



THE YOUNG
INDIA
FELLOWSHIP



**an idea
whose time
has come.**

The YIF vision...

To develop committed change agents for India through a multi-disciplinary programme guided by eminent leaders and scholars of our time



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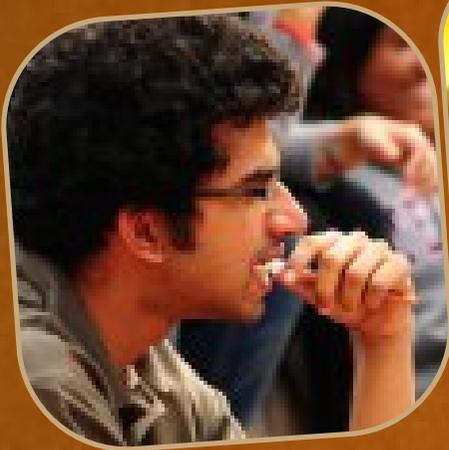


About the YIF

The Young India Fellowship is a one-year, funded, multi-disciplinary course for exceptionally gifted young men and women. They represent India's diversity – geographically and across academic disciplines. The YIF grooms young people to become change agents for tomorrow by instilling in them the requisite skills, knowledge and experience. It exposes them to a rich set of subjects and perspectives, delivered by some of the highest-calibre teachers from around the world.

Fellows are mentored by pre-eminent individuals, respected captains of industry, academics, policy makers and proven change agents within India and globally. To complement the role modelling, they undertake a unique "learning-by-doing" programme, the Experiential Learning Module (ELM), which creates an opportunity to gain real experience in their area of interest.

Whether students graduated in the arts, science, engineering or commerce, the Fellowship's commitment is to provide momentum to their leadership journey.



MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CURRICULUM

The broad and deep curriculum ranges from economics and statistics to anthropology and ethics, life sciences to climate change, entrepreneurship to art-appreciation.

INSPIRING FACULTY

Fellows deliberate with the reputed faculty drawn from the best universities and institutions around the globe, known for their outstanding teaching and research.

EXCEPTIONAL MENTORS

From corporate leaders to social activists, from researchers to entrepreneurs, the YIF Council of Mentors helps guide Fellows what they should do next in life and how.



Why YIF? six compelling reasons...

UNPARALLELED NETWORK

Through their interactions with the YIF Founders, well-connected faculty, speakers and mentors, Fellows have access to an unrivalled network of people from which to draw business and academic opportunities.

HOLISTIC LEARNING

In addition to academic instruction, Fellows are coached in life skills through well-designed leadership workshops. Writing and Communications classes coupled with training in critical thinking and problem-solving skills make for a holistic learning experience at YIF.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Progressive corporate leaders, institutions and philanthropists support the YIF with sponsorships and donations making it accessible to all segments of students with either full or partial support.

The power of collaboration

Leveraging world class institutions for excellence

The Young India Fellowship programme was launched in 2011 by the International Federation for Research and Education (IFRE) in collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Through the first two editions of the YIF, several leading Penn faculty have taught at the YIF and the YIF graduation certificates are co-signed by the YIF and Penn Engineering Deans.

This year the YIF is privileged to partner with Carleton College, one of America's top-ranked liberal arts colleges, and Sciences Po, a leading university in France and Europe, to offer learning with greater diversity, depth and value at the Fellowship.

IFRE

The International Foundation for Research and Education, or IFRE, is a not-for-profit (Section 25) company established with the vision to set up Ashoka University – India's first world-class university. IFRE is led by a team of like-minded philanthropists with strong academic and professional track records.

IFRE is committed to improving the quality of higher education and research in India and over the past two years, various academic and non-academic members from across the world have joined the Foundation in order to build an incomparable team of accomplished and committed individuals driven by the motivation to give back to the country.

Penn



The University of Pennsylvania makes an ideal academic partner for the Young India Fellowship. Penn, which traces its origins back to the year 1740, embodies the vision of its founder, Benjamin Franklin, to create a new type of learning institution. The original programme of study at Penn became America's first modern liberal arts curriculum and for the past two-and-a-half centuries, Penn has advanced its principles and spirit through entrepreneurship, innovation, invention, outreach and a love of knowledge.

Today, the University of Pennsylvania is a world leader in higher education, ranked fifth among American universities. Its 10,000 undergraduates are drawn from all 50 U.S. states and numerous foreign countries. It has also produced 23 Nobel Laureates.

The School of Engineering and Applied Science (Penn Engineering) is one of the oldest schools of engineering in the US and was established in 1852. Penn Engineering offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degrees, and is particularly distinguished by its interdisciplinary, cross-school programmes such as Management and Technology, Digital Media Design, Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Robotics and the Singh Programme in Market and Social Systems Engineering, putting Penn at the forefront of intellectual and entrepreneurial activity. Penn Engineering includes approximately 1,600 undergraduates, 1,000 graduate students, four research institutes, and 10 research centres.

Carleton College

Carleton College

Ranked among top ten liberal arts colleges in the U.S., Carleton College is a premier undergraduate institution promoting excellence at academics and extra-curricular engagements for its students.

Founded in 1866 in Northfield, Minnesota, Carleton College is a non-sectarian institution devoted to providing an education 'for a lifetime' in the true liberal arts tradition. Its curriculum promotes 'broad learning and deep thinking' and prepares its students to excel in any field. The College offers a host of subjects in the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences taught by a set of inspirational faculty that is committed to bringing the best out in each student. Carleton boasts of a student body that is very diverse – 90 percent of them live on campus and contribute to a rich, collaborative community life that adds yet another dimension to their lifetime learning at Carleton.

The Shape of Things to Come – Ashoka University

Ashoka University is a long cherished dream to create a new standard in Indian higher education. It will offer world-class liberal education in a four-year undergraduate programme. Students will get a broad-based foundation across disciplines for the first two years before choosing an area of specialisation. Ashoka hopes to produce leaders with a multi-disciplinary



SciencesPo.

Sciences Po

The Institute d'etudes politique de Paris, popularly known as Sciences Po, is a world-renowned institution for research and higher education in the social sciences.

Founded in 1872, as an institute to train French diplomats and politicians in politics, economics and international relations, Sciences Po has continued the tradition of providing quality education and research opportunities to students from across the world in the fields of political science, sociology, history, economics, law, finance, social and urban policy, business, management and journalism.

In order to create a rich and a global context of learning, Sciences Po has a thriving student exchange programme and has built partnership with many significant institutions across the world. Some of its partner institutions include London School of Economics, King's College, London, the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University.

perspective, a liberal mindset and skills to excel across any domain. The YIF will be its flagship Master's level programme.

Ashoka is being set up in collaboration with University of Pennsylvania, Sciences Po and Carleton College besides other reputed institutions from across the world. The University campus is being

constructed at Rajiv Gandhi Education City in Kundli, Sonapat and is expected to welcome its first batch of students in August 2014.

In search of excellence

The YIF selection process

Eligibility

The YIF programme is open to all Indian citizens with:

- A recognised undergraduate or postgraduate degree
- No more than two years of work experience

The Fellowship promotes diversity and applicants from all areas of specialisation are encouraged to apply. While applicants who have been educated with a vernacular language as their medium of instruction are welcome, it is expected that they will be able to converse, read and write in English.

Selection criteria

Young India Fellowship applicants will be evaluated on a combination of demonstrated talent in the domain of their interest and a passion for learning beyond the prescribed curriculum. An above-average academic record, both at the school and college level, and involvement and achievement in extra-curricular activities is essential. The evaluation process will include personal interviews, group discussions and team activities.

