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# GYPF2025 VENUE

It's very difficult to imagine any major city in India more ideal than the peace-city Chandigarh, a model of outstanding modern urban planning with 51% of its area under green cover. Chandigarh was designed by the famous Swiss-French architect Le Corbusier, who envisioned it as a symbol of modernity and harmony. Chandigarh's beautiful gardens, bicycle paths, architecture, vast network of educational institutions and culture all contribute to a quality of life that is unbeatable anywhere else. Come and see Peace-city Chandigarh - a Utopia!

For more details about the city;  
<http://chandigarh.nic.in/>

# CHANDIGARH-INDIA

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**VISION:** We envision a world where all people are respected equally and protected fully and realized universally. Included in this vision is a world where all young people – regardless of nationality, ethnicity, religion, class, gender or other differences – are encouraged and empowered to non-violently claim their own rights and serve as advocates for the rights of others.



**MISSION:** We believe there are competent young leaders in every global community, who can become catalysts or 'Agents of Change'. Bringing these leaders together through digital applications and inspire transformative change is the mission of the annual Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF and numerous international youth exchange programmes of Yuvsatta (youth for peace).

**ABOUT:** In an ever-changing and rapidly globalizing world, annual Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF for the young people aims to highlight the importance of global citizenship, encourage development, an optimistic attitude towards self and society, and propagate a feeling of respect and positive curiosity towards the unfamiliar or misunderstood aspects of our society in an ever-diversifying global context. In the past two decades of the annual Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF, it has become a breeding ground for inspiring new ideas-- beyond forging lasting friendships across cultures. GYPF provides participating delegates a global platform to meet likeminded people and youth leaders to network and evolve to build a better world.

**OBJECTIVES:** GYPF 2025 will bring together young people from diverse backgrounds,



religions and nationalities to discuss their experiences and propose solutions for the youths as they foresee their future. This will provide them a platform for increased cross-fertilization of ideas so that they become true global citizens in thinking and action as well as volunteers to co-create a future equal to their vast potential. The organizers assume that the continuity of organizing GYPF will prove infectious and definitely help sprout a similar spirit elsewhere.

## BACKGROUND:

It was significant that the year 2000 had been designated by the United Nations as the International Year for the Culture of Peace. The euphoria generated during this period and the concerns that were expressed also affirmed growing concern over consumerist culture, dwindling moral values, disregard of human concerns and widespread environmental degradation. At that time various international initiatives were taken to involve youth as



change agents. It was a fact that the young were not being effectively involved in these processes. Mahatma Gandhi, who emphasized the importance of the youth being assigned higher roles, said that a society which doesn't ensure youth involvement will have little chance of growth. In keeping with this spirit, Yuvsatta first organized the World Youth Conference on the theme of 'Millennium without Violence' in January 2000.

This attempt by Yuvsatta to organize an international event, in which young students from 15 different countries presided, was a success. Guiding the young were eminent personalities like Sri R. Venkataraman, former President of India. Prof. BR Nanda, prominent historian and senior Gandhians like Prof. KD Gangrade and Prof. N. Radhakrishnan. Organisations like Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, based in New Delhi in India also published a book on the proceedings of the Conference, which was released by Prof. Moegiadi, then Director of UNESCO, New Delhi office. An event of this scale involves a lot of networking with stakeholders, logistics management and financial support, which at that time became very difficult for Yuvsatta volunteers and resultantly they were not able to make such an effort again for the next six years.

But this doesn't mean that Yuvsatta volunteers remained silent in between. On the contrary, they started the concept of 'Peace-city Chandigarh' with the opening of peace clubs in schools and

colleges of the city. Under this campaign, over 150 'Peace Clubs' were formed in major educational institutions of tricity i.e. Chandigarh-Mohali-Panchkula in north India. Thus, many Principals and teachers in charge of respective schools and colleges are dedicating their time and resources to the task of making these clubs vibrant and result-oriented. Education of the peace volunteers on the positive aspect of nonviolence through constructive



activities, discussions, interactions and effective dialogue is the main focus of the initiative.

In 2006, Yuvsatta volunteers once again made an attempt at organizing an international event by inviting 100 young people from India and Pakistan. This was quite successful in spreading the message that continuity in relationships is essential for better understanding and removal of misgivings. In 2007 participants doubled with over 200 young people gathering from both the neighbouring countries of India and Pakistan. The youths were not willing to be mute witnesses to their futures being written-unwritten and destroyed by governments. They were not hesitant to stand up to be counted and they decided to spread their small network to young people from other countries as well, so that man-made barriers can be diminished, which in later years resulted in participation by young people from many countries around the world.

Progressing well in the 14th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2019, over 250 young people from 23 countries of the world participated. After a brief COVID-break, the 15th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF2022 was successfully organized for the first-time outside India, at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in which over 200 young people from 12 countries of the world participated. The GYPF supports and endorses the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

SDG 17 i.e. forging partnership for goals was the focus at GYPF 2023, Sri Lanka, in which over 200 young people from around 20 countries of the world participated, learning how to develop partnerships attaining SDG's-sustainable development goals and build collective intelligence within their classroom, local community and even in revitalizing international connections. The same momentum was followed at GYPF2024 with changemakers and social activists joining from twelve countries for a better world.



# SHADOW COP30

## Chandigarh, India

### 4th GLOBAL INTER-SCHOOL SDG CHALLENGER TROPHY



**INTRODUCTION:** The 2025 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP 30) will convene on 10–21 November 2025, in Belém, Brazil.

#### **Making Children Voices Heard through SHADOW COP30:**

Children are raising their voices on the climate crisis. Are we listening? The climate crisis is impacting children the most – their health, their safety, their very ability to survive and lead fulfilling lives. Almost 1 billion children are living under extremely high risk of climate change impacts.

The past few years have seen – for the first time – a recognition of the impact of climate change on children and a collective global commitment to respond. But children are still largely ignored in climate policy and investment. **SHADOW COP30** on the eve of birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi i.e. October 1, 2025, at Chandigarh, before the actual COP30 at Belém, Brazil, will be an opportunity to build on global progress for children and embed child rights into all climate plans and financing. To ensure a sustainable and safe world for all children.

**Children cannot wait:** The only way to protect children and the places we love from the climate crisis is to significantly reduce carbon emissions.

**Children should not pay:** World leaders must step up their ambition and fund climate action that will protect children's futures.

#### **CLIMATE ACTION: SDG13**

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. And at **4th GLOBAL INTER-SCHOOL SDG CHALLENGER TROPHY** the focus will be on '**CLIMATE ACTION: SDG13**'. Through education, innovation and adherence to our climate commitments, we can make the necessary changes to protect the planet. These changes also provide huge opportunities to modernize our infrastructure which will create new jobs and promote greater prosperity across the globe.



## WAY FORWARD...

### SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

#### THE 7 STEP PARTICIPATION PROCESS;

1. Form a team of 7-10 students
2. Let them identify one project on SDG 13-Climate Action
3. Ask them to build a project around their chosen SDG (s)
4. Implement the project on ground
5. Send a brief 150 words about the project to the organizers of GYPF25 at [info@volunteeratyuvssatta.in](mailto:info@volunteeratyuvssatta.in) latest by August 30, 2025
6. Make a 3-5 minutes presentation on the SDG13 Project and show the same during the Shadow COP30 at 18th Global Youth Peace Fest- GYPF25.
7. The winners will get 'GLOBAL SDG CHALLENGER TROPHY', with merit certificates, networking opportunities, for their project to grow more and gain visibility at global level.



**NOTE: An already existing project around an SDG 13 can also be presented.**





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### GYPF2025 PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

#### Monday, September 29, 2025

- Welcome of International Delegates

#### Tuesday, September 30, 2025

- Formal Inauguration of GYPF 2025
- 2nd People's Forum for Rise of South Asia- **PFFROSA Summit**
- **Afro-Asian Unity Forum** in alignment with UN SDG Agenda 2030
- **#4BillionRising** -Interactive Dialogue: Demand & Claim UR Rights (SDG 5 - Gender Equality)
- SDG 5 Wall Painting Activity
- Parallel Track Speakers: 1. Gender 2. Climate Change 3. Youth Engagement 4. Livelihoods
- **Peace Clubs** Presentation
- Optional session: Gender focused Indian Movie Screening

#### Wednesday, October 1, 2025

- **SHADOW COP30**: 4th Global Inter-School SDG Challenger Trophy
- Optional early morning session: Chandigarh Heritage Tree Walk
- Country-wise grassroots stories and best practices
- Environmental Advocacy Projects
- Wars of our time: Analysis and Action
- Breakaway session for collaboration and networking
- **YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS**
- **Panorama of Music & Dance** + Traditional Global Fashion Parade
- **Global Peace Bridge Meet**
- Optional sessions: 1. Chandigarh Cycle Tour 2. Yuvsatta student's interface

#### Thursday, October 2, 2025 (International Day of Nonviolence & Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi)

- **GLOBAL PEACE WALK**
- #Youth2030 Dialogue: Leveraging Youth Power
- **GLOBAL YOUTH ICON AWARDS**
- Announcements for GYPF 2026
- Valedictory Function
- Acknowledgments, Photo Sessions & Social Media Fest



## GYPF2025 REGISTRATION PROCESS

All registrations must be submitted online at [www.peacefestindia.co.in](http://www.peacefestindia.co.in)

Registration Deadline: August 30, 2025

PARTICIPATION OPTIONS	Registrations by August 30, 2025	Registrations after August 30, 2025
<b>Conference (With Double Room on Sharing Basis)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pick-up on September 29th &amp; drop on October 2, 2025 at Chandigarh International Airport</li><li>• Three Star Hotel accommodation on twin sharing basis for 3 nights &amp; 4 days, with check-in on September 29, 2025 &amp; check-out on October 2, 2025</li><li>• Three meals on September 30th, October 1, 2025, breakfast plus lunch on October 2, 2025</li><li>• Participation in #gypf 2025</li><li>• All field trips, site visits, guest lectures, panel discussions and workshops</li><li>• All receptions and networking events</li><li>• Transportation for local GYPF programme travel</li><li>• Participation certificate</li><li>• #gypf 2025 Souvenir</li></ul>	USD250	USD300
<b>Spl. Passes (Without Accommodation)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 days' participation in #gypf 2025 &amp; all networking events</li><li>• Lunch &amp; refreshments on September 30th, October 1st &amp; October 2, 2025</li><li>• Participation certificate</li><li>• #gypf 2025 Souvenir</li></ul>	USD125	USD150
<b>Conference (With Single Room Accommodation)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pick-up on September 29th &amp; drop on October 2, 2025 at Chandigarh International Airport</li><li>• Three Star Hotel, single room accommodation for 3 nights &amp; 4 days, with check-in on September 29, 2025 &amp; check-out on October 2, 2025</li><li>• Three meals on September 30th, October 1, 2025, breakfast plus lunch on October 2, 2025</li><li>• Participation in #gypf 2025</li><li>• All field trips, site visits, guest lectures, panel discussions and workshops</li><li>• All receptions and networking events</li><li>• Transportation for local GYPF programme travel</li><li>• Participation certificate</li><li>• #gypf 2025 Souvenir</li></ul>	USD500	USD600

### ELIGIBILITY

- The organizing team will select GYPF 2025 delegates in a manner that ensures relative uniformity and high level of geographic diversity. All nationalities are welcome to apply. And for the purposes of group cohesion, each applicant will be evaluated as per his/her online filled registration details.
- Age: If you are older than 40, please consider attending as an observer.
- Within 30 days of receipt of acceptance letter from the organizing team, delegates need to pay full registration fee (non-refundable) to secure her/his position in the mega-event.
- Given the limited spaces available and the number of applications received, organizers can only guarantee a place in the GYPF 2025 upon receipt of full registration fee.

**NOTE:** Please do not hesitate to contact us through our email at [info@volunteeratyuvssatta.in](mailto:info@volunteeratyuvssatta.in)

## GYPF SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS

- 2000-2010: UNESCO declared 1st Decade of 21st Century as Decade for Promotion of Culture of Peace & Nonviolence.
- 2000 : International Conference on theme of 'Millennium Without Violence'.
- 2001 : International Conference on theme of 'Need for Afro-Asian Dialogue'.
- 2004 : 32 Peace Clubs started in Peace-city Chandigarh.
- 2006 : 1st India-Pakistan Youth Peace Camp  
- Participation of 14 young students from Pakistan
- 2009 : 4th International Youth Peace Fest-IYPF 2009  
- 200 Young delegates from 9 countries participated
- 2012 : 7th International Youth Peace Fest-IYPF 2012  
- 250 Young people from 16 countries participated  
- International Youth Exchange Programmes launched
- 2014 : 9th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2014  
- 300 Young people from 20 countries participated  
- Institution of annual Global Youth ICON Awards
- 2015 : 10th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2015  
- 250 Young people from 24 countries participated.  
- Global Youth Peace Forum launched
- 2016 : 11th Global Youth Peace Fest –GYPF 2016  
- 250 Young people from 33 countries participated
- 2017 : 12th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2017  
- 200 young leaders from 25 countries participated
- 2018 : 13th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2018  
- 200 young leaders & activists from 25 countries participated
- 2019 : 14th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2019  
- 250 young leaders & change makers from 23 countries participated
- 2022 : 15th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2022, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
- 200 young leaders & change makers from 12 countries participated  
- Launch of Global Peace Bridge & Afro-Asian Forum 4 Change
- 2023 : 16th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka  
- 200 young leaders & change makers from 15 countries participated
- 2024 : 17th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF2024, Chandigarh, India.  
- 200 young leaders & change makers from 12 countries participated



## MAIN ORGANIZER

**YUVSATTA (YOUTH FOR PEACE), INDIA:** Since 1990, Yuvsatta (youth for peace), an NGO, is working in a variety of areas to steer the young people towards implementing Gandhian ideals of Constructive Programme based on voluntary effort and individual & community action. They envision a world where all people are respected equally, protected fully and realized universally. There are capable young leaders in every community who can become catalysts or 'Agents of Change', bringing them together and inspire transformative change is the mission of the annual Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF of Yuvsatta (youth for peace).

<https://www.yuvsatta.org/>

## PARTNERSHIPS

The GYPF 2025 organizers are also interested to work closely with State Institutions, Private Companies, INGOs, Universities and NGOs and will be happy to discuss any further mutual partnership possibilities. Please feel free to send your queries or suggestions in this regard at [info@volunteeratyuvsatta.in](mailto:info@volunteeratyuvsatta.in)

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- National Youth Council-NYC, Mauritius
- National NGO Council of Kenya
- SociopreneurID, Indonesia
- Skill-Upseed Africa, Uganda
- The Vibe, Maldives
- World Youth Assembly-WAY, Malaysia
- World Social Capital Monitor, Basel Institute of Commons and Economics, Switzerland



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