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Press Release

CBSE, UNICEF and YuWaah partner to promote 21st century life skills in young people

CBSE, UNICEF and YuWaah have partnered to promote 21st century skills in India through the #YoungWarriorNXT and YuWaah Skills initiatives. CBSE is extending its support for the unique #YoungWarriorNXT initiative to build employability and life skills in students, through Chatbot-based learning tool in its schools across India.

The objective of the overall program is to influence and shape the life skills ecosystem and delivery of life skills at scale in India. Multiple channels from no-tech, low-tech and high-tech based delivery models have been deployed to ensure access to learn essential life skills such as self-awareness, problem solving, communication, collaboration and achievement-orientation, along with employability skills and mental health and wellbeing skills.

A chatbot-based learning solution, the #YoungWarriorNXT chatbot, is leveraging existing platforms of WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger and Telegram to reach young people. Learning activities hosted are task-based, gamified interactions that challenge learners to complete tasks, while providing guidance & real-world nudges. Since 21st century skills cannot be learnt through books alone, 'doing' is an essential part of building these skills. Participants who complete the tasks will be issued a certificate of completion jointly by CBSE, YuWaah, and UNICEF.

CBSE will also be partnering with YuWaah, on the upcoming YuWaah Skills initiative which aims to connect young people to opportunity by upskilling them towards entrepreneurship, employment and social impact. The skilling and capacity building initiative will be facilitated through a Learning Management System, and aims to provide young people (15-29 years old) with free, job-relevant skills, and position them for job opportunities. This is paired with blended learning opportunities and varying incentivization plans to encourage learners to take and finish the digital courses. The partnership aims to empower 5 million young people with essential employability and life skills.

This partnership with UNICEF, YuWaah is going to offer a unique learning experience for young people. Both #YoungWarriorNXT and YuWaah Skills initiatives aim to connect young people to opportunity towards entrepreneurship, employment and social impact. These initiatives will engage young people and encourage growth mindset, helping young people better prepare for their future career as well as their personal life. I would like to invite all students to get started and register on the YWNXT Chatbot, to leverage it to develop life skills at their own pace and from the comfort of their homes." **Dr. Biswajit Saha, Director, Training & Skill Education CBSE.**

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According to **Dr Kevin Frey, CEO, UNICEF Generation Unlimited**, "While the world is moving towards more digital, where future jobs exist, there is a strong need to expand our academic curriculum to include life skills and social-emotional learning for the 21st century. The way forward is to leverage technology to bridge the employability and employment gap. If we can effectively bridge the digital divide and access, young people can access unlimited learning resources in the palm of their hands. The world's best teachers can equip young people in the most marginalised geographies and communities. Democratizing access to education and skills can be truly transformational".

In the words of Dhuwarakha Sriram, Chief, Generation Unlimited (YuWaah), Youth Development and Partnerships, UNICEF. "We at YuWaah and Generation Unlimited believe that if we give our young people the access to mindset and skilling opportunities, we can unlock a bright future for them. This is why we have this initiative and brought together partners for young people to nurture their curiosity, aspirations and innovations. We thank CBSE for their shared vision to empower every young person to reach their maximum potential".

To be a part of #YoungWarriorNXT, young people can register by sending 'YWNXT' to +91 9650414141 on WhatsApp or join by sending 'YWNXT' to UNICEF U-Report India on Facebook Messenger. For more details www.yuwaah.org/youngwarrior can be seen.

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