



**"commutiny"**  
the youth collective

**Annual Report  
2018-19**





The 5th Space experience is central to all the work at CYC.

AMPLIFYING 5TH SPACES  
PUBLIC INITIATIVES, MEDIA  
AND VISIBILITY

JAGRUK  
PROJECT



AGREGATING 5TH SPACES  
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP,  
RESEARCH

ACCELERATING  
5TH SPACES



# COMMUTINY STANDS FOR THE FIRST 'MUTINY' WITHIN.

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It is symbolic of the fact the social and systemic transformation cannot happen without personal transformation, which is best facilitated by continuous exploration, reflection and navigating self and social challenges in relation to the real world. In 2008, the need for a collective like ComMutiny emerged from an experienced absence of a 'community' of youth development practitioners which could work towards bringing rigor into the field of youth development while deepening the frameworks and practices of youth development. ComMutiny - The Youth Collective is working towards building vibrant eco-systems and youth-centric spaces which we call **the 5th Space**.

Over the last 10 years the primary strategies of the collective have evolved as creating a vibrant ecosystem of youth empowering spaces or aggregating 5th Spaces; creating cross cutting, empowering spaces for young people or accelerating 5th Spaces; and through this advocating for youth centric development by mainstreaming youth voices or amplifying 5th Spaces.

## **Aggregating :**

From a strategic think tank of 15 youth development professionals, to an expanded general body of 35 youth focused organizations in 2018, across 17 states. Together, the collective is recognized as a credible ecosystem for best practices in youth development in the country.

## **Accelerating :**

Over 150, 5th Space media and learning products, capacity building toolkits and gaming resources created for youth engaging organisations and youth workers. We have been a recipient of the prestigious PVR Nest award for communications in xx.

## **Amplifying :**

Designed and facilitated large scale powerful public initiatives and youth leadership journeys that have been run collectively across the country reaching approximately 200,000 people on ground and generated over 20,00,000 impressions online. This included strengthening 35 youth engaging organizations, supporting over 300 social entrepreneurs, and impacting over 18000 active and aware citizens across the country.







## **AGGREGATING 5TH SPACES**

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Through the Forum, Board, Seed Soil and Regional Collectives Providing think-tank support to youth engaging organizations to strengthen their youth interventions by incorporating 5th Space principles and undertake policy advocacy.

**ComMutiny Forum:** The forum is a collective of over 35 + youth led and youth engaging organisations along with a number of youth development practitioners directly engaging with the young people between 13 - 35 years. As a general body of the collective it has played a key role in strengthening the ecosystem for youth development and active citizenship in the country, thus creating a space for inclusion of diverse approaches through the foundation of common values.

An executive group elected and nominated from within forum members called **Seed** has also done exceptionally well in taking the collective agenda forward. The current seed members were elected in Oct 2018. The seed members through collective calls and meetings engage with forum members as well as the secretariat and acts as a bridge for establishing a two way communication. The forum's facilitariat is at Delhi which looks into the day to day functioning of the collective and other donor and stakeholder engagements. The secretariat is also referred to as the **Soil**. Over the year the seed and soil had 9 convergence calls apart from various meetings and one on one engagements for strategic decisions and inputs.

### **Forum meetings:**

Forum meetings anchored by seed and secretariat continue to create spaces for dialogue on the vision, cohesion, systems, processes and impact of the collective. The forum meetings themselves are spaces for coming together, learning, sharing and strategizing. These meetings have a balance of inward reflection on 'who we are as a collective' and 'how we want to work' while learning from our individual organizational experiences and experiments, and from other experts from the sector. This year onwards, we have started inviting new members to the Forum. Some of the invitee members are - Bhaotina Mushahary (AIET), Tauseef (Musht), Jacinta Kerketta, Smita Sen (Rupantaran).

### **Appointment:**

Kanika Sinha as the Convenor of ComMutiny The Youth Collective, co-leading the CEO.



**ComMutiny Board:**

The Board in 2018-2019 was deeply engaged in governance, review and the planning processes. Many board members also extended themselves in additional roles as issue specific champions and committee members to support specific organizational processes. In May, there was an analysis among board and forum members on what were the compelling needs of the environment as we saw it in relation to our work and they co-created the key strategic directions for ComMutiny.

