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*10 years of Impact*

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# Founder's Note

As enablers of young talent, it is important we support our youth to get ready for the real world. The reality of today's real world is that academic degrees and qualifications aren't of much relevance if there are no skills to showcase. Meaningful jobs and leadership assignments are given to those with a skills-based resume rather than just the traditional academic degree focused one. Opportunities today focus more on skills and attitudes, not just knowledge.

Through IMIB's Future Leaders program, we aim to create a generation of socially conscious leaders who create sustainable solutions to real-world problems by imparting skills such as problem-solving, flexibility, empathy, dealing with failures, and collaboration.

Over the course of the students' projects, I interacted closely with these Future Leaders and even mentored some of them. What makes them so great in our eyes? As you go through their stories, you will see how these young changemakers have gone beyond themselves and challenged the status quo.

I believe these students have created more impact in 6 months than most people do in their lifetimes. Their efforts have been indomitable even during the pandemic; it is only through humble, consistent efforts that we can create a big impact. Their work is the embodiment of our core principle- small is the new big.

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Here's what people are saying:

"Breathtaking - I'm so blown away and so impressed by the caliber and quality of all (IMIB Future Leaders) we met..."

"I'm totally pumped! I think I'll never be depressed again - ever!"

"I wish I had your confidence when I was that age!"

Every student has gone beyond themselves and taken their projects to new heights, we are privileged to have been part of their journey. In our mission to activate 1 million leaders who will impact 1 billion people, here are just a few examples to showcase students' journeys and their success stories. We hope this inspires you to take on bold action to advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals, just like our young leaders have.

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## RISHAV SANJAY

**Project Raitha**  
**11th Grade**  
**Bangalore International Academy**  
**Bangalore**



### **Seeds of Change; Empowering Karnataka's Farmers with Tech and Awareness**

Rishav launched Project Raitha to help marginalized farmers in rural Karnataka by introducing sustainable technology and modern methods. The objective was to reorient the farmers' thinking and educate them on soil health and testing through awareness sessions. So far, Rishav has provided free soil tests to over 30 farmers, distributed more than 50 seedlings of different crops, and established networks for farmers to use IoT sensors. He has raised over INR 85,000, which he is using to expand his efforts and scale up the project.

**2** ZERO HUNGER



## SIDDHARTHA SUHAS

**Project Annam**  
**10th Grade**  
**Deutsche Schule Bombay (DSB)**  
**Mumbai**



### **Cultivating health, happiness, and a hunger-free future for the children of Bangalore**

Project Annam is one endeavor that got its start under the Future Leaders Program of IMIB. The goal of Project Annam is to make more hygienic, safe food more widely available in Bangalore's surrounding semi-rural and semi-urban areas. It also helped assess the kids in shelter homes in collaboration with medical specialists to identify persistent issues and provide health care support to resolve them. With the community's assistance, Siddhartha raised 1.5 lakhs, sufficient to feed over 100 children for two months. Project Annam has partnered with the non-governmental group Ramanamani Foundation to ensure that the children would always have access to good and healthy food.



## DIVAA UTHKARSHA

**Project Surya  
10th Grade  
NPS Rajajinagar  
Bangalore**

### **A youth-powered beacon breaking barriers for children with type 1 diabetes**

Through financing, lobbying, and raising awareness, Project Surya is a youth-driven non-profit that seeks to assist disadvantaged children with type 1 diabetes. After seeing the costs associated with insulin injections and testing for children with type 1 diabetes, Divaa was motivated to launch the project by her brother's diagnosis. Awareness workshops were attended by almost 16,000 individuals, who raised Rs. 7,00,000 and 500 insulin syringes. Divaa, who won the 2023 Diana Award, has received praise for her advocacy on behalf of people with type 1 diabetes both nationally and locally.

### **3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**



## ABHINAV VALLUR

**Project Sirona  
12th Grade  
Inventure Academy  
Bangalore**



### **2000 Women, 2 Years: Sirona's Pioneering Path in Cancer Care**

Sirona was created to provide underprivileged women with cancer screening facilities, awareness on cancer screening, and awareness on utilizing government schemes to aid them in a struggle against cancer. They aim to reach out to 2000 women over the course of 2 years by conducting health camps at 4-month intervals. Despite logistical concerns, many doctors and healthcare professionals invested countless hours into Sirona, appreciating the effort put into the initiative. The founder's greatest learning was that there are always individuals willing to help once the ball is rolling on impactful initiatives like this.

## ANURAG & SHIKHAR

**Project Agni  
11th Grade  
NPS Indiranagar  
Bangalore**



### Igniting young minds to extinguish the shadows of cancer

Inspired by a personal experience with cancer, Project Agni is a beacon of hope in the world of health and well-being. Our initiative aligns with the mission of SDG 3: Good Health and Well Being, with a specific focus on educating children aged 10 to 18 about the early signs of cancer. The main objective is to empower these young individuals to identify the symptoms and promote early detection for a healthier global community. With impactful sessions, partnerships, and collaborations, Project Agni aims to spark a glimmer of hope for a future free from the pain and heartache caused by this formidable adversary. Shikhar and Anurag have also raised \$2400 towards setting up screening camps and raising awareness in their communities.

