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EMBODYING RIGHTS

My Body, My Rights!

Every Saturday, two-hour-long sessions are being conducted in collaboration with the YP Foundation. The Fellows from the YP Foundation interacted with children on sensitive issues through games, stories, etc. One of the recent sessions on ‘My Body, My Rights’ was conducted where 30 Junior Advocates participated and discussed their personal space, consent, their bodies, rights, etc. The interactive session has urged the children to acknowledge related aspects in their day-to-day lives and take action.



EMBEDDING JUSTICE

B-NINE Earth Summer Camp

PRATYeK, curated a virtual national platform, B-NINE EARTH for school children from 6th to 12th standard across India from 1st to 9th June, 2022 in collaboration with the BNI network.

This served as a national platform to strengthen the voices of children to create positive, productive, and proactive young citizens whom the NINEISMINE campaign refers to as ‘climate warriors’. Through this free fun-filled and focused platform, children learned new skills including origami, music, art, Zumba, beatboxing, and storytelling from professional artists. B-NINE Earth also intended to ensure child participation and, child-led advocacy through virtual creative mass with the objective of equipping every child with the skill of using innovative & imaginative means to become young advocates.



EDUCATING FOR LIBERATION

NINEISMINE in collaboration with UNICEF

In the month of June, NINEISMINE, in collaboration with UNICEF, conducted Training of Trainers (ToTs) across 04 states of India – Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and West Bengal. 111 children accompanied by 59 animators joined the sessions.

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The training included sessions on UNCRC, UN SDGs, Children’s parliament, and theatre of the oppressed along with an insight into the reports prepared by PRATYeK. The reports included the Budget for children, Shadow Report on UNCRC, Environment Report, and UPR Report. A discussion for children was also organized where children identified and shared the changes that can be considered in the revised National Policy for Children.

- Assam: 26 children and 14 animators
- Madhya Pradesh: 28 children and 15 animators
- Maharashtra: 20 Children and 11 animators
- West Bengal: 37 Children and 19 animators
- Jharkhand: Cancelled due to communal violence



Training at World Vision India

PRATYeK Team successfully organized a training session for World Vision India on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children (UNCRC) and Children’s Parliament. About 50 children and volunteers participated in the sessions and gained knowledge about their rights and entitlements along with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This was followed by a mock sess-

-ion on the formation of a children’s parliament.



ENABLING PARTICIPATION Shivani – Young Reformer!

One of the young advocates from Jharkhand, Shivani Kumari, has caused quite a stir in her hometown. She has been successful in preventing child marriage and child labour in her community. In the last three months, she has saved 15 girls from marrying at a young age. As a true reformer, Shivani shares all of her stories and strategies with the National Child Parliamentarians inspiring them to take on such national issues in their own communities.





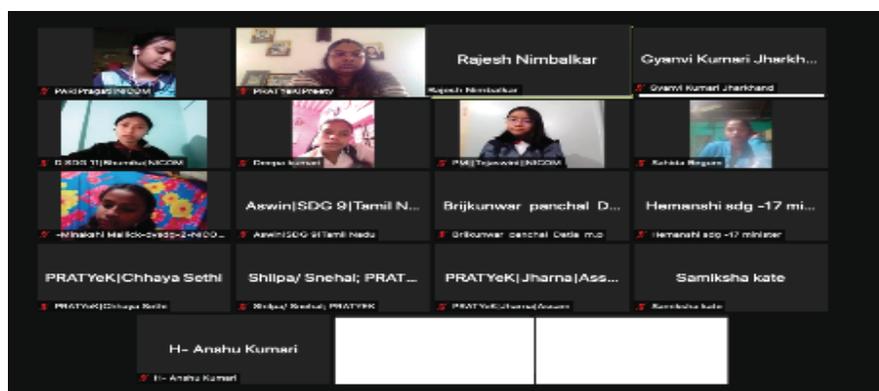
National Inclusive Children’s Parliament (NICP) - National Inclusive Council of Ministers (NICOM)

In the month of May, our Parliamentary Minister raised a concern at the National Inclusive Council of Ministers (NICOM) meeting on the verbal and physical abuse of children by teachers in schools. The matter was discussed, and NICP-NICOM Team endorsed a letter addressed to the principals of schools, directing them to take the necessary action against such teachers in all schools. The council of ministers also empowered and encouraged other members of children parliaments to contact them for assistance and support.