**Board meeting: May 2018, September 2018**

**Board engagement: Nearly 70% attendance in all of Board members; More than 90% attendance of invitee members**

**Board rotation:**

**Invitee members: Neha Buch, CEO, Pravah**

**Regional collectivization:**

For the past year, as part of a strategy ComMutiny invested attention towards incubating and strengthening state and regional collectives. It was also decided that learnings over the past four years from the national collectivization process will be foregrounded as good practices to initiate this process. Furthering these efforts, in December 2018 in partnership with UNICEF, we started a two-year large-scale collectivization and capacity building initiative for building adolescent leadership and enhancing adolescent participation in governance across six states - Gujarat, Assam, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Bihar. With UNFPA's support in we are in the process of collectivising 11 youth engaging organisations in Uttar Pradesh through the **Be A Jagrik** initiative, along with building capacities on ComMutiny's theory of change, the 5th space principles.

The aim is to develop collectives that will not only help develop a cohort of empowered adolescent and youth Jagriks around constitutional values and child rights, but to also create a deeply engaged learning and bonding community of adolescent and youth practitioners using the 5th Space framework



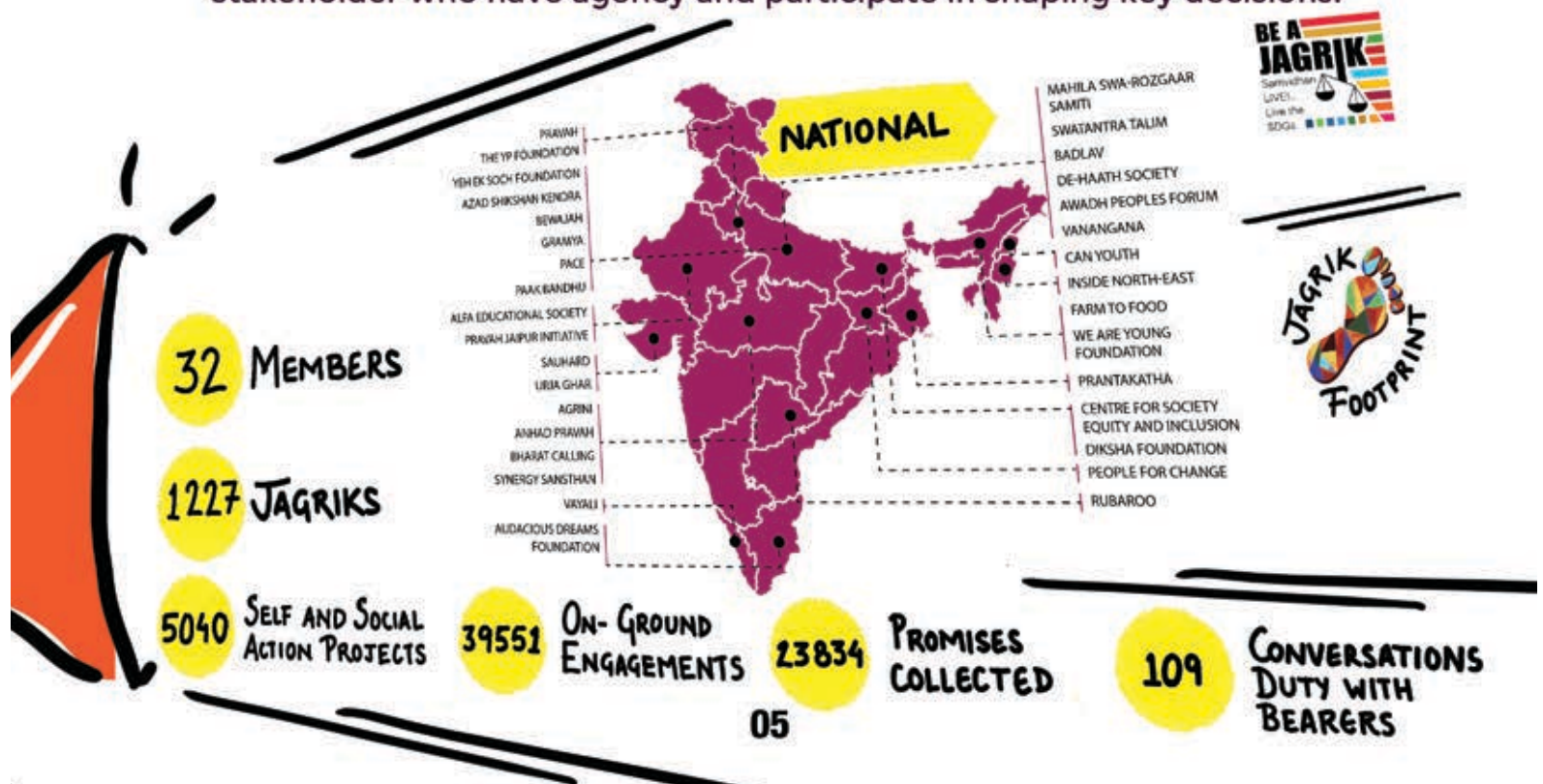


# AMPLIFYING 5TH SPACES

Through public initiatives, media and visibility Amplifying 5th Spaces covers all efforts made towards strengthening recognition and acceptance of the 5th Space principles. As part of this strategy, we have been designing a combination of public initiatives, online activities and media products to get young people to experience what it feels like to be in a 5th Space and to move them closer towards being able to create their own empowering 5th Spaces.

**Public Initiative: Be A Jagrik - Samvidhan Live...Live the SDGs.** This year's initiative brought together two 'constitutions' - The Constitution of India and the Constitution of the World through a board game and a 5 weeks refl-active journey. The initiative bridged the gap between text books and reality and aimed to enable young aware and active citizens or Jagriks, live and experience the SDGs and the rights and duties enshrined in the Indian Constitution. As the young people or Jagriks undertook exciting individual and community action projects on-ground, they built the skills to raise their voice for change.

The public initiative began with an online launch on 2nd October International Day of Non-Violence engaging 11 playing partners in Uttar Pradesh, supported by UNFPA and 21 playing partners in 13 other states supported by MISEREOR and DKA Austria. Through the 5 week of play, Jagriks further reached out to young people including those from marginalized and excluded groups, collecting promises across locations. These promises and experiences from on ground action projects were further shared with duty bearers like government functionaries and other stakeholder who have agency and participate in shaping key decisions.