**3** GOOD HEALTH  
AND WELL-BEING



## MAANYATA LADI

**Project Vitality  
9th Grade  
NPS Indiranagar  
Bangalore**

### Weaving Wellness – a symphony of health and vitality for young souls

Project Vitality is a remarkable initiative that strives to provide an efficient healthcare system to support young adults aged 18 to 22 who are leaving orphanages. The mission is to ensure that these individuals are physically and mentally fit to face their future with confidence. The approach is holistic, combining consistent physical activity and events with a healthy, balanced diet, regular check-ups, and ongoing monitoring of progress. So far, Project Vitality has directly impacted the lives of 130 people and indirectly influenced around 250. The comprehensive approach addresses physical health and provides the emotional support necessary for personal growth. Project Vitality seeks to establish partnerships with other organizations to create a nurturing ecosystem and expand its reach to young adults leaving orphanages in various regions, enhancing scalability and sustainability.



## ANANYA NARAYAN

**Project Chapter**  
**12th Grade**  
**National Academy for Learning**  
**Bangalore**

### **Unveiling the Story of Minds- Rewriting Teen Narratives on Mental Health**

Ananya initiated Project Chapter to start conversations about mental health among teenagers and promote understanding that it is as important as physical well-being. To support and empower young people, engaging awareness sessions are held in schools and online, with additional activities like social media advocacy and blog writing for the 'Mental Overload' blog. The awareness sessions cover various topics, including self-care and emotion recognition. Since its inception, Project Chapter has reached over 700 students in Bengaluru, with hundreds more participating online. The project has also established a dedicated group of passionate volunteers who are integral to its success.

### **3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**



## RUSHIL DEBBAD

**Project VSupport**  
**12th Grade**  
**CHIREC International School**  
**Hyderabad**



### **A COVID crusade delivering safety gear to rural hospitals, one community at a time.**

Introducing VSupport, a COVID-19 Relief Initiative

In response to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, VSupport was born. The non-profit initiative is dedicated to providing safety healthcare equipment to rural hospitals during these trying times. Through crowdfunding, Rushil was able to raise almost \$2,650, which helped 25 hospitals and impacted over 1000 healthcare workers. Additionally, leveraged the social media platforms to raise awareness about vaccine importance and the significance of following social distancing guidelines.



 [projectvidya](#)

## **ROSHNI GUPTA**

**Project Vidya  
9th Grade  
National Academy for Learning  
Bangalore**

**Project Vidya's impactful reach from classroom to community.**

Project Vidya is a youth-led non-profit that focuses on providing underprivileged children with fundamental knowledge in core subjects like English, Math, and Computer Science, as well as developing their soft skills. Roshni has conducted 9 sessions for 60 students from grades 4, 5, and 7 and raised awareness in education for 65+ students from grades 6 and 7. She aims to sponsor the education of 204 underprivileged students through her fundraiser and has collected 200 books to provide to those in need. An online curriculum is being developed to share with teachers to make the project sustainable. Roshni is looking to expand her project to make a bigger and more sustainable impact.

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EDUCATION**



## **AKASH PANDA**

**Project Illuminate  
9th Grade  
National Public School  
Koramangala**



**Sparking Futures; brightening young minds through education, supplies, and a sprinkle of hope**

Akash's project has a noble goal: to provide quality education to underprivileged children aged 5-15. With a focus on those in Grades 1-7 who struggle with a lack of educational supplies and attention, he plans to offer tutoring and educational supplies to support their learning. Through his outreach efforts, Akash has raised awareness through ten campaigns and engaged with 300 people. He has also made significant contributions, including the donation of 500 books to a village school library, INR 50,000 to an orphanage, and INR 150,000 to another village school library. Currently, his focus is on supporting 27 destitute children in an orphanage in Odisha with educational supplies and tutoring for one year.

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## NAVYA RAMCHANDER

Project Kana project  
11th Grade  
Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan  
Chennai



### Painting Futures with Pixels – Navya's brushstroke of digital literacy

The kana project is an initiative started by Navya Ramchander to improve digital literacy in rural India by teaching young children between the age group 11-17 how to use digital mediums that will enhance the learning experience in institutions. She had started the project to use her creativity and passion for computer science to help people. She has so far partnered with 3 non-profit organizations to teach children how to digital skills and basics in technology to boost their academic experience. She has also had a virtual session in one of the schools about the uses of Canva by the VP of digital marketing at Indium software. The project will be taking the next step through the virtual program "train the trainers" with the pan-india organization playquity to teach young women across India how to use canva ,who will go on to teach their peers.



