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Youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow but also capable of leading today.

This above statement comes exactly true in its truest sense with Yamuna Pathak, India based Social Activist who is currently associated with Youth Employment Summit Network as State Coordinator for Andhra Pradesh. She says...After involving herself with YES she has seen many transformations happening down the lane working with youth in many focal areas of YES and building up capacities of young people, Empowering and Encouraging them in most aspects. She was instrumental in initiating many programs which would benefit youth in all spheres.

She was also been termed as Crusader by a leading English Daily Newspaper in India –Hindu, for her distinguished work done in HIV/AIDS Preventive Training program for youth across.....beyond borders.... And termed as Inspiration to Youth - by Leading Telugu (Regional Language of Andhra Pradesh) Daily Newspaper in India.

She was instrumental in taking the aims and objectives of YES Campaign to the grass root level in her state and in creating awareness about the opportunities available for young people and how best they can persuade it with innovative thinking and explore opportunities with the help of YES Networks.

Basically Yamuna a Graduate in Psychology and has a professional Post Graduate degree in Social Work. Received many awards such as National Award for the year 2004, October under Women s category for giving the Voice over for the Documentary Feature on Jogini System (Prostitution) produced by Doordarshan (India s National Television Channel), and many more applauds for her exemplary work in many areas, especially her work is commendable in the area of Youth Empowerment, Health & HIV/AIDS, Women Empowerment, and Renewable Energy and so on.

She is also Health Advisor to YES Network Georgia (Eastern Europe) and had set a trend in creating a role model structure to initiate Intra Network Collaborative Initiatives among YES Networks.

The quest to do service to the needy did not upsurge in a single day for this 23 year old it has its roots profoundly planted right from when she was barely of age 11 years

"When she was studying in her school in Vth standard... She was perturbed by elderly persons and kids begging for food outside her school compound and used to empty the contents of her tiffin box into their bowl and used to go without food on several occasions."

Service is her passion, with this innate desire she continued it doing so and worked in many areas and created a niche for her work and herself and started Global Angels Jai Charitable Trust which profoundly aims to work for the needy which currently she is the Managing Trustee. And also did

commendable services to the destitute and needy women from her NGO named Stree Seva Samithi (Women's Organization)

Speaker at many National and International Summits and Conferences on the issues like Health and HIV/AIDS, Humanitarian Law, Anti-Terrorism, Youth Employment, Women Empowerment, Renewable Energy and Social Justice and invited to many countries... To name a few Australia, Georgia, Kenya, Singapore and so on...

Yamuna firmly believes that -"Youth are not a problem to be solved, but problem solvers themselves"

And this dream of hers came true with the Launch of YES Campaign in Egypt.....since then there is no look back to Yamuna...she says to Empower somebody... one by themselves should be Empowered first and this opportunity was given to her by the onset YES campaign in 2002.

Initially they were certain setbacks in reaching out to maximum numbers about YES in her region but with persistent and indomitable will the essence of YES was carried out with an active involvement from all spectrums of society by thoroughly involving the Multi-stakeholders in sensitizing about Youth Employment issue in her region.

The Youth networks here are not afraid about the tasks, together here we say We will do... We are doing...We will continue doing...the great initiative which YES campaign started for the Youth Wealth of the Globe. The Power of Youth is tremendous, indispensable. Nobody can stop it if one has persistent will and confidence certainly they can create a mark. Said by Yamuna...

Try and Try until you reach your goal. She remembers it here...

She says – YES campaign with the support of YES Networks will make its continuous sustainable effort in creating Sustainable Youth Employment for young people across...