes that portray youth as disengaged, and instead showcases them as impactful agents of change. Through its initiatives, TYPF builds solidarity and strengthens youth-led movements that advance social justice, celebrate diversity, and promote equity.

## Our Mission: Advancing Rights, Empowering Youth

The YP Foundation is driven by the mission to uphold and promote the rights of young people, particularly those from marginalized communities. By enhancing access to vital information, services, and opportunities, TYPF empowers youth to take leadership roles in shaping inclusive and equitable societies.

### Key areas of focus include:

- Gender and Sexuality
- Governance and Participation
- Health and Education

At its core, TYPF fosters feminist, rights-based leadership and strengthens youth-led initiatives that catalyze meaningful change in communities and beyond.

## Our Vision: Youth as Transformative Leaders

TYPF envisions a world where young people are recognized as **equal stakeholders and transformative leaders** in advancing social justice and equity. Their vision centers on creating systems that actively include and prioritize the voices of young people, especially those from disadvantaged and underrepresented backgrounds.

By enabling youth to participate meaningfully in decision-making processes across all levels, TYPF seeks to build an inclusive future where every young person can contribute to shaping a just and equitable society.

# Foundations of Our Work:

## Core Principles Driving Change

Our work is guided by five interconnected pillars that reflect our commitment to inclusion, equity, and justice.

### Youth-led Leadership

- Empowering young people through leadership opportunities, capacity building, and platforms for dialogue and social action.

### Feminist Values

- Embedding feminist ideals in everything we do—confronting patriarchy, power dynamics, and privilege.
- Building inclusive, participatory leadership to challenge inequalities.

### Intersectionality in Action

- Challenging the notion of youth as a singular, monolithic group, and highlighting intersectional lived realities.

### Resources for Change

- Creating engaging tools & resources like Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and modules on masculinities and gender-based violence.

### Rights-based discourse strengthening

- Ensuring that dignity and rights are central to every initiative.
- Designing programs, language, and tools with accessibility, equity, and inclusion at their core.

## Our Commitment to Inclusion

We firmly stand against all forms of discrimination be it based on sex, religion, caste, ability, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, or HIV status. Every program and initiative we design affirms and upholds the rights of all individuals through a feminist and intersectional lens.

By centering inclusion, agency, and accountability, we ensure every voice is heard, and every individual's right to choose is respected and celebrated.

## The Problem: Overlooked Voices, Unmet Needs

Young people, especially those from marginalized communities, face systemic barriers in accessing their rights to sexual and reproductive health, mental health, gender equity, and social justice.

### Key issues include:

- Abortion Stigma: Widespread misconceptions and societal judgment hinder safe and informed choices.
- Youth-Affirmative Healthcare: Limited access to inclusive and accessible health services for adolescents.
- Restrictive Gender Norms: Harmful expectations, particularly around masculinity, perpetuate inequality.
- Exclusion of Queer Voices: Lack of representation and support for LGBT\*QIA+ youth.
- Limited Leadership Opportunities: Adolescent girls and other marginalized youth are often left out of leadership roles.
- Minimal Youth Engagement in Policy: Young people's perspectives are rarely integrated into program design, limiting the effectiveness of policies and services meant to support them.



## The Gaps: Barriers to Awareness, Access, and Equity

### Awareness:

- Inadequate education on gender-based violence, queer rights, and patriarchal norms.
- Limited exposure to critical issues like reproductive rights and mental health.

### Accessibility:

- Lack of youth-centered, inclusive health services and sexuality education.
- Marginalized communities face greater hurdles in accessing these resources.

### Engagement:

- Youth voices are often excluded from creating solutions that fail to address their lived realities.



# How TYPF is Driving Change

## ◦ Championing Rights and Justice

TYPF advocates for inclusive policies and practices in adolescent health, mental health, sexuality education, and queer rights, ensuring young people's needs are represented at all levels.

## ◦ Empowering Young Leaders

Through leadership programs and capacity-building initiatives, TYPF equips young leaders with the skills to challenge societal norms, engage with policy, and lead transformative social actions.

## ◦ Breaking Stigmas and Fostering Dialogue

TYPF addresses sensitive issues like abortion stigma and restrictive gender norms through open, transformative dialogues that empower youth to question and challenge the status quo.

## ◦ Tailored, Inclusive Support

Grounded in a rights-based approach, TYPF ensures services are equitable and responsive to the diverse realities and experiences of young people.

## The TYPF Approach: A Blueprint for Youth Leadership

### • Building Knowledge and Awareness

- Empowering youth with critical information on health, human rights, and gender equity.
- Equipping young women with the knowledge to advocate for themselves and their communities.

### • Developing Skills and Capacity

- Providing technical and communication training to implement grassroots programs.
- Enabling youth to effectively share their lived realities and drive community-based change.

### • Engaging with Narrative Building Approaches

- Training youth to influence policies at local, national, and international levels.
- Representing grassroots communities in global forums like ICPD+20 and the Post-2015 Agenda.

### • Strengthening Community Partnerships

- Collaborating with community groups across NCR, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Bihar.
- Facilitating state-level dialogues and capacity-building workshops to create sustainable, youth-led change.

# Building Bridges: TYPF's Ecosystem of Change

We are more than an organization- we are a cornerstone of a thriving, interconnected ecosystem dedicated to dismantling barriers for marginalized youth. By collaborating with grassroots leaders, civil society organizations, government bodies, and global alliances, we drive systemic change. Each partnership strengthens our collective effort to build a world where every young person, regardless of identity or circumstance, can access their rights and realize their full potential.

This map represents our role highlighting the transformative impact we create together. Let's continue building this ecosystem as one.





## How TYPF Contributes to the Ecosystem

- **Bridging Gaps:** Fills systemic gaps in awareness, accessibility, and youth participation through inclusive, youth-led programming.
- **Policy Influence:** Shapes equitable policies and frameworks by bringing grassroots realities into national and global discussions.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Produces resources that inspire and inform other actors in the ecosystem.
- **Amplifying Youth Voices:** Ensures marginalized perspectives are heard and acted upon at every level of decision-making.
- **Fostering Collaboration:** Acts as a hub that connects grassroots efforts with broader discourse strengthening networks, creating a more cohesive movement for social justice.

## About Our Programmes

Our initiatives are all about creating spaces for young people to thrive, lead, and change the world around them.

### **Know Your Body, Know Your Rights (KYBKYR)**

#### **Summary:**

KYBKYR is TYPF's flagship programme that equips young people with stigma-free, rights-based sexual and reproductive health education. Through its focus on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), KYBKYR centers consent, tackles widespread misinformation, and addresses myths that affect adolescents and young people. The programme creates essential safe spaces for open discussions about sexuality and sexual orientation, helping to counter the shame, isolation, and anxiety often experienced due to societal stigma. By building supportive assets within communities, KYBKYR establishes peer support networks and learning environments where young people, particularly from marginalized backgrounds, can make informed decisions about their health and develop leadership skills.