## ASHMITA GUPTA

Project E4E- Education for Everyone  
11th Grade  
NPS Indiranagar  
Bangalore

**4** QUALITY  
EDUCATION



### Ashmita's quest for Quality Education, lighting up young minds across borders and barriers

Project E4E was founded to support underprivileged children aged 10-15 who lacked adequate resources and funding for Quality Education. Ashmita's dedication to advancing SDG-4 was ignited by her encounter with Suma, a 14-year-old resident of an orphanage. Suma's desire to learn was hindered by a lack of fundamental concepts and financial means to continue her education. Ashmita raised Rs. 3,50,000 to support the education of 33 underprivileged children across 3 states in India. E4E has made a significant impact, benefiting 3,200 students through educational and mentoring sessions, the establishment of 2 libraries, and the distribution of the Edufication Toolkit, an NCERT curriculum-based resource that operates independently of internet connectivity.

## ADITYA NARAYAN

**Project Yantrikta  
12th Grade  
Inventure Academy  
Bangalore**



### **Aditya's mission for equitable STEM learning from robotics enthusiast to changemaker**

Aditya Narayan, a robotics enthusiast, founded Project Yantrikta to provide underprivileged students with access to STEM education and opportunities. The project's robotics program has already had a significant impact, benefiting 225 students in 6 government schools by conducting approximately 53 hours of sessions. 79% of students noted a significant increase in their understanding of robotics concepts, with 95% feeling more confident in programming robots. Remarkably, 67% expressed newfound inspiration to pursue STEM-related careers thanks to the program. Aditya's journey has taught him that STEM education can shape aspirations and change life trajectories for youth from any background. He plans to continue advocating for equitable education by implementing impactful interventions that address educational disparities.



## ZEUS LALANI

**Project Eklavya  
9th Grade  
Navrachana International School  
Vadodara**

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EDUCATION**



### **Inclusive education, tactile tales, and a library of limitless possibilities**

Project Eklavya is an initiative dedicated to providing underprivileged students with the necessary tools to excel in their education. Our mission is to promote inclusive education for all. By joining forces with the Robin Hood Army and Raised Lines Foundation, Eklavya has introduced tactile books to 37 students at Surabhi Blind School in Vadodara, sparking a newfound interest in learning. In addition, established seven mini libraries stocked with academic and story books in various low-income schools, empowering students to become confident learners. The online and offline campaigns have raised over 1300 USD, bringing hope to hundreds of children. Project Eklavya remains committed to raising awareness and supporting this cause in the future.



## ROHAN GUPTA

**Project TechUp**  
**9th Grade**  
**National Academy for Learning**  
**Bangalore**

### **Innovate, Educate, Empower: Project TechUp's Drive for Inclusive Education**

Project TechUp aims at equipping high school students with essential technical skills to prepare them for the future. Given the centrality of technology in tomorrow's world, Rohan identified an opportunity to contribute to this noble cause. He conducts weekly classes at Need Base India Girls Home, and additionally, developing online courses accessible to children from varied backgrounds. To support this initiative, Rohan set up an online fundraiser and organized a donation drive. He has distributed the devices to schools to ensure they have the necessary tools to participate in the digital age. Rohan believes that everyone should have access to knowledge about technology, to ensure they are adequately prepared for the world. Project TechUp's mission to 'Ignite Minds to Illuminate Futures' resonates strongly with Rohan as he is delighted to contribute in my small way.

## **4** QUALITY EDUCATION



## JISHNU UAHAN

**Project Shikshayathi**  
**8th Grade**  
**NPS Koramangala**  
**Bangalore**



### **Jishnu's educational odyssey, transforming anganwadis into hubs of joy and learning for rural Karnataka's young dreamers**

Jishnu founded Project Shikshayathi due to his passion for education and the awareness that not all children had the same level of access to quality education as he does. After realizing the high number of students who are withdrawn from school at ages 3-6 years, he realized that this was where he wanted to focus his attention. His discussion with parents uncovered that many do not see the value of sending their children to the Anganwadis when the infrastructure in these schools is so poor. Jishnu was able to raise Rs. 1,30,000 with which he was able to supply an Anganwadi with tables and chairs, student uniforms and shoes, and books and games. He has engaged the children in activities and learning exercises to get them excited about learning new things. By making the environment more inviting, Jishnu hopes to incentivize parents to send their children to school. Jishnu hopes to replicate this model across more Anganwadis in the Bangalore Rural area.

## SONAL KALYANPUR

**Project Sankalpa  
11th Grade  
DPS North  
Bangalore**



### **Smart Anganwadis, Bright Futures - empowering underprivileged children in rural India**

Sonal's passion for education led her to establish Project Sankalpa, a program that aims to enhance the right to education for underprivileged children aged 3-6 in rural areas, with a particular focus on girls. The initiative harnesses India's anganwadi network and has a pilot program that has established a smart anganwadi equipped with enhanced infrastructure, Wi-Fi, and learning tools to make education more enjoyable for children. This model has the capacity to be expanded to all other anganwadis in Karnataka and beyond. Furthermore, Project Sankalpa has developed a platform and an ecosystem to bring together different stakeholders and create a successful anganwadi education model.