Sustainable Friday

Sustainable Fridays, a year-long program, aimed to bring together youth from different corners to address the issues related to the environment and bring in initiatives to make a strong collaborative impact. The session in the month of April was led by Chetna Kaith, World Wide Fund (WWF), India with a focus on ‘BIODIVERSITY’. With an objective to increase awareness of biodiversity among school children for the conversation about biodiversity and its sustainable and equitable use PRATYeK launched its online course on biodiversity called Bio Multi-Versity which was created in collaboration with WWF, ERI, and Rossari Biotech Ltd.



EMBRACING THE EARTH

Umang Mela

To celebrate International Mother Earth Day, Umang Mela was organized by St. Columba’s school where about 60 young advocates supported by PRATYeK participated in the program. This included dance performances, poems, and song recitation among other activities. Our YASH Children Parliament’s Home Minister, Nikky delivered a speech on behalf of the YASH Children’s Parliament.

Conserving What We Deserve

On the occasion of World Environment Day, June 05, the National Inclusive Children's Parliaments Council of Ministers celebrated and recognized the earth ‘through the eyes of children’.



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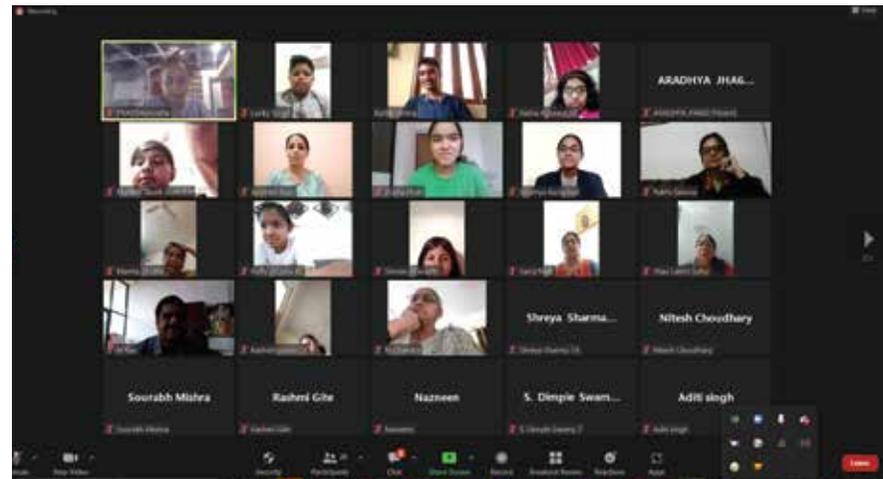
ENCOURAGING INTERNATIONALITY Online Exchange Program

PRATYeK completed an exchange program with All Saints College, Australia in the month of June. The exchange program focused on the UN Sustainable Development Goals and circus art. The venture was a great success as young people from PRATYeK interacted with students from All Saints College and discussed each goal with each other with a personal experience of each goal and then spent time with their circus art skills.



Consultation on General Comment 26

General Comment (GC) 26 speaks on the environmental rights of the children. The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child is listening to the calls of children and young people. They are taking a major step to hold governments accountable for ensuring children live in a clean, green, healthy, and sustainable world. This year experts across ages, experiences, and backgrounds are helping guide the UN Committee in building and spreading awareness on GC 26. Out of 13 child advisors from across the globe, Kartik Verma from India represents PRATYeK. Kartik along with his team of young volunteers have conducted consultations with young people from across the country.



ENGAGING WITH POWER UNICEF Regional Communication and Advocacy Meeting

On April 13, Tejaswini Mili, Prime Minister of NICP 2022, got an opportunity to talk on the NINEISMINE movement, child rights, and their

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expectations from UNICEF for their rights at the UNICEF Regional Communication and Advocacy meeting at Kathmandu.