Cost and scholarship details

The Fellowship covers, in full or in part, the following:

- Tuition fees and all material including text books towards all academic instruction
- Boarding and fully furnished lodging

MEET THE FELLOWS 2013

The Young India Fellows are a group of 'first among equals'. Selected through a rigorous and nation-wide search for achievements, passion and the desire to bring about change, 97 young men and women comprise the class of 2013.

The Fellows highlight India's geographical diversity and the rich texture of choices made by them. From engineering to fashion design, film to agriculture, medicine to art, and law to journalism, the Fellow community represents it all. One fourth of our Fellows come with work experience across industries and the nature of institutions they attended range from the elite to mass, urban to regional and public to private. The Class of 2013 is a melting pot that symbolises India.

Aaron Basaiawmoit, 24, Shillong, BE, Mechanical Engineering, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra; **Worked** as Deputy Director Administration at Bansara Eye Care Centre; **Organised** the first Tele-ophthalmology project in the state of Meghalaya connecting rural areas to city-based hospitals

Aarushi Uboweja, 22, New Delhi, BE, Civil Engineering, Delhi College of Engineering; **Published** six articles in the National Business Daily Hindustan Times-Mint; Co-authored a paper on 'Low Cost Materials for Housing Construction and Earthquake Engineering' that was presented at the eighth Asian Seismological Commission General Assembly held in Vietnam

Abhishek Choudhary, 23, Jamshedpur, BA,

English Literature, Hans Raj College, University of Delhi; As a **Gandhi Fellow**, increased parent's participation in schools and institutionalised an efficient planning and review based staff meeting process; **Organised** a workshop on menstrual taboo, 'Awareness, Acceptance and Care', amongst the tribal community at Belkadi, Maharashtra

Adityaraman Sriraman, 25, Bangalore, BE, BMS College of Engineering; a **Teach For India Fellow**; Led a group of 7 kids to exceptional academic results in grade 6

Aishwarya Muralidhar, 21, Hyderabad, BSc, St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad; **Worked** with an NGO Sukuki Exnora on Solid Waste Management; **Represented** the state at the illustrious Frank

Anthony Debate and the ICSE/ISC Golden Year Celebrations

Akanksha Banerjee, 20, Bangalore, BA (Hons) History, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi; **Member**, Golden Key International Society, a global student body which identifies the top 15% of academic institutions across the world

Akshi Chawla, 21, Mohali, BA, Psychology, M.C.M.D.A.V. College for Women, Chandigarh; **Won** College Colour for Debating; Taught children of construction site workers in Chandigarh

Alok Arunam, 24, Munger, Dual degree BTech, MTech, IIT Madras; **Won** the NOTT Award by General Electric for outstanding project work during six months internship; **Represented**

IIT Madras at 'Made In Brunel' design show 2009, London

Aman Kaleem, 24, Aligarh, BA (Hons), English, MA, Mass Communication, AJKMCR, Jamia Millia Islamia; **Worked** as a Programmer at the International Film Festival of India; **Directed** the Award winning film 'Eidiyaan'

Ann Abraham, 21, Chengannur, BTech, Civil



Engineering, NIT, Calicut; **Worked** in areas of Earthquake resistant structures and Biomimetics; **Selected** for IIT Madras 2011 Summer Fellowship

Systems Engineer Trainee; **Worked** for All India Confederation of the Blind, recorded books for and taught differently abled children using interactive media, a project that was **ranked**

Ashish Kumar, 22, Patna, BTech, Biotechnology, IIT Madras; **Worked** at NCBS, Bangalore and Energy Alternatives India, Chennai; **Won** the 1st prize for the best paper and presentation there on SWOT Analysis of UID Cards in India

one of the best essays in CSR

Avni Ahuja, 23, Pune, BSc, Biotechnology, Fergusson College, Pune; MBA, Faculty of Management Studies, Univeristy of Delhi; **Worked** as an Analyst at Deutsche Bank's Investment banking division; **Awarded** Citi Woman Leader Award in FMS

Our Fellows represent 27 states of India

Anuja Tarini Mishra, 23, Bhubaneswar, BSc, Zoology, College of Basic Science & Humanities, OUAT; MSc, Zoology, UTKAL University; **Awarded** Senior National Scholarship by Ministry of Culture, Govt of India; **Acquired** a Masters in Odissi Vocals

Apoorva Jain, 22, Delhi, BTech, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak; **Worked** at Infosys Limited as a

among world's top five projects in the Challenge Future Summit organised under the patronage of UNESCO

Ashish Agrawal, 23, Dalsinghsarai, BTech, IIT Roorkee; **LAMP Fellow** at PRS Legislative Research; **Designed** a Teachers' Manual for the government school teachers in Punjab while working at Pratham; **Created** Math Content for a start-up called Unlearn Formulae

Ashweetha Shetty, 20, Mukkudal, Tirunelveli, BBA, CSI Jeyaraj Annapackiam College, Nallur; Essay **selected** as

It has been a privilege and a pleasure interacting with the Young India Fellows. They are bright, eager and as a pleasing change from the jaded professional student, do not shy away from taking intellectual risks. I know that this is a hand-selected group but if this is the face of the new India then we are in good hands.

Santosh Venkatesh, Faculty, 'Statistics and its Application in the Modern World'; Associate Professor, University of Pennsylvania

Ayush Prasad, 23, Ranchi, BE, Manipal Institute of Technology; **Worked** as an Analyst at TCS; Passionate about technology, filed for 5 patents

Bano Fatima, 21, New Delhi, BA (Hons), Political Science, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi; **Co-founder**, Weaver's Hut; **Listed** as a Successful Young Social Entrepreneur by HP Life

Bhavna Vijay Rajpal, 23, Ulhasnagar, BA (Hons), Political Science, St.

Xavier's College; MA, English Literature, The University of Leeds; Research paper **published** in Ithaka, the annual journal of the Department of English, St. Xavier's College; was **elected** the secretary for the MA Research Conference held at The University of Leeds

Bhavya Sharma, 24, New Delhi, BCom (Hons), Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi; Chartered Accountancy, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

(ICAI); **Worked** as Senior Executive at KPMG in the Corporate Tax advisory division; **Awarded** the Super Team Employee while at KPMG

Bhawana Upadhyay, 24, Bhopal, BTech, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, IIT Madras; **Worked** at Make A Difference; **Felicitated** by the Governor of Madhya Pradesh for her work with National Commission for Women; Co-founded the first dance club in IIT Madras which **won** 1st position in Saarang Choreo Nite from among 25 national teams; Represented IIT Madras and won a **gold medal** at the Inter IIT sports meet

Chaitanya Kanuri, 25, Bangalore, BArch, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology; **Worked** as an Architect at Auberge India Pvt. Ltd;

Published two articles, written in collaboration, in an anthology of architectural journalism

Cheistha Kocchar, 22, New Delhi, BA (Hons), Economics, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi; **Worked** at McKinsey; JN Tata **Scholar** and **Recipient** of LSE's Modu Timblu Scholarship (Awarded to one Indian) for MSc Public Management & Governance at The London School of Economics; **Founder President**, PROSOCC Pvt Ltd

Debabrata Halder, 25, Kolkata, BE, Mechanical Engineering, Jadavpur University, Kolkata; **Worked** for Coal India as Software Developer in Cognizant Technology Solutions, Kolkata; Executive Board Member of MUKTI, a socio-



economic development organisation in 24 Parganas (South), West Bengal

Debanshu Roy, 25, Jamshedpur, MBBS, Grant Medical College & Sir JJ Group of Hospitals, Mumbai; **Worked** as a Casualty Medical Officer at St Georges' Hospital, Department of Emergency Medicine, Accident and Trauma Care; **Developing** health plans for the internally displaced people in areas of civil unrest in India

Devika, 22, Jabalpur, BE (Hons), Computer Science, MSc (Hons), Economics, Birla Institute of Technology & Science Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus; **Worked** as an Associate at Samhita Social Ventures; researched on 25 NGOs across 8 states in India in 40 days to study their organisational structure

