



Hyderabad student shares local know-how with the world

Hyderabad, Feb 10: Yamuna Pathak, a student of a leading city college, represented the Youth Employment Summit (YES) Country Network of India at a recent workshop in Georgia, Europe.

YES Country Networks, an initiative of YES Campaign, are youth led networks of all the stakeholders of the society. The YES India Network is a diverse group representing students, youth activists, opinion –leaders, media persons, corporates, and other members of the civil society.

The workshop conducted from February 4 to 14, was organised by the YES country network Georgia, and a leading Georgian NGO- Health National Centre at the University of Gori. Pathak had many meetings with NGOs, policy-makers, members of the youth parliament of Georgia etc.

The Executive Director of the YES Campaign, Ms. Poonam Ahluwalia, excited about the development, in her message said: it is really heartening to know about the partnership being developed between the two diverse country networks-India and Georgia. This is probably the best example of “sharing effective practices” and developing partnerships between youth –led organisations.

“It is a direct achievement of the recent Hyderabad YES Regional Forum 2003 that brought over 1000 delegates from 48 countries. This is just one small outcome. I am sure with the upcoming YES Academy more of such workshops, consultations will follow and help us help the youth to achieve more sustainable livelihoods”

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Notes for the Editor:

1. Youth Employment Summit (YES) Campaign is a decade long project of Boston based not-for-profit research organisation- Education Development Center (EDC) Inc. The YES Campaign was launched in September 2002 by over 2000 delegates in the historical library of Alexandria through the Alexandria Declaration
2. The recent Hyderabad YES Regional Forum 2003 was the first regional meeting, attended by over 1000 delegates from 48 countries. The major accomplishments of the Forum were the adoption of the Hyderabad Blueprint, drafting of the MOU between the Country Coordinators of SAARC countries and the launching of the YES Academy by the three partners- Government of Andhra Pradesh, M S Swaminathan Research Foundation and EDC Inc.

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