# NATIONAL CULMINATION EVENT



## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

At the 'Be a Jagrik – Samvidhan Live' event on Feb 26, a nationwide initiative by 'Community – The Youth Collective' to make youngsters aware of their fundamental rights. The event showcased 'social action projects' by 'jagriks'. Anil Sharma



Celebrated the journey of young Jagriks from all across the country. The congregation was attended by constitutional experts, bureaucrats and civil society representatives who engaged in a conversation on how to strengthen and promote Constitutional values and literacy.



## MEDIA AND VISIBILITY:

Dissemination and wide scale amplification of the ComMutiny's programmes and products was possible through a varied spectrum of media coverage and the online buzz. The content outreach of the Be A Jagrik initiative paved a new way of building narratives and impact stories around youth centric development.

This year our social media content included regional action stories, human stories, promoting the game and other 5th space products. We have also engaged a social media consultant this year to enable the team in planning and implementing an effective social media strategy and interns have engaged with us at various points for content management and online amplification. Going forward we will continue to engage with our media Champions for strategic inputs on storytelling and outreach.

YOUTH COLLECTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

# 1 MILLION IMPRESSIONS



3 5TH SPACE TALKS  
OF MOBILIZATION WE WERE ABLE

24 ONLINE BLOGS  
ON VARIOUS PLATFORMS

79 MAINLINE MEDIA  
COVERAGE

2 NEWSLETTER  
ON BE A JAGRIK JOURNEY  
AND NATIONAL CELEBRATION EVENT



# ACCELERATING 5TH SPACES

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Through products, toolkits, films, books, research and strategic partnership

## **Film: Samvidhan Live! Game Play**

Animated film

Supported by UNICEF

The film is an audio visual toolkit that can be accompanied with the game box of Samvidhan Live as we begin disseminating it as a product for organisations and youth workers across the country. The film essentially tells the viewers how to play the game.

## **Film: Samvidhan Live - Fraternity**

Animated film

Supported by UNICEF

The films explains the concept of fraternity and how it is the bedrock of living the Constitution while also being the central narrative of the game Samvidhan Live! It draws attention on how understanding and living fraternity is what will help in striking the balance between Rights and Duties. The conceptualization and story line of the film have been supported by the ComMutiny champions and the team.

## **Film: Lessons in Love**

Supported by MISEREOR

As part of the 10 year celebration ComMutiny- The Youth Collective ideated to bring out some significant lessons that the Collective has learnt in this tenure. The film explains how important the component of 'love' is when journeys of many organizations come together for it to grow as a collective.

