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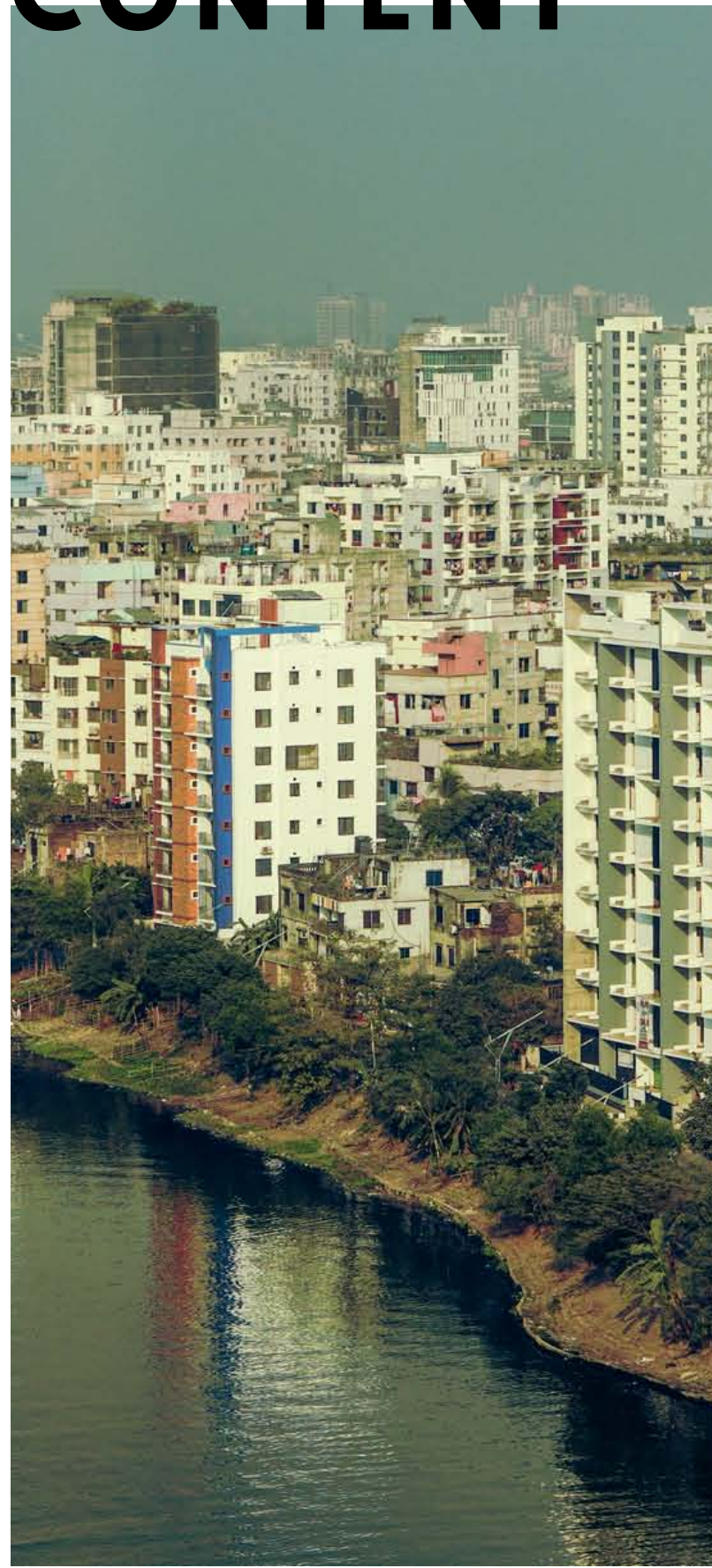
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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the vibrant tapestry of our endeavors, the realization of our aspirations has been made possible through the collective efforts and unwavering support of a multitude of remarkable individuals and entities. As we stand at the precipice of gratitude, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to those who have been the cornerstone of our journey.

To the Youth Leaders: Your passion, dedication, and vision have ignited a spark that has illuminated the path of change. Your unwavering commitment to the cause has been a source of inspiration for all, and your tireless efforts have transformed dreams into tangible realities.

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To each individual, organization, and entity that has contributed to our cause, whether through time, resources, expertise, or unwavering belief – your role in our journey is immeasurable. Together, we have created a symphony of change, and your notes, both bold and subtle, have harmonized to compose the beautiful melody of progress.

