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About the Rajasthan leaders association

Rajasthan Leaders Association (RLA) is a non-profit, youth-driven initiative established with the vision of developing leadership among Rajasthani young minds. For over a decade, RLA has been at the forefront of empowering students, professionals, and entrepreneurs from Rajasthan by building a sustainable ecosystem of learning, mentoring, and leadership development.

RLA works on the guiding philosophy of “Giving Back to Society” and the collective spirit of “Together We Rise”, believing that empowering one generation of youth can create a chain of empowered leaders for generations to come.

In the past 10 years, the initiative has touched directly and indirectly the lives of more than 10k Rajasthani students by focusing on the most marginalized groups, bolstering the ability of local schools to implement impactful initiatives, and engaging youth in nation-building efforts. Initiated various university level platforms to develop the capacity of local youths to lead change in personal and professional leadership through conferences, seminars and small college or group based discussions. Engaging to unite all young minds from Rajasthan to support each other and develop single minds on “Together We Rise” It is this approach that is the bedrock of creating empowered generations across the Rajasthan.

Objectives of RLA

- Connect “Thar Heart Bonds” World-wide
- Provide forum for thoughtful interaction
- Strengthen process for future leadership
- Build cultural and value based ecosystem
- Promote Education and Skill Development
- Initiate local development projects & plan

Message From our advisor

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It gives me immense pleasure to write this message for Yuva-Manthan, the annual youth periodical published by the Rajasthan Leaders Association (RLA), New Delhi. At its core, this initiative represents much more than a magazine; it is a collective platform where the voices, aspirations, and reflections of our young generation converge to shape new ideas for society. In a time when rapid transformations are reshaping our educational institutions, cultural practices, and social structures, such a publication serves as a timely reminder of the critical role that youth must play in engaging with these changes constructively.

The very name Yuva-Manthan—a churning of youthful thought—captures the spirit of our times. Today's youth are not mere inheritors of traditions and policies; they are active participants and creators of the social fabric. Their capacity to reflect, critique, and innovate makes them central to India's journey of development. Through this magazine, the perspectives of students, researchers, and young writers are brought together to examine education, culture, and social issues, with a special focus on Rajasthan. The academic setting of Delhi, where many young Rajasthani minds come to study and grow, provides a fertile ground for such intellectual exchange.

Rajasthan, with its glorious heritage and deeply rooted traditions, has always been a land of resilience and creativity. Yet, it also faces pressing challenges: disparities in education, the need for sustainable development, gender inequality, and the preservation of cultural identity in the face of modernization. By focusing on these issues from the standpoint of young people studying in Delhi, Yuva-Manthan bridges the distance between the lived experiences of Rajasthan's society and the academic reflections shaped in the capital city. This dialogue is vital, for it connects roots with aspirations, traditions with modernity, and local concerns with global discourses.



The emphasis on education in this magazine could not be more relevant. Education is not merely about acquiring degrees; it is about fostering critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and the courage to act. India's New Education Policy (NEP) seeks to transform learning into a more holistic and inclusive process, but its success will ultimately depend on how our youth embrace and shape it. Voices of students, as expressed in Yuva-Manthan, become invaluable in evaluating policies, sharing experiences, and suggesting reforms that can make education more meaningful and accessible.

Equally important is the exploration of culture and heritage. In today's globalized environment, where cultural homogenization often threatens local identities, youth must become both custodians and innovators of their traditions. Rajasthan's vibrant music, art, folklore, and language deserve to be celebrated and reimagined in ways that resonate with contemporary society. This magazine gives young writers and artists the space to express themselves creatively while engaging with their heritage in a thoughtful manner.

Social issues, too, demand urgent attention. From climate change and water scarcity to gender justice and migration, these are not distant challenges but realities shaping everyday life in Rajasthan and beyond. By presenting youth perspectives on these matters, Yuva-Manthan ensures that discussions are not confined to classrooms or policy circles alone but reach a wider community of concerned citizens. This is precisely what makes the publication significant—it democratizes academic discourse and allows the younger generation to take ownership of social transformation.

I must commend the Rajasthan Leaders Association for conceptualizing and sustaining this initiative. Providing a platform where young people can articulate their ideas with academic rigor and creative freedom is an invaluable service to both society and scholarship. The diversity of contributions—from essays and interviews to poems, stories, and visual art—makes this magazine not just an academic exercise but also a vibrant reflection of youthful energy.

