

2024



VOLFEST

INDIA'S VOLUNTEERING FESTIVAL

Report

**Humans Of Volunteering
and iVolunteer**

13-14th April | Dhyan Chand Stadium, New Delhi

Celebrating doing good

Humans of Volunteering proudly announces the success of the second annual Volunteering Festival, VOLFEST'24 held in the heart of Delhi. Building upon the achievements of the inaugural event, this year's festival was bigger and better, a dynamic two-day celebration of volunteerism and community spirit.



13th–14th April



National Stadium

Near India Gate, New Delhi



Good Deeds Day

Celebrated



iVolunteer

Event Partner



Youth For India

SBI Foundation | Fellowship Partner

Organized by Humans of Volunteering, in collaboration with iVolunteer and Fellowship partner Youth for India, an SBI Foundation initiative, the festival served as a testament to the power of collective action in making positive change. The National Stadium became the epicenter of altruism, welcoming over 50 NGOs and more than 3000+ attendees eager to participate in a variety of activities and performances.



"From the seamless coordination to the thoughtful details, it was evident that a lot of care and hard work went into making the event a success.

Your support means the world to us and has left a lasting impact on our volunteers. Not only did you provide them with a memorable day, but you also showed them how valued they are as part of community. It's moments like these that truly strengthen the bonds within our organization and inspire us to continue our mission with even greater passion."

—Shubham Agarwal
Trustee | Helping Hut NGO

3000+

Attendees (Citizens) who volunteered for Good;

4L+

Online Reach w.r.t excitement and experience about VolFest

50+

Non Profits showcased their cause and Impact; engaged volunteers

Concepts

Details

Outcome

Stalls of Non Profits

NGOs from in and around Delhi given a chance to sensitize about their cause; showcase Impact & engage more Volunteers through opportunities

- 35+ Non Profits addressing XX SDGs
- Inter-Cause Collaborations and Citizen Engagement

Volunteering Arena

To provide a hands-on volunteering experience to citizens and focus on bringing action oriented change

- 10 Volunteering Activities by various NGOs were conducted
- Around 500+ citizens volunteered on site





Unity In Diversity

From Friends to Families

From 1 year old to 70 years young

From Volunteers at an NGO to Beneficiaries

From Players at the stadium to Budding Artists

From College Students to Working Professionals

From Children from a Free School to Armed Forces

We Had It All!





For everything that was happening around, we promised *volunteering for change*

For anyone who has experienced the **transformative power of volunteering**, whether as an active participant or a bystander inspired by its impact, there's an undeniable call to ponder the role of youth in national development. We envision this not only as a passionate endeavor but also as a fulfilling career or life path. **Partnering with organizations like YFI holds the promise of fostering social change that not only involves but also empowers and uplifts the youth.**



Moments in Kind.

Students of Dhanak Pathshala (A free school) also participated and had a fest of their lifetime!



A volunteer got her NANI to help her embrace life, a little more now – Music & Magic.



A volunteer's 1 year old baby Meera attended the event both days and made many smile and shine!



Kids from Vikara Foundation showcased all the love and hope they have for the world!



Heard Chandrjeet, who single handedly sent 4000+ Migrants to their hometowns during Covid.



Moments in Kind.



Made Clay Sculptures and realized the long left feeling of peace & patience; Thanks to the LECIN Team

Change No Bar!

Ensured to Build a space to collaborate within and beyond Causes; Orgs & Geographies.



Thought provoking Nukkad by the team of Natshala Group quoted the “unquoted on gender discrimination”



A Volunteer's Father ran for the whole day to ensure no compliance is left unattended.



Project Aamdani by Saday got things made by women who strive to earn a livelihood.