## **Film: 2 Tr-youths**

Supported by DKA, Austria

The film brings back the popular characters- 'mosquitoes', from the animation 'Disease that cures'. 2 Tr-Youths is a stand-up comedy by mosquitoes, where significant facts are brought out to build, one is increase in GDP in India and the other is increased inequality. It rightly points at the two different kinds of realities of young people coming from different socio-economic background, with regards to the way they perceive the growth story of India.







### **Toolkit: Samvidhan LIVE! - Be A Jagrik Game Box**

Since the end of the last phase of Samvidhan LIVE! The Jagrik Project, with the support of UNICEF, we have further enhanced the design of the kit and made it more adolescent friendly. The boxes now are handier and smaller and made in recycled paper and are available in English and Hindi. There are various efforts also initiated to co-create and translate these toolkits in regional languages.

### **Toolkit: Be A Jagrik- Samvidhan LIVE!... Live the SDGs Game Box**

A new iteration of the game has further been designed, which brings together the right mix of Constitution of India and Constitution of the world, i.e. SDGs. This design weaves beautifully Social, Economic and Environment themes of SDGs with Fundamental Rights and Duties enshrined in the Constitution. The toolkit has been co-designed along with many of the Forum members.

### **Publication: ComMutiny Sparking an Inside-out Youth Leadership Revolution.**

The book has been written by Arjun Sekhar and Mahamaya and has been published by Konark Publishers. The book follows a young leader as he tries to create a sustainable 5th Space. Through his tests and contests, fears and tears, worries and stories, the reader is taken on a vicarious learning journey in which a systemic framework for self and societal renewal is unveiled step by step. A soft launch of the book was done at the Be A Jagrik National Celebration event.







## **GAMES FOR CHANGE**

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ComMutiny organized roundtables on creating and leveraging games for social change for the young in Bangalore, Karnataka. This was done in partnership with Srishti School for Design and in Guwahati, Assam in partnership with WAY Foundation. Roundtables were attended by organizations from in and around that region who are into youth/ adolescents work or have been working around the theme of Constitutional Literacy or have been engaged in designing creative games on various social issues.

## **MOVING PEOPLE WITH MOVIES (MPWM)**

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In our committed efforts to amplify creation of 5th spaces, MPWM was taken to Bosco Institute Jorhat, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development, IIT Delhi, Shrishti Institute Bangalore, Video Volunteers, Utar Pradesh and 3rd edition of 'Xchange North East NGO Youth Summit', in Aizawl, Mizoram covering 300+ youth workers. As part of learning and bonding of the Collective forum members have also used the toolkit to strengthen and engage with second line leadership in their organisations. This has brought in more fervor and rigor to the dissemination of this toolkit, and has certainly enhanced the use of 5th Space approach and language.



# PARTNERS AND CO-VOYAGERS



## **NSS Chattisgarh**

ComMutiny was invited to conduct workshops with 400 NSS program officers in 8 districts of Chhattisgarh, on enhancing youth engagement as part of the UNICEF and NSS partnership. In collaboration with Pravah, facilitators designed and implemented these workshops in November-December, focusing on building more innovative, youth-centered practices within existing NSS programs.

## **State Symposium for Strengthening and Promotion of Child Rights through Engagement of Volunteers in Assam**

ComMutiny was invited by UNICEF Assam and Assam State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (ASCPCR) to design and facilitate on engagement of volunteers at the State Symposium for Strengthening and Promotion of Child Rights. With facilitators from ComMutiny, Pravah, Prantakatha, Rubaroo and WAY Foundation, the team worked closely with UNICEF state office, ASCPCR and their local partners to design and facilitate for two days focusing on building leadership and mentoring capacities of over 100 program officers, as well as providing inputs on how to effectively design impactful public initiatives. Programme Officers attending were from NYKS, NSS and Bharat Scouts and Guides created specific action plans incorporating these inputs and also laid out specific expectations and support they would need to make these action plans a reality. The Symposium, highlighted by the diversity of stakeholders present and created a strong base on which UNICEF Assam and ASCPCR can build further and strengthen engagement with these volunteering agencies.

## **United Nations Volunteers Instituting the V- Awards:**

ComMutiny submitted a research paper on creating a 'Framework for Recognition of Proactive Youth Volunteers for Youth Awards' which was based on a study of various awards for youth in India. The research was presented by UNV to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports based on which a founding group for instituting the V- awards was constituted. The award was also supported by UNICEF, Mash Project, Bhumi, iVolunteer, Pravah, Restless Development, SBI Foundation, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and VSO India.