As we reflect upon the milestones achieved and set our sights on the horizons yet to be explored, we carry your support, your passion, and your dedication as the wind beneath our wings. With profound gratitude, we acknowledge each and every one of you for being the true architects of our success.

Sincerely,  
Afra Nawar Rahman  
Youth Coordinator  
YPSA-CYD



# EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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YOUTH COORDINATOR  
YPSA-CYD



## "Youth: A Symphony of Boundless Potential"


*Boundless, Dauntless, Creative, Driven, Powerful.*

While the conventional definition of youth might be concise, the essence of its true potential unfurls in a tapestry of words that mirror what youth ought to embody and the boundless possibilities they can unravel. We, the youth, embody dauntlessness – impervious to the confines that attempt to curtail us. Our drive is palpable – vested in causes that kindle our passion. Our power is undeniable – the future awaits our creative ingenuity to mold it.

We advocate for youth engagement in decision-making processes, echoing our vibrant voices across sectors. We yearn for the rise of youthful entrepreneurs, dreamers, and trailblazers, weaving their aspirations into the fabric of reality. The canvas of youth is painted not solely with the hues of academia but with the vivid strokes of innovation and purpose. This magazine stands testament, encapsulating the dynamic impact of youth action achieved within a mere six-month span.

Envision the summits we can scale when we channel our intellect and zeal toward constructive endeavors, nurturing our potential in an environment ripe for growth. Hence, this magazine serves as a spotlight on the tireless endeavors of restless minds, tirelessly crafting a better, more radiant world each passing day. The pages within hold stories of transformation, perseverance, and unwavering commitment, reminding us all that the symphony of youth resounds with boundless potential, waiting to harmonize with the world."



A portrait of MD. Arifur Rahman, a middle-aged man with dark hair, wearing a dark blazer over a checkered shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting with trees.

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MD. ARIFUR RAHMAN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
YPSA

Dear Remarkable Youth,

I am thrilled to witness the energy and potential you bring to our society. Your enthusiasm, ideas, and determination hold the key to shaping a brighter future. As we embark on this journey of positive transformation, I extend my wholehearted support to your endeavors.

The "Action Generation" magazine stands as a beacon of your accomplishments and aspirations. It serves as a testament to your unwavering commitment to making a difference. Your stories, initiatives, and passion inspire us all, reminding us of the incredible impact young minds can create.

I encourage you to continue your quest for positive change. Every step you take, every idea you nurture, contributes to a more inclusive and harmonious world. Remember, your voices are powerful instruments of progress, and your actions have the potential to leave an indelible mark.

As Chief Executive, I proudly acknowledge your efforts and salute your dedication. Together, let's amplify the momentum of positive development, ensuring that your generation remains at the forefront of shaping a better tomorrow.

With admiration and support,  
Md. Arifur Rahman  
Chief Executive  
YPSA



# YOUTH FOCAL

ABDUS SABUR  
YOUTH FOCAL  
YPSA



Message from the Youth Focal,

Welcome to the latest issue of our youth-focused climate and environment action magazine. This edition is packed with inspiring stories and practical tips to empower youth to make a positive impact on our planet.

We meet the extraordinary young minds who are taking the lead in climate activism by the support and motivation of YPSA-CYD. We discover the ingenious solutions young inventors are creating to combat environmental challenges. We learnt how small lifestyle changes can add up to significant environmental benefits. We are happy to work alongside you towards a green future.

Remember, you're not alone on this journey to protect and heal our planet. We are also by your side. Your passion, energy, and commitment can ignite a global movement for positive change. Let's work together to create a world where nature thrives and future generations thrive with it.

Stay empowered, stay green, and keep believing in the power of youth!



# ABOUT YPSA

(YOUNG POWER IN  
SOCIAL ACTION)



**"Youth is not a part of  
time, it is a state of  
mind!"**

Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) is a non-profit nonpolitical voluntary organization, was established on 20th May, 1985 at Sitakunda Sadar in Chattogram district on the eve of International Youth Year declared by the United Nations.

## **Vision**

YPSA envisions a society without poverty where everyone's basic needs and rights are ensured.

## **Mission**

YPSA exists to participate with the poor and vulnerable population with all commitment to bring about their own and society's sustainable development.



# ABOUT YPSA-CYD

(CENTER FOR YOUTH  
AND DEVELOPMENT)



In 1995, YPSA-CYD, a link organisation of YPSA was formed to empower youths for their positive and uninhibited development.