VOLFEST *in review*



Attendees had the opportunity to engage with NGO stalls, participate in hands-on volunteering activities at the Volunteering Arena, and enjoy captivating performances by a diverse lineup of artists. **Activities included learning sign language, crafting Braille bookmarks, making pottery, creating clay sculptures, and assembling sandwiches for distribution to those in need.**



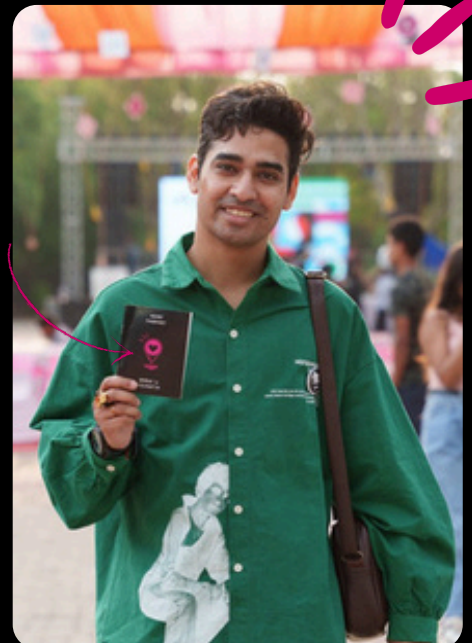
The stage buzzed with energy as over **20 Artists who performed probono**; showcased their talents through dance, music, spoken word, stand-up comedy, and a mesmerizing magic show. DJ Asad kept the crowd dancing into the night, creating an atmosphere of joy and celebration. Additionally, **a blood donation drive saw over 100 participants** donating blood, contributing to the festival's spirit of giving back to the community.

One of the main highlights of the festival was the **"Stories of Change" session**, featuring speakers who shared their inspiring volunteering experiences with the participants. Through heartfelt narratives, speakers detailed how volunteering has impacted their lives, the changes they've made in their communities, and their plans for the future, inspiring attendees to make a difference in their own way.

"I wanted to extend my heartfelt gratitude for organizing such an incredible event. **The highlight for me was undoubtedly the Passport concept, which allowed me to connect with various stalls and people, learning about their causes and missions.** It was truly enriching to engage with each booth and understand the passion behind their work.

I feel incredibly fortunate to have completed all the stamps in my passport and win the gift.. it added an extra layer of excitement to the experience. Every stall was beautifully set up, and the dedication they showed to their causes was truly inspiring."

–Aarushee Mehan
Let's Spread Love



VOLFEST *in heart*

At VOLFEST'24, we celebrated the selflessness of volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to making a difference, all without expecting anything in return. It's incredible to mention that every artist who graced our stage did so out of pure generosity, offering their talents to spread positivity and inspire change.

Likewise, we extended the **same ethos to our participating NGOs** and stalls, ensuring that they too could contribute without financial burden. And when it came to entry, we firmly believe that volunteering should be accessible to all, so we made sure that everyone could join the celebration without any cost. **This isn't just about providing an event; it's about creating an experience that embodies the spirit of giving back and fostering a culture of kindness and compassion.**

We believe in making volunteering a national habit, and VOLFEST'24 was just one step towards that goal. By providing a platform for people to **experience the joy and fulfillment of volunteering firsthand**, we hope to inspire even more individuals to embrace this noble cause and make a positive impact in their communities.



"I'd like to thank on behalf of ConnectFor for giving us the opportunity to be a part of this amazing fest which although didn't turned out as expected due to bad weather but we got chance to meet & interact with **like minded people** & to know more about their wonderful work. From Volunteering experience to cause areas; it was all so Fulfilling!

Wishing you all the very best for the future & to work together to **contribute to the community** in whatever way possible. Thank you once again!"

-Rutvik Mistry
Connect For



Takeaways from VOLFEST



Volunteer

For Any Cause; Any where;
Spread the word to inspire



Collaborate

With Orgs from same/different cause; embrace
everyone who is bringing even 1% change.



Be Kind

Irrespective. Change No Bar!



We'd like to thank the team of Youth For India for their generous support

Acknowledgements

As we eagerly await VOLFEST'25, we're filled with gratitude for the overwhelming support and positive feedback we received from attendees as well as partners. Your enthusiasm and passion motivate us to continue our efforts and make each festival better than the last. Together, let's continue to spread the spirit of volunteerism and create positive change in the world.

Citizens | Partners | iVolunteer | Youth For India | All volunteers | Partner In Kind NGOs | People in management