#### **Details:**

Since its inception in 2002, KYBKYR has reached over to young people across NCR and Uttar Pradesh, extending its impact to 18 states in partnership with community organizations. The program emphasizes peer-to-peer learning through CSE workshops and training of trainers, creating youth leaders who advocate for CSE integration in schools and communities.

### **Know Your Body, Know Your Rights (KYBKYR) Youth Leadership Journey**

**26th November 2022 - 29th July 2023**

The fellowship empowered youth leaders to advocate for Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and improve access to Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). It equipped them with in-depth knowledge of CSE and SRHR, and the skills to engage parents, caregivers, community members, and teachers.

9 youth leaders from diverse backgrounds led CSE initiatives that impacted over 155 adolescents. They participated in dialogues addressing challenges around abuse, patriarchy, and identity, contributing to systemic change.

#### **Geographical Reach:**

The fellowship took place in Delhi, fostering community-level change for SRHR.



## Loud and Queer

### **Summary:**

Loud and Queer(LAQ) aims to create safe, inclusive spaces for LGBT\*QIA+ individuals by addressing systemic discrimination in public spaces, workplaces, and healthcare. It empowers queer and trans\* identifying young persons through a leadership building programme and builds their capacity to hold discussions and design awareness building sessions on gender, sex, sexuality and rights for the relevant stakeholders in their context.

### **Details:**

LAQ focuses on three critical areas:

- Public spaces: Addressing violence and discrimination against queer and trans\* individuals, especially those facing intersectional oppression.
- Workplace: Promoting conscious equity through systemic inclusive reforms, awareness sessions and anti-discrimination training sessions.
- Healthcare: Advocating for accessible, affordable and respectful gender affirming care and mental health support.

### **Achieved Impact:**

- Equipped queer individuals with resources for navigating public spaces and workplaces safely.
- Fostering leadership in queer and trans\* communities to advocate for equal rights, equity and inclusivity.



## Youth Ke Bol

### **Summary:**

Youth Ke Bol empowers young people to make informed choices about their sexual and reproductive health by enhancing access to contraceptives and dismantling stigma around their usage.

### **Achieved Impact:**

- Strengthened information on contraceptives access and availability in Tier 2 cities.
- Reduced stigma around sexual and reproductive health conversations among young people.

## Youth Ke Bol

**July 2023 - Jan 2024**

The initiative focused on establishing a coalition of 1 million youth to amplify voices advocating for improved access to contraception and SRH information and services. It also aimed to develop a compelling narrative around these issues, emphasizing their broader connection to the quality of life for young people.

The programme successfully executed 11 change action projects (CAPs) on topics like contraceptives, abortion rights, menstrual hygiene, consent, and reproductive rights, reaching 968 young people directly and 12,665 indirectly. Through a combination of on-ground activities and social media outreach, the youth leaders grew in confidence and leadership, presenting their work with ownership. Additionally, the youth leaders fostered collaboration and shared opportunities, cultivating a sense of collective responsibility.

### **Geographical Reach:**

24 youth leaders in Ranchi and Dumka, Jharkhand

22 youth leaders in Varanasi, UP

### Ayush, 19:

*"Mujhe queer acceptance ushi scale pe chahiye jaise bakio ka hai society mein."*

#### Ayush's Leadership Journey

Ayush, a dynamic youth leader from Varanasi, embarked on a journey with Youth Ke Bol after completing their 12th grade, driven by a passion to create positive change in their community. They co-founded Group Parwah as part of their Change Action Project, focusing on advancing human and queer rights to build a more inclusive and equitable society.

Through Group Parwah, Ayush has engaged young people in impactful activities such as Pride Parades, digital plays on HIV prevention, workshops, social media campaigns, listening circles, and mobile filmmaking. These initiatives cover essential themes like consent, pleasure, contraception, and queer rights.

As a youth leader and queer activist, Ayush has represented Youth Ke Bol in spaces like UNICEF. Their journey has been one of self-reflection and empowerment, creating spaces for themselves and others to explore identity and challenge gender norms. Ayush believes that each queer existence is a powerful, political act, with self-expression as the first step to overcoming gender-based discrimination.

### Sonamuni, 24:

*"I dream to have a government job and empower uneducated women."*

Sonamuni is a passionate and persistent learner. During her first YKB training in Dumka, she was struck by a simple moment—boys and girls standing in a circle, holding hands for an energiser. It made her question, "How can a girl stand beside a boy or hold his hand?" That experience marked a turning point. She realised that it's okay for young people to interact freely, and it began to shift her earlier, more regressive thinking.

One of her proudest moments came when she conducted a session on contraception in the same village where she was once told not to talk about such topics. Her group, Mera Sharir Mera Adhikaar, led a community session on contraception, sexual and reproductive health, aiming to break shame, encourage open conversations, and create a safe space for girls and women.

## Mardon Wali Baat

### Summary:

Mardon Wali Baat challenges harmful gender norms by engaging young people in critical discussions about masculinity, patriarchy, and gender-based violence.

### Details:

The program uses qualitative research and community dialogues to address masculinity's intersection with other identities like caste, class, religion, sexuality, region and so on. The program works with young men and boys in various settings, covering topics of consent, relationships, violence, mental health and misinformation as well as engages with young development sector professionals through trainings and perspective building sessions around programming on masculinities.

### Achieved Impact:

- Encouraged over 500 young men to reflect on and challenge toxic gender norms.
- Sparked intergenerational dialogues that promote allyship and shared responsibility in combating gender-based violence.
- Contributed to mental health awareness among men by addressing patriarchal pressures.



## Butterfly Programme

### Summary:

Butterfly Program empowers the adolescent girls from marginalised communities to challenge child marriage and gender inequalities by fostering feminist leadership through capacity building and ecosystem strengthening.

### Details:

In Delhi, The project focused on building the capacities of adolescent girls and young women leaders of Sunder Nagar community and Nizamuddin community on the themes of financial literacy, experiential storytelling, bodily autonomy and expression.

In Jharkhand, where child marriage rates are high, the program used capacity building approach through Adolescent Conclaves and Learning Institutes with adolescents and staff members of 12 CSOs in 9 districts of Jharkhand to bring the lens of bodily autonomy, choice and consent within the realm of Child marriage.

### Outcomes:

Increased awareness and capacities of young women and girls to recognise and challenge gender stereotypes and power structures within institutions that make up their ecosystem; for example, educational institutions, families, and communities.

Improved aspirations, leadership, self-confidence, and communication and negotiation skills amongst young women and girls.

A strengthened network of civil society organizations across geographies advocating for adolescent leadership and youth SRHR.

### Achieved Impact:

- Trained over 300 adolescent girls as community leaders.
- Reduced vulnerability to child marriage by building life skills and resilience.
- Created a blueprint for integrating sports into feminist leadership development models.

- **Meenakshi** (name changed), a youth leader from Jharkhand, was nominated by civil society organisations for the adolescent conclave in Ranchi at age 17. Over the past three Learning Institutes and conclaves, she has grown from participant to mentor and staff representative. We've witnessed her leadership journey as she now mentors adolescent girls in her community, actively promotes feminist leadership, and takes a strong stand against child marriage.