**"Youths are not only  
leaders of tomorrow  
but partners of  
today"**

Youths have a significant role to play in the process of social development because they are today's partners as well as the future. YPSA-CYD believes in ensuring access of persons with disabilities, ensuring gender equity and women empowerment, promoting participation and empowerment of youth. Our objective is to:

- To empower the local youth community and bring a positive change in their lives.
- To ensure youth participation in the mainstream development process.
- To promote international youth cooperation and a culture of peace.





# OUR STORIES OUR ACTIONS!





# 14

***Here we featured 14 different stories. you could think, "why 14?"  
Well, the number 14 represents new biggening and positive change.  
And we youth are all about that!***





# ONE STUDENT TREE

Many people plant trees for various purpose. However, maintaining trees is more crucial than simply planting them. This project's major goal is for a student to plant a tree and care for it for a full year. This project is planned with school and college students. The main objective of this project is that one student will plant one eco-friendly tree which will be identified with the student's name and roll number. They will take care of the tree throughout the year, and if the tree is healthy—as determined by their class teacher—a particular number will be added to their academic grade at the conclusion of the year. In this way, planting trees and continuously engaging in care instills a love of environment among students which helps them to become eco-friendly by freeing them from device addiction. So far Around 150 trees have already been planted in residential areas, rooftop gardens, and school grounds which is the greatest achievement of this project is this.

***"let's grow with our plants and become a tree that protects mother earth!"***







STUDENTS PLANTING TREE





# THE WASTE VEILS

Every day we walk by a natural haven and yet cough dust and step on unsightly litter. Such injustice to our immaculately beautiful land is much more than an eyesore. Hundreds of trees are harmed due to improper waste management. Seeing such injustice towards our nature we, a team of 25(M:F-18:7) plan a cleaning mission!

We start by advocating with local government and building awareness. We got permission to spread awareness of the harmful effects of plastic and proper disposal of waste to the local community. On our way, we noticed a lack of dustbins and came up with a plan to provide the park with 4 large dustbins. We noticed people not using it properly, thus we requested the guards to keep an eye and ask visitors not to litter. Later we started Friday campaigns but very soon started noticing missing dustbins!



Project sheikh rasel shishu park: save the nature by cleaning  
Location: ward 13, Shajahan Park, Pahar Toli, AmmBagan







CLEANING PLASTIC WASTE AND  
PLACING WASTE BIN IN PARK

With the help of the guards, we managed to overcome the dustbin theft by putting the dustbins in store after the park was closed and placing it back every morning. The park management at first thought this was a political movement but after various meetings with the managing body they came to address our dedication to save mother nature.

Being inspired by SDG-13 and getting a chance to bring a small change in our daily life brought us pride and joy. Seeing people get influenced and using the bin on their own accord; additionally, telling others not to litter made our heart fill with warmth. It meant our days long endeavor was successful. In the future, we want to build a community that will continue our small initiative and take it to a grander position where more people will be inspired.

***"Remember we need to protect our environment because it is our asset."***



PLASTIC WASTE IN PARK







# SAFE LAND ENVIRONMENT

I have spent a lot of time observing the local farmers, and I found out that they use toxic pesticides on their land. I thought a little about it that chemical fertilizers are constantly being used on the land, due to which the quality of the soil is constantly decreasing; it is also affecting our environment.

I participated in a leadership training organized by YPSA. Then give everyone the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions. I share my thoughts there. I started working on a project along with the farmers and save the environment of my area. My project members were 25 including me. I named the project "Safe Land Safe Environment".

In the very beginning, I had to face many problems. As the people around me say that there is no point in doing this, it will not work, and it is just a waste of time and money.

After several follow-up meetings, we were able to convince that the use of organic fertilizers in addition to using chemical fertilizers in the land so that both the soil and the environment of the land will be fine and fertile. Under the guidance of YPSA, I went to the government agricultural officer of my union with farmers representatives and some members of my project. He praised our initiative and supported us. He took a valuable session with the farmers and brief the rules of making organic fertilizers. At first, some farmers started cultivating the land by following this method. After seeing them, many farmers were inspired and started cultivating the land using organic fertilizers. Now most of the farmers in my area are using organic fertilizers. I hope the use of organic fertilizers will continue in this way. This will keep both the soil and the environment in balance.



***A safe environment is a healthy environment!***





# A THOUSAND NEEM CHALLENGE

Every day we learn a lot of new information but how many do we actually put to practice. Just like that the benefit of Neem tree has been known for thousands of years but it is treated just as a piece of info on paper. Why do we need new inventions when we already have the solution? That's why our team decided to plant 1000 Neem trees to make a statement- "we have solution to our problems, we just need active solvers!"