Garima Shekhar, 21, Lucknow, BA (Hons), Economics, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi; **Research Associate** at Infraline Technologies Pvt. Ltd.; Academic Excellence **Award** by Dehradun Council of Schools' Association for securing the highest aggregate in school

Hardika Dayalani, 25, Porbandar, BTech (Hons), Ocean Engineering & Naval Architecture, IIT Kharagpur; **Worked** as a Naval Architect at Corporated Shipyard Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata; **Published** a paper titled "Side Launching of Catamaran in Restricted Waters" in the proceedings of International Conference on Ship and Offshore Technology, India, 2011

Harsh Mani Tripathi, 23, Lucknow, BTech, Electrical & Electronics

Engineering, SRM University, Chennai; Co-Founded, Vilikh Technologies Pvt. Ltd.; **Recognised** as one of the best student entrepreneurs in the country and was **awarded** the IBM-NEN first dot award by the National Entrepreneurship Network (NEN); **Trained** around 350 budding engineers in novel technologies and worked in a multinational environment with partner companies from USA, Korea and Italy

Honey Pamnani, 24, Indore, BE (Electronics & Instrumentation), IET-DAVV, Indore; LLB, Hons in Intellectual Property Law, IIT Kharagpur; **Won** Hindustan Times Pace Outstanding Scholar's Award

Jasmine Luthra, 22, New Delhi, BA (Hons), Economics, Shri Ram College of Commerce,

University of Delhi; **Awarded** the 'CA of the Year' award for her work with Teach for India (TFI) and was the event coordinator for 'Redraw India', a TFI event

Jayesh Ganesh, 25, Pune, BArch, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur; MArch, Center for Environmental Planning & Technology, Ahmedabad; **Worked** as Lecturer, Padmabhushan Dr. Vasant Dada Patil College of Architecture, Pune; **Awarded** Third Place at the Les Ateliers International Workshop on Urban Planning at



Cergy-Pontoise, Ile-de-France

Jery Althaf P K, 22, Kannur, BTech, Applied Electronics and Instrumentation, College of Engineering, Trivandrum; IEEE President and the technical lead of project 'Electrification of Villages in Kerala'; **Published** two papers Intelligent Industrial Robotic Arm (ASME) and Low Cost Electrification using Solar Energy in IEEE GHTC 2012, which were accepted at international conferences

Jit Shankar Banerjee, 21, Kolkata, BA, English Literature, Hindu College, University of Delhi; Member, Academic Council, Department of English, Hindu College; **Worked** as Editor-in-Chief of Hindu College annual magazine

The young India Fellowship Programme embodies the best values in higher education. These values transcend nationalities and transcend fields. I wish I could be enrolled here myself! I regret I can't. I will enjoy it vicariously through these wonderful young people.

Eduardo D. Glandt
Professor and Dean, School of Engineering and Applied Science,
University of Pennsylvania

Kaavya Gupta, 21, New Delhi, BA (Hons), Economics, Hindu College, University of Delhi; **Guest Speaker** and **Panelist** at the Indian Education Congress in April 2011 as an Executive Body member of AIESEC in Delhi University; **Co-founder**, vocalist and flautist of Cobble Street, a jazz/ funk Delhi-based band

Kailash Chandra, 25, Sikar, BSc (Ag), Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi & Agri Business Management, National

Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Hyderabad; **Received** National Talent Scholarship by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi; Received **awards** from Agricultural Technology Management Agency & Department of Horticulture for helping the farmers adopt better farming technology; **Selected** as Reserve Bank of India Young Scholar

Karthik Purushothaman, 21, Chennai, BTech, Aerospace Engg, IIT

Madras; **Gold streak** at the Inter-IIT Table Tennis tournaments by winning it in all four years of his academic tenure; **Won** the Saarang Online Playwright award for writing 'The Patricide' which he also **directed** for the stage at IIT Madras

Kartikey Shukla, 21, Siswa Bazar, UP, BSW, Rural Development, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; PG, Lund University, Sweden; **Received** President's Award in Scouting for social work in



Maharajanj; **Selected** for Erasmus Mundus Europe Asia; **Awarded** Gandhi Fellowship – 2012

Krishna Chaitanya Demera, 23, Karimnagar, AP, BE (Hons), Chemical Engineering, MSc (Hons) Economics, BITS, Pilani; **Won** awards for stand-up comedy, video-editing and folk music

Kshiti Jayant Gala, 21, Mumbai, BA, Economics, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai; **participated** in the India Leadership Exchange Program at

Stern School of Business, New York University

Kunal Joshi, 21, Allahabad, BSc (Hons), Physics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi; **Co-ordinated** and **taught** at the Evening Class programme for the children of the college karamcharis at St. Stephen's College

Lokesh Anand, 21, Ludhiana, BCom (Hons), Hans Raj College, University of Delhi; **Headed** Colloquium, the MUN & Group Discussion

Forum of Hans Raj College

Lubin Alice Lukas, 23, Bangalore, BA, Mount Carmel College; PG, Psychology with specialisation in Clinical Psychology, Christ University

Malini Bose, 21, Kolkata, BA (Hons), Economics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi; Secretary General of the Stephen's Model United Nations 2012

Mallika Sridhar, 24, Noida, BE Electronics & Telecommunication, MKSSS's Cummins College Of Engineering for Women, Pune University; **Worked** as a Service Engineer at Network Integration Center at Ericsson India Global Services Pvt. Ltd; Choir member of the annual Christmas celebrations at

Rashtrapati Bhawan for four years during high school

Manish Meena, 23, Jaipur, BTech, MTech, Chemical Engg, IIT Kharagpur, **Awarded** Best Project Thesis in MTech

Maria Merchant, 23, Baroda, Bachelors in Product Design, NID, Ahmedabad; **Worked** as Product Designer at Primus Design, Mumbai; **Awarded** Gold Medal in Shankar's International Painting Competition; **Won** DAAD Scholarship for 6-month study in Pforzheim School of Design, Germany

Meesha R Arora, 23, New Delhi, BA, Economics, St Stephens College, University of Delhi; MA, Economics, TERI School of Advanced Studies; **Won** 20 medals in swimming at national,

Priyanka Ahuja, 26, Bhilai, BE, Information Science, BMS College of Engineering, Bangalore; **Worked** as a Business Analyst at MindTree Limited

Radhika MV, 23, Shoranur, MSc (Integrated) Pondicherry University; **Worked** as a subject expert in Pupilbay; **Awarded** SURGE-2010 By IIT Kanpur, **Awarded** Summer Research Fellowship, Indian

Academy of Sciences; **Presented** a research paper titled 'Mathematical Modeling of Opiate Drug Users' at MMIP-2011 in NIT Calicut; performed Carnatic Music in various festivals and concerts

Raghav Raghunathan, 22, Bangalore, BTech, Metallurgical & Materials Engineering, NIT Surathkal, Karnataka; **Established** EFOREA, E-CELL at NITK as one of the highest performing E-

CELLs to be accredited by NEN; **Founded** TechVentures, a technical & managerial consultancy hub for SME industries which featured as the country's top 10 student run ventures by Tata and NEN

Rinju Rajan, 23, Chidambaram, Integrated Masters in Development Studies, IIT Madras; **Worked** on the topic of business modelling for solar cells

implementation in communities with the Director of David O'Brien Centre for Sustainable Enterprise, John Molson School of Business; **Received** Kalathilakam Award for excellence in classical dance

Rishi Iyengar, 20, Pune, BA (Hons), Political Science, Fergusson College, Pune; **Worked** as Student Reporter at Indian Express and Sakaal Times, Pune; **Captained** Pune basketball team at two state championships

