



## Exploring Possibilities, Strengthening Enterprises





## From the Editor's Desk

As we approach the close of another transformative year at BYST, I am filled with gratitude and renewed conviction in the power of grassroots enterprise. Across our districts and clusters, thousands of young men and women have taken bold steps to turn ideas into sustainable ventures; many becoming local job creators, community anchors and symbols of self-reliance. Their courage reminds us why BYST exists: to ensure that no aspiring entrepreneur is held back by lack of guidance, opportunity or support.

This year, our Mentor-Mentee model continued to prove its strength, enabling entrepreneurs to navigate business challenges with confidence. We deepened our work with women and SC/ST entrepreneurs, expanded digital skilling, and encouraged green business practices that not only protect the planet but strengthen enterprise viability. We also forged impactful partnerships with donors, financial institutions and industry leaders - each collaboration helping us unlock new pathways for financing, market access and technology adoption.

As we step into a new year, BYST remains committed to scaling up our impact, strengthening local ecosystems, and nurturing many more "Grampreneurs" who will shape India's inclusive growth story. I thank our mentors, partners, donors and the BYST team for their unwavering dedication.

Together, we will continue to empower India's young innovators to dream, build and lead. Wishing you all a happy and prospering 2026



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## Donor Spotlight



BYST has been working with Harish and Bina Shah Foundation (HBSF) under Digital Grampreneur Development Programme for more than two years. It is a three-year initiative running from October 2023 to September 2026. The project is being carried out across the districts of Kalahandi and Koraput in Odisha, and Ramgarh in Jharkhand, with the aim of fostering entrepreneurship and digital capacity among rural youth.

### Impact Created



**248**  
Entrepreneurs Supported



**76**  
Women Entrepreneurs  
Supported



**260**  
Mentors Trained and Accredited  
both institution and EDP



**46**  
SC/ST Entrepreneurs  
Supported

## Success Story

### Two wheeler service garage, Kick-starting a New Future

Growing up in Bhawanipatna, Odisha, Sahil Agarwal's life changed drastically when his father, who ran a small two-wheeler service garage, was diagnosed with cancer. The illness drained the family's savings, and after his father's passing, the young Sahil was left to shoulder responsibilities with limited education and no stable income. At just 16, he dropped out of school and took up labor work at a construction site to survive, while quietly holding on to his dream of reviving his father's business.

Years of hard work helped Sahil save Rs. 40,000, but repeated loan rejections from banks became a major setback. His turning point came when he approached

Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST) at the Kalahandi cluster. Recognising his determination, BYST facilitated him for a Rs. 5 lakh Mudra loan and connected him with a mentor, Mr. Sunil Behera, who guided him on business operations and customer management.



With this support, Sahil revived the garage as M/s RK Rajesh Motors, expanded into two-wheeler spare parts, and steadily built trust within the community. By 2024, the business achieved a turnover of Rs. 14 lakhs and created employment for 10 local youths.

Beyond business success, Sahil gave back by setting up a free computer training centre offering PGDC courses to underprivileged students. Today, Sahil Agarwal stands as a symbol of resilience-transforming personal loss into sustainable livelihood, community growth, and renewed hope for others.

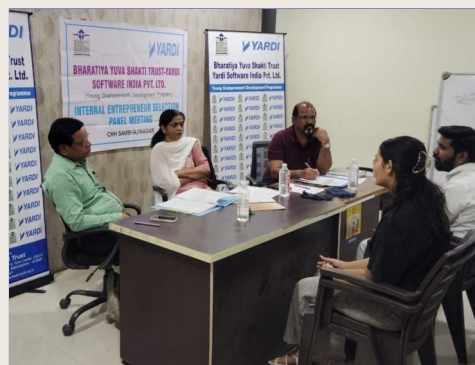


## BYST Programme Update

### Resuming operations in Aurangabad through YARDI



BYST, in partnership with YARDI has resumed operations in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, MH (formerly Aurangabad) to support 100 entrepreneurs and create 150 institutional mentors in a year. It further aims to strengthen mentoring and creating an entrepreneurial ecosystem along with livelihood enhancement of the youth in the region and improving the socio-economic condition of the community.



## Programme Activities



BYST Chh Sambhajinagar cluster conducted Mentor Chapter Meeting on 18th of November 2025 where the senior mentors discussed the current entrepreneurial ecosystem and role of BYST in it.

On 13-14 November 2025, the BYST Ramgarh Cluster organised a two-day offline Entrepreneur Learning Training Program under the guidance of Mr. Sandeep Kumar. The workshop focused on the key aspects of entrepreneurship and business management.







An Awareness Generation Programme (AGP) was successfully conducted on 7th of November 2025 at YPSIT ITI, JK Cement Plant, Amanganj, with the participation of 70 students. The programme was attended by Mr. Manish Bunkar, Principal, and Mr. Pushpendra Tripathi, Faculty, YPSIT ITI, who motivated students with insights on entrepreneurship and self-employment, along with practical business ideas.

## Donor visit



Ms. Radha Balaram, CSR Manager at Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., and our esteemed donor partner, visited the BYST Pune office on 29 and 30 September 2025 for an in-depth programme review and verification exercise. During field visits, she met two Kotak-BYST entrepreneurs in Pune; Mrs. Kalyani Gaikwad of Kalyani Ladies Tailor and Mr. Rohit Yadav of 4R Dental Creation Lab. She reviewed their business operations, verified programme support utilisation, assessed growth progress, discussed challenges and future plans, and interacted with their mentors to gain insights into the mentoring process and overall development.



On 20th and 26th November 2025, IndusInd Bank CSR leaders along with BYST and Aga Khan foundation convened forums in Bahraich and Virudhunagar, aligning entrepreneurship, agrarian value chains, and financial inclusion. Field monitoring confirmed scalable rural enterprises, institutional synergy, and strong social return on investment through sustainable community partnerships.

## Mentoring India®



BYST team met Ms. Swagatika, Principal of ITI Jeypore and briefed her about BYST's Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP) and Mentor Development Program (MDP) for training faculties under the Mentoring India® initiative.



