

Brief Profile of YUVA (Youth United for Voluntary Action)

YUVA is a grassroots voluntary organization committed to fostering inclusive development by empowering youth, women, and marginalized communities. Based in Hazaribag, Jharkhand, the organization is actively involved in multi-sectoral interventions focusing on education, health, legal awareness, youth leadership, and gender equity. Since its inception, YUVA has aimed to harness the potential of young people as change agents through structured programs that develop skills, confidence, and social responsibility.

YUVA has built a strong reputation for delivering quality development programs across rural and semi-urban regions, with special emphasis on capacity building, community mobilization, and rights-based advocacy. The organization collaborates with government agencies, international development partners, civil society organizations, and academic institutions to address pressing social challenges and promote sustainable, community-driven solutions.

Key Focus Areas	Youth Leadership, Women Empowerment, Legal Literacy, Health & Hygiene, Entrepreneurship Development
Target Groups	Youth, Women, Children, Marginalized & Underprivileged Communities
Legal Status	Registered Voluntary Organization under Societies Registration Act
Geographical Focus	Primarily Jharkhand; expanding outreach through partnerships
Core Approach	Participatory, Rights-Based, Community-Led

Detailed Bio-Data of YUVA Board Members

1. Mr. Vijay Kumar - President

- Educational Qualification: Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development (PGDRD) from Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi.
- Professional Background: Mr. Vijay Kumar brings with him a wealth of over four decades of experience in the Government of India, primarily with departments that focus on youth development, education, and Panchayati Raj. Prior to his retirement, he served as Director of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) - an autonomous body under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- Key Contributions & Roles:
 - A seasoned administrator and mentor, Mr. Kumar is highly regarded for his pioneering work in building rural youth clubs and grassroots leadership platforms.
 - As a National-level resource person, he has conducted numerous workshops, seminars, and training programs on motivation, personality development, and leadership skills for rural youth across India.
 - Since joining YUVA as its President, he has been instrumental in providing strategic direction, institutional mentoring, and policy-level guidance to the organization.
 - His vast experience in public systems, especially youth-related policy and program design, has significantly strengthened YUVA's mission and outreach.



2. Mr. Rakesh Narayan – Secretary

Educational Qualification: Master of Business Administration (MBA) with specialization in Human Resource Management.

- **Professional Background:** With over 25 years of experience in the development sector, Mr. Narayan is a dynamic leader and visionary strategist who has played a key role in launching and scaling several flagship government and civil society initiatives.

Key Contributions & Roles:

- He played a pivotal role in initiating community-based interventions under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), focusing on adolescent reproductive and sexual health (ARSH).
- Mr. Narayan has represented India in international platforms such as the 4th Asia Pacific Conference on ARSH & R and the World Health Summit in New Delhi, presenting insightful papers on youth health and gender-sensitive strategies.
- He is a recognized resource person for the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), a deemed university under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- He also serves as a member of the District Implementation and Monitoring Committee (DIMC) under the PC & PNDT Cell, Department of Health, Hazaribag.
- Prior to founding YUVA, he served for nearly a decade as Project Director at Ramakrishna Math & Mission, managing integrated community development and youth education programs.
- Mr. Narayan provides consultancy support to various grassroots organizations, helping them with strategic planning, organizational development, and leadership training.

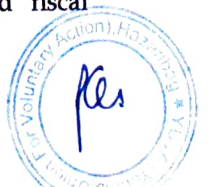
3. Mr. Biswajit Chakraborty – Treasurer

Educational Qualification: Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)

- **Professional Background:** Mr. Chakraborty is a highly experienced financial professional with more than 30 years of expertise in accounting, financial management, statutory compliance, and audit facilitation in the voluntary sector.

Key Contributions & Roles:

- As one of the founding members of YUVA, he has laid the foundation of robust financial practices and internal controls within the organization.
- He is responsible for maintaining all financial records, overseeing budgeting processes, preparing donor-specific reports, and ensuring adherence to legal and fiscal compliance.



- Mr. Chakraborty has a long track record of serving in financial roles with seven different voluntary organizations before joining YUVA. His experience includes managing multi-donor projects, NGO audits, FCRA compliance, and financial due diligence.
- His deep understanding of statutory norms and transparent accounting practices has significantly contributed to building trust with funders and stakeholders.

4. Ms. Bindu Das – Member

Educational Qualification: Bachelor of Law (LLB)

- Professional Background: A practicing lawyer based in Hazaribag with over two decades of experience in legal practice and advocacy for women's rights and child protection.

Key Contributions & Roles:

- Ms. Das has been a strong voice for women's legal empowerment, providing legal counseling and support to survivors of domestic violence, dowry harassment, and gender-based abuse.
- She actively collaborates with NGOs, government departments, and legal forums to promote awareness of PC & PNDT Act and POCSO Act, especially in rural and tribal regions.
- She conducts capacity-building sessions for community leaders, frontline workers, and women's collectives on legal literacy, rights awareness, and access to justice.
- She plays an advisory role in shaping YUVA's legal literacy programs and supports programmatic interventions on gender justice.

5. Ms. Rina Kumari Gupta – Member

Educational Qualification: Graduate in Humanities

- Professional Background: A social worker and youth development facilitator, Ms. Gupta is known for her passion for community engagement, especially in rural women's leadership and youth personality development.

Key Contributions & Roles:

- She serves as a resource person for women's leadership and entrepreneurship development, facilitating training modules that promote self-reliance, financial literacy, and grassroots governance.
- Her sessions on motivation, self-awareness, and confidence-building have inspired hundreds of young people to pursue meaningful roles in society.
- She works closely with women's groups, youth forums, and skill development institutions to provide mentorship and life-skills education.



- Her motivational speaking and participatory facilitation techniques make her a sought-after trainer for both government and non-government agencies.

6. Ms. Sanju Devi - Member

Educational Qualification: Graduate in Social Sciences

- Professional Background: A dedicated grassroots development practitioner, Ms. Devi is particularly active in strengthening Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and promoting financial inclusion among rural women.

Key Contributions & Roles:

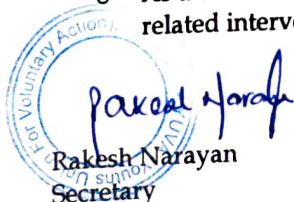
- She is an effective resource person for SHG capacity building, especially in financial management, group governance, and microcredit systems.
- Her field-based knowledge and community rapport make her a critical link between YUVA and its grassroots constituency.
- She frequently facilitates training sessions for development organizations on topics such as group bookkeeping, internal lending, and income-generation planning.
- Ms. Devi plays an important role in mobilizing rural women and linking them to government schemes and livelihood opportunities.

Dr. Kaushik Roy - Member

- Educational Qualification: MBBS, MD
- Professional Background: A senior medical practitioner with over 25 years of clinical and public health experience, Dr. Roy is deeply committed to rural healthcare and preventive health education.

Key Contributions & Roles:

- He has been instrumental in organizing free medical camps and health check-ups in remote and underserved areas, including tribal belts.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Roy's contributions were commendable as he collaborated with YUVA to run district-level emergency response initiatives, awareness campaigns, and distribution of essential supplies.
- He is a firm believer in community-based health promotion and has conducted sessions on hygiene, nutrition, disease prevention, and adolescent health for rural communities.
- As a medical advisor to YUVA, he brings technical insights and credibility to health-related interventions and project designs.


Rakesh Narayan
Secretary