



KANKSHA

aspiring for oneness

July– September 2023



EMBODYING RIGHTS

Training with YP foundation

The children from YASH underwent training by The YP Foundation and towards the end of training proudly showcased performances addressing gender equality and various forms of child abuse through diverse mediums including theater, human library, rap songs, and engaging discussions with parents.

It aimed to foster a deeper understanding of these global goals and empower participants to contribute meaningfully to their realization.



EMBEDDING JUSTICE

Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In the month of July, St. Joseph's Convent School hosted a transformative workshop in collaboration with PRATYeK. The workshop was centered on the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aimed to instill a sense of justice, advocacy, and proactive engagement among students. The workshop's primary objective was to educate, engage, and inspire students to take action toward achieving the 17 SDGs set by the United Nations.

KIDIZENS20

During the eve of G20, over 200 students representing schools and not-for-profits from across the country gathered virtually for the finale of their Kidizens'20 (K20). Kidizens (childcitizens) is a word coined by children themselves to represent their engagement as active citizens of today's decision-making processes. The session was graced by various G20 stakeholders Mr. Sanjay Kashyap, Executive Member of C20, Ms. Vidya Dinker, Director INSAF and PEOPLES'20, and Mr. Amal Manoj, Youth Ambassador and speaker UN Goals and the Y20 of G20.



ENABLING PARTICIPATION

Training of trainers (TOTs)

PRATYeK conducted intensive training sessions aimed at equipping Organizations and Non - non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with the tools and knowledge required to address critical issues related to sustainable development, child rights, and environmental concerns. These training sessions were strategically held in three key locations: Kolkata, West Bengal (East Zone), Delhi (North Zone), and Mumbai, Maharashtra (West Zone), ensuring comprehensive coverage across different regions of India.



Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

PRATYeK conducted monitoring and evaluation visits in the Northeast Zone. During these visits, our team collaborated with NGOs in need of assistance to establish Children's Parliaments. These interactions were intended to enhance the support provided to these NGOs, evaluate their progress in forming Children's Parliaments, and address any challenges that were impeding their efforts.

Through these engagements with the NGOs, our organization reaffirmed its commitment to empowering children and facilitating their active involvement in shaping their communities.



INGA play and leisure and Children's Manifesto

PRATYeK organised two Inclusive National General Assembly (INGA) with the children of India Play & Leisure and Children's Manifesto. Play and leisure focused on current situation of children, leisure time, involvement in sports and extracurricular activities. Children also shared their experiences and challenges.

Children's Manifesto session focused on prioritisation of recommendations received from children across India. The children in this session discussed and finalise the recommendations with the support of google form.



ENCOURAGING INTERNATIONALITY

Embassy Visit

The young advocates from PRATYeK, embarked on a series of visits to various embassies situated in Delhi to present their AdVocal report. These visits, spanning the months of July and August, provided a unique opportunity for these young advocates to share their insights and recommendations with representatives from different countries. They visited the embassies of several nations, including Singapore, Denmark, Holy See, Nigeria, Ghana, Russia, Lesotho and Portugal. These engagements facilitated constructive dialogues and enabled the sharing of valuable information and experiences between the young advocates and diplomats.



Human Rights Council Sessions

UN Statements

In the month of September United Nations had its 54th Human Rights Session where PRATYeK|NINEISMINE along with Edmund Rice International and Vivat International (ERI) submitted statements to the Human Rights Council. The statements talk about the on-ground reality of the issues and recommends the Indian Government

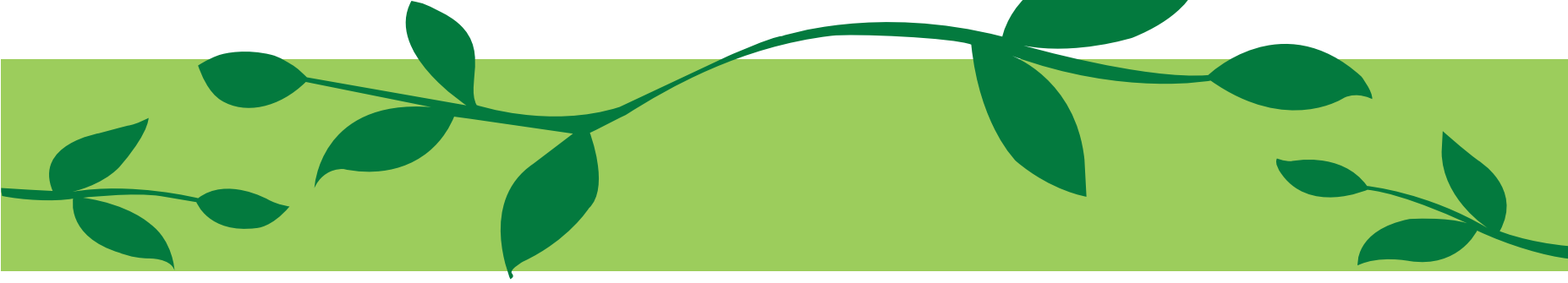
With some solutions and key asks. Statements that were delivered were on Water and Sanitation and SR on Hazardous Waste.