We started by doing awareness campaigns and advocacy with the local government and community in Bakalia. This created a significant change as people started to become aware of the importance of Neem Trees. Basically, the large scale plantation of Neem trees help to combat desertification, deforestation, soil erosion and to reduce excessive global warming. Neem has high rate of photosynthesis and liberates more oxygen than many other tree species, thus purifying the atmosphere.

Taking a step further, we advocated with Chittagong Forest Department. This creates a huge scope to work long term with Chittagong Forest Department and our team on climate change issues. Besides, planting 1000 Neem trees created opportunity to work with different schools and colleges. We got to mobilize students to work with climate change issues and planting trees in bakalia community. Common beneficiaries will receive various benefits in the future for they step taken today. Local government and community have taken the responsibility to take care of the trees. This creates an opportunity for all these activities to continue in the long term.

***"A sustainable change can't be brought suddenly. For our action to have a big impact in the long run, we need to start now and slowly, but surely walk towards our dream."***



# TETRA-C

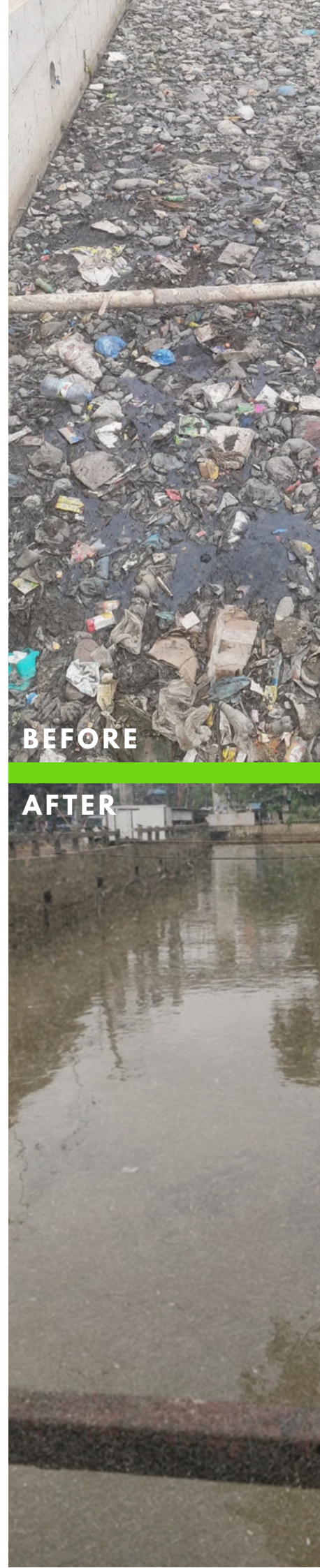
## (CONNECTING COMMUNITY FOR CLIMATE CRISIS)

In June 2021, we embarked on our adventure as part of a leadership program. Through this, we learned how to recognise the key issues facing our neighbourhood and how to advocate for solutions with the local authorities. In light of this, we initially went to the Sholoshahar Community that was the closest to us, Ward No. 8, Chittagong City Corporation, to conduct a problem tree analysis and learn about the issues that were present there. We found that this community's primary issue was that its residents were accustomed to disposing of their household waste improperly by dumping it into the nearby drainage system, which caused the drainage system to clog and cause dirty water to overflow during the monsoon season. Their actions also pose a hazard to the environment since they lack the required knowledge of how to separate biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste. Then we organised a well-trained volunteer group called Team TETRA-C and started our work with the aim of building an eco-friendly community.

We initially got in touch with the community's resource people and scheduled advocacy sessions with the local government. Our team, TETRA-C, chose 30 families to implement this SAP with their cooperation and set up many awareness campaigns and counselling sessions with the locals to educate them on good waste management and how to correctly separate biodegradable and non-biodegradable garbage. Additionally, we organised a few campaigns and awareness programmes, and we informed them via flyers, street plays, and courtyard gatherings. Through routine follow-up meetings, our members worked to maintain good communication with public representatives and target audiences. To encourage one another, we selected a family every month as the finest from the local population.

As a result, they are no longer disposing of the waste from plastic products in the drainage system and are instead holding it in separate bins. Later, it is taken to a recycling facility by neighbourhood plastic waste pick-up services. In Sylhet and London, our SAP was represented. The team is currently raising awareness in the community through circles and friends. Local council members always support us, and he also promotes and values the voluntarism of our social action project.