**4 QUALITY  
EDUCATION**



## ADVIKA SHUKLA

**Project Pink  
1st Year  
OP Jindal  
Hyderabad**



### **Turning bystanders into heroes with the 5D's, crafting a safer narrative for streets in India**

Project Pink is a new initiative that aims to combat street harassment in India through bystander intervention. The program uses interactive sessions and real-life examples to teach high school and college students the "5D's" - a proven methodology to safely intervene in public harassment situations. So far, they have conducted sessions with more than 300 students in high schools and colleges. Additionally, reached out to over 100 people through awareness campaigns and hosted a human library event that allowed survivors to share their stories and sensitize others.



## SAINA SARIN

**Project Kamakhya**  
**9th Grade**  
**Ridge Valley School**  
**Gurugram**

### **Saina's Drive for Menstrual Equity as she breaks barriers and redefines dignity**

Saina's project is focused on raising awareness and providing sustainable menstrual options for women. Her efforts were sparked by witnessing a young girl who was forced to use an old rag during her cycle. Saina has conducted numerous awareness sessions and has already distributed over 1500 sustainable pads. Her initiative has partnered with the Honda CSR team and the Juvenile Justice Board of India to reach women and girls in nearby underprivileged villages. Saina successfully raised Rs. 45,000 through crowdfunding to fund the pads and aims to invest in pad incinerators for schools. Her work has not gone unnoticed. Saina was recognized as a runner-up for the ARC Foundation's Student Award for Global Sustainability. She is admired globally and locally as a young leader making a positive impact.

**5** GENDER  
EQUALITY



## OHANNA C.L & KRISH JAUHRI

**Project Save Little Hearts**  
**11th Grade**  
**NPS Koramangala**  
**Bangalore**



### **Empowering Innocence, Crafting Safety Tales - turning every child's story into a masterpiece of protection and hope**

Krish and Ohanna established Save Little Hearts, a project that aims to raise awareness about child sexual abuse. By educating underprivileged children on safe and unsafe touch and response systems, the initiative hopes to create a safer environment for children. Their efforts have yielded positive results, with multiple awareness sessions held, reaching a total of 120 students from government schools and underserved areas. To expand their reach, Save Little Hearts has partnered with Rotary Club and the NGO Shifting Orbits. They have arranged for a psychologist to visit the children regularly to reinforce safety guidelines for prevention and early response. In addition, Save Little Hearts will distribute its own animated book, entitled "Safety with SuperMaya," to schools and libraries to further educate young minds. The team's ultimate goal is to reach more children and create a safer world for them.

## RIANA KAPOOR

Project The Women of  
11th Grade  
Greenwood High International School  
Bangalore



### Riana Kapoor's visionary Initiative towards financial Independence for Women

"The Women Of" project is a commendable initiative dedicated to uplifting underprivileged women in Bangalore. Focused on women aged 18 to 55, the project aims to bridge gaps and break barriers through education, skill-building, and holistic support. In collaboration with the NGO "Connecting Smiles," the project has successfully trained 90 women in hairdressing and stitching, fostering financial independence. Riana has raised 32,000 rupees and built a robust team of 35 volunteers, showcasing her ability to mobilize resources and create a collaborative community. The project's impact extends beyond skill development, with four fundraisers and two interactive sessions led by experts in finance and law, spreading awareness and knowledge. Riana's holistic approach recognizes the importance of a supportive community, fostering personal and professional growth. "The Women Of" is not just a project; it's a transformative force actively breaking down barriers and creating opportunities for women in Bangalore, one skill, one session, and one fundraiser at a time.



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## SANSKRITI HOOLI

Project Days for Girls  
8th Grade  
NPS Kalkere  
Bangalore



### Shattering Taboos, Fostering Transformation – Empowering women and girls through education and essential support

Project Days for Girls seeks to educate women and girls about menstrual hygiene and provide essential sanitary products. To carry out the mission, Sanskriti has conducted numerous awareness sessions in government schools, with support staff and housekeeping personnel in our community. These sessions have been instrumental in educating people about menstrual hygiene practices. Additionally, raised \$337, which has helped countless girls. Through a partnership with Ekatarra, an NGO that also advocates for women's education, Sanskriti donated 50 reusable menstrual pads to teenage girls in a government school in Kalkere. Moving forward, Project Days for Girls will continue to disseminate knowledge and distribute sanitary products to make a positive impact in our community.