Rupesh Jhabak, 21, Bhopal, BA (Hons), English, The EFL University, Hyderabad; **Worked** as a content writer for three web based companies; **Taught** English at 'Make A Difference'; **National Winner** of Classmate Young Author Contest 2007; Book 'The Shadow Behind Me and Other

“I realise there is no broad based liberal arts education in India and it would be criminal if all students had to leave the country to find such education elsewhere. A multi-disciplinary education prepares and equips one better to deal with any profession in life. I feel it is also very important to get young bright minds together to learn from each other and I feel we have that here at YIF”

Amit Bhatiani
Sponsor
Partner, CX Partners

state and inter-college athletic meets

Melbin Thomas Jose, 23, Kanjirapally, BTech & MTech (Dual Degree), Civil Engineering, IIT Kanpur; **Worked** with Baichung Bhutia Football Schools; **Led** his team to victory in the Kanpur district football championship, 2011; **Awarded** special

appreciation by the Games and Sports Council for contribution to sports in IIT Kanpur

Mohini Gupta, 21, Delhi, BA (Hons), English, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi; **Worked** as a Piano Teacher at Theme Music Institute; **Translated** Vikram Seth's poetry from

English to Hindi, which was then **published** by Penguin Books India as a part of Leila Seth's autobiography, 'On Balance'

Monika Shukla, 23, Bhilai Nagar, BTech (Hons), Instrumentation Engineering, IIT Kharagpur; **Worked** as a Technology Analyst at

Goldman Sachs Group Inc.; **Won** Systems Society of India Award for the best project work on systems; Conceptualized and spearheaded the campaign 'One Employee-One Tree' to fruition by planting 4500 trees; **Selected** an NTSE scholar; **Interned** at Dublin City University

My dear Fellows,

I know it is a trifle unusual for a teacher to write in this manner to his students. But I decided to write because I have been overwhelmed and profoundly touched by your words at the end of the course. Right through my flight back to Calcutta I felt this glow of happiness which I know came from the indulgence that all of you - individually and collectively - showered upon me.

I am grateful but more than that I feel deeply humble that all of you feel I have been able to touch your lives in some ineffable way.

In the words of my favourite poet, "The wonder that I feel is easy/Yet ease is the cause of wonder." A big God bless to all of you.

Rudrangshu Mukherjee
Faculty, "Historical Perspectives: Reason and the Making of Modern India"
Historian and Author; Opinions Editor, The Telegraph, Kolkata



Namrata Saraogi, 23, Kanpur, BA (Hons), Economics, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, MSc, Economics, University College, London (UCL); **Worked** at Planning Commission Government of India



a Programme Researcher and Fund Raising Manager – Tamarind Tree Trust, Mumbai

Neelakshi Tewari, 22, Delhi, BA (Hons), English, Hindu College, University of Delhi; **Worked** as an Account Planner, Google India Pvt Ltd; President of the Debating Society in college; **Organised** the Premchand Memorial Parliamentary Debate, one of India's most prestigious debates



Nicky Lama, 22, Darjeeling, Triple Major BA, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore; **Worked** as a VJ (Nepal 1 channel), Nepal; **Elected** President, Northeast and Tibetan Students Forum, Bangalore



Natasha Zarine, 25, Mumbai, BA, Psychology, Jai Hind College, Mumbai University, LLB, Government Law College; **Worked** as

Nikita D'cruz, 22, Mumbai, BA, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai; **Awarded** ICICI Fellowship; **Worked** with



Samarthan, Madhya Pradesh, an NGO working on rural governance in the District of Sehore to bring about transparency and accountability in the implementation of the MNREGA

Pavithra Srinivasan, 21, Chennai, BA (Hons), English, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi; Post-graduate Diploma in Print Journalism, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai; **Received** CBSE scholarship for consistent meritorious performance; **Trained** Bharatnatyam dancer

Poornima Sardana, 24, Meerut, BDes, NIFT, Delhi; Awarded for research projects on education, storytelling and design for children

Pramod Emjay, 22, Chennai, BTech, Instrumentation &

Control Engineering, NIT, Tiruchirappalli; **Worked** as an Associate Analyst with HSBC EDPI; **Won** the Shaastra Main Quiz at Shaastra, the tech-fest of IIT Madras

Prashant Gautam, 22, Amritsar, BE, Gwalior Engineering College, Gwalior; **Worked** as an Associate at the Indian Traditions & Heritage Society (ITIHAAS); **Short-listed** for the semi-finals of Habitat Young Visionary Award 2009 & 2010

Prashast Srivastava 25, Lucknow, BE (Hons), Electronics & Instrumentation, BITS-Pilani, PGDM, IIM Ahmedabad; **Founder,** Public Policy SIG, IIM Ahmedabad **National Finalist,** Ranniti (Top 5 teams from all over the country), IIFT Delhi



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Safa Mohsin Khan, 23, Meerut, BA, Economics, Middlebury College, Vermont, USA; **Received** a scholarship to study at Middlebury College, USA; **Helped** start a student organisation called 'Friends for Burma' at Middlebury College that focused on mentoring recently resettled refugee children; **Represented** the organisation at the Clinton Global Initiative University; **Awarded** Middlebury College's 'Academic Endowment Grant' to conduct qualitative research on Madrasas in India

Sanaa Sohel Degani, 24, Mumbai, Professional Education Diploma in Exhibition & Spatial Design, NID, Ahmedabad; **Worked** at JOSMO Studio, designing a range of furniture inspired by the

city of Mumbai called 'Mumbai Meri Jaan'; **Won** a 6 month scholarship to study at RMIT Australia for a semester

Saransh Vaswani, 23, Jhansi, BSc (Hons), Computer Science, Hansraj College, University of Delhi; **Working** with Kaivalya Education Foundation as a Gandhi Fellow engaged in transforming school headmasters into school leaders; **Designed and executed** campaigns such as Disha, a cloth distribution act across Mumbai local railway stations, during the Gandhi Fellowship programme

Saumya Mehrotra, 22, Delhi, Bachelor in Fashion Technology, NIFT, Gandhinagar; **Founder**, battigul.org, an exclusive social network created to bring together people, causes and resources related to the field of

environment from across the world on one single platform; **Started** a website for promotion of independent artists from India and Pakistan

Shanti Swaroop Kandala, 25, Hyderabad,

BTech, Mechanical Engineering, Vignan Institute of Technology and Science, Hyderabad; MS, Aerospace Engineering, KAIST, Daejeon, South Korea; **Worked** as an advisor, Student Satellite Project,

IITs, BITS, NIFT, NID, LSR, Miranda House, JMC, NALSAR, ILS, St. Xavier's, Symbiosis Law School, JNU, Hindu College, St. Stephens, Asian College of Journalism, Middlebury College, Toulouse School of Economics, University of California, St. Francis College for Women, Hans Raj, SRM, DU, NIT, Jamia Millia Islamia, St. Joseph's College, Christ College, Mount Carmel, Women's Christian College, Loyola College, ILS, Fergusson College, Jadavpur University, Pondichery University, Gujarat National Law University, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, School of Rural Dev, Grant Medical College, Sri Venkateswara College, IIM Ahmedabad, National Defence Academy, Government Law College, Center for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT University), Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics, Delhi Technological University

Fellows from 95 institutes in class of 2012 and class of 2013

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Ashweetha Shetty

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classroom."

Aarushi Uboweja



"YIF provided me an opportunity to learn subjects and disciplines I had never had the opportunity to learn at college. But the most important thing that is going to help me in the long run is the connection I have made with Fellows, faculty and the visiting professionals. Peer learning has been a huge part of the programme. The Fellowship has truly helped boost my self-confidence and given me the drive to achieve what I aspire to be."



Nicky Lama



"The secret is to gang up on the problem, rather than on each other." -Thomas Stallkamp.