## **The Shri Ram School**

Commutiny facilitated a workshop with 30 teachers to apply key 5th Space principles in their classroom practices and embed the 'Be A Jagrik' toolkit in their curricula to enhance constitutional literacy and active citizenship among their students, particularly in class VII.



### **United Nations Volunteers -NYKS Training**

ComMutiny facilitated sessions as part of a 5 - day orientation programme with 37 newly appointed Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan's (NYKS) District Youth Coordinators (DYCs) to explore self to society journeys for young people and trained them to run the Be A Jagrik toolkit as well.

### **Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Work Associations (CAYWA)**

ComMutiny has been part of co creating a new international coalition of youth worker organisations that has been endorsed by Commonwealth member governments. During Youth Work Week, a nano experience of 5th Space was demonstrated by our champions Shekhar Arjun, Ashraf Patel and Manak Matiyani at Crosscurrents, The Third Commonwealth Conference, Malta. Academics, practitioners and public representatives from different countries were present to explore synergies and present exciting projects and trainings for the professionalization of Youth Work. The 3 day conference revolved around the theme of crosscurrents or steering a course for youth work as a growth profession in the Commonwealth and in Europe.

### **Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development (RGNIYD)**

ComMutiny participated in the International Conference for Achieving Youth Specific SDGs hosted by RGNIYD. It was attended by 500 participants comprising of youth development practitioners, students, academicians as well as representatives from UN and government agencies. ComMutiny co-anchored a plenary on youth centric institutions in collaboration with RGNIYD, Concern for Working Children(CWC), UNV and the Commonwealth Secretariat. This was a great opportunity to advocate for 5th Space practices and youth centric development.





# SAANSTHA

Living and breathing through internal processes Saansthai about creating a culture of strong relationships, building personal and public leadership and enabling creation of processes for personal and organisational well-being.

These comprise of

- Team processes
- Weekly Functional Meetings to review progress, plan
- Monthly Champions' Meetings for strategic reviews and planning with organisation Champions
- Monthly Programme Meetings to reviews of functions plan and focus on people, processes and values
- Monthly Finance meeting for financial review of each function
- Monthly Finance Review for financial review of the organisation including donor relationships, utilisation, audit compliance, statutory compliances, investment decisions etc
- Monthly Seed and Soil Meetings to review and strengthen internal processes
- Quarterly Performance Enhancing Process (PEP) and Premeditation Planning
- PED for development and review of personal learning plans of team
- Learning Meetings for collective team learning on a common agenda
- Monthly Skips where team members paired with a mentor who is not a direct supervisor
- One on Ones where team members meet with supervisor for a non-task based interaction

## **New Appointments :**

We welcomed Priyanka Sarkar, Director - Media and Visibility, Rajesh Meher, Director- Partnerships and Capacity Building, Apoorva Vasudev and Shalini Narayan -- Associate Director- Collectivisation and Partnerships.



# LEARNINGS AND ACTION POINTS FOR THE COMING YEAR

The Forum has been an inclusive ecosystem for youth engaging organisations to create a common narrative on youth centric development. The collective has been an effective vehicle to achieve both scale and soul. In the coming year we hope to expand the collective and include more organizations led by women and marginalised sections of the society.

Going forward we hope to:

- Formalize the membership of existing members and invitee member
- Put in place an identification and selection process to ensure a more gender nuanced representation
- Incubate and strengthen regional collectives with membership of over 70 adolescent centric organisations across six states.
- Ensure a long term internship programme to ensure a space for creating learning journey's for young people.
- Creating a base for online individual fundraisers/donors to complement larger bilateral donors.



CYC FORUM MEMBER ORGANISATION PROFILE





## FUNDERS

We would like to thank all our individual donors from online platforms of global giving and impact guru and offline supporters. A special thanks to Sanjiv Sekhar from Mumbai for running in the Tata Mumbai Marathon and fundraising for us.