**"We hope that Ward No. 8 will serve as an example for other wards in terms of how to separate and recycle waste."**







COLLECTING UNUSED PLASTIC ITEMS FROM HOUSEHOLDS



RAISING COMMUNITY AWARENESS





# MISSING WATER

People claim water is life; at times it feels like an exaggeration until, alas! The water goes missing!

Every summer a place full of busy street people, Laughters and horns suddenly turns into thirsty cries and empty tube wells. Industries around the ward consume much water to even leave some to quench our thirst. Seeing no other way out, us local youth jump right into saving water for our society.

Upon researching how to save water, we realized we can't do this alone; we need the locals with us. After days and weeks of advocacy with local government and countless team meeting, we decide to work with 40 housewives of 40 households.

Courtyard meetings on safe water awareness and water wastage allowed them to gain essential information. We took it a step further and sat with local mosque members and imams to help spread our words of awareness along with their after prayer preaching!

At first people did not give us much importance or heed to our words, many of whom were illiterate, but with time we earned their trust and acceptance and were able to bring an impactful change to our society. After completing our campaign, the honor and fulfilment our team of 12(M:F-8:4) felt was immaculate! All team members had morphed into socially active citizens.

***"We hope to see a society where everyone gets safe fresh water!"***

Project Save the underground water  
Location: Ward 9, Soyudpur, Shitakundo



# GIVE PLASTICS, TAKE PLANT!

The main aim of this project is to change the bad habits of the common people who are polluting our environment. We strongly believed that once we are able to change the bad habit of people, this practice will continue from generation to generation. The main aim of this project is that they will save the plastics that they used to throw away which polluted the environment. We will collect the plastics from them after two months and send it to the recycling center. We will bring plastic buyers and sell plastic to them, and the money which we will get from them will be provided to the community people and we will also buy plants with it. We told them these things in the courtyard meeting. This is how we had our first courtyard meeting then we implemented this sap in our community.

Recycling and proper management of plastics are our another aim. We wanted to be aware of the community people. Besides it, we wanted to create Climate Warrior's Club with the college students of Sitakundu. We had created a program we called it "Alternative". We have 5 teams in 5 colleges. They are kumira residential girl's School & College, Latifa Siddiqui Degree College, Barobkund High School & College, Sitakund Degree College, and Sitakundu Govt. Women College. Each of the Warriors clubs has 30 members and also has a Leader to lead the team. We have 150 climate warriors now. We are connected in social media. Community Peoples are our target audience. 40 families are involved with our project. We completed the courtyard meeting with the community people, then we also did some follow-up meetings with team members, and finally, we implemented this project. We have arranged a seminar with the students. Since we were providing so many plants, it was a problem for us to collect many plants or trees because of financial problems. The future goal of our SAP is will create 5,000 climate warriors within 5 years first. Then finally, we will spread this project "Give plastics, take plants" everywhere.



***A plant today can  
save tomorrow!***



# REDUCING WATER LOGGING

17 no. West Baklia Ward is a low-lying area of Chittagong city. From the drain of that area, liquid waste from other nearby areas flows through the branch canal of Chaktai canal. But as there is no designated space for the residents of the slum area adjacent to Rasulbagh Khalpar of Baklia Ward No. 17, they throw away the garbage everywhere. As a result, the accumulation of garbage in the drain creates an obstruction to the drainage of water. Due to this, the water in the surrounding area is constantly rising in the light rain or tidal water, causing the problem of waterlogging. Moreover, due to the accumulation of water, the mosquito infestation increases several times during monsoon and dry season specially.



Taking these factors into consideration, we planned a Social Action Project (SAP) is Reducing Water Logging to protect and sensitize the common people so that common people refrain from throwing garbage directly into the drains. We selected some energetic local youth to make the residents of the designated area aware, where in the first phase; awareness campaign was done in around twenty families and shops. By directly meeting local government representatives and informing them about our social action project; the cleanliness drive, installation of bins and awareness raising activities of the local residents were completed. Besides, dustbins have been installed at regular interval to facilitate waste disposal. A letter was also sent to the local Ward Councilor for regular removal of waste from dustbins, as a result of which there is no unsightly pile waste lying around.

Later, 20 more families and some shops were brought under awareness campaign. Due to the increase in the prevalence of dengue fever, the campaign to increase dengue awareness and keep the house clean was also initiated. This resulted due to aedes mosquito laying egg on waste water. To remove these piles of garbage accumulated for a long time in the Chaktai diversion canal adjacent to the Rasulbagh residential, requests were made by petition to the local Ward Councillor. Realizing the importance of removing the piles of garbage from the canal, within a few days of our application, the waste from the canal was quickly removed with the help of the Honorable Councilor.