- **Shabnam** (name changed), a 17-year-old leader from Delhi, has been an active participant in community center sessions and a strong peer supporter. She volunteered for relief work, showing remarkable dedication and leadership. She also represented adolescent leaders on a panel discussing stakeholder engagement, networking, and conversations around POCSO from an adolescent perspective.

## Campus Caravan:

### Summary:

Campus Caravan aims to create violence-free, inclusive campus spaces by engaging students, faculty, and administrators in capacity-building and policy discourse strengthening.

### Details:

The program operates in Jaipur, Rajasthan, focusing on marginalized youth, including Dalit, Bahujan, Adivasi, queer, and disabled students. It fosters collaboration between stakeholders to develop sustainable, intersectional policies for safer campuses.

### Achieved Impact:

- Supported over 1,000 students in developing leadership skills to advocate for safer campuses.
- Worked with 2 educational institutions to form leadership groups and peer-support networks.
- Built long-term mechanisms for safety and inclusivity in learning environments.

## Shrey Saran's Leadership Journey:

Shrey Saran, a youth leader from the Campus Caravan Cohort at S.S. Jain Subodh Law College, Jaipur, is known for sparking meaningful conversations across campus—extending even to his hostel and playground—to address violence and advocate for safer spaces.

During a stressful exam period, the flying squad tasked with preventing cheating began conducting invasive checks, including placing hands inside students' undergarments under the pretext of searching for hidden materials. Disturbed by this clear abuse of power, Shrey knew he couldn't stay silent—despite the risk to his academic standing.

Drawing on the confidence and learnings from Campus Caravan, he mobilized his peers, spoke out against the violation, and led a collective complaint demanding accountability for the harassment. His actions reflect the spirit of Campus Caravan—youth leading with courage, challenging injustice, and creating safer, more just spaces.

## Safe Abortion for Everyone (SAFE)

### Summary:

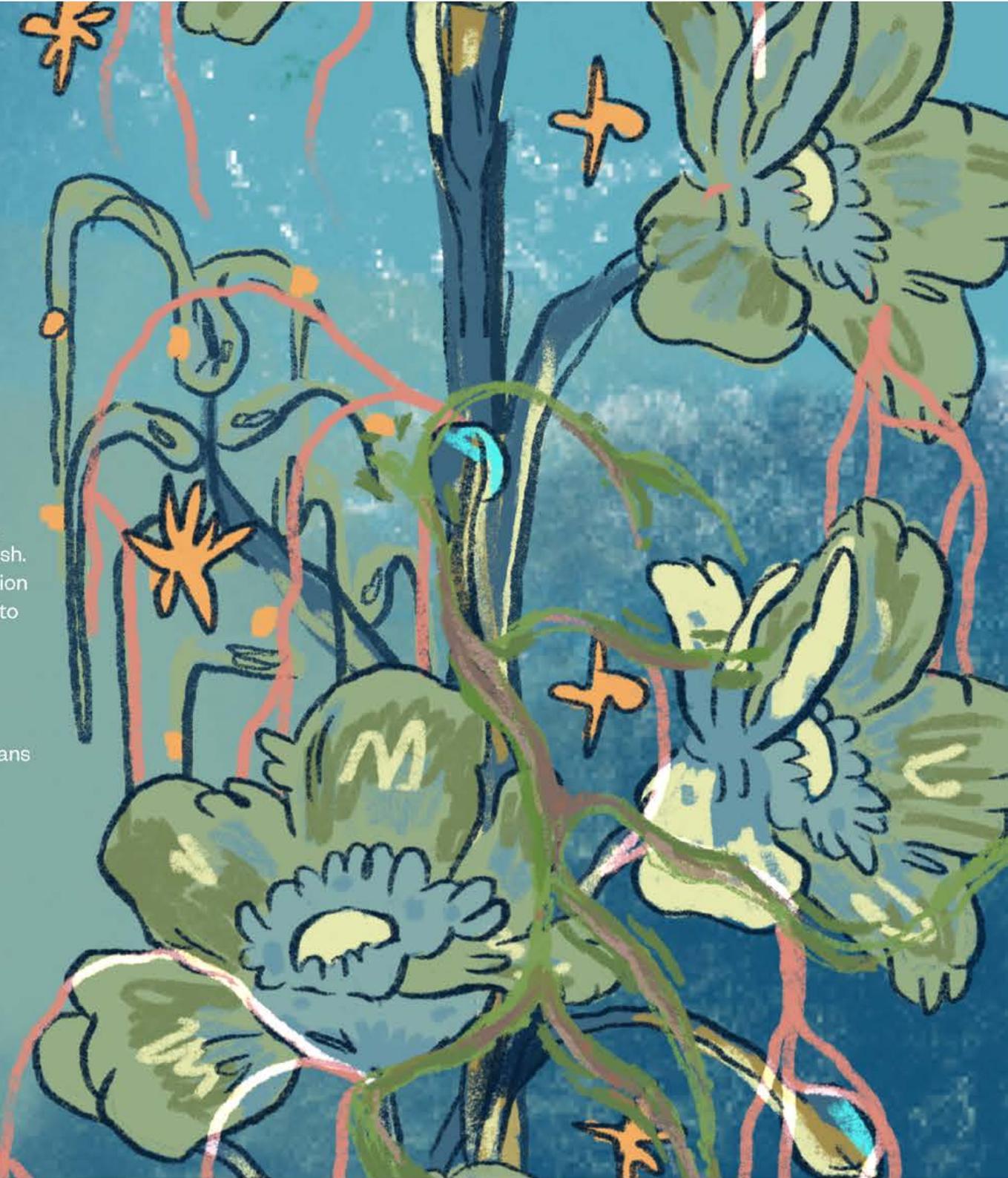
SAFE champions reproductive justice by advocating for safe, comprehensive abortion services, addressing stigma, and amplifying youth voices in policymaking.

### Details:

Launched in 2020, SAFE operates in Assam, Kerala, and Delhi, with plans to expand to Jharkhand, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh. It focuses on empowering youth aged 18-35 to champion abortion rights while collaborating with stakeholders to improve access to youth-friendly, stigma-free services.

### Achieved Impact:

- Trained 500+ young advocates for reproductive justice.
- Strengthened abortion service access in three states, with plans to expand to three more.
- Reduced stigma around abortions through youth-led community campaigns.