Ms. Malta Group Visit

From 5-7 August, a special group from Malta, including winners of Maltese beauty contests and their friends engaged with our children. They were involved in interactive sessions, advocacy tour and circus art. Touched not only by their beauty but mostly their heartfelt compassion, our children expressed gratitude through a circus art performance on the last day. The program was graced by the presence of High Commissioner Mr. Rueben Gauci, whose encouraging words bolstered our commitment to child advocacy.



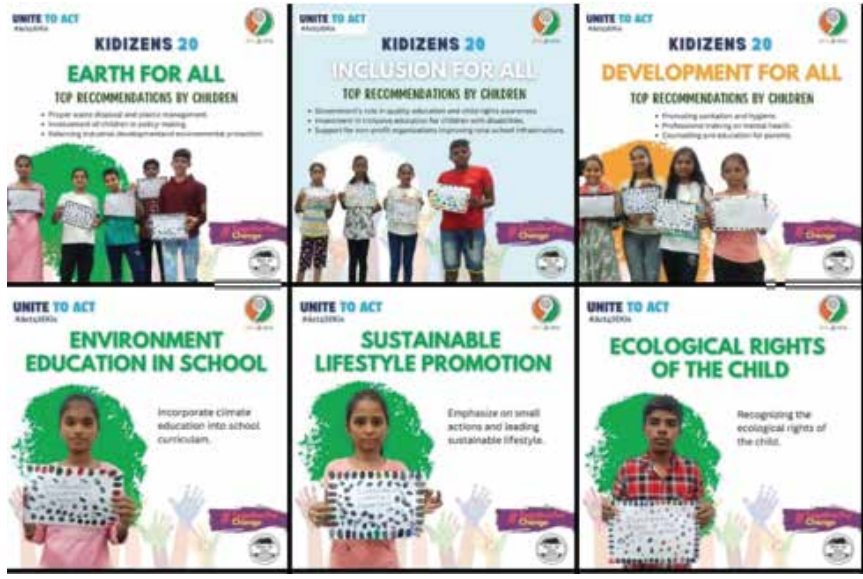


EMBOLDEN COMMUNICATION

In the month of September 2023, a three-day social media campaign was conducted for Kidizens20 in collaboration with Wada Na Todo Abhiyan. The campaign focused on raising awareness and advocating for important social causes.

The social media campaign emphasized three vital themes: "Development for All," "Inclusion for All," and "Earth for All."

Children actively participated by sharing their recommendations, uniting to create a brighter future for all Kidizens.



This event was attended by UN India Resident Coordinator, Shompi Sharp, Actress Dia Mirza, UNEP Goodwill Ambassador and other social workers.



PEOPLES'20

NINEISMINE led the PEOPLES'20 manifesto sessions on child rights in collaboration with Centre for Social Equity, INSAF and Wada Na Todo Abhiyan. The policy pact created with CSEI was further shared with the G20 sherpa and other G20 stakeholders internationally. This event was conducted in New Delhi in August, a couple of weeks before the G20 policy recommendation adoption days.



EMPOWERING COLLABORATION 28For28

PRATYeK representatives attended 28For28 in collaboration with Save the Children. It was driving climate action for a Sustainable Future and met world and young leaders and heard their stories, work and future agendas for climate change.



EMBRACING THE EARTH

General Comment 26 was launched on 18 September in the presence of world leaders and with various events planned globally. GC 26 strongly reflects children’s concerns around the environment. 13 child advisors including Kartik Verma from PRATYeK produced a child friendly version of the General Comment, delivered powerful speeches, joined discussions and presented the outcomes of General Comment 26 at the Palais des Nations.



Upcoming Events

- 17th Oct, 2023 - Awareness on General Comment 26
- 21st Oct, 2023 - Children's Manifesto meet with NGOs and CSOs

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



Diksha Goswami
National Coordinator

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