## CHAAYA BASAWARAJ & JIYA SHETTY

**Project Theia**  
**9th Grade**  
**National Academy for Learning**  
**Bangalore**

6 CLEAN WATER  
AND SANITATION



### **Filtering hope, one drop at a time for rural communities in India**

Project Theia, dedicated to making clean drinking water accessible, seized the opportunity to address the water crisis. Currently installing a reverse osmosis water filter in Doddamavatur, Tumkur district, India, they aim to impact over 4500 people in Doddamavatur and 10 surrounding villages. With the filter strategically placed on the main road, passing vehicles also contribute to the greater public good. Having secured a 5 lakh funding from the government, Project Theia collaborates closely with government officials and also raised Rs.25,000 through crowd funding. The project held awareness sessions at schools, advocating their cause at various clubs and communities. Project Theia educated students about the importance of water conservation and how they can champion for the cause in their communities. Also recognized by Ms. Apoorva Rai, Ms. South Asia Pacific 2022, Project Theia envisions a world with free, pure, safe drinking water access for all rural communities in India.

 @projecttheia

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INEQUALITIES



## SHLOKA CHANDRAN

**Project Transform**  
**11th Grade**  
**NPS Indiranagar**  
**Bangalore**



### **Breaking Chains, Building Health: Shloka's Project Transform in Action**

Shloka was deeply disturbed by the way the transgender community was being mistreated in Bangalore. Thus, she founded Project Transform - aimed at improving the quality of life for this community by providing necessary resources. After conducting several awareness sessions, it became clear that the health of the trans community was a major concern. This led to the organization conducting two health camps and advocating for the importance of regular checkups and good health. Project Transform is currently collaborating with a member of the Karnataka State Legislative Assembly to establish public transgender restrooms and provide health insurance for the community. Additionally, a documentary highlighting the unheard stories of this community is also in the works. Through the awareness sessions and health camps, Project Transform has directly impacted over 100 people.

 **project.transform**



## NIHARIKA NAIR

**Project Tribali**  
**11th Grade**  
**Ekya ITPL**  
**Bangalore**

### **Bridging Worlds, Preserving Roots: Project Tribali's Legacy in Tribal Empowerment**

In an effort to promote equality, safeguard culture, and preserve the legacy of tribal communities, Niharika launched Project Tribali. The initiative focuses on three key components: revenue production, cultural preservation, and basic rights. By selling native handicrafts and crowdfunding, Niharika was able to raise \$500 to fund health camps, tribal college setups, and government identification workshops. Her work impacted over 1,000 households directly and an additional 3,500 households indirectly throughout India, with a particular focus on Kerala and Karnataka. Additionally, she documented various tribal settlement customs to ensure cultural preservation.

**10** REDUCED  
INEQUALITIES



## RACHIT DEBBAD

**Project HearCare**  
**9th Grade**  
**Chirec International School**  
**Hyderabad**



### **HearCARE's Journey from Awareness to Action in Hearing Disability Intervention.**

HearCARE is a project that seeks to promote awareness and early detection of hearing disabilities, with the aim of improving the lives of children and preventing discrimination. Founder Rachit, was inspired to take action after visiting an orphanage and meeting a child who had been abandoned due to their hearing disability. HearCARE has organised awareness sessions and hearing camps at maternity and pediatric hospitals, reaching 600 people and indirectly impacting 1100. Rachit also spoke on All India Radio to millions of people in rural India, stressing the importance of early intervention in hearing disabilities. HearCARE successfully tested the hearing of 150 children and identified 5 who required rehabilitation for their hearing. HearCARE is now raising funds for these 5 children's hearing aids.

## SHIVANK JAISWAL

Project Prosperity  
9th Grade  
NPS Koramangala  
Bangalore



### Shivank's Project Prosperity paving the way for economic empowerment from skills to success

Headed by Shivank Jaiswal, Project Prosperity's goal is to bridge the unemployment gap and empower the women of Marsur community in Karnataka, India. Our impactful workshops and collaborative efforts have transformed lives, promoting economic growth and breaking the barrier of financial hardship. By prioritizing advertising skills and fostering direct business connections, we've seen tangible positive outcomes in income generation for the women who run small businesses in the community. Our future plans include developing strategic partnerships and offering more support to women entrepreneurs. At Project Prosperity, we are committed to creating a brighter and more equitable future. We thrive on making lasting impacts in the lives of these women, one workshop at a time.



## ESHA NAHAR

Project Swachh Sansaar  
10th Grade  
Mallya Aditi International School  
Bangalore

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CONSUMPTION  
AND PRODUCTION



### Project Swachh Sansaar, phasing Out Plastic, phasing in change

Project Swachh Sansaar was created to tackle the problem of plastic pollution and reduce the overwhelming burden of plastic waste on our planet. Esha was inspired to fight this due to the death of a childhood pet dog due to plastic suffocation. Through awareness and promotion of plastic-free products, Project Swachh Sansaar has been able to reach out to 5 apartment complexes, 4 hotel chains, 2 underprivileged schools, The Indian Institute of Science and ISKCON in Bangalore as well as many more individuals.

