



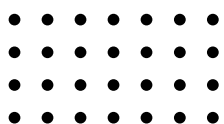
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**2024 -
2025**

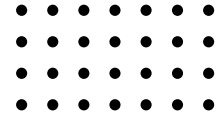
Annual Report

To equip every child with the skills, exposure,
and confidence they need to dream beyond
their circumstances.



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A Message from Our Managing Trustee



It gives me immense pride and gratitude to present the Annual Report for the year 2024–25 of Akanksha Charitable Trust (R.), Puttur.



Over the past year, Akanksha has continued its journey of igniting hope and purpose in the lives of rural students across Dakshina Kannada and neighboring districts. With every program, initiative, and outreach, we've tried to move closer to our mission — to equip every child with the skills, exposure, and confidence they need to dream beyond their circumstances.

This year, our reach has grown stronger and deeper. From the launch of the Grantha Mitra FLN classes and impactful Skill Edge programs, to NMMS workshops and robotics training, we've strived to make education not just accessible, but engaging and empowering. Our volunteers and collaborators — from industry experts to student interns — have played a vital role in translating our vision into ground realities.

What makes our work meaningful is not just the numbers we've reached, but the transformation we've witnessed — a child confidently speaking in English, a student creating their first app prototype, or a youth participating in a mock interview for the very first time. These small shifts pave the way for generational change.

Dr. Shreesha Bhat

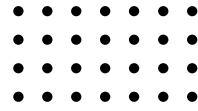
Managing Trustee, Akanksha Charitable Trust (R.), Puttur



TO BUILDING A STRONGER ECOSYSTEM OF LEARNING

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our supporters, partner institutions, volunteers, donors, and team members who have walked with us in this mission. Your belief in our cause is our greatest strength. As we look ahead, we remain committed to building a stronger ecosystem of learning, leadership, and livelihood for rural youth — one program, one school, and one child at a time.

About Us



Establish of ACT

Established in 2014 (with roots dating back to 2012), Akanksha Charitable Trust (ACT) is dedicated to empowering students in rural government high schools across Dakshina Kannada, Madikeri and Kasargod. We address educational disparities by fostering practical knowledge, creativity, and essential life skills through hands-on workshops, practical classes, and tailored skill development sessions aligned with student aspirations. We also impact significantly towards empowering youth through various of our programs

Guided by our Vision

We strive to illuminate the minds of rural government school children with advanced scientific knowledge and social awareness, enhancing their life skills and leadership potential to equip them for confident entry into the competitive world.

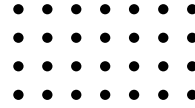
Driven by our Mission

We work to inspire and engage youth in service activities, fostering their own self-development while simultaneously disseminating knowledge and cultivating a vital scientific temperament among rural school children.



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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
GOALS-ALIGNED INITIATIVES



IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

2024 - 25

- 20000+ Direct Beneficiaries
- 12+ Sustainable Development Goals driven programs
- 6 Districts impacted
- 300+ volunteers involved
- 10000+ volunteer hours contributed

- 200+ Young leaders empowered
- 5000+ students directly benefited
- 2000+ Parents oriented and guided
- 50+ schools and colleges positively impacted
- 500+ teachers, lecturers assisted and empowered

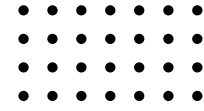
WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED ?

Introduction of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) program in and around Puttur

Vast and largest bag and book kit donation drive since ACT has established

Empowering education, artistic appeal and technical temperament among students and youth

Our Programs ..



EDUCATIONAL ARTWORK AT GPS, KAVU

This initiative went beyond about creating an inspiring environment where children can feel uplifted and eager to learn. Our diverse group of volunteers devoted their time and creativity to ensure the walls reflect the vibrancy of the community and the importance of education. We're honored to have contributed to this impactful effort, enhancing the learning experience for the students.

DONATION OF 17 COMPUTERS

Donation of 17 computers to Shri Bharathi Higher Primary School, Alankar(7) and Saraswathi School, Mundanje (10) impacting 850+ school children enabling them with required tech knowledge. Empowering the school and staff to improve their teaching capabilities. These computers, generously donated by NCR Atleos, Mangalore, will benefit over 850 students at these rural institutions.

SKILL EDGE PROGRAM

The intensive one week training equipped students with crucial skills: self-introspection, effective communication, leveraging technology, professional resume writing, and interview techniques, delivered by experienced trainers. The program culminated in an SDG Hackathon and practical mock interviews facilitated by ACT volunteers and industry professionals.

PARENTS WORKSHOP SESSIONS

ACT facilitated an empowering workshop for parents at schools like Sri Subrahmanya Swamy High School, Kadandale (Moodabidri), GHPS Nellikatte and Vivekananda Kannada Medium School, Puttur—remote institutions serving over 180 students, many first-generation learners. Sessions covered career guidance pathways, student mental wellness, and positive parenting practices.

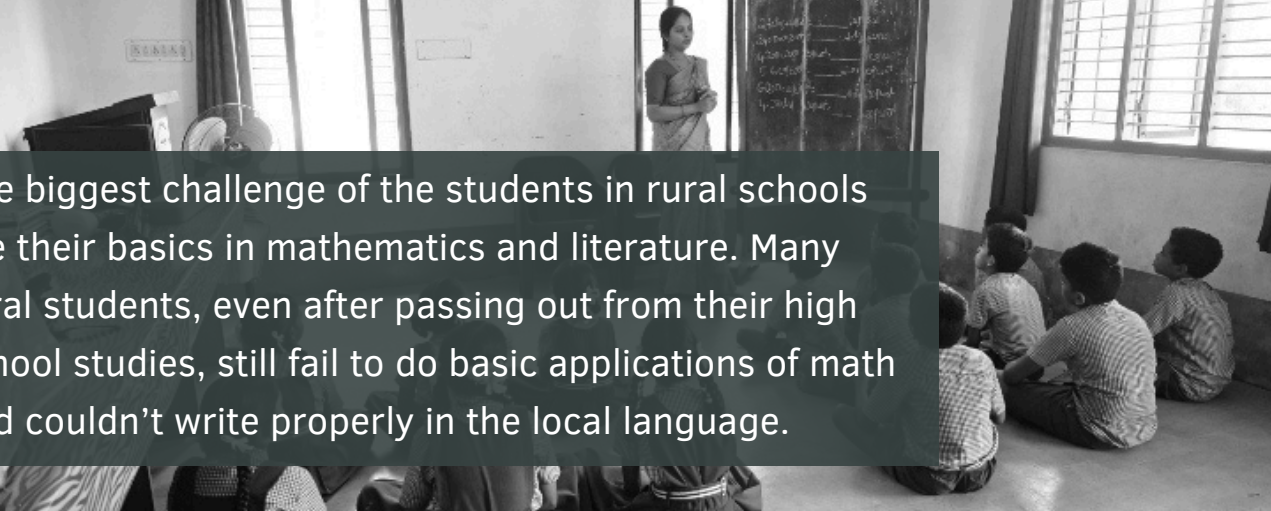
FREE BHARATANATYAM CLASS

Our Intern Pranamyia, a student of Shree Mookambika Cultural Academy, Puttur is training 20 students of BEM School Manjalpadpu, Puttur with Bharatanatyam. We have 2 classes per week training the students with essential skills to master Bharatanatyam. 14+ classes have already been conducted. We find immense pleasure in continuing the efforts towards Bharatanatyam Classes.




Our Programs ..

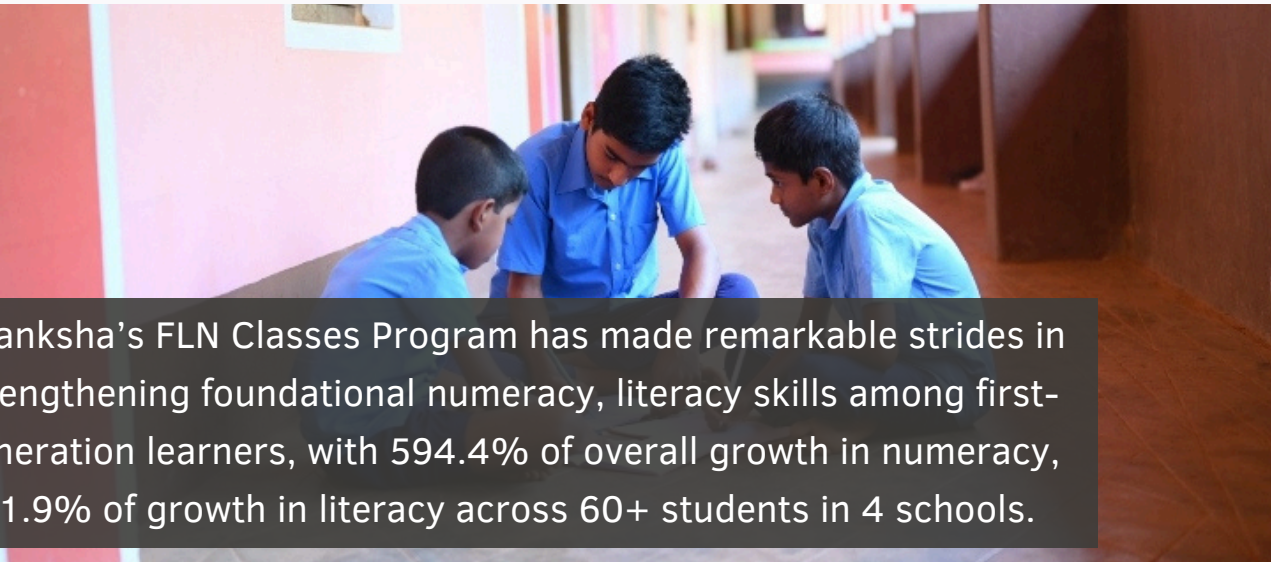
GRANTHA MITRA FLN CLASSES



The biggest challenge of the students in rural schools are their basics in mathematics and literature. Many rural students, even after passing out from their high school studies, still fail to do basic applications of math and couldn't write properly in the local language.

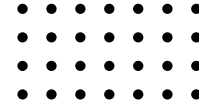


So to overcome this challenge, ACT introduced a new initiative in 5 schools of Dakshina Kannada with a proper curriculum to enhance the numerical and literal ability of students in their higher primary classes.



Akanksha's FLN Classes Program has made remarkable strides in strengthening foundational numeracy, literacy skills among first-generation learners, with 594.4% of overall growth in numeracy, 111.9% of growth in literacy across 60+ students in 4 schools.

Our Programs ..



TECH SPARK SUMMER CAMP

Aakanksha charitable trust in collaboration with Vivekanand College of Engineering and Technology, Tata Consultancy Services. Hosted a two week **Summer camp** i.e, from May 2, 2024 to May 21, 2024.

Over **20 volunteers** contributed for this cause With the rapid advancement of technology, it is essential for students to develop skills in STEM to prepare for future challenges. The whole two week training was completely handson with individual attention given, separate systems provided.

Participants applied their learning by collaboratively developing an app aimed at addressing specific SDGs, integrating creativity with practical solutions.

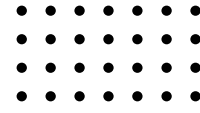
Enhanced data management skills using MS Excel and Google Sheets, Taught HTML for foundational web development, Conducted a hackathon for creative problem-solving and teamwork, Introduced basic coding concepts with the Scratch programming and Introduced design principles using Canva.



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students were well equipped on creating app wireframes, emphasizing design thinking principles for user-centric design. Basic storyboarding techniques were also introduced to visualize app functionalities effectively.

Our Programs ..



PROJECTS OF TCPL CSR

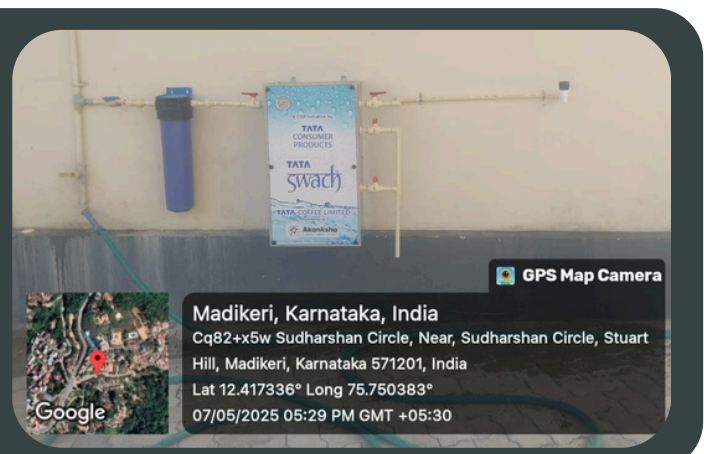
CSR Activity	Content/Description	Covered Theme/Area	Impact/Outcome
Tata Swach Water filter (Non ATM, 200LPH) (33 Units)	Installation of 33 units of 200 LPH Tata Swach water filters, including an extra pre-filter, 3-year service warranty, and a 500 Ltr water tank, at 33 locations including Karnataka and Kerala	Health & Sanitation, Water Security	Provided access to clean and safe drinking water with a service warranty for sustained use of 15,000+ beneficiaries
Tribal Health Camps in Kodagu	Health camps conducted in Kodagu	Health & Wellbeing	Provided medical services and medicines to the tribal population in Kodagu. Which included 900+ beneficiaries
Tribal Health Camps in Annamalai	Health camps conducted in Annamalai, involving services of medicines, surgicals and counselling	Health & Wellbeing	Delivered medical and diagnostic services along with essential supplies to the 1200+ tribal population in 3 locations of Annamalai.
Baling Machine Installation	Plastic Baling machines was installed to reduce landfills, incineration of plastic waste	Waste Management, Environment	Contributes to improved waste processing and management.



Our Programs ..

PROJECTS OF TCPL CSR

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Filter installation charges in 4 locations	Covered the charges for the installation of filters in four specific locations recommended by the Kodagu CEO Zilla Parishad (ZP).	Health & Sanitation, Water Security	Ensures the proper setup and functioning of water filters in crucial locations. which will continue to serve 800+ lives
Volunteering at Anaamalais (8 locations)	Volunteering activities conducted at 8 locations in Annamalais by TCPL Employee volunteers	Community Development , Volunteering	Supported on-the-ground execution and community involvement in the Anaamalais area.
Volunteering at Hassan, Chikmagalur Kodagu, RIHP, Mangalore	Volunteering done by TCPL Employees across 23 locations (e.g., Coorg Estates, RIHP Coorg, Pollibetta HO, KNW, Hassan Estates, Mangalore Unit).	Community Development , Volunteering	Facilitated local engagement and project support across multiple estates and units.
Volunteering in schools by Akanksha Charitable Trust	Volunteering activities (Fun Math Classes) conducted in 18 different schools (e.g., Valmiki Ashrama Shale, GHPS, GMPS) on various dates in February and March 2025.	Education, Community Outreach	Direct engagement with 1500+ students and schools to support educational or community initiatives.





Our Programs ..

COMPETITIVE EXAM BOOKS DONATION

Akanksha Charitable Trust channeled donor generosity into tangible educational support, providing four rural schools and colleges in Dakshina Kannada with a collection of 250+ vital academic and competitive exam books. This donation directly impacts students by granting access to crucial learning resources previously unavailable, fostering greater academic confidence and broadening their future prospects. We remain dedicated to partnering with rural communities to create sustainable pathways to educational achievement.

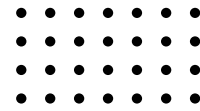
VIDYA SPOORTHY

ACT in association with the District Institute for Education and Training and VCET Puttur, hosted a vibrant one-day event Vidya Spoorthi 2024 a teacher student workshop session with intra school competitions like Spelling Bee, Science Rangoli, Pick and Speak, Painting, Quiz and treasure hunt with cash prizes to top 3 of all competitions. Shri Aravinda Chokkadi's inspiring talk on 'Best Educational Practices and the Role of Students' left a lasting impression.

EMPOWER PROGRAM FOR D.K. LIBRARIANS

The Empower Program, a transformative 6-week initiative (June–August 2024), significantly enhanced functional spoken English proficiency among 185 government librarians across Dakshina Kannada. Through personalized curricula, weekly online/offline sessions, and interactive workshops, the program achieved remarkable progress.

With support of Codecraft Technologies and Government of Karnataka this holistic approach combined confidence-building activities, midline/endline assessments for dynamic adjustments, and playful learning techniques. The program culminated in the celebratory "ENGLISH MELA 24" offline event across three taluk panchayats, fostering community and recognition.



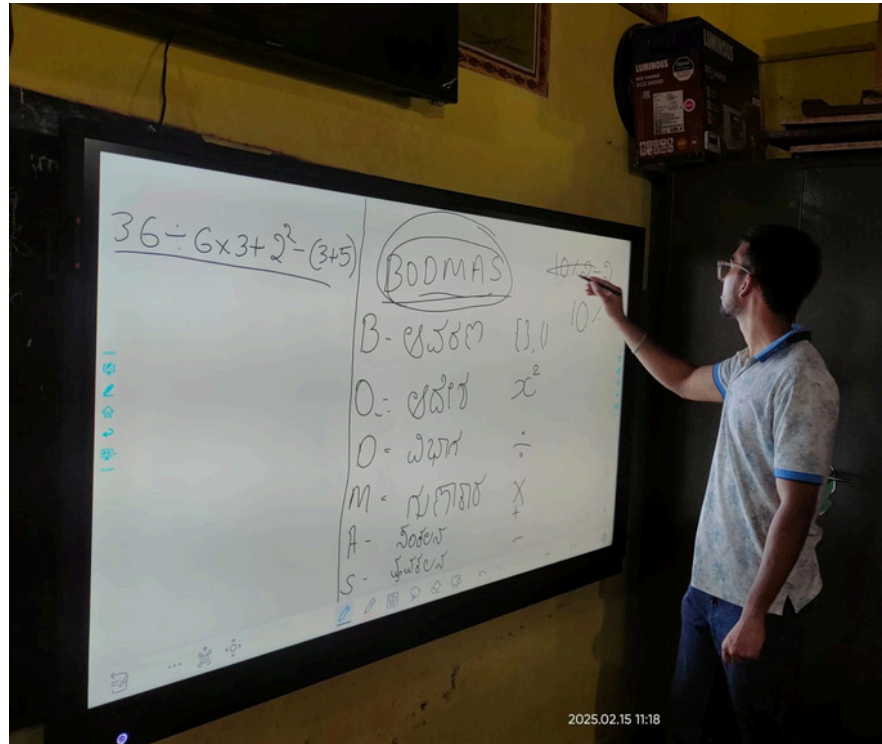
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SPOKEN ENGLISH CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

Spoken English program for Class 7 and 8 students at Govt Primary School, Balanja, in partnership with the Department of English at SDM College PG Centre.

Thanks to the commitment of student volunteers from SDM College, over 80 young learners have gained essential spoken English skills through carefully designed sessions. The program included four batches, each with 20 students, supported by a team of 4 dedicated volunteers per session. With bi-weekly visits, we were dedicated to foster confidence and improve communication skills in these students.

To ensure impactful learning, we've incorporated a baseline-to-endline evaluation to measure individual progress, helping each student develop practical and lasting language skills.



MENTAL MATH SESSIONS

Our 12+ volunteers took 3 hours of mental math, NMMS preparation sessions for 19 schools in Kodagu. The volunteers have covered 5–6 important topics, making sure the students grasped the concepts through an engaging quiz and interactive extra activities. The sessions were focused on strengthening their understanding of Mathematics and helping them prepare for the NMMS exam. A special thanks to the TCPL team and DIET Madikeri for their valuable support and contribution — their involvement and support made a significant impact on the success of this program.

NMMS WORKSHOP SESSIONS (ONLINE AND OFFLINE)



Our NMMS project has reached more than 1000 students and teachers through live workshops covering 25+ topics, solving 95+ questions in each session. We have completed 10 live workshop sessions with extensive reach and impact. Through online platforms "Jnana Vahini" has flowed its stream of knowledge and skill. Over 10 schools of 7 regions with 73 online sessions by our enthusiastic Interns team striving for excellence.

This term of NMMS 2024-25 with 500 hours volunteering reaching 1500 + beneficiaries and 100+ schools and with your contribution and support will surely generate a greater impact on the learning process of the students.

Impact

- 150+ students clearing NMMS exam
- INR 72,00,000+ worth of scholarship gained
- Covering 7 taluks of 3 districts



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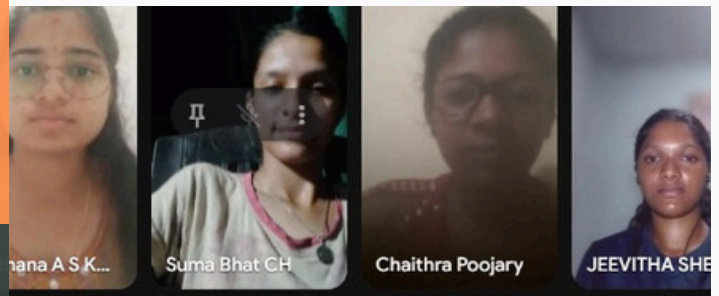


ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

ACT initiated its first Robotics Workshop at Kumaraswamy Vidyalaya, Subrahmanya which went on for 2 days i.e, 27th & 28th MARCH 2025. 40+ students were introduced to topics such as Robotics, Computing Fundamentals of Logical Development, Arduino UNO microcontroller, Bluetooth controlled RC robots, Design Thinking etc..

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FOR DEGREE STUDENTS

ACT trustee members and professionals trained 9 degree students for their career preparations. Well designed and objective driven sessions on Email writing, communication skills, resume building and many other profession oriented trainings.



Our Programs ..



VANTIVA SCHOOL KIT DONATION ACT

Akanksha Charitable Trust in collaboration with Vantiva India Pvt. Ltd have contributed towards improving educational upliftment of Rural students during financial year 2024-25 by donating 4500+ school kits containing all essential requirements from bag, stationary kit to 10 notebooks which would help beneficiaries of over 29 schools for their studies during 2025-26 academic year .

STUDENTS COUNSELLING SESSIONS

Learning is not only limited to recreating answers and scoring grades, it's more about holistic upgradation of one's personality. Akanksha in its FLN classes found that the students were not only deprived of quality education but also they lack emotional support and they have many unheard stories and emotions buried within them.

These imprints on mind may disturbed distract the students in future, so to make them heard and believed, to make them strong and wise we had counselling sessions by an expert child psychologist Dr Preeti Shenoy. Her sessions have helped children as well as parents to find the balance and build a synergy.





Our Programs ..



NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025

The biggest fest of Akanksha Charitable Trust is the two day National Youth Conference 2025, held with the theme 'Youth for Tomorrow: Driving Change Through Entrepreneurship' in collaboration with NITTE (deemed to be University) filled with panel discussions, workshop sessions and lively interactions lead by our distinguished lineup of speakers including successful entrepreneurs, industry leaders, and domain experts who shared their insights and inspired the youth.

The eminent resource persons were

- Uma Mahadevan IAS - Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka,
- Supreetha Bhat - Founder, EchoPeak Solutions,
- Gaurav Kamath - Cofounder, Microdegree
- Dikshith Rai - Founder and CEO, CodeCraft Technologies,
- Aditya Kalluraya - Founder & CEO, The Web People | Co-Founder, Readoo, Aarohanam, and Designcrew.

Topics covered during the conference were

- From Ideas to Execution : Overcoming Challenges in Entrepreneurship
- The Entrepreneurial Journey: Turning passion into Purpose
- From Startup to Scaleup: Lessons Learned on the Path to success





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SUMMARY

We have empowered 8,000+ direct beneficiaries across 4 districts, driven by 12+ Sustainable Development Goals-aligned initiatives. Our work spanned 50+ schools/colleges, directly benefiting 5,000+ students and upskilling 500+ educators. Community solidarity fueled this growth, with 300+ volunteers contributing 10,000+ hours and 200+ young leaders mobilized.

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