That's exactly what happens at the YIF. People from very diverse disciplines ideating and exchanging insights on problems is like trying to bell the cat head first, tail first and paw first at the same time and eventually agreeing on teaching it to meow, to warn all of its presence, at the end. It is a melting pot of gray-matter and smells really good."

Debanshu Roy

"The kind of knowledge and diverse perspectives gained at the YIF through the courses delivered by world-class faculty are unmatched. The way they structure their respective courses and engage with the class inspire us to take a deep dive and learn more and more. Various innovative workshops help put our theoretical knowledge to practical use, ingraining the major motive of YIF – learning how to learn! Where else would one get an opportunity, on a single platform, to learn from leading sociologist Andre Beteille, the well-known historian and editor Rudrangshu Mukherjee and many more and to learn by critiquing movies, making documentaries and studying art forms? Blessed we are indeed!"



Priyanka Ahuja

56 women and 41 men from diverse fields of engineering, humanities, medicine, architecture, media, law, fashion & design, business, science & environment, agriculture and defense come together as Fellows for 2013

MANIT, Bhopal; **Won** the "Hans Von Muldau" best team award at the 59th International Astronautical Congress (IAC), Glasgow, Scotland; Founding member and first team lead of STUDSAT, a student pico-satellite for imaging, launched in 2010, the smallest ever satellite to be designed, fabricated and launched by India

Shivangi Pareek, 22, Ghaziabad, BA (Hons), English, Lady Shri Ram College; MA, English, Hindu College, University of Delhi; **Awarded** the certificate for meritorious contribution to Creative Writing at college; **Worked** with NGOs in the field of education and organic farming

Shivani Govind, 23, Delhi, BA (Hons),

Economics, Hindu College, University of Delhi; MSc, Economics with Specialisation in Industrial Organization, Toulouse School of Economics, France; Research Associate with Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), an autonomous research think tank; **Awarded** the Eiffel Scholarship of Excellence by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to pursue a Master's in Economics at Toulouse School of Economics, France

Shreya Anne Mathai, 20, Mumbai, BA (Hons), Economics, St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi; **Represented the country** at the 8th South Asian Economics Students Meet; **Worked** as a research assistant for Third Eye Risk Insights (a New York based consulting firm) and independently completed

a project for Citibank's Mumbai office on channel financing

Shreyas Anur Jayanth, 24, Bangalore, BBM, Christ University, Bangalore; **Worked** as a Specialist, Human Capital and Business Partner Associate for IT groups at D E Shaw India Software Private Limited, Hyderabad; **Awarded** the "Emerging Young Leader Award 2009" by Center for Innovation and Leadership, Bangalore

Shruti Kalpathy Neelakantan, 21, Chennai, BA Journalism, M.O.P. Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai; **Worked** as Global Advisor, Asia-Pacific Region, UNO's Environment Programme; **Selected** in the research team to witness climate Change first hand in the Arctic region; **Elected** as the Global advisor by 119



countries to lead 49 countries in the Asia Pacific Region for the United Nations Environment Program

Shrutika Garg, 25, Jaipur, BTech, Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi; **Worked** as an Analyst at Dunnhumby; **Been** a part of more than 25 successful play productions in Delhi/NCR and commercial viral videos for companies like Godrej, Britannia,

Ibibo.com etc; **Working** as an administrator and Treasurer for the NGO, Learn Empower Uplift Foundation which provides free education to over 150 underprivileged kids in Gurgaon through the school Bal Shiksha Kendra

Shubhang Sreenivas Setlur, 24, Bangalore, Bcom (Hons), LLB, Law & Commerce, Gujarat National Law University; **Worked** as an Associate, Lakshmikumaran and Sridharan; Research Assistant to Dr. Narinder Singh, Indian Member to the International Law Commission, United Nations, for the 63rd Session of the International Law Commission held at the United Nations in Geneva

Shubhrima Ghosh, 23, Kolkata, BTech, Biotechnology, Haldia

"Being born and brought up in a south Indian village when I started the journey of Young India Fellowship, I feel I am reborn with each new day. I have discovered learning with a diverse group of people, the value of shared thoughts and the spirit of teamwork has given a new life to my dreams and hopes. Living every day with ignited minds and diverse perspectives, in particular, with Shaheen Mistri, Rukminia Krishnan and Ashish Dhawan have strengthened my sensitivity and have instilled in me the determination to pursue my dreams and achieve my aspirations."



"Being an engineer by profession I have always been taught that everything has one particular answer and a thing is either right or wrong, but YIF has helped me look at the world as a continuous spectrum of different colours where there is no single solution to any problem. Through its eclectic and enriching course work YIF has provided me with a new perspective of looking at today's highly interconnected and complex world and its issues."



Siddharth Dixit

"The discipline of Economics is what drew me to this first place. It helped me understand the world forward, and I hope to contribute to the betterment of society through my work."



Institute of Technology, MTech, Biotechnology, NIT Durgapur; **Identified** genes responsible for the rare, genetic disease Fanconi Anemia, as part of her MTech Project; Proposed the design of a diagnostic kit for human leukaemia; **Member**, Indian Immunology Society

Shweta Mukesh, 21, Bangalore, BA, Economics & International Studies, University of California, San Diego; **Worked** as a Project Manager at Policy Innovations; **Won** the Princeton Prize in Race Relations awarded by Princeton University and UCSD Alumni **Award** given to one graduating senior for academic excellence and contributions to the community; Director of Communications at PROSPECT- journal of international affairs at

UCSD & the Director for the Center on Education at the Roosevelt Institute

Shweta Subbaraman, 21, Hyderabad, BMS, St. Francis College for Women; **Performed** her Arangetram in Bharatnatyam at the age of 10; **Trained** in Carnatic and Hindustani music

Siddharth Dixit, 25, Raibareilly, BE, Mechanical Engineering, Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal; **Worked** as Design Engineer at John Deere, India; **Co-founded** Acacia Foundation, a Non-profit Organization (NPO) that aims at helping the underprivileged differently-abled children in the country

Siddhartha Gupta, 22, Indore, BTech, IIT Kanpur; **Part** of IITK's aquatics team; deep interest in poetry and music

Simeen Kaleem, 21, Aligarh, BSc (Hons), Zoology, Miranda House, Delhi University; **Conducted** Workshop under Health Ministry of India for 'Gene Cloning and Polymorphism'

Simerpreet Kaur, 23, Patiala, BE, Computer Science & Engineering, Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Bidar, Karnataka; **Worked** at Cisco Systems; Got **scholarship** to pursue Engineering; Secured first place in the college for four consecutive years

Simranpreet Singh Oberoi, 23, Agra, BE, Mechanical Engineering, MIT, Pune; **Founder**, SkyKpaar, an Education Start-up; Received full **scholarship** from MIT to participate in the World Youth Congress held at Istanbul, Turkey for his contribution to MIT's Entrepreneurship Cell

Soumit Saha, 21, Delhi, BE (Hons), Mechanical Engineering, BITS Pilani, Pilani; **Worked** as an award winning Analytics Intern at Genpact, Gurgaon; **Selected** for the Teach For India Programme; **TEDxPilani** Fellow 2010; **Worked** as an Outreach Campaigner for Greenpeace, Youth Journalist & Radio Jockey

Sourav Poddar, 22, Raiganj, BTech, Biological Sciences & Bio-engineering, IIT Kanpur; **Founder**, Education Edge Initiatives Pvt. Ltd., an education sector company; **Winner**, ITC Classmate Ideas For India Competition; **Winner**, Villgro Youth Innovator Award Competition

Souvik Lal Chakraborty, 21, Kolkata, BA, Political Science, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata; **Worked** as a

research assistant to Prof Biswarup Sen, University of Oregon, USA; Working in a project called 'East Kolkata Wetlands-360 Degree View, a collaboration of Jadavpur University and Miami University, U.S.A.