As an educator, I strongly believe that the future of our society lies in the ability of our youth to think critically, act responsibly, and remain rooted in values while embracing innovation. Yuva-Manthan embodies this vision by creating a forum where dialogue, reflection, and creativity intersect. I hope that every reader will not only enjoy the rich variety of articles and expressions but also feel inspired to contribute to building a society that is more equitable, inclusive, and culturally enriched.

Let this edition of Yuva-Manthan be a reminder that change begins with ideas, and ideas gain strength when shared collectively. I extend my heartfelt best wishes to the editorial team, the contributors, and the readers. May this platform continue to grow, empowering the voices of youth and guiding them toward meaningful leadership in the years to come.



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Editorial

Role Of Rajathani Youths In The Vikshit Bharat@2047

Yuva-Manthan represents the ideas and observations of young individuals connected with the Rajasthan Leaders Association—a think tank and non-profit youth organization active across various educational institutions based in the capital of Bharat. These youth are committed to the development of Rajasthan and the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047. Our mission focuses on collaborative efforts in education, cultural promotion, and global engagement to create opportunities, employment, and economic growth for the nation. Rajasthan, geographically the largest state in India, spans an area of 342,239 square kilometers. According to the 2011 Census, the state has a literacy rate of approximately 66.11%. Historically, Rajasthan has played a crucial role in shaping India's cultural, economic, and historical landscape. From the fertile eastern plains and the arid Thar Desert in the northwest, to the Aravalli hills and the Hadoti plateau, the region holds immense potential in sectors such as education, tourism, agriculture, trade, and commerce. Although resources are unevenly distributed, this diversity has contributed to the growth of multiple economic sectors.

A significant portion of Rajasthan's population is engaged in agriculture, directly or indirectly. However, in the third decade of the 21st century, the rise of technology-driven education and a knowledge-based culture has inspired Rajasthani youth to explore fields like education, public policy, and tech-based entrepreneurship for societal advancement. As a result, there has been a notable increase in the number of students from Rajasthan pursuing higher education

particularly in premier institutions in Delhi such as Delhi University, Jamia Millia Islamia, Jawaharlal Nehru University, IIMC, IITs, and AIIMS. Rajasthan's youth possess tremendous potential—from education to entrepreneurship, classroom learning to campus leadership, cultural heritage to technological innovation, and personal growth to national policymaking.

Whether in villages or urban centers, in India or abroad, they are actively acquiring skills and contributing to the vision of a developed and empowered nation.

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RLA: A Youth Driven Initiative

The Rajasthan Leaders Association (RLA) is an organization dedicated to fostering leadership and driving positive societal change among young people in Rajasthan. It aims to create a platform for cultural enrichment, social values, and knowledge dissemination, with a focus on developing future leaders. RLA actively involves students, professionals, and entrepreneurs in their initiatives, striving to make a positive impact on the local community.

Vision and Mission: RLA's vision is to create a sustainable platform for young leaders of

Rajasthan across various educational institutions in New Delhi, promoting culture, social

values, and knowledge dissemination. RLA's mission is to cultivate leadership, communication, management skills and drive positive societal change through various activities. RLA's youth engages in a variety of activities, including:

1. University-level platforms: Conferences, seminars, and discussions aimed at developing leadership skills.
2. Community development: Initiating local development projects and engaging youth in nation-building efforts.
3. Connecting with Rajasthani fraternity worldwide: Fostering "Thar Heart Bonds" and providing forums for interaction.
4. Promoting education and skill development: Focusing on education and skill development for the youth.

Every year functionality of organization through Core Team formation :

RLA forms a core team during beginning of new academic session through rigorous interview process. Thus RLA have a dedicated core team leading their efforts, including a President, Vice President, Secretary, General Secretary and Central Co-ordinators along with advisory body members

RLA's Core Values: RLA operates under the philosophy of "Giving Back to Society," uniting young people under the mantra "Together We Rise".

RLA's Impact: RLA has impacted over two thousands students of Rajasthan, with a focus on marginalized groups and local school initiatives. RLA also work to enhance study circles, career counselling, library services and promote research and development within the national capital for the development of students, it leads the developed Rajasthan state as well Bharat by 2047.