Previously the residents of khalpar slum area to protect their surrounding environment were unaware and indifferent. Now that their surroundings are clean due to proper and regular waste management, they are able to move and use the roads freely. The purpose of our social action project was to solve the problem of waterlogging and other emerging problems through such cleanliness practices. The reason for choosing this project was to alleviate some of the major inconveniences caused by citizens throwing garbage in drains and canals. Learning to involve the local government in doing something beneficial for the local residents inspires me.

***"A small change from us can cause a butterfly effect and amplify from a small community to whole Bangladesh, so don't stop!"***







# POLYTHENE FREE KARNAPHULI BAZAR

Bangladesh is a populated country. The large population of Bangladesh requires constant supply of fresh food. Just like most parts of Bangladesh, Karnaphuli bazar is a street fresh market in the city. All the shops sell goods using polythene bags, resulting the streets to be piled up with plastic waste. In monsoon, these waste would get washed in the Karnaphuli river and clog drainage system causing flood. Our team decided we need to make Karanaphuli bazar plastic-free, to save the community from this unhygienic environment. We did several advocacies with ward councilor, bazar committee members and community people Karnaphuli Bazar at 2 no gate, Chattogram.

We worked with the fish sellers and motivated them to use bags made from cloth. This brought a drastic change, as no more plastic waste was generated and the cloth bags were reusable and environment-friendly. Besides, bazar committee members monitor the Karnaphuli bazar regularly to

reduce polythene bag usage. Here bazar committee president is extremely active how bazar committee will monitor and implement for reducing polythene usage in Karnaphuli bazar. Moreover, Social action project team met and advocated with Md Morshed Alam, Ward Councilor, 08 no ward and he gave thanks and congratulated our team for our tremendous initiative to implement polythene free Karnaphuli bazar. Moreover, he assured that he will give all kinds of support to polythene free Karnaphuli bazar team members at future to make the initiative sustainable. This showed us even a small change could result in a long-lasting impact.

***"A simple action now could design our tomorrow."***



# CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK



Our team is actively implementing a project called the Climate Action Network in the Karnaphuli New Bridge area. We noticed that thousands of people visit the Karnaphuli new bridge every day, but unfortunately, many of them thoughtlessly discard water, empty bottles of soft drinks, plastic, and polythene into the river. It is evident that these plastic bottles and polythene are not only wasting our river water but also causing significant environmental damage.

In an effort to address this pressing issue, we proactively approached the Roads and Highways Department for assistance. We diligently sought permission from the department to conduct various campaigns aimed at discouraging such activities. Despite facing several challenges, our perseverance paid off, and the road department eventually granted them the required permission.

Subsequently, we engaged with the local city corporation councilor, who expressed solidarity with their remedial work. Encouraged by the councilor's support, we organized a series of impactful campaigns in the area. To effectively convey the message and discourage the act of throwing polythene into rivers, we strategically erected banners and festoons for remedial purposes.

Our efforts have garnered widespread appreciation from local councilors and community members who commend them for their environmentally friendly work. The initiative has not only prompted a positive change in the community's behavior but has also fostered a sense of gratitude and acknowledgement for the team's dedication. The Climate Action Network serves as an inspiring example of how passionate individuals, with the support of relevant authorities, can bring about meaningful change in their communities.

***"Through our continuous endeavors, we aim to create a sustainable future while encouraging others to actively participate in preserving our environment."***