Tarang Chetan Doshi, 22, Mumbai, BMS, Narsee Monjee College of Commerce & Economics; **Founder** & Director at WOW! World Of Workshops; **Appointed** the Vice-President of Congress Human Rights Department in Ghatkopar, Mumbai

Taysir Moonim, 24, Pune, BA, Psychology, St. Mira's College for Girls, Pune; **Worked** as a Research Assistant, Mental Health Rights at the Center for Advocacy in Mental Health (CAMH) of the Bapu Trust; **Co-founded** AIESEC Goa

Thummu Pranay Reddy, 22, Ghaziabad, BSc, National Defence Academy, Jawaharlal Nehru University; **Trainee pilot** in the Indian Air Force with ten months of flying experience

Tripti Manghnani, 23, Hyderabad, BCom, St. Francis Degree College for Women, Hyderabad; **1st prize**, National Level **Theatre** Competition; Associate, Financial Research, D. E. Shaw India; Joint Secretary, Shaheen Women's Welfare and Resource Association, Hyderabad

Varun Kashyap, 23, Chandigarh, BE, Mechanical Engineering, PEC University of Technology, Chandigarh, **Post graduation**, Open Learning Diploma in Business Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of

India, Gujarat; **Post graduation**, Commonwealth International Diploma in Youth in Development Work, Commonwealth Secretariat and Indira Gandhi National Open University; Chandigarh (UT) State **Award** for the Best NSS Volunteer in Chandigarh; **Gold Medal** for Best Sports person 2010 at PEC University of Technology

Vennela Gandikota, 20, Hyderabad, BCom, St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad; **President** of The Commerce Organisation for Emerging Entrepreneurs, a club aimed at building entrepreneur skills through creative workshops, competitions and extracurricular activities; **Organiser** of Arthashastra, one of the most popular fests in Hyderabad

Vijayaragavan Ramanujam, 23, Chennai, BE, Aeronautical Engineering, Hindustan College of Engineering; **worked** as Product Executive, Ramco Systems Ltd; Co-founded a private trust 'Human Touch' for counselling under-privileged rural youth in Chennai

Question. Think.
Inspire. Meet.
Push. Resolve.
Rejoice. Discover.
Activate. Animate.
Enliven. Grow.
Stumble. Get Up.





A curated curriculum and masterful pedagogy

Learn to learn

The Young India Fellow is a multi-faceted and curious personality, where academic strength is complemented by co-curricular acclaim. The Fellows learn through instruction, and in equal measure through the knowledge that their peers bring to the classroom. The focus of the Programme is to help Fellows realise their own potential.

The curriculum is designed to expose Fellows to diversity from within themselves, practical experience from exposure to external organisations and projects, and finally to knowledge from interaction with scholars, academics, guest faculty and speakers.

Pedagogy

The programme is delivered by a mix of:

- Classroom lectures by leading faculty from India and abroad. Each lecture requires significant amount of pre and post-session readings, research and assignments
- A series of workshops by experts to develop communication, teamwork and leadership skills
- Working on real-life projects under the Experiential Learning Module
- Guest lectures by inspiring and eminent individuals from diverse backgrounds
- A Centre that helps develop effective Communication skills

Courses we teach

The YIF curriculum is a rich mix of courses in perspective-building, critical thinking, problem-solving and core academic subjects

Social Perspectives: Caste, Poverty, Individual & the State with Andre Beteille

Foundations of Leadership with Dwight Jaggard

Shakespeare and the World with Jonathan Gil Harris and Madhavi Menon

Statistics and its Application in the Modern World with Santosh Venkatesh

Historical Perspectives: Reason and the Making of Modern India with Rudrangshu Mukherjee

Gandhi's Critique of Modernity in Contemporary Perspective with Vivek Bhandari

Economics with A K Shiv Kumar

Visual Communication and Storytelling through Photography and Video with Sanjeev Chatterjee

Group Dynamics with Kenwyn Smith

Leadership for the New Economy with Kenwyn Smith

Political Science / International Relations with Devesh Kapur & Eswaran Sridharan

Critical Thinking and Writing with Eric Saranovitz

Sociology of the Environment: Nature, Culture and Power with Amita Baviskar

Fundamentals of Public Speaking with Ann Torfin Shoemake

Arts Appreciation: Illustrative & Performing Arts with Anunaya Chaubey

Essentials of Business with Rajiv C. Lochan

Agricultural and Rural Economy with Arjun Uppal

Anthropology with Mekhala Krishnamurthy

The Political Economy of India's Development 1947 - 2012 with Mihir Shah

Introduction to Philosophy with Yunus Tuncel

Governing the Indian Metropolis with Tommaso Vitale, Christophe Jaffrelot, Laurent Gayer, Gilles Verniers, Amitabh Kundu, Marie-Hélène Zérah, Pierre Jacquet, Patrick Le Gales, Kriti Kapila

Other programme support

Writing centre

Building effective communication skills is a core mandate of the YIF curriculum. A dedicated Writing Centre has been set up to deliver workshops in writing skills through individualised guidance

Leadership development and skill building workshops

Through the year, Fellows participate in leadership and skill building workshops which are delivered by well-known leadership trainers and experts in areas like problem-solving, public speaking, presentation skills and team building

Preparing for the 'Real World'

ELM: Experiential Learning Module

A large majority of the YIF class has not worked before. The Experiential Learning Module (ELM) has been designed to complement academic work with real work experience. ELMs are supported by a team of coaches who provide essential guidance on structuring problems, analysis and presentations.

Structure

YIF requires its Fellows to undertake an eight month-long engagement with an organisation after completing the first two terms of the Programme. These projects are offered by companies, organisations and institutions across various sectors.

Objective

The objective of these projects is to:

- Develop basic skills of building and working in diverse teams
- Apply essential techniques of structuring and problem solving
- Gain work experience through live projects



ELM Partners

- Alchemist Foods
- American India Foundation
- Arvind Enterprises
- Ashoka University
- AZB & Partners
- BASIX
- Baichung Bhutia Football Schools
- Bharat Light & Power
- British High Commission
- Chai Point
- Council for Energy, Environment & Water
- Chintan-India
- Dalmia Foundation
- Development Office of Sh. Naveen Jindal
- Digit
- Earthy Goods Foundation
- Genpact
- GrindMaster Machines
- Harley-Davidson India
- HarVa
- Hector Beverages
- IDEA Cellular
- IFC
- ITIHAAS
- Jaipur Rugs Foundation
- Kalam Foundation
- McKinsey Global Institute
- Media for Change
- MyParichay
- National Rural Livelihoods Mission
- Natural Justice
- Observer Research Foundation
- Perfect Relations
- PRS Legislature
- Phyzok Learning Solutions
- Ritu Kumar Fashion House
- PRATHAM
- Pyoopil - Start-up by a team of Fellows
- Rajiv Gandhi Foundation
- Eric Saranovitz – Researching the Spectacle
- Senior Citizen Companion
- Madhavi Menon – Shakespeare and Queer Theory
- SHRAMIC (Ministry of Urban Development)
- Skill Kindle
- Society for Scientific Values
- Studio-X
- Sunborne Energy
- Teach For India
- The Health Trip
- Unbox
- UID Authority of India
- VEonl - Start-up by a team of Fellows
- ViSparsh Collaborative project with Penn

FellowSpeak: ELMs 2013

Village Economy on Internet

Imagine your art, your creation and someone else's name attached to it! Would it not disturb you? Further, you earn peanuts for your art when the world is minting cash on it. Would it not bother you?

This happens to millions of artisans in our nation.