## SAFE Youth Leadership Programme

**Duration: March 2023 – February 2024**

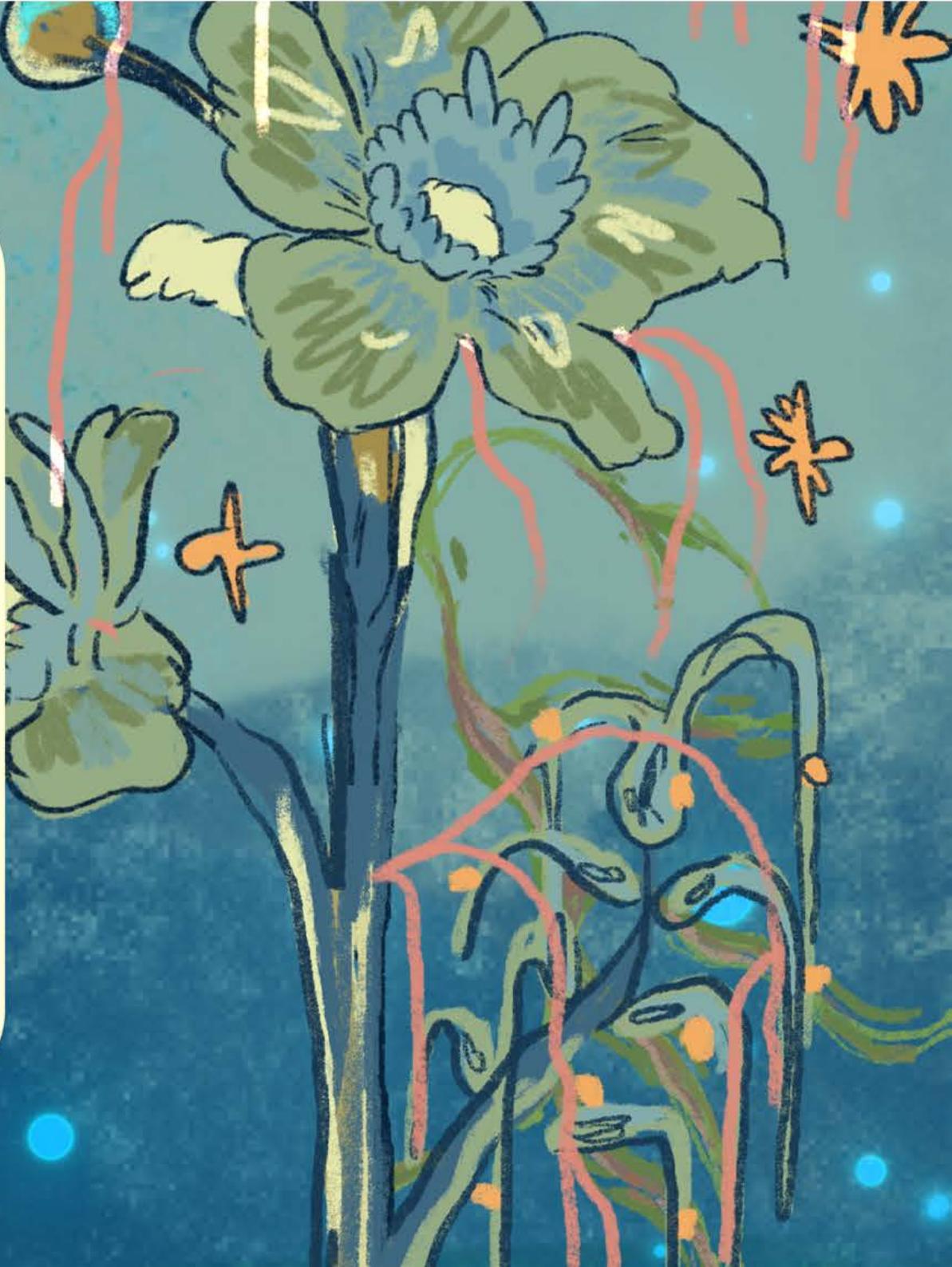
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Additionally, 7 youth leaders produced research on SRHR terminology, trans\*-masculine experiences, and challenges faced by unmarried women and migrant workers regarding abortion. Their findings were shared through campus awareness sessions, podcasts on abortion accessibility, and guidance for trans\*-masculine abortion seekers.

### Geographical Reach:

- Kerala: Calicut, Palakkad, Pathanamthitta, Trivandrum
- Assam: Guwahati, Jorhat, Sonapur, Goalpara, Tezpur



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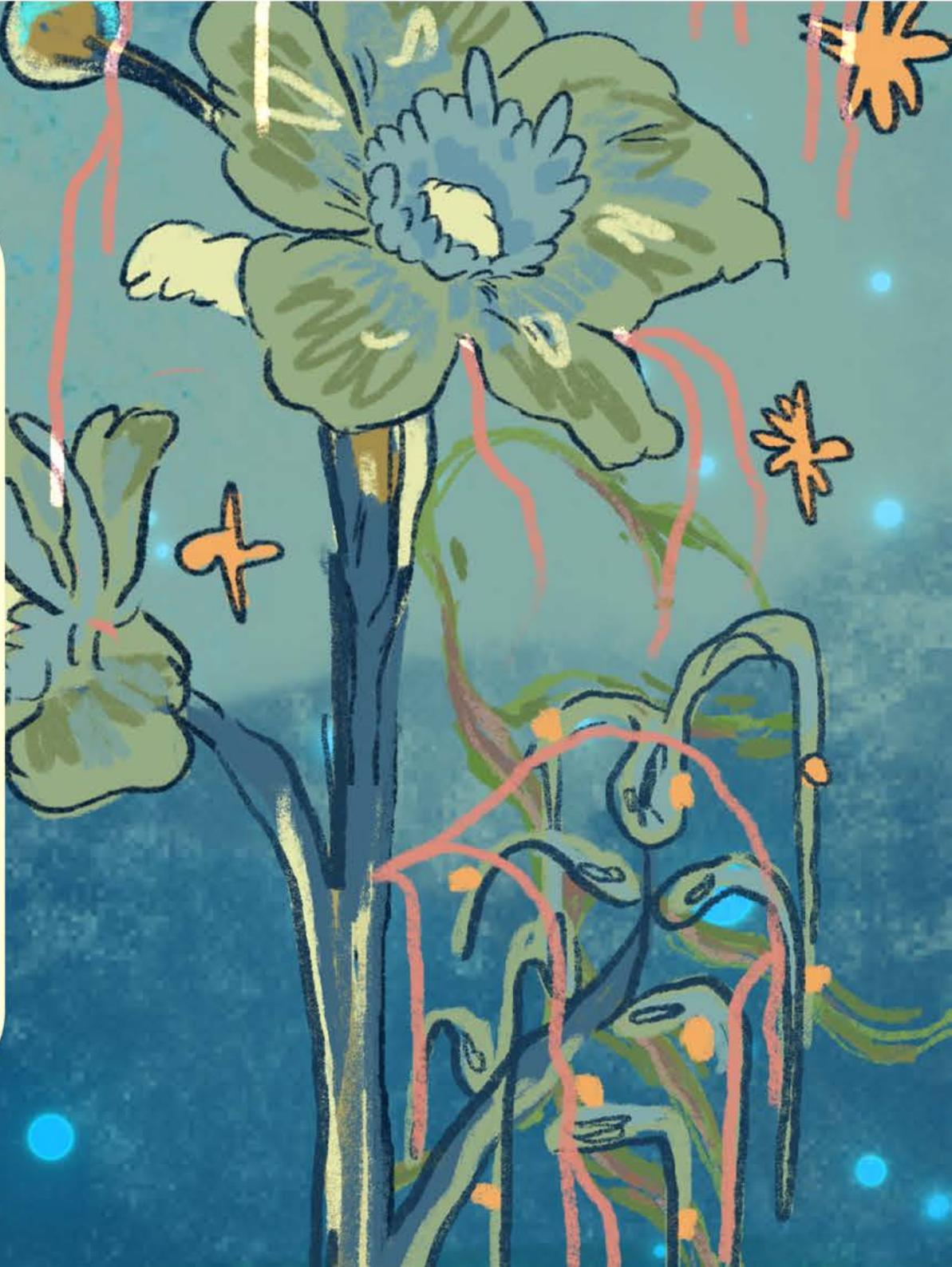
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# Impactful Youth Leadership Programmes