# OUR HOUSE RESPONSIBILITY

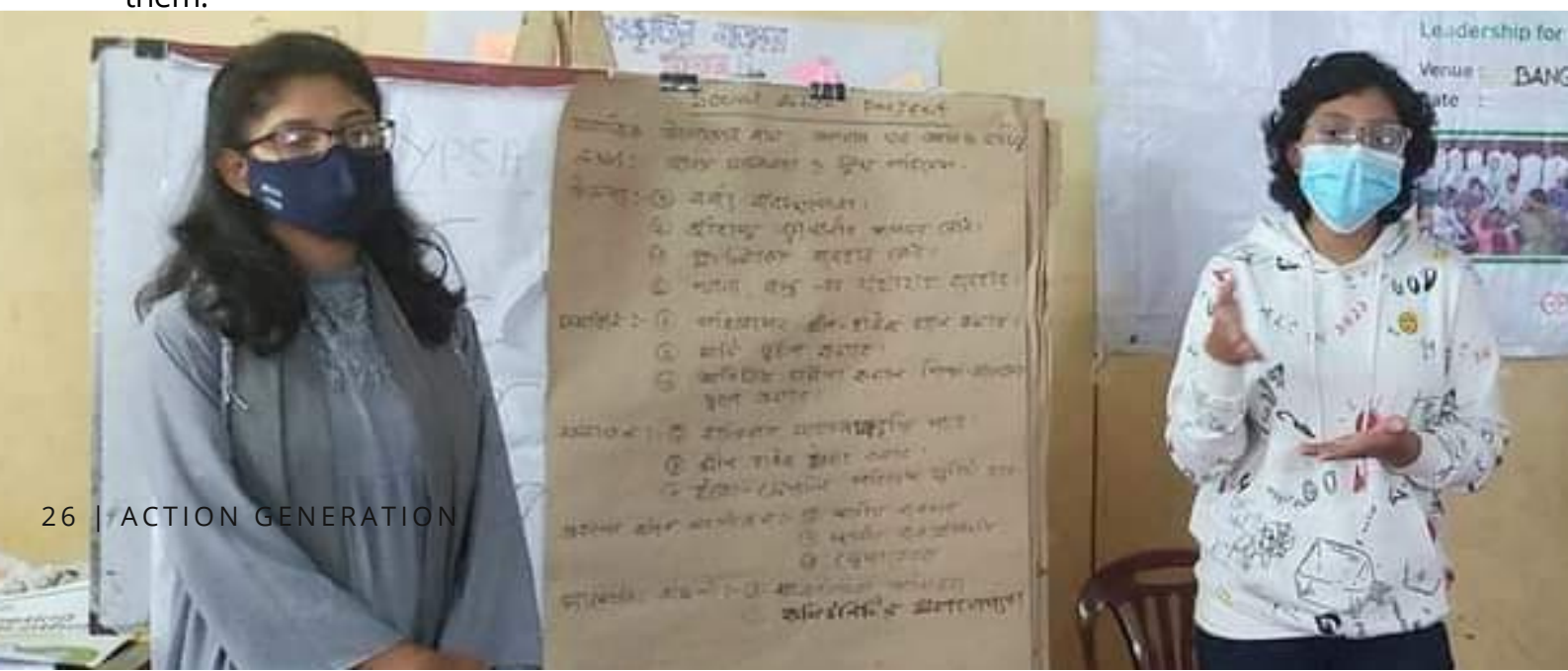
Development can be brought forward with awareness and new ideas. but sustainable development can only be brought forward with awareness paired with behavioral change. only when we make it a habit to practice our beliefs and ideas can we achieve a permanent impact! Such behavioral change wont just happen in a day, it is a matter of practice. and such practices and beliefs need to start from within, from oneself, from one's home!

Textile dumps in Bangladesh has been a major issue. Many metric tonnes of clothes are dumped every year, most of them fairly new. That's why our team has decided to spread awareness and practice recycling and donating used clothes instead of dumping them.

We worked with 50 households and built their awareness on this matter. We encouraged making cloth bags out of old clothes and using them for grocery shopping; reducing the use of plastic bags.

We also planned and gave the community an idea to form a open cloth donation corner, where anybody to leave cloths for donation and anybody who needs it can take them! though the practice has just began, we hope to see a big impact in the future!

***"Remember our earth is our responsibility, it is our home!"***







# PLASTIC FREE CHANDRANATH

**WE HOPE ONE DAY WE CAN SAY CHANDRANATH IS PLASTIC-FREE.**

A prominent hill is encircled by numerous temples and is a very well-known attraction for pilgrims. We are telling about Chandranath Hill located in Sitakunda. Which is part of the mythological history of thousands of years ago. It is said that the holy character from Ramayana named Sita was given exiled to this hill and here a pool was created for her bathing from which the place is named 'Sita Kundu'. It is a pilgrimage site for the Hindu community including saints and monks. Also an exciting and attractive place for tourists. In order to see the beauty of the mountain, travelers come here.

However, the issue is that tourists destroyed the scenic grandeur of the mountains by coming to visit. Man-made non-biodegradable wastes are dumped wherever they are, resulting in piles of waste including plastic packets, bottles, and more at the foothills and summits of the mountains. While climbing the high and low mountain slopes, tourists become fatigued and hydrated themselves. However, because there is no designated area for water bottles and other non-biodegradable waste, they are left on the mountain and environmental pollution occurs. We are a group of volunteers who got training from YPSA.