Our project, Village Economy on Internet (VEonI), is an initiative to enable rural artisans to reach the global market, sell their product on their own and earn not only the right price but also their lost name. This team is working with weavers in Chanderi, a small town in Madhya Pradesh, popular for its antique weaving style.

Young India Fellowship is like a nest where realities hatch out from dreams. It gives us an environment warm and nourishing, encouragement to take risk and fly high under guidance from those who know all the turns, roundabouts and dead ends of the sky.

To see this project evolve as an operational business model is our objective. But what we desire more is to explore our own conceptions and misconceptions about the rural-urban divide and study the problem on the ground which we have only read about.

Abhishek Choudhary, Saransh Vaswani and Manish Meena

Baichung Bhutia Football Schools (BBFS)

Baichung Bhutia Football Schools (BBFS) aim at providing world-class training at the grass-roots level to every talented child in India. In one and a half years, 7 centres across Delhi and Mumbai have been set up and are coaching over 500 potential footballers. The Fellows have the opportunity to work with such a vibrant and rapidly growing organisation and to gain hands-on knowledge in developing and running a business by tackling real problems, planning and executing it's expansion and best of all, helping India rediscover the magic of football!

Melbin Thomas Jose, Pranay Reddy and Aishwarya Muralidhar

Shakespeare and Queer Theory

The project Shakespeare and Queer Theory traces the multiple genealogies that have gone into the making of queer theory, and the multiple Shakespeares that have resulted from that theoretical variety. Queer theory has borrowed a great deal from, and contributed to, other theoretical conversations, and each has produced a differently queer Shakespeare. This is perhaps why Shakespeare has been able to keep our attention for so many centuries and why this theory is one of the most dynamic theories in circulation today. The goal of this ELM is to come up with an annotated bibliography of all the articles, books, websites, and performances that deal with queer theory and Shakespeare globally.

Karthik Purushothaman, Bhavna Rajpal, Rupesh Jhabak and Lubin Lukas

Rickshaw Sangh Programme run by the American India Foundation

In partnership with various banks and NGOs, this ELM project aims to promote asset-ownership among cycle-rickshaw drivers through micro-financing. of the programme which has already impacted about 30,000 rickshaw drivers all over India.

The team will undertake a feasibility study of various areas and strategies for further development

Rishi Iyengar, Mohini Gupta and Vennela Gandikota

A year full of activities and events...

Heritage walks

Delhi is home to a rich cultural legacy, spread across its traditional settlements. Gorgeous ruins standing cheek-by-jowl with modern buildings stand testimony to Delhi's resplendent past. To explore the myriad shades of Delhi's heritage, YIF class of 2013 decided to take fortnightly Heritage Walks, the content and format of which was drawn from ITIHAAS – a Delhi based educational trust active in the area of heritage education. Through these Heritage Walks, the Fellows explore monuments, places of worship, bazaars, mohallas, roads, lanes, cul-de-sacs and any place that has an enthralling story associated with it to complement their multi-disciplinary programme. The areas covered include the Qutb Complex, Mehrauli, Kashmiri Gate, Chandni Chowk, Nizamuddin Dargah, Lutyens' Delhi, Tughlaqabad and Gandhi Smriti.



Prashant Gautam
Fellow

Salsa

Beautiful music, twirling forms, peals of laughter. This is what one encounters during a salsa lesson at YIF. The brain child of a YIF Fellow Nicky Lama, these salsa lessons have been a source of tremendous joy to the Fellows. The Fellows describe their salsa classes as liberating. It has also helped them appreciate the importance of listening to the music, the instructions, their partners and themselves.

Lubin Alice Lukas
Fellow

Kairos Society's Unconference

Kairos Society is a global network of top student and global leaders which promotes entrepreneurship and innovation to solve some of world's greatest challenges. In association with 91springboard, an upcoming incubator, it organised an "unconference" for young entrepreneurs in Delhi region, for which six Young India Fellows were selected to participate.

The theme of the event was 'Why most student enterprises die early, and is it bad at all to fail for the first few times? What should be done to help student entrepreneurs take the leap from venture/project to business?'

Simranpreet Oberoi
Fellow

Commonwealth Youth Programme's Asia Youth Summit

Young India Fellows Souvik Lal Chakraborty, Bhavna Rajpal and Kartikey Shukla were selected to attend the Asia Youth Summit organised by the Commonwealth Youth Programme -(CYP Asia), the British Council and Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development.

Held from 18th-21st September, 2012, the Summit aimed to discuss a wide range of issues involving youth engagement and participation, and to enable them to effectively advocate for the establishment of democratic youth governance structures in their respective countries.

The Fellows interacted with Youth Leaders from 13 countries, and engaged in enthusiastic and constructive discussions about the involvement of youth in democracy, governance and development processes.

Aishwarya Murlidhar
Fellow



MEET THE FACULTY

The YIF was created to bring 'best-in-class' faculty together under one roof, to offer Fellows a world-class educational experience.

They belong to highly reputed institutions both Indian & overseas, old & new, liberal arts & engineering and everything in the middle. They are leading academics, business leaders, filmmakers, journalists, environmentalists and artists and the list goes on...

Cameron Arnold

English Instructor, 9.9 School of Convergence;

BA, College of William and Mary, Virginia; MA, Linguistics, New York University

Amita Baviskar

Associate Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi;

BA & MA, University of Delhi; PhD, Cornell University

Andre Béteille

Professor Emeritus, Delhi University; Chairman, Indian Council for Social Science Research;

BA, University of Kolkata; MSc, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata; PhD, Delhi University

Vivek Bhandari

Historian; Former Director, Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA);

BA, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University; MS & PhD, University of Pennsylvania

Giti Chandra

Professor, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University;

BA, St. Stephen's College, Delhi; PhD, Rutgers, State University of New Jersey

Sanjeev Chatterjee

Professor, Vice-Dean & Executive Director, Knight Center for International Media, University of Miami;

MA, Delhi University; MFA Brooklyn College

Anunaya Chaubey

Artist; Lecturer & Principal, College of Arts & Crafts, Patna University;

PhD, Patna University

Kenneth Foster

Professor, University of Pennsylvania;

Bsc, Michigan State University; PhD, Indiana University

Patrick Le Galès

Scientific Director, Master Programme in "Urban and Territorial Policies Strategies", Sciences Po, Paris;

Graduate, Nuffield College, Oxford & the Université de Paris X- Nanterre, Sciences Po

Laurent Gayer

Research Associate, Centre d'études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud (CEIAS);

Research Fellow, International Relations, Centre for Human Sciences, New Delhi

Jonathan Gill Harris

Professor, George Washington University;

PhD, University of Sussex, England

Radha S. Hegde

Professor, New York University; BA, Madras University; MA & PhD, Ohio State University

Pierre Jacquet

President, Global Development Network, New Delhi; Chief Economist, French Development Agency (AFD), Professor, Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, Paris; Graduate, Ecole Polytechnique & Ecole des Ponts et

Chaussees, PhD, Paris Institute of Urban Studies

Christophe Jaffrelot

Professor, Political Science, Sciences Po, Paris;
Graduate, The Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (IEP), Sorbonne; The Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO); PhD, IEP

Dwight Jaggard

Professor & Director, Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania;
BS & MS, University of Wisconsin-Madison; PhD, California Institute of Technology

Kriti Kapila

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MA, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; PhD, London School of Economics

Devesh Kapur

Associate Professor & Director,

Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania;
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Sanjeev Khanna

Professor & Rosenbluth Faculty Fellow, University of Pennsylvania;
BTech, Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani; PhD Stanford University