Online fundraising :  
Crowd-funding online  
platforms

**3 WEEKS**  
OF MOBILIZATION WE WERE ABLE  
TO RAISE 3 LAKHS





**COMMUNITY - THE YOUTH COLLECTIVE**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2019**

LIABILITIES	SCHEDULE	TOTAL	ASSETS	SCHEDULE	TOTAL
<b>Capital Fund</b>			<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>		
As per last Balance Sheet	40,948,861.23		General Account	*1A*	1,37,802.00
Add Trf from Restricted Fund	2,62,759.88				
Add-Excess of Income over Expenditure	11,18,072.87	94,18,694.04	Foreign Account	*1B*	54,377.00
<b>Capital Fund-Fixed Asset</b>					
Addition as per Comm		1,02,269.00			
<b>Restricted Fund (Indian Grants)</b>					
Opening Balance	7,02,140.00				
Add-Grant received	1,02,05,762.00				
Less-Utilised	98,18,207.00				
Less Trf to Capital Fund	2,62,759.88	18,27,007.00			
<b>Restricted Fund (Foreign Grants)</b>					
Opening Balance	16,97,383.71				
Add-Grant received	1,20,26,471.65				
Less- Trf To Ind-Restricted Fund	(38,109.00)				
Less-Utilised	1,09,07,335.54	38,54,438.82	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
<b>Un-Restricted Fund</b>			General Account	*2A*	75,46,043.94
As per last Balance Sheet	18,86,072.23		F.C. Account	*3D*	53,82,866.81
Add Trf from Restricted Fund	(38,109.00)				
Add-Addition during the year	3,87,296.76				
Add-Interest earned on Foreign Funds	2,93,074.06	25,28,427.99			
<b>TOTAL RS.</b>	<b>1,39,21,179.75</b>	<b>1,39,21,179.75</b>	<b>TOTAL RS.</b>		<b>1,39,21,179.75</b>

Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts - Schedule - 3

Examined and Found correct in accordance with the books of accounts and information's and explanations furnished to us.

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**COMMUNITY-THE YOUTH COLLECTIVE**  
**CONSOLIDATED RECEIPT & PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019**

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTAL
<b>Opening Balances</b>			<b>Utilization</b>		
General Account	47,70,512.11		General Account	88,18,267.00	
Foreign Contribution	33,83,455.94	81,53,968.05	Foreign Contribution	1,09,07,325.54	1,97,25,793.54
			<b>Other Expenses</b>		
<b>Grant Received</b>			Consultancy charges	1,05,000.00	
General Account	1,02,05,763.00			1,05,000.00	
Foreign Contribution	1,20,26,471.65	2,22,32,234.65	Repair & Maintenance	12,877.00	
			Travel	37,858.41	
			Game box	1,65,167.00	
			Film - Prayash	30,000.00	
			Bank Charges	7,015.10	4,02,917.51
<b>Other Income</b>					
General Account		12,77,034.34	<b>Closing Balances</b>		
Foreign Account		3,87,390.76	General Account	73,46,043.94	
			Foreign Contribution	53,82,466.81	1,27,28,510.75
<b>Bank Interest</b>					
General Account	3,13,919.00				
Foreign Contribution	2,93,074.00	6,06,993.00			
<b>TOTAL RS.</b>	<b>3,38,57,620.80</b>		<b>TOTAL RS.</b>	<b>3,38,57,620.80</b>	

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## SOME INTERESTING RESOURCES

We would like to thank all our individual donors from online platforms of global giving and impact guru and offline supporters. A special thanks to Sanjiv Sekhar from Mumbai for running in the tata mumbai marathon and fundraising for us.

**Samvidhan Box** - A learning journey of active citizens ( Jagriks) to learn about and live the values enshrined in the Constitution of India through powerful self and social action projects in their communities. We have co-created a game Samvidhan Live! Be A Jagrik. To play this game contact us at [info@commutiny.in](mailto:info@commutiny.in)

**Moving people with movies-** A custom designed youth film festival cum professional capacity building intervention on how to create empowering spaces, for youth workers and young people, that goes around the country. If you are interested in the toolkit and would want to engage in a partnership contact us at [info@commutiny.in](mailto:info@commutiny.in)

**Films** - ComMutiny has produced over 150 media and learning products on youth centric development and 5th Space concept for youth engaging organisations and youth workers. Visit our Youtube Channel @the5thSpace