Through these sessions, the project has successfully reduced the usage of over 50 different plastic products amongst 2000+ people and various institutions.

## ISABEL SHIJU

**Project Selfless network  
9th Grade  
NPS Indiranagar  
Bangalore**



### **Fashion with a Conscience: Isabel's Selfless.Network, Bridging Style and Sustainability.**

Isabel has taken action to educate the youth of Bangalore on sustainable fashion through her project, Selfless.Network. Her platform encourages teenagers to reuse and refuse fast fashion products, and she has also developed a website that connects those with overflowing closets to underprivileged children in need of clothing. Through these efforts, over 500 underprivileged children have been positively impacted and 15 kgs of clothes have been donated. Isabel is currently advocating for a unified sustainability tag, which would contain information regarding materials, production methods, sourcing, and a color-coded rating. With 2400 supporters behind this idea, she is working hard to reach out to ministers and make it a reality.



## DEEPTHI CHANDRAN

**Project EcoThreads  
10th Grade  
Indus International  
Bangalore**

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### **EcoThreads: Where waste becomes wearable, and women find wings to Soar**

Project EcoThreads was established with two primary goals: to decrease textile waste and create job opportunities for underprivileged women. The founder, Deepthi, was inspired to tackle this issue after noticing a significant amount of discarded clothing near her community. In partnership with the NGO Vidyaranya and the thrift store Ecodhaga, Project EcoThreads has employed seven women. Together, they upcycled 250 kilograms of textile waste which was then transformed into cloth bags. Through crowdfunding, the project was able to raise \$400 USD to provide the women with essential training and sewing machines. Today, Project EcoThreads continues to flourish and make a positive impact on the environment and the lives of the women involved.



## AYURA SUBHASH

**Project Asar**  
**10th Grade**  
**NPS Koramangala**  
**Bangalore**

**Clothes with a Cause: Ayura's Project Asar, weaving a tapestry of sustainable style.**

Project Asar is a new initiative that aims to raise awareness on the negative impacts of fast fashion, while promoting sustainable practices such as upcycling and recycling of textile waste. Through Project Asar, Ayura built a bridge that connects donors to various NGOs, to provide basic clothing to the underserved communities and improve livelihoods for many rural families through upcycling and recycling programs. With several campaigns and collection drives at schools, residential complexes, and corporate offices, Project Asar has successfully collected over 350 kgs of clothes. These clothes were donated to NGOs such as Goonj and India 360. Ayura's campaigns have reached over 800 people so far, and the number is still growing. Project Asar is dedicated to promoting sustainable practices and increasing awareness on fast fashion.

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## NISHITASHAA MEDHI & AVNI GUPTA

**Project Muse**  
**8th Grade**  
**NPS Koramangala**  
**Bangalore**



**Reshape, Reuse, Repair: Project Muse's circular fashion revolution**

In a world where clothing has a negative impact on both our bodies and the environment, Nishitashaa and Avni have created Project Muse – a committed call to action. The initiative aims to reduce cloth wastage in Bangalore's local communities using the circular fashion model.

**Realization** – Through surveys, awareness sessions, and dynamic initiatives like busking and bake sales, Project Muse advocates action-driven change. **Reuse** – By collaborating with organizations such as Social CredS and engaging with the youth, Project Muse has collected over 1500 clothing items for reuse. The initiative benefits villages, disabled communities, and children's homes, with 700 clothes given in exchange for community work, repurposed attire for the disabled, and 250 sets of clothing for children's homes. **Repair** – Project Muse's upcycling workshops, skill-building sessions, promote sustainability at the heart of the communities. Join them in reshaping communities through reuse, repair, and sustainable fashion.



## SAMUDRIKA GOPINATH

**Project Oigendo**  
**11th Grade**  
**Oakridge International School**  
**Bangalore**

**Green Innovations, Blue Solutions:**  
**Project Oigendo's stride towards a sustainable future**

Project Oigendo, founded by Samudrika, aims to reduce carbon emissions by partnering with schools and small-scale industries. The initiative was inspired by the felling of trees near her school. Over 800 people have been educated through awareness sessions and social media, and 240+ trees have been planted and distributed. The project has also started saving water daily in two schools through aerators installed with Earthfokus. The project is working on a product called 'Liquid Plant', which is electricity-free, cost-effective, and 30x more efficient in reducing carbon emissions. The Deputy CM of Karnataka, Mr. DK Shivakumar has expressed the government's willingness to advance their product. This is a testament to the remarkable work that Project Oxygenado is doing to create a greener, and cleaner cities for future generations.