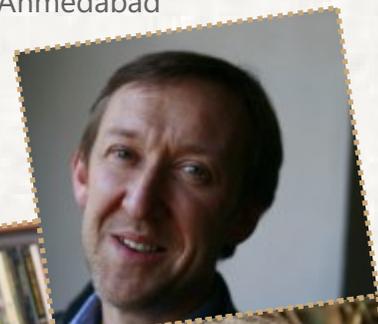
Mekhala Krishnamurthy

Social Anthropologist & Non-

Resident Research Scholar, Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania;
PhD., University College London; MPhil., University of Cambridge; A.B., Harvard University

Rishiksha Krishnan

Professor, IIM Bangalore;
Msc, IIT Kanpur; MS, Stanford University; FPM, IIM Ahmedabad



A. K. Shiva Kumar

Development Economist;
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National Advisory Council,
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MA (Geography) and PhD
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Delhi University; PhD, Tufts
University, Boston

Rudrangshu Mukherjee

Historian & Author; Opinions
Editor, The Telegraph, Kolkata;
Visiting faculty, Princeton
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Kolkata; DPhil, University of
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Fulbright Fellow

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Nehru University; PhD,
University of Pennsylvania

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Writing, San Francisco State
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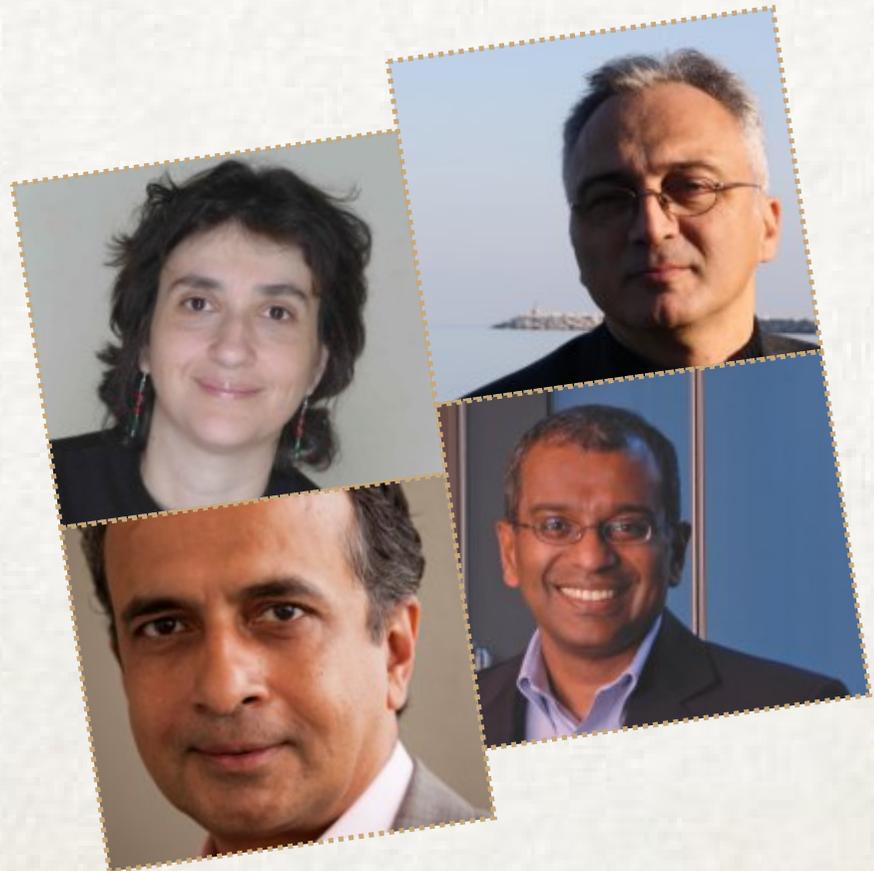
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University of Paris



Guest Faculty

Sanjeev Aga

Former MD, Idea Cellular Ltd; BA (Hons) St. Stephen's College, Delhi; MBA, IIM Kolkata

Arun Duggal

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Getting inspired

The YIF guest speakers

Madeleine K. Albright, Kaushik Basu, Ramchandra Guha.....

Guest lectures by global achievers and role models complement the academic courses at the YIF. Since the launch of the programme, Young India Fellows have been inspired by more than 130 eclectic and pre-eminent individuals.

Some memorable guests include:

Madeleine K. Albright, First female Secretary of State, USA; Chair, Albright Stonebridge Group; Chair, Albright Capital Management LLC

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Kaushik Basu, Chief Economist, World Bank; Professor of Economics, Cornell University

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Atul Bhalla, Environment & Installation artist

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Ramachandra Guha, Historian, Writer & Columnist, The Telegraph, Khaleej Times & The Hindustan Times

George Jacob, Museologist, Former Project Director at The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History

Sanjana Kapoor, Indian theatre personality, Founder Director, Junoon theatre company

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Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

M. K. Raina, Theatre actor & Director

Raghuram Rajan, Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India; Professor of Finance, University of Chicago

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N. V. Tyagarajan, CEO, Genpact

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Most people choose to complain about the issues our nation faces, and then to look away in apathy. Rukmini Banerji showed us that when a team of dedicated individuals with 'asliyat se lagav' persevere towards a common vision, then no problem is insurmountable - not even the one as colossal as India's education deficit.

Natasha Zarine
Fellow





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For the Fellowship to deliver on its mission fully, it looks forward to more partnerships and support from like minded philanthropic individuals and institutions.

Dr. Pramath Raj Sinha
Founding Dean, YIF

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CONVOCATION 2012

The Young India Fellowship Programme commemorated the graduation of its founding class at its first Convocation on 19th May, 2012. The ceremony celebrated the matriculation of 57 talented young men and women as Young India Fellows, ready to accept challenging professional and academic responsibilities and primed to make a difference to the world around them.

The occasion was presided over by Andre Beteille, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Delhi University and a source of constant support and guidance to the YIF. The ceremony was attended by faculty, founders, sponsors and parents of the Fellows.

“ A good teacher is one who knows that he doesn't have the answers to all the questions. One way of reaching towards answers is to work together. I hope that you will remember this Fellowship and, wherever you are, you will work together and move forward and arrive at answers and solutions collectively. A course of lectures may be for one year but a Fellowship is for all time. ”

Professor Andre Beteille

at the first YIF Convocation, 2012

“ I wonder whether there is any programme in the world where such a diverse group of people collaborate to think about common problems facing the world. Everyday I am inspired by the genesis of this Programme - a simple idea that as the world becomes more complex and its problems become tougher to solve, solutions will emerge only when people work together to solve those problems. Each of you as a Young India Fellow has demonstrated and been exposed to the power of collaboration. As you go out into the world, you must lead collaboration because it doesn't happen on its own. I urge you to remember the 'collaborative leadership' that you have learnt at the YIF and 'pay it forward'... ”

Dean's commencement message
at the first YIF Convocation, 2012

The YIF awards 2012

The YIF Torchbearer Award, conferred for embodying the spirit and ideals of the Programme and for contributing significantly across all academic and extra-curricular activities, was awarded to **Utkarsh Amitabh**.



The YIF Scholar Award, conferred for exemplary pursuit of knowledge, a keen desire for learning and upholding the highest standards of academic integrity, was awarded to **Mrudula NS**.



The YIF Spirit Award, conferred for an abiding spirit of service, taking initiatives and shouldering responsibilities beyond the call of duty was awarded to **Srishti Sardana**.



Outstanding Experiential Learning Module (ELM) Award is given to ELM teams for displaying exemplary execution of the project by overcoming challenges through initiative, innovation and impeccable teamwork. The following four teams were selected to receive the award:



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The Founding Class of Young India Fellows is well on its way to 'reach for the stars'.

Those with academic aspirations have joined leading global institutions of higher learning, and others with a desire to 'get going in the real world' have been placed with reputed companies – both domestic and multinational. Those Fellows who wanted to explore 'off the beaten track' have joined start-ups, think-tanks, and development organisations. 'Different strokes for different folks'... couldn't be truer elsewhere.

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