Admission Helpdesk

Admission Help Desk to Accommodation for CUET UG, PG aspirants: Promoting Gender Parity, Enhancing Marginalised Communities

Every year, nearly 15 lakh students appear for CUET-UG and CUET-PG exams with the aspiration of securing admission to prestigious central universities and reputed colleges. According to data, only about 40–45 percent succeed, highlighting the intense competition after Class 12 and graduation. A large number of Rajasthani students from rural, semi-urban, and marginalized backgrounds also participate in this process, often facing challenges such as limited career counseling, guidance, and mentorship—especially students from government schools and underprivileged communities. To address these issues, RLA’s Admission Help Desk serves as a unique academic initiative that supports students in admission procedures, fee-related concerns, scholarships, and accommodation in Delhi. This initiative particularly benefits those who lack resources and awareness to navigate the admission process and secure opportunities in premier institutions outside the state. The Help Desk is managed by second- and third-year student volunteers, along with faculty members, who assist candidates through social media groups, phone calls, community outreach, and in-person interactions. Importantly, it ensures equal treatment for both male and female candidates, breaking barriers of caste, class, and gender biases. The Help Desk is established annually before the CUET exams and is run by volunteers studying at institutions like Delhi University and Jawaharlal Nehru University. Through their efforts, hundreds of students from different parts of Rajasthan receive valuable support while preparing for CUET UG and PG examinations. In addition, RLA aligns its vision with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—especially quality education, gender equality, climate action, and partnerships for progress. By providing admission support and accommodation assistance in Delhi, the initiative works to reduce educational and gender disparities through effective guidance and mentorship.

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Aravali Study Circle

Aravali Study Circle: Contemporary issues to rational thinking, enhancing academic skills

The Study Circle, named after the Aravalli Hills—which stretch from Gujarat to Delhi and predominantly cover Rajasthan—symbolizes the pursuit of the highest knowledge. This group is active among students from institutions like DU, JNU, IIMC, and JMI, with the aim of supporting academics, civil services preparation, research, and higher education. Guided by the motto “*sā vidyā yā vimuktaye*”—meaning “**true education is that which liberates us from ignorance**”—the Circle regularly organizes intellectual and academic discussions. Through these forums, experts and speakers from diverse fields share their insights, experiences, and knowledge with students, fostering dialogue and exchange. Such activities help participants strengthen essential skills such as listening, speaking, reading, and writing, which in turn enhance their academic performance. The discussions cover a wide range of themes, including contemporary international, national, and state-level issues related to history, art and culture, polity, international relations, economics, environment, science and technology, artificial intelligence, climate change, global geopolitics, and other scholarly domains.

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Online workshop with Mr. Rajkumar Bhardwaj



Online workshop with Mr. Jagdish Bishnoi

Activities

Excursion Activities: Know yourself with Heritage, Promoting Traditional Rajasthani Games in Delhi

RLA promotes initiatives that enable youth to channel their potential into meaningful careers by fostering personality development, discipline, and overall well-being—physical, mental, and emotional. To support this, short yoga camps and physical activities are regularly organized across different locations in Delhi as part of a holistic approach to youth transformation. Such outdoor group engagements help students break free from digital dependency and prevent related psychological challenges during their academic years. Research indicates that excessive screen time and overuse of electronic gadgets among young people often result in health issues and hinder their growth during crucial learning years. To counter this, RLA actively encourages, motivates, and guides students to join NSS and NCC units in their respective colleges. RLA offers a platform for healthy debates, dialogues, and discussions for students who are new to Delhi. As part of its excursion activities, traditional Rajasthani games like Rumaal Jhapatta, Langdi Taang, Kho-Kho, Pittu (Satoliya), along with other outdoor activities, are organized to promote health, cultural awareness, and heritage preservation while strengthening the body, mind, and spirit. These group activities foster harmony, community living, and emotional connections among youth coming from diverse social, economic, and cultural backgrounds, transcending barriers of caste, class, and gender.

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Research work

Research scholars for : Data analysis, Deep learning, Development for society

Intoday's era of ArtificialIntelligence (AI) and MachineLearning, everything revolves around data, which functions as the new digital currency. Research and development serve as the foundation for societal progress. In this way, the Research Scholars Group of the Rajasthan Leaders Association is a collaborative forum of students, academics, and practitioners dedicated to turning data into public good. Working at the intersection of data analysis, deep learning, and field-based development, the group focuses on solutions that directly benefit communities across Rajasthan—and scale to the rest of India.

