

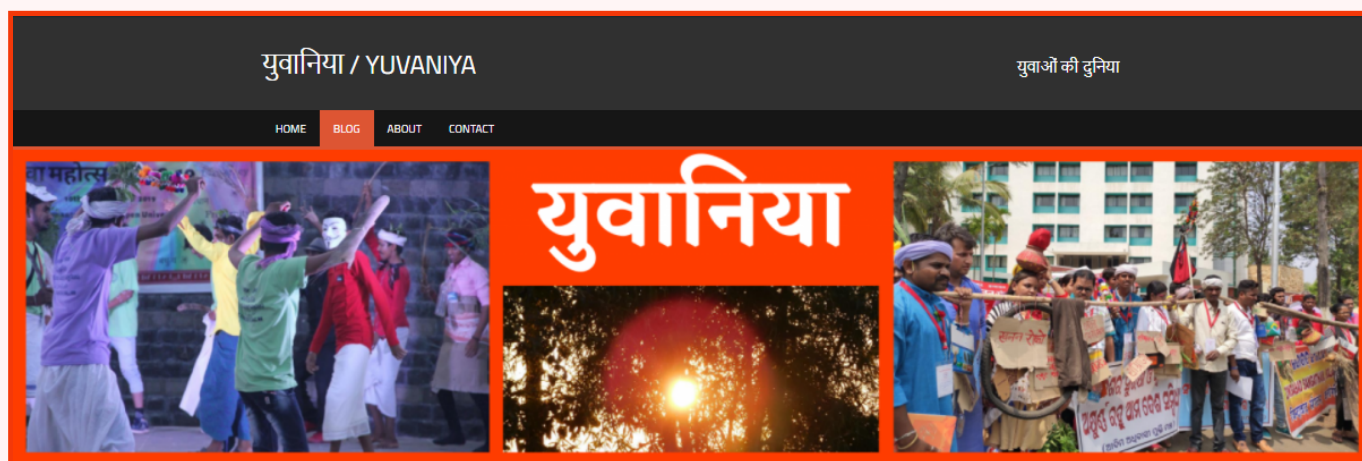
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Society for Rural Urban & Tribal Initiative

YUVANIYA, an Initiative for Young Leaders

Yuvaniya is an endeavor to create a platform for youth to pen their thoughts, experiences, and expressions. Through the magazine, we want to encourage and support the young minds for bringing out their voice, and share their understanding of the social, economic, and political developments surrounding them.



The idea of Yuvaniya was born in the form of a paper print fortnightly magazine in a school for social change (SSC) shivir. SSC is a SRUTI initiative to develop a critical understanding of the socio-economic-politico structures, to weave a vision of a society based on the constitutional values & scientific temperament, and to prepare young leaders to actively take part in working towards achieving this vision.

Over the last 3 years, more than 300 vibrant youth from 14 states have participated in the SSC program. Many of them are closely working with local sangathans and people's movement in their areas. The on-going batches of SSC, scheduled for the months of April and May, were indefinitely postponed due to the pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns.



Determined to still remain in touch with each other, since the beginning of lockdown itself, participants joined in, to take part in various talks and discussions digitally. The struggle to change society cannot be fought on the streets alone. It is also a battle of ideas. The felt need to write and share views, thoughts, everyday unfolding, and developments from their respective areas, kindled the idea of initiating a digital blog/magazine.

There can be many mediums of expression - articles, pictures, stories, poetry, etc. Yuvaniya is a platform, curating these creative expressions of the youth - who often find themselves thinking - 'I don't know how to write', or 'Am I right or wrong?' or 'what/why should I write?'. In these times of the pandemic, this platform is an effort to bring together the views of the youth, especially in rural and regional areas. In the absence of proper communication systems, their opinions should also not be locked out.

Yuvaniya, a fortnightly magazine, has brought out 4 editions to date, compiling views of more than 20 saathis, over themes like lockdown and its impacts; the recent changes in the Farm Acts, its impact on farmers in their areas; traditional songs; and poems composed by them. To read their thoughts, Yuvaniya can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

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