We started working with a social action project named PLASTIC FREE CHANDRANATH at Chandranath Pahar, Sitakundu.

We started looking for ways to make this initiative a success so we went to the mountains to find out how to manage plastic waste. As a result, we talk to the traders to keep dustbins/empty baskets in front of their shops as they are also largely responsible for this damage to the hills. When our team spoke to the traders, they were not keen on using the baskets as it required a little extra work and it was more convenient for them to throw the waste wherever they want. Although it was challenging, we were able to persuade them that their efforts to protect the hills and themselves were quite effective. As a result, they promised to use dustbins/baskets. We also conduct awareness campaigns for tourists and put up some awareness banners at shops and various locations in Chandranath. Our team works in coordination with the Chandranath Temple Maintenance Committee and conducts follow-up meetings. Through this small initiative of ours, we have been able to prevent this injustice to the mountains to some extent. In this way, we are continuing our work to make everyone aware from their own place.



# THE CLIMATE HACKATHON

YPSA believes that to tackle the effect of climate change youth play a critical role. Thus, to materialize their dream into action, YPSA organized a Youth Climate Hackathon 2021 to recognise youth ideas and initiatives on addressing the consequence of climate change. As well as promoting their action and make linkage with climate actors for building climate resilient world. 56 Applicants submitted their ideas and initiatives on tackling the effects of climate change from all over Bangladesh.

Afterwards, jury board analyzed the applications and created a impartial short list of best 12 applicants. Finally, YPSA called these applicants to present their ideas and initiatives in front of the jury board at YPSA HRDC Cox's Bazar.

Mina Akter was the YPSA Youth Climate Hackathon 2021 champion for her outstanding plan of "Child and Youth Climate Zone", SM Shahin Alom is the first runner up for his plan Eco Ambassador Initiative and Jimran Mohammad Saiak is the 2nd runner up for his initiative "Green Youth Hub" for coping climate change problem in Bangladesh. They were given prize money to implement their ideas and initiatives.





Mr. Tanvir Shakil Joy, MP said that the youth should be the first to address the adverse effects of climate change. Youth will have to undertake various innovative ideas and activities to tackle climate change effects. And Parliamentarian could play an important role in incorporating their ideas at the policy level.

YPSA Youth Climate Hackathon-2021 created a huge enthusiasm and awareness among youth all over the Bangladesh who have submitted their youth initiative plan to cope up climate change problem.

***"Youth it is our time to shine, let's help mother earth heal!"***





# YOUTH CHAMPIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT

YPSA Center for Youth and Development (YPSA-CYD) organized “Youth Champions of the Environment 2022” to make environmental stewardship among the youth. As well as promoting their action for building environment resilient world. YPSA conducted the final round of the event in YPSA-HRDC Sitakund Campus, Chattogram. Around 150 youths from different parts of the country attended the event. Ten youths were awarded the Youth Championship Award.



YPSA observed Youth are more vulnerable to environmental risks associated with climate change, waste mismanagement, access to clean and safe drinking water, air and soil. As well young people can play an active role in protecting and improving the environment. They can change their lifestyle and how it affects the environment. They can make their homes, schools and organizations more environmentally friendly by adopting environmentally friendly practices, uses and promotes green technology, recycling of different materials as well as preserving resources such as water and electricity.

YPSA believes that any idea of development is just myth without the active and meaningful engagement of youth. Moreover the 2030 agenda has been shaped our future and half of the world under the age of 30, so it is crucial that this agenda puts young people at the forefront of change or any development agenda as like environmental action.





Our outcome:

- Enhanced leadership and environmental skills of young people in order to tackle the environmental challenges. The event reached about 150 youth and stakeholders.
- Increased dialogue between young people, local government and sectorial experts.
- providing meaningful opportunities for youth to participate in policy discussions and debate, enabling to help shape the future of Bangladesh.
- Youth will used to increasing the uses of collective voice to advocate, lobby and lead campaigns towards adopting environmental friendly practices and policies.
- Youth continue to adopt both conventional and unconventional methods to contribute to environmental care and protection.
- Youth are willing to take the lead to meaningfully engage in platforms related to the protection of the environment at the local, national or global level.
- Young People continue their action on climate change with thier own community by motivating to work as a climate activist to save the environment.
- Models of circulated economy of wastes will be develop, informed and practices which will be lead by youth with their community.







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