Our workstreams span four priority domains:

- 1. Education &Skills:** evaluating learning gaps with assessment analytics, personalizing digital learnings , and running data literacy bootcamps for teachers and officials.
- 2. Research and Internships:** building dashboards for new research opportunities, optimizing research Gap, and studying literature– using anonymized data.
- 3. Introducing soft skills through Bridge courses for students:** Our research scholars designs short term bridge courses for students to develop their leadership, mangement and communication skills that helps in their growth and productivity. This aims college students to engage with college societies, innovate ideas and make real solution for problem on ground.
- 4. Leaders summit:** We are committed to organise educational and young professionals conclave, Leaders summit where students, scholar and industry experts interact and collaborate to contribute in the development of Rajasthan and India. Methodologically, the group advances responsible AI: transparent data pipelines, bias audits, privacy-by-design, and model cards for every deployment. We promote open knowledge through reproducible codebases, community datasets, and bilingual documentation (English–Hindi).

What sets the group apart is its field-first approach—co-designing projects with Panchayati Raj institutions, startups, universities, and civil society partners. Fellows receive mentorship, publish working papers, and convert pilots into sustainable civic-tech products. By harnessing rigorous analytics and human-centered design, the Research Scholars Group aims to make Rajasthan a living laboratory for inclusive innovation-- where every dataset translates into better decisions, resilient livelihoods, and dignified public services for Rajasthan and India.

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Yoga Camp

Yoga Camp for Youth Transformation, Personality Development

The traditional Indian wisdom of yoga has long drawn seekers of knowledge to India. In modern times, yoga has evolved into a global practice that transcends geopolitical, religious, and racial boundaries created by humans. Amid today's fast-paced urban lifestyles, achieving holistic well-being is challenging. However, yoga offers students and youth a way to remain calm, balanced, and healthy, supporting their overall growth in life. On the occasion of International Yoga Day 21st June, the Rajasthan Leaders Association organized a special program dedicated to empowering and transforming the youth through the timeless ancient wisdom of Yoga. The event highlighted how Yoga is not only a practice of physical well-being but also a pathway to mental clarity, emotional balance, and holistic growth.

"A mind free from all disturbances is Yoga"- Maharishi Patanjali

Youth participants were introduced to simple yet powerful Asanas, Pranayam, Surya Namaskar and meditation techniques aimed at fostering discipline, focus, and inner strength. Eminent speakers and Yoga Experts emphasized Yoga's role in building resilience, reducing stress, and nurturing leadership qualities among young people in today's fast-paced world. The Rajasthan Leaders Association envisioned this celebration as a step towards creating a generation that is physically fit, mentally strong, and spiritually awakened. By integrating Yoga into youths daily lives, the youth can lead with wisdom, compassion, and harmony—becoming true change makers for society.

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A Plantation drive: एक पेड़ राजस्थान, एक पेड़ देश के नाम

The threat of climate change has become one of the greatest challenges of our times, demanding immediate and collective action. Rising temperatures, unpredictable rainfall, desertification, and loss of biodiversity are already affecting millions of lives. In this context, tree plantation drives serve as one of the most effective solutions, connecting society with nature while ensuring a sustainable future. To strengthen this movement, a unique campaign “Ek Ped Rajasthan Ke Naam, Ek Ped Desh Ke Naam” has been initiated. The idea is simple yet impactful—every individual should plant at least two trees: one dedicated to Rajasthan, symbolizing pride in our land and heritage, and another for the nation, representing our collective responsibility towards India’s ecological future.

Through social Volunteering RLA runs plantation drive across various colleges and institutions during rainy season to grow more and more trees that includes herbal, fruit, non fruits and shade tolerant trees. Planting indigenous trees is not just about greenery; it is about reducing carbon emissions, protecting soil, conserving water, and creating a healthier atmosphere for the coming generations. Such drives also inspire youth to take ownership of environmental protection and become change-makers in their communities. By nurturing every sapling, we are nurturing hope, resilience, and life itself. Together, with small steps like this, we can make a big difference in combating climate change.





Rise of youth leadership

Rise of Youth Leaders of Rajasthan : Future leaders and University Elections In the bustling corridors of Delhi University, where political careers are often shaped and national leaders emerge, the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) elections stand as a vibrant arena of campus democracy. With over 1.5 lakh voters across 91 affiliated colleges, DUSU functions as a miniature democracy, offering an early platform for political leadership. Its alumni include figures like Arun Jaitley, Ajay Maