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Cover Story: Governance Talk Series

With a staggering 65% of India's population under the age of 35, engaging the youth in governance becomes a pivotal catalyst for sustainable development. Recognizing this imperative, GRAAM embarked on a transformative journey through a series of governance talks in October 2023, igniting conversations on local urban governance, sustainability, and digital governance to empower the leaders of tomorrow. This series brings together esteemed experts, policymakers, politicians, and academicians to share their knowledge and expertise on critical topics related to governance, public participation, and sustainable city development.



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Building Bridges: Y4G Fellowship Impact

Know how our team of youth for governance fellows from the current cohort has dedicated their efforts to understanding and assessing the mental health and health seeking behavior of individuals living in urban slum settlements in the fringes of the city.

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From the heartlands of Karnataka: Endeavours with the PVTGs



In the heartlands of state, where lush landscapes cradle the lives of tribal communities, GRAAM is embarking on a transformative journey to uplift the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), specifically the Jenu Kuruba and Koraga tribes

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RESEARCH AT GRAAM

The Bakarwals of Jammu and Kashmir gained Scheduled Tribe status in 1991 through The Constitution Scheduled Tribes Order Amendment Act, 1991, with their first official enumeration during the 2001 Census. GRAAM's ongoing study on health status, needs and access of the nomadic tribes of Jammu & Kashmir delves deeper into these challenges.

Healthcare in the land of Himalayan Wanderers (The Bakarwals of Kashmir Valley)



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The Tale of Traditional Healing Practices Across Tribes of India

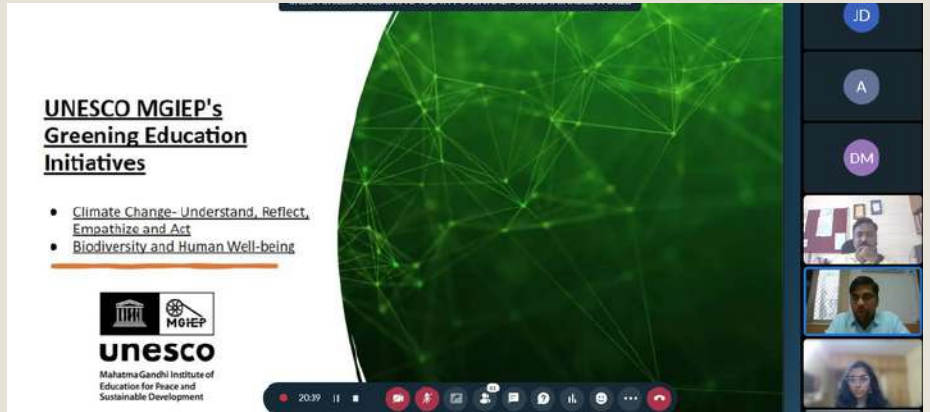


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Our team along with the support from local partners has successfully line-listed about 7,437 traditional tribal healers across 7 states and 30 districts. The team has completed pilot studies in four states, namely Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh. Know more about how the distribution of tribal healers in our country and gain insights into the practices from Ancient Indian medicine.

EVENTS AT GRAAM

GRAAM in association with Minerva Centre for Leadership (RV University), conducted a webinar on the 06th of October on the topic **Green Skills: Unlocking Youth Potential for a Sustainable Future**. This Webinar hosted international speakers from UNESCO MGIEP and UNICEF, along with speakers from RV University.



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Women of Bilikkere shine at the CSIR Foundation Day in New Delhi

Women Representatives of Asare Sanjeevini Food Products "We Mill" participated & displayed their millet products at a two-day comprehensive convention and CSIR Decade Achievement Mega Expo, organized at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, as a part of CSIR Foundation Day on the 26th and 27th of September 2023. Minister of Science and Technology and Vice President of CSIR, Dr. Jitendra Singh, Secretary of Space Department and ISRO Chairman Mr. Somnath and Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor were present at the event.



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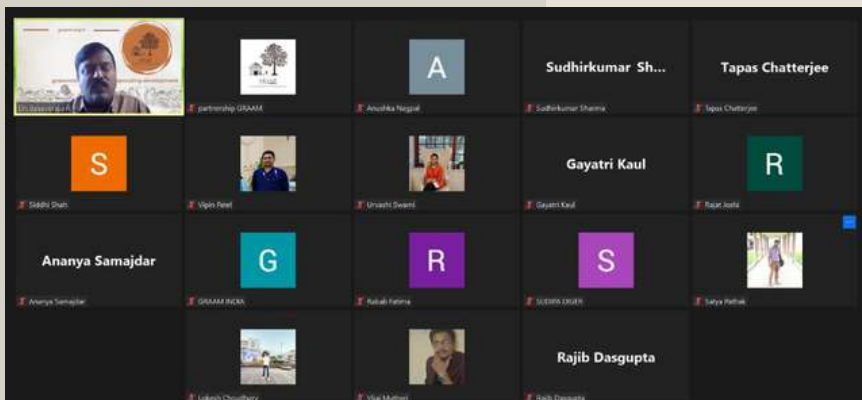
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An Engaged Academia – Practitioner Collaboration: GRAAM & Chanakya University Sign MoU

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'Introduction to Public Policy' Course: Building the Future of Informed Governance



Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM) recently marked the successful completion of its "Introduction to Public Policy" course held on the 7th and 8th of October. The event brought together educators, policymakers, and stakeholders to discuss the groundbreaking developments in the education sector.

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The Governance Talk Series is a platform dedicated to fostering discussions and insights into various aspects of local governance in India. This series brings together experts, policymakers, politicians, and academicians to share their knowledge and expertise on critical topics related to governance, public participation, and sustainable city development.

GRAAM has conducted a Governance talk series recently at JSS Law College here. Now the second talk is scheduled to be held on Friday at Mahajana PG Center, KRS Road here. Through these talks, we aim to promote awareness, knowledge sharing, and collaborative efforts for the betterment of governance practices among the youth of Mysuru," a note from GRAAM said.

TH India World Opinion Sports e-Paper

Mysuru student in Italy for youth boot camp aimed at fostering participation in democracy

Dhanalakshmi S. Gowda will participate in an International Youth Exchange programme and boot camp on 'Inclusive and Sustainable Cities' in Italy from September 3 to 9

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Bilikere women entrepreneurs shine at CSIR Foundation Day expo in Delhi

New Delhi, Oct. 2- Women entrepreneurs of Asare Sanjeevini Food Products 'We Mill' displayed their millet products at the two-day comprehensive convention and CSIR Decade Achievement Mega Expo, organised at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, as part of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Foundation Day on Sept. 26 and 27.

Minister of Science and Technology and Vice-President of CSIR, Dr. Jitendra Singh; Secretary of Space Department and ISRO Chairman S. Somnath and Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood were present at the event.

"We Mill," located at Santhe Mala Gaddige Road, Bilikere, Ursur taluk, Mysuru, has been instrumental in women entrepreneurship for the past three years, with the efforts of 14 women, under the guidance of grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM), Mysuru, Wuerth Elektronik In-a Pvt. Ltd. and CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI), Mysuru.

The product range displayed included Ragi Malt, Ragi Mudde Mix, Ragi Sari (Shishu Poshan), and various types of Ragi Cookies manufactured at 'We Mill'.

"It was such an honour for me



Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysuru, explaining about 'We Mill' products to Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, as 'We Mill' entrepreneur Parvathi looks on.

marketing resources, the quality of products itself is making them sell, through word-of-mouth advertising. Products are manufactured, keeping the standards given by CFTRI. The support from people across India would greatly benefit not just these 14 women, but also empower many such rural initiatives, in line with Mahatma Gandhi's Gram Swaraj and Prime Minister Modi's 'Make in India Initiative,'" said Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta, Executive Director of GRAAM.

"We Mill" product is a model developed by bringing together the government, local community,

civil society and corporate for rural wealth creation. There are 14 rural women working as proud partners of their own venture.

Following the hub and spoke model, 'We Mill' products are processed and manufactured from premium quality millet, procured locally from farmers.

Ragi Malt, Ragi Mudde Mix, Ragi Sari (Shishu Poshan), and a variety of Ragi Cookies are available on major e-commerce platforms, supermarkets and organic shops.

For more information contact Janardhan from GRAAM at Mob.73378-44633.

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"GRAAM remains committed to bringing forth the voices from grassroots, nurturing their leadership potential, and creating a more inclusive and participatory democracy in India."



Dr. Basavaraju R Shreshta
India Coordinator -
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Bulletin by GRAAM

GRAAM Bulleting is our bimonthly newsletter that delves into the remarkable stories and milestones we've accomplished. Through this publication, we aim to share the diverse range of activities we have undertaken in the fields of development research, action research, community consultation, academics, and beyond. In July & August 2023, GRAAM has made significant strides in the pursuit of knowledge and impact at the grassroots level. Our initiatives have successfully delved into the intricacies of local communities and have provided valuable insights into governance & democratization. We have propelled action research programs focused on education, livelihood, and health.

By closely attuning ourselves to the 'voices of the grassroots', GRAAM remains committed to making a meaningful impact on the ground. This newsletter serves as a platform to highlight our ongoing efforts and shed light on the invaluable perspectives we encounter along the way.

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