## Policy Engagement Action Research Leadership (PEARL)

**Duration: May 2023 – February 2024**

The PEARL Leadership Programme was a transformative initiative aimed at nurturing the leadership of passionate young changemakers. It empowered them to advocate for adolescent health and well-being by engaging with key stakeholders such as adolescents, government officials, educationists, media representatives, and other influential partners. Youth Leaders utilized qualitative research and evidence-based strategies to amplify youth voices and drive systemic change.

### Key Highlights:

- Leadership in Action: Youth Leaders organized six Adolescent Health and Wellness Days in collaboration with RSK functionaries and district health authorities.
- 1.8 Bn Campaign Impact: As part of this global initiative, fellows partnered with 120 stakeholders organizations across 12 states UTs, fostering a nationwide discourse strengthening movement for youth positively impacting 53260 young people thereby shifting the discourse for an inclusive health and well-being ecosystem for youth.

### Geographical Reach:

The programme created a multi-state impact, spanning 10 states of India Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka, Rajasthan, and Jharkhand.

## REVAMP Leadership Programme

Duration: October 2022 – January 2023

The REVAMP Institute: Rethinking Masculinities in Practice Conversations around gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health and rights have increasingly acknowledged the need to engage men and boys. However, there is still limited space to critically examine how masculinities are constructed and expressed, and how these expressions intersect with other lived realities such as caste, class, religion, and sexuality. The Rethinking Violence and Masculinities Perspectives (REVAMP) Institute was launched to create a co-learning space for young practitioners to explore intersectional perspectives on masculinities that encourages moving beyond roles that only position men as perpetrators or allies, and instead centres their emotional, social, and relational experiences - across friendships, access to pleasure, relationships, support systems, digital spaces, and mental health. REVAMP supports participants in co-creating narratives and strategies that are more nuanced, inclusive, and grounded in the lived realities of young men and boys. It is a step toward building leadership that can engage with masculinities not just to prevent violence, but to imagine new possibilities for care, connection, and equity.

### Key Themes Explored

- Understanding gender identities, roles, and socialisation
- Intersectional masculinities, power, and violence
- Sexuality and masculinities
- Misinformation and masculinities
- Emerging approaches to masculinities in programming
- Messaging and engagement strategies



# A Year in Numbers: TYPF Impact (2023-24)

**13,663**

young people engaged through Youth ke Bol change action projects, public outreach campaigns and orientation melas.

**50,000+**

individuals were engaged and mobilised through What Young People Want survey as a part of 1.8 Billion: Young People for Change Campaign.

**70%**

increase in outreach following TYPF's digital shift, with 45% of the reach coming from young people actively seeking resources to advocate for their rights.

**100**

young adolescent girls in Delhi-NCR and Jharkhand empowered with leadership roles through The Butterfly Project.

**850,000+**

people reached online through digital campaigns, raising awareness on issues like queer/trans\* voices and safe abortion.

**10,000+**

adolescents between the ages of 9-19 reached through the Know Your Body, Know Your Rights (KYBKYR) program, providing stigma-free information on SRHR and CSE.

**1,000**

young people in Jaipur, Rajasthan reached through Campus Caravan, ensuring safe and affirming spaces in educational settings.

**800**

young leaders trained across various initiatives, building capacities for local and national change.

**500**

young people in Kerala and Assam engaged through the SAFE program, empowering youth to access their right to safe abortion.

**10,000**

adolescents, youth leaders, and community stakeholders impacted through direct interventions across multiple states.

**10,000+**

young people engaged with Mardon Wali Baat, challenging patriarchal norms and redefining masculinity.

# Key Achievements (2023-24)

## Advisory Role with Government of Delhi

Provided expert advice on making schools safer and more inclusive, and contributed to the institutionalization of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) in Delhi.

## Publications and Legal Recognition

Published dossiers on adolescent rights and sexuality in collaboration with Jindal Law School and the Child Rights Clinic. Created an adolescent-friendly guide on POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences), which was launched and accredited by Supreme Court Judges.

## Global Youth Leadership

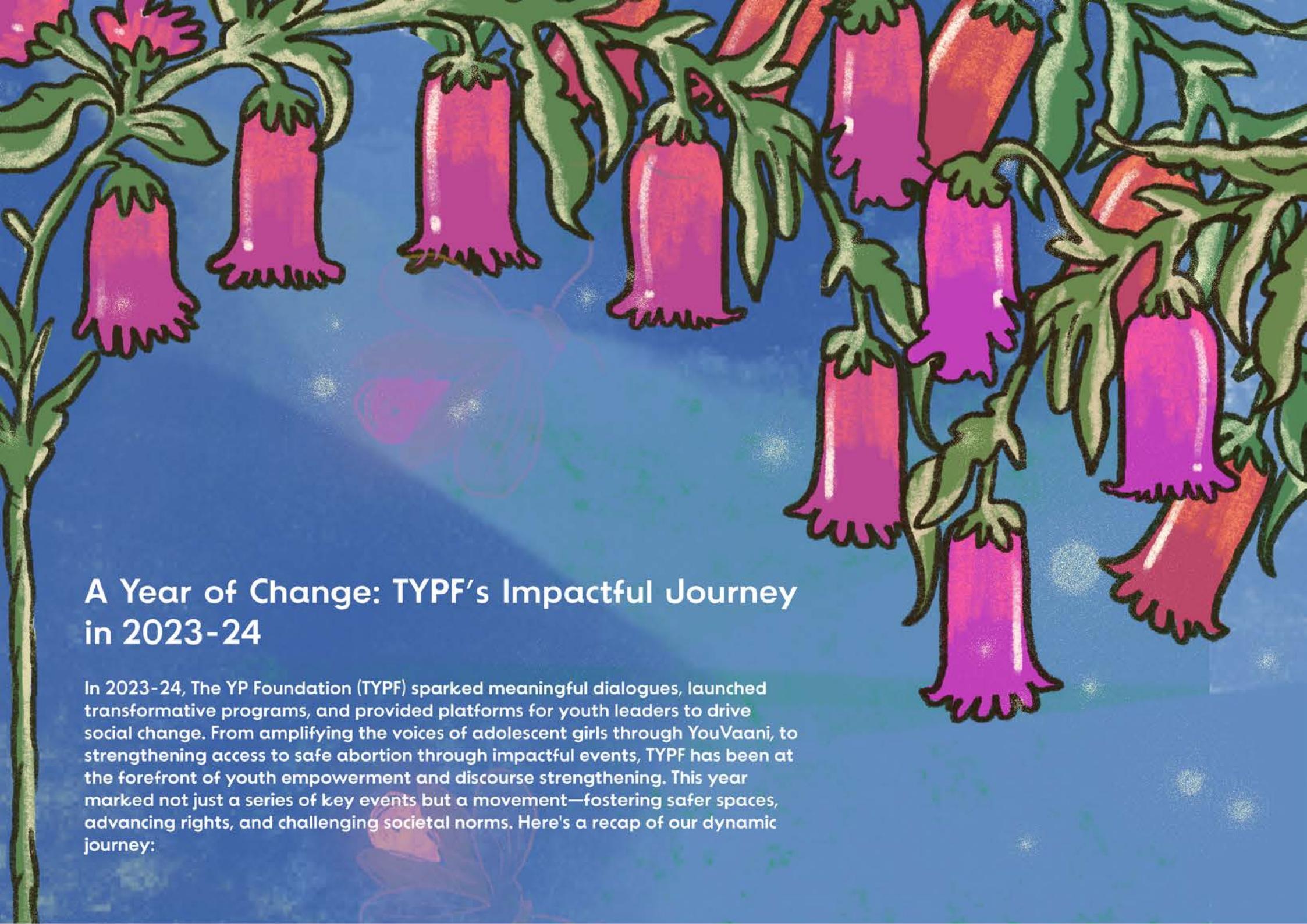
Nominated as the Co-Convenor of the Young Feminist Caucus, playing a leadership role in feminist discourse strengthening at a global level.

## Narrative Building Gatherings

Led and convened several regional, local, and global gatherings focused on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), feminist leadership, and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR), Generation Equality Framework.

## National Guidance on SRHR

Provided strategic guidance to two national organizations to enhance inclusive SRHR practices and adolescent rights-based work.



## A Year of Change: TYPF's Impactful Journey in 2023-24

In 2023-24, The YP Foundation (TYPF) sparked meaningful dialogues, launched transformative programs, and provided platforms for youth leaders to drive social change. From amplifying the voices of adolescent girls through YouVaani, to strengthening access to safe abortion through impactful events, TYPF has been at the forefront of youth empowerment and discourse strengthening. This year marked not just a series of key events but a movement—fostering safer spaces, advancing rights, and challenging societal norms. Here's a recap of our dynamic journey:

# Events That Drove Change

## Aao Banaye Khoobsurat Mardangi – May 16, 2023

On 16th May 2023, The YP Foundation hosted "Aao Banaye Khoobsurat Mardangi", an event celebrating the journey of the Mardon Wali Baat (MWB) program. The event featured the launch of the MWB website and modules on co-creating beautiful masculinities, while fostering dialogues on intersectional masculinities and sharing implementation experiences from young facilitators and partner organizations across diverse communities.



## Youth Ke Bol Orientation Mela Ranchi, Jharkhand: 17th May, 2023,

No of participants: 115

The Youth Ke Bol Orientation Mela at Ranchi University introduced students and staff to the program through interactive games, performances, and discussions on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice (SRHRJ). The vibrant event fostered stakeholder engagement, assessed youth needs, and sparked dialogues to build an informed and empowered campus community.



## Youth Ke Bol Orientation Mela Varanasi, UP: 31st May, 2023,

No of participants: 249



The Youth Ke Bol Orientation Mela in Varanasi, supported by Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith University, A Queer Club and Prismatic Foundation, engaged students at Banaras Hindu University to raise awareness about YKB. The event facilitated discussions on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice (SRHRJ), including contraceptive options, fostering further conversations among young people.

## Webinar on 'Age of New Contraceptives: Choices, Opportunities and Challenges' – September 27, 2023 (World Contraception Day)

The webinar explored the evolving landscape of contraceptive options in India, focusing on both opportunities and challenges. The discussion covered a wide range of topics, including demand-side and supply-side factors, the available contraceptive choices, and the structural barriers faced by adolescents and young people.



## Safer Sex for Transmasculine Persons (SSTRAP) Launch Event- June, 2023



### World Population Day:

Online Fireside Chat on Meaningful Youth Engagement, 8th July 2023,

No. of Participants: 50

### YouVaani National level Multi-stakeholder Dialogue Platform

With more than 100 young people on October 7th, 2023 YouVaani, held on 7th October 2023 at Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi, brought together over 100 adolescents and youth from 12 states to engage with decision-makers and stakeholders on health and well-being. The event amplified the voices of 50,000 young people mobilized globally by the **1.8 Billion Young People for Change** campaign, as a precursor to the **Global Forum for Adolescents (GFA)**.

### Agenda for Action for Adolescents national consultation

With 30 stakeholders including young people, CSOs, UN agencies and Government on 15th December 2023 to contextualise the Global Agenda for Action for Adolescents at the national level.

### SYAN 'Nexus' Regional Meeting – November 3-4, 2023

The "The Nexus" regional consultation meeting, organized by the **Southeast Asia Health Action Network (SYAN)** in New Delhi on November 3rd and 4th, brought together 20 members from 19 organizations to discuss youth health rights and well-being in Southeast Asia. The event aimed to build networks, strategize on adolescent health issues, launch the **Call to Action Document**, and tailor the **Agenda for Action for Adolescents (AAA)** to regional contexts. Countries include - India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Thailand, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka

### International Safe Abortion Day Event in Assam and Kerala – September 28, 2023



### Agenda for Action for Adolescents (AAA)

In India was contextualized by The YP Foundation through inputs from adolescents, youth, and representatives from government, UN agencies, CSOs, CBOs, and media across India, during a convening in New Delhi. Globally, the AAA was launched at the **Global Forum for Adolescents (GFA)** in October 2023, shaped by the voices of over 1.2 million young people through the **1.8 Billion: Young People for Change** campaign led by PMNCH.

### Titli Mela/Kishori Leader's Sammelan – December 2023, Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Total No. of Participants: 72  
(48 adolescent girls and young women leaders and 24 CSO partner representatives)



**Strategic Communication Workshop on Abortion Reporting (Flipping the Narrative) – March 2024**  
Participants- 100

Feminism In India (FII) and The YP Foundation (YPF) launched 'Flipping The Narrative', a media ethics guide aimed at helping journalists report on abortion with sensitivity and an intersectional perspective. The event brought together over 20 media professionals to discuss the importance of using accurate, rights-based language and imagery when covering abortion, promoting a more inclusive and stigma-free narrative.

**Bebak Aur Azad Tarane – 2nd September 2023**  
Participants-200

The Bebak Aur Azad Tarane 2.0 event provided a dialogue platform for parents and adolescents to discuss critical issues such as bodily autonomy, choice, and gender-based discrimination. Adolescents creatively used forum theatre, human library, and rap songs to advocate for their rights and spark meaningful conversations.

**SAFAR: Sadda Adda Formation Revelery one year celebration of center establishment— 22 June, 2023. Members-14**

The event, organized and facilitated by adolescent girls from the community, celebrated their one-year journey of empowerment, self-expression and their center. The event highlighted how the center has become a transformative space, helping girls rebuild their connections, foster friendships rooted in feminist values like self-care and solidarity, and navigate family dynamics to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

**REVAMP Institute – February 2024, 22 Participants from 13 organizations across 10 Indian States**

The REVAMP Institute aims to create a co-learning space for young practitioners to explore and rethink masculinities in programming, focusing on intersectional approaches to address gender inequalities. The institute seeks to build leadership around masculinities and co-create feminist narratives by examining themes such as gender roles, power, violence, sexuality, and emerging perspectives for developmental programming.

**Each event exemplified YPF's commitment to creating opportunities for youth leadership and contributing to a more inclusive, informed, and empowered society.**

# Voices of Change

At The YP Foundation (TYPF), stories drive change, and impact takes root in the voices of those we work with. Voices of change from the field brings together powerful testimonials from our partners, and team members, weaving a tapestry of personal stories that highlight TYPF's transformative work.

## Equal Leadership Journey

In 2022, 26 young leaders from 19 states joined TYPF's EQUAL (Expanding Queer People's Access to Leadership) Leadership Building Programme, enhancing their knowledge of legal rights and discourse strengthening to ensure the safety and protection of queer-trans\* communities. Youth leaders played a key role in facilitating systemic change by working with campus stakeholders to co-develop and enhance institutional responses to gender-based violence. The implementation model and intervention tools were co-created with youth leaders, ensuring that the program remained grounded in their lived experiences and reflective of their vision for safer campuses.



*"As part of our leadership journey, my team and I launched the Himachal Trans\* Rights Act Awareness program, reaching schools, colleges, anganwadi workers, and medical staff. We worked to strengthen discourse around trans rights, advocated for the creation of a Transgender Welfare Board in Himachal, and are pushing for the establishment of a Garima Grah in the state. We also spoke at various educational institutions about the discrimination queer students face and built young people's understanding of laws and legal systems. Through residential workshops and online sessions, we reached over 1,000–1,500 people across the state."*

—Shanshank, A Queer Rights Activist

*"My work combines my experience in freelance journalism with a focus on the legal rights of queer and trans\* people. Recognizing the media's bias and the lack of awareness within the community, I organized workshops for young queer individuals interested in writing and legal support. Participants joined from across India—Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and more. These sessions inspired me to work on a model for more inclusive queer journalism and expand grassroots outreach efforts."*

—Jaishree, Freelance Journalist



## Testimonials from Advocating Reproductive Choices (ARC) coalition member organisations

Being an ARC member, FPAI Family Planning Association of India has the opportunity to share its various programs and project activities while learning from the work of other partner NGOs. Through regional and national consultations organized by ARC, we can showcase our initiatives and draw inspiration from the efforts of other organizations. Bringing young people's perspectives is crucial for addressing themes related to SRHR and FP.

Kamal Rizvi,  
Family Planning Association of India (FPAI), Uttar Pradesh

Advocating for Reproductive Choices ARC is a coalition of civil society organizations working in the field of sexual and reproductive health. Society for Ideal Global Needs (SIGN) is a member of ARC's Madhya Pradesh Chapter since its inception. As Secretariat of ARC, YP foundation is facilitating its member organization as a resource facilitator on Knowledge sharing partners for several research and policy based updates. They have conducted state wise consultation after a systemic field survey and shared cross state findings also at national level consultation which has developed the insights to our organization and its officials for policy level discourse strengthening research based project development and Development of Communication Materials also. YP foundation's mentorship and association with civil society organizations enables us to reach adolescents and youth with a new perspective to make them aware to maintain dignity, quality of life-saving behavior, help and hope as per mandate and mission of Advocating for Reproductive Choices.

Dr Priya Jain  
SIGN, Madhya Pradesh

The YP Foundation, as the ARC Secretariat, has demonstrated outstanding leadership by continuously sharing ideas and fostering engaging, dynamic conversations. As a youth-led organization, it has provided a platform for amplifying youth perspectives, bringing grassroots stories and voices to the forefront. This approach has been invaluable in advancing work on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) issues.

By prioritizing youth voices, YP Foundation ensures that the needs and concerns of young people are addressed, driving more effective and sustainable change. Being part of the ARC network has provided an opportunity to learn from experts who have been deeply engaged in this field for years. These valuable insights have significantly enriched our work, allowing us to implement more informed and impactful strategies.

ARC's unwavering dedication to reproductive health and rights is truly inspiring, and as an organization, we are grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a dynamic and collaborative network.

Ankita Asmita, Jharkhand

The YP Foundation, as ARC's secretariat, has further enriched the platform by embedding a youth-centric perspective. Its emphasis on youth leadership has empowered young advocates to participate meaningfully in shaping reproductive health agendas through policy dialogues and decision-making processes. By employing innovative and inclusive approaches, the YP Foundation has made ARC's initiatives more relatable and impactful for young people, particularly those from marginalized groups.

Its efforts in capacity building through workshops have equipped youth advocates with the necessary skills to champion reproductive rights effectively.

Thank You

Manikant Bhushan  
Aragami India, Bihar

## Partners Speak: Our Impact

Through TYPF, I've seen an incredible transformation in students who once shied away from these conversations. Now, they not only engage but lead with confidence. Campus Caravan (CC) is a testament to the power of pure intentions and dedicated effort. Witnessing a student who once struggled to speak now leading and addressing a thousand people is a remarkable journey of growth and leadership.

— **Dr. Gaurav Kataria, Principal, S.S. Jain Subodh Law College, Jaipur**

At Dasra, we believe in the power of collaboration to drive social change and our partnerships with The YP foundation has been a testament to that belief. We had the privilege of partnering with The YP Foundation on numerous impactful initiatives including YouVani, Youth ke bol, Youth Bole Ab Meri Baari etc. and we are consistently impressed by their unwavering commitment to youth empowerment. The YP Foundation's innovative approach to young feminist leadership development, advocacy, and social change is truly transformative. The YP Foundation's work goes beyond mere programs they cultivate a movement of youth who are equipped, informed, and empowered to create positive change in their communities. We are proud to stand alongside them as they continue to shape a brighter future for young people across the country. Their dedication and passion make them an invaluable partner in our shared mission to drive social progress.

— **Dasra**

Jamghat is deeply grateful to The YP Foundation for their invaluable contribution to our work through the comprehensive sexuality education (OSE) sessions they conducted across our centers. Their team delivered the sessions with sensitivity, respect, and a deep understanding of the unique needs of the young people we serve. The interactive and youth-friendly approach used by The YP Foundation helped break down barriers and create a safe space for open discussion, where participants felt empowered to ask questions and share their experiences. The sessions have significantly increased the knowledge, awareness, and confidence of our young members, helping them make informed decisions about their sexual and reproductive health. We are thankful for their dedication and partnership and look forward to continued collaboration in the future.

— **Jamghat**

The response from the community post our implementation helped us realise the need for the work to continue, even with the young men from the community. A few members from the community who have shared their horrific experiences of seeking and receiving abortion have shown their investment with the cause, and are the source of encouragement for the team.

— **Progyanika, representative from PBET**

The collaboration between The YP Foundation and IAWS has been a landmark partnership, bringing transformative opportunities to students in Dumka, a region with limited resources and exposure. For many of these students, it was their first encounter with discussions on adolescent issues, enabling them to think critically and engage with gender-related topics in a meaningful way. This initiative not only encouraged students to step out of their comfort zones but also created a ripple effect. The knowledge and insights gained through The YP Foundation were shared with other IAWS groups, enriching the broader Women's Studies project.

This collaboration underscores the vital role of organizational partnerships in amplifying efforts and driving impactful change. It proved that with the right support and resources, even the most underserved communities can achieve significant growth and empowerment.

— **Mamta from IAWS**

# TYPF's Internal Culture: Walking the Talk

At The YP Foundation (TYPF), we don't just advocate for positive change externally we live and breathe these values within our own organization. Our culture is rooted in transparency, inclusivity, and active engagement with the very people we serve. From empowering youth to fostering a collaborative environment, we strive to create a workspace that mirrors the impact we aim to achieve in the communities we work with.

## **Transparency in Action**

TYPF believes in sharing knowledge and insights, not just through publications, but through a culture of openness. Our regular reports, like the Seen, Not Heard youth-led assessment on SRH services in Lucknow, reflect our commitment to not only understanding issues but to addressing them. We document the process, methodology, and recommendations, ensuring that everyone internally and externally can learn from the challenges and successes of our work. This fosters an environment where everyone is encouraged to contribute ideas, make decisions, and have a say in the organization's direction.

## **Youth-Led Impact and Inclusion**

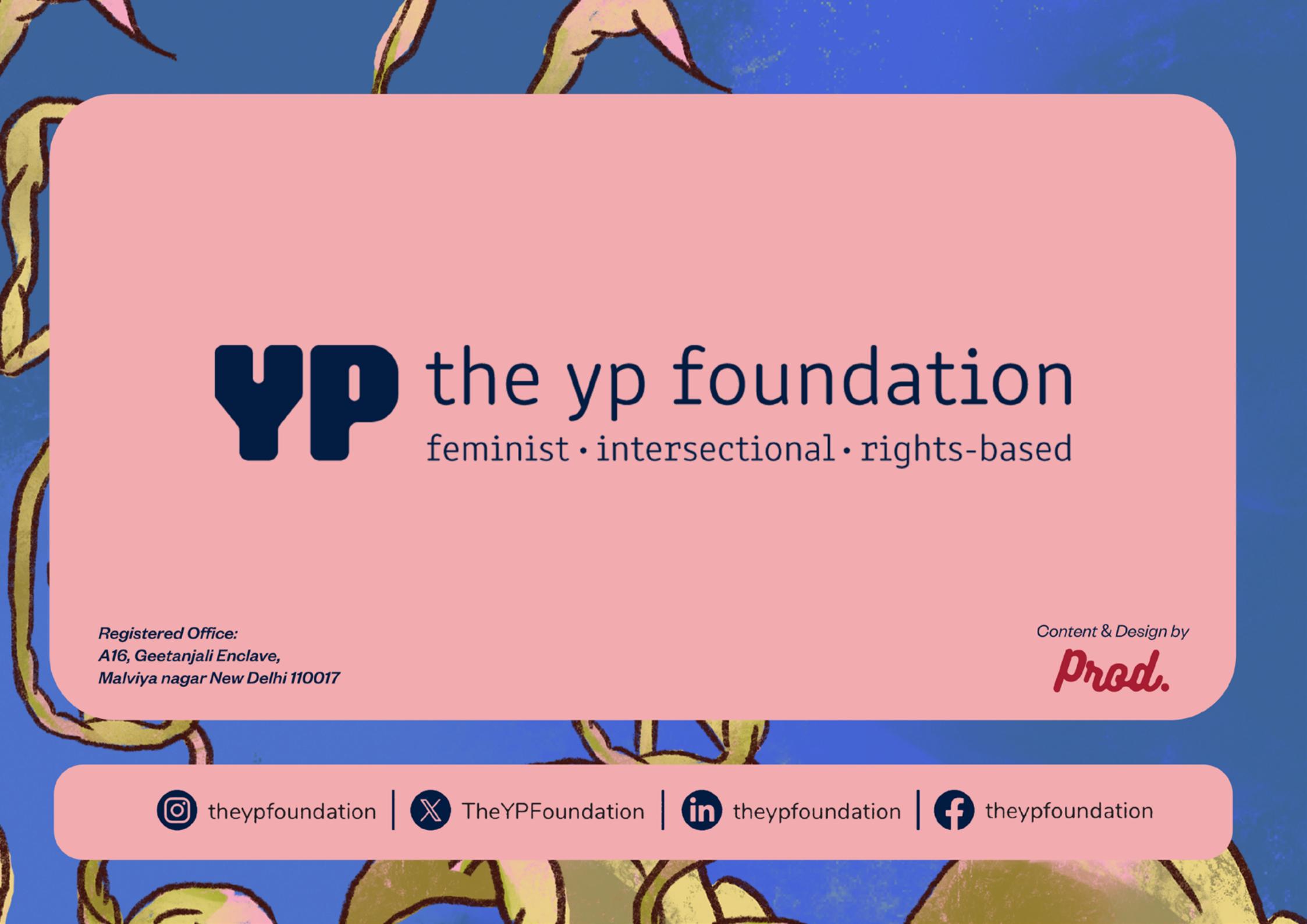
We place young leaders at the heart of everything we do, ensuring they have the space to share their stories and drive change. Every TYPF program culminates in an event that empowers youth leaders to share their experiences and engage key stakeholders. These events also serve as opportunities for internal reflection, where we incorporate feedback and learn from the voices of those directly impacted. This approach ensures that we stay grounded in the communities we serve and continue to develop programs that are both relevant and responsive.

## **Building Networks for Collective Change**

Our internal culture thrives on the networks we build—not only on the ground but also at national, regional, and global levels. Whether it's our participation in the Wada Na Todo Abhiyaan or the National Adolescent Health Programme's task force, TYPF actively engages with multiple stakeholders to influence policies and programs. Internally, we ensure that these networks align with our values, empowering our team to contribute meaningfully to the collective movement for women's rights and youth discourse strengthening.

## **Collaboration Across Boundaries**

Collaboration is at the heart of TYPF's internal culture. We don't work in silos—our team comes together across various initiatives, sharing knowledge, resources, and expertise to ensure that every voice is heard. Whether it's in brainstorming sessions or our ongoing partnerships with organizations like ARROW or RESURJ, TYPF fosters an atmosphere where collaboration is celebrated, and collective impact is the ultimate goal. TYPF isn't just about preaching values; it's about embedding them into our daily work, creating an organizational culture that's positive, inclusive, and constantly evolving. This makes TYPF not only a place to work but a space where every team member is empowered to grow, contribute, and truly make a difference.



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