Bridge over Troubled Water

The project has been initiated for the migrant community living under the Sanpada flyover and intends to bridge 50 homeless, migrant children back to school and to a decent childhood and into a bright productive future. A brief survey was conducted among street children to assess their needs and requirements of the children. At present, PRATYeK Mumbai Team has been involved in organizing educational and recreational activities with children.



Zero Hunger Session – YASH Delhi

The Zero Hunger Core Team conducted an hour-long session with YASH Delhi. Around 40 children participated in the session that covered topics such as hunger, malnutrition, food security, etc. During the session, children were divided into smaller groups to discuss how to achieve Zero Hunger. They explored the possible steps that need to be done on a daily basis to achieve the goal.



UPR Lobbying activity

Interaction with the ambassador of Laos People's Democratic Republic

On 27th April, 4 young advocates went to meet His Excellency Mr. Bounneme Chouanghom, Ambassador of Laos People's Democratic Republic. He introduced Laos' culture and places of Laos beyond what people know. He explained even though the country has a one-party rule, the law and protocols support the protection of women's rights, child rights, and human rights. The ambassador was intrigued by the concept of our children's parliament.

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He appreciated and encouraged the young advocates to have the opportunity to share their opinion on child rights with the children of Laos through exchange experiences in Laos.



Interaction with Slovenia embassy

On 23th May, young advocates continued the lobbying activity for the UPR shadow report. They had a wonderful interaction with the ambassador of Slovenia Her Excellency Ms. Mateja Vodeb Ghosh. Her Excellency showed great interest in what we are doing. She went through our recommendations, especially regarding child labour. She was amazed to meet our young advocates for Child Rights and also learned about their experiences while working with children from vulnerable communities. She also shared her experience as an ambassador, the importance of human rights, and child rights. With her encouragement, we feel empowered to continue the advocacy work in promoting child rights.



**EMBOLDEN COMMUNICATION
Theatre of Oppressed**

‘Theatre of Oppressed’ was conducted by a professional trainer, Mr. Zubair Idrisi from May 26 to 30, 2022. The five-day-long sessions imparted training to Delhi YASH children to identify and depict their issues and challenges through theatre. This motivated children to identify the issue and challenges in their surroundings and get to their root causes. On the last day, the issues were presented by the children through theatre performances. Amrita Singh, from UNICEF India, joined the children at the session.



**ENHANCING CAPACITY
Organizational Development**

In the month of April, Organizational development sessions were organized for Team PRATYeK from the 4th - 13th of April 2022 in Chandigarh. The sessions focused on topics such as Circular leadership, Group coaching, Self-work, Enneagram, and Conflict Reconciliation among others, conducted by resource persons including Andrew Pinto, Aubrey Nazareth, Gloria Burnett, and

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Br Brendan Macarthaigh. The sessions urged the Team to reflect on the processes and progress, identify and understand the gaps and concerns, present the findings, and prepare to make improvements individually and as a Team.



A Canticle for Everyone

*We paint our earth green for the last child's sake:
Liberation for all is the call of PRATYeK –
Every child for every right, and for every single one,
Light-footprinting our Earth, until equity is won.*

*The disabled, the defeated, the excluded everywhere,
And the girl-child too, will thrive on our holistic care.
We'll educate and we'll empower, all children to fly free
Within a vibrant, safe and connected Earth community.*

*Inclusion of the last, the lost and the least:
Re-evolutioning our planet, South, West, North and East.
The Spirit guides our hearts and draws us all through Mystery,
To impact each youngster's present, and our global history.*

*#Salaam Edmund Bhaiya, for your faith and inspiration,
And for all your brave disciples who model Right-Relations.
Where integrity's flag flies as Presence now unfurled.
May all children advocate for a just, inclusive world.*

-Br Brendan Macarthaigh

Bidding Farewell to



Rohit Goldy
Accountant



Shilpa Bansode
Program Officer



Neelam Kerketta
Intern



Kunal Stephan
Intern



Ankit Gautam
Intern

Your tremendous contributions to PRATYeK | NINEISMINE will not be forgotten.