### 13 CLIMATE ACTION



## RIA RAGHU

**Project Wegan**  
**Freshman College**  
**Washington University**  
**St Louis**



**Ria's culinary journey to a sustainable future with her 'Compassionate Cookbook'**

Ria, daughter of two doctors, has always been aware of the positive impact of a plant-based diet. Growing up, she witnessed the increasingly rapid degradation of our environment and realized that her generation must take action. This led to the creation of project WEGan, aimed at educating all age groups on the benefits (for both health and the environment) of a plant-based lifestyle. With her efforts, she has raised \$35,000 for a charity that provides plant-based meals to school children, authored 'The Compassionate Cookbook', and appeared on 104FM. Ria has even encouraged 10 individuals to adopt a plant-based diet gradually.

## RENEE GEORGE

**Project About Time  
12th Grade  
NPS Koramangala  
Bangalore**



**Innovate, Activate, Rejuvenate: About Time's teen visionary transforming Bangalore's lakes.**

About Time is an initiative started by Renee George, who is passionate about activism for climate change and loves wildlife and nature. About Time aims to help rejuvenate the dying lakes of Bangalore and ensure that environmental data remains openly accessible to the public. Renee has managed to raise over one lakh rupees towards the cause of reviving lakes in Bangalore, and also organized a cleanup drive with over 70 volunteers to pluck dry waste from around the lake. She conducted research on Doddanekundi Lake correlating the number of bird species at a lake to its water quality, which she presented at the Iris National Science Fair in New Delhi. She then implemented the findings of this research by developing a mobile app which eliminates the need for expensive water testing equipment thus revolutionizing the way we look at data collection for lakes in Bangalore. The app was recognised as the Asia Regional Winner in the global Technovation challenge, 2023.



## SHRIYA KUMAR

**Project Mowgli Movement  
11th Grade  
NPS Indiranagar  
Bangalore**

**13** CLIMATE ACTION



**15** LIFE ON LAND



**The Mowgli Movement, bridging conservation and community upliftment in Karnataka's forests."**

The Mowgli Movement is a passion project rooted in love for wildlife safaris, inspired by Shriya Kumar's cherished experiences with my father. Drawing from the enchanting tales of the "Jungle Book," the initiative is dedicated to uplifting tribal communities in Karnataka's forests. With a commitment to positive change, she has raised 1.15 lakhs, conducting impactful sessions in government schools, reaching over 500 participants. Addressing practical needs, distributed solar lamps, promoting both improved living conditions and eco-friendly solutions. The online awareness sessions, featuring WWF officials, and collaborations with the head of Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR) at Kabini, strive to harmonize conservation and responsible tourism. The personal connection to nature remains the guiding force, steering the Mowgli Movement towards a future where tribal communities and their forested homes thrive in harmony. This isn't just a project; it's a heartfelt commitment to preserving landscapes that have shaped the narrative and contributing to a legacy of coexistence and sustainability.



## MAHIMA GYAMLANI

**Project Starfly™**  
**Grade 12**  
**Awty International School**  
**Houston, TX, USA**

### **From bullying survivor to mental health advocate: Mahima's Starfly™ initiative soars**

Mahima is the founder of Project Starfly™. The Starfly app offers peer support for kids with chronic illnesses and disabilities, providing them with a safe, structured space where they can engage with one another in a positive, bullying-free environment to reduce isolation and loneliness, thereby contributing to better health and well-being outcomes. Mahima experienced bullying as a child in India due to her accent and being 'different', which sparked her mental health journey. She now advocates for mental health in the US, recognizing that many children suffer in silence. Mahima is an advocate for marginalized children's mental health. She leads a mental health club and podcasts, published a research paper, and volunteered at mental health clinics and NGOs. She developed the Starfly™ app, which has launched in both the Google Play and Apple app stores and has received positive feedback. Mahima continues to work to garner support from the medical community and local leaders and utilizes her position on the auxiliary committee of the Mayor's Youth Council to support sick children. Her website, <https://starfly.social/>, documents her mental health advocacy journey.

## ISHAAN AVI GUPTA

**Solar Powered Water Purifier**  
**11th Grade**  
**Shriram Millenium School, Noida**  
**Delhi**

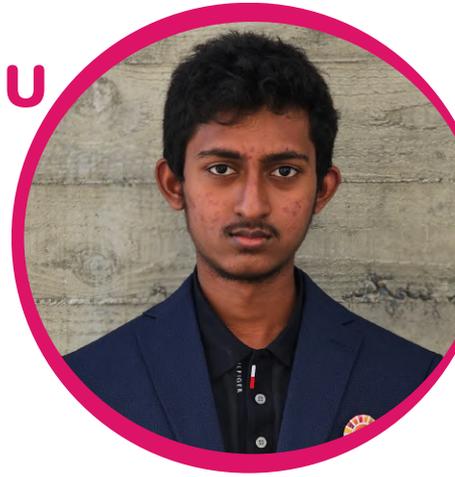


### **Ishaan's solar water filter illuminating communities with sustainable hydration solutions**

Ishaan was deeply impacted after meeting local construction workers who work at a family factory who shared about the lack of access to clean drinking water in their villages and in the schools that their children attend. This problem inspired Ishaan to develop and test a solar powered chlor-alkali water filter to purify water in the most sustainable way possible. After piloting in Sahibabad UP by installing a water filtration system supplying the 35+ families at the construction site, he moved to install in two other communities - Sarai Kale Khan, New Delhi which helps the Manav Mandir Mission Trust NGO supplement their communal water for 50 students and in Manju-ka-Tilla providing clean water to the migrant refugee families living there. Through crowdfunding, Ishaan raised Rs. 1,10,500 to maintain the filtration system. Ishaan has further engaged with the student community in Sarai Kale Khan by tutoring students after their excitement and curiosity were piqued by his project's installation.

## ROCHAN LAKKAMRAJU

**Project Sapient  
12th Grade  
CHIREC International School  
Bangalore**



### **Rochan's visionary initiative empowers visually impaired students for a brighter future**

Rochan, deeply moved by the challenges faced by visually impaired children, initiated Project Sapient which focuses on empowering these students in Hyderabad by providing essential resources for better employment prospects. Through fundraising, he successfully raised \$700 (INR 60,000) and impacted over 300 students at Devnar School for the Blind in Hyderabad. Project Sapient goes beyond traditional education for the visually challenged, conducting specialized courses on language skills and public speaking, enhancing students' abilities for the professional world. Through strategic connections, volunteers with experience working with the visually challenged from the fields of journalism and teaching were linked to the school, offering valuable insights into potential career paths to the students. In the coming months, Rochan aims to connect more volunteers to the lower grades and work with more blind schools in Hyderabad, augmenting Project Sapient's impact.



## CHANDIRESH ASAITHAMBI

**Project Pave the Way  
11th Grade  
Stanford American International School  
Singapore**

### **Chandiresch's Project Pave the Way empowering construction workers with financial literacy and government benefits**

Upon seeing the devastating financial impact of the early days of the Covid-19 lockdown on day laborers and migrant workers, Chandiresch was moved to found Project Pave the Way which aims to help construction workers understand government schemes and the financial basics. Chandiresch created multilingual animated educational videos and curated in-person workshops to teach financial literacy in an easy-to-understand manner. To date, he has taught over 300 workers about and has helped around 700 workers sign up for the BOCW government scheme, giving them many benefits, including healthcare, financial aid, education benefits, and insurance. Close to rupees 1.3 lakhs has also been fundraised in order to sustain and grow the project. The indirect impact of this enrollment is ~3000 people given the benefits to the whole family once the worker is able to enroll. A comprehensive online platform is under development which will bring together the financial literacy modules plus government scheme details and links to beneficial organizations all in one location.

# IMPACT CREATED BY FUTURE LEADERS 2021 TO 2023



**40**

Future Leaders



**34,340**

People Impacted

**4,728**



Provided with Livelihood  
Opportunities



**3,400+**

Women Impacted

**250+**



Volunteers Activated



**₹ 2,884,460** (\$34,618 USD)

Funds Raised

# IMPACT CREATED DURING COVID BY FUTURE LEADERS



**22,238**

People Impacted

**240**

Women got jobs



**₹56,86,778**

(\$77,000)

Funds Raised

**16,155**

Essential Kits  
Distributed



**₹70,00,000**

(\$95,000)

worth order  
for PPE kits

**120+**

Youth Leaders  
Activated



**2,910**

Online Session  
Participants

**3,173**

Women Impacted



**10,00,000** Masks

**50,000**

Shoe  
Covers



**5000** Coats

# About 1M1B

1M1B (One Billion for One Billion) is a United Nations accredited nonprofit organization established in the year 2014. In USA 1M1B is registered as a 501c3 non-profit entity and in India 1M1B is registered with NGO Darpan portal of Niti Aayog, Government of India and registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013 in pursuant with Section 25 of the companies Act, 1956.

1M1B is dedicated to digital skilling, changemaking and entrepreneurship. In partnership with corporations such as IBM, Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail (ABFRL), Meta, UC Berkeley SCET and others, 1M1B has undertaken efforts to train young people throughout India on the cutting-edge skills of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Green Skills, Entrepreneurship, Digital Citizenship, Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and other emerging technologies. To date, over 500,000 students and 400,000 teachers have participated in 1M1B's programs. 1M1B's initiatives are present in over 2,000 schools and 250 villages of India, with over 5,000 village youth given access to jobs and starting a small business. 1M1B annually hosts the 1M1B Activate Impact summit at the United Nations headquarters New York, showcasing stories of young changemakers to the world.

1M1B exists to activate 1 million youth leaders who will impact 1 billion people to create a sustainable world.

More on [www.activate1m1b.org](http://www.activate1m1b.org)

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**BEYOND  
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**DEMOCRATISE  
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