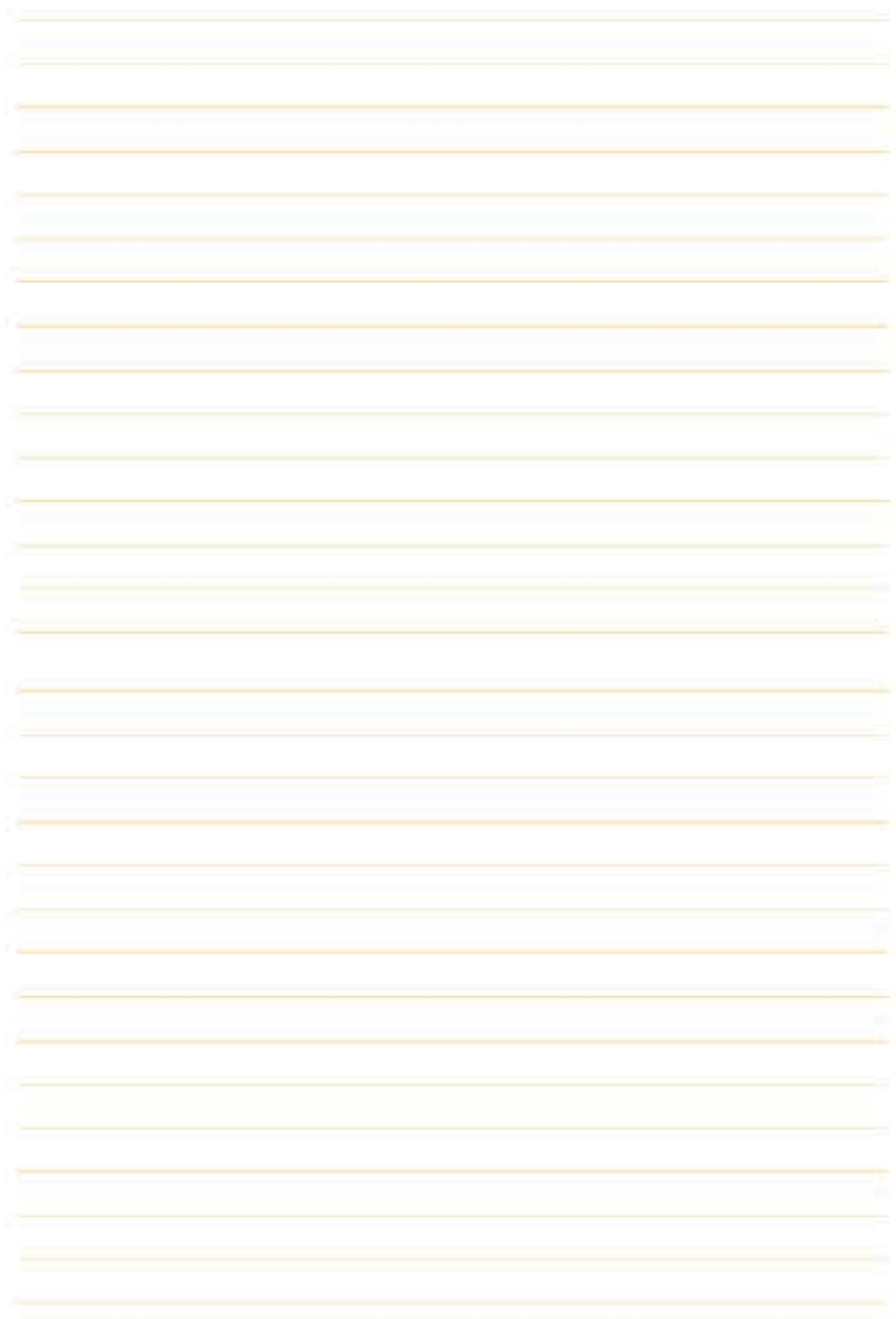
### **Books -**

**Keep the Change** - A research that emphasizes that infrastructural, legal and policy changes alone are not enough to make lasting change. It makes a case for psycho social interventions with young people to create mind set shift for positive change. For a copy contact us at [info@commutiny.in](mailto:info@commutiny.in)

**Ocean in a Drop: Inside out youth leadership** - This book was published by Sage and written in collaboration with Pravah which has inspired a short professional course of the same name that is run for youth organisations by Pravah. Get a copy on Amazon or write to us at [info@commutiny.in](mailto:info@commutiny.in)

**ComMutiny** - Sparking an Inside-out Youth Leadership Revolution - This book explores the spirit of the 5th Space and invites a reflection and co-creation of the interpretations that can be drawn from the experiences of the protagonist of the book, Sambhav's experiences where he invites the reader to walk the talk along with him and get involved by simultaneously implementing new ideas on the ground. Get a copy on Amazon, Flipkart and Ebook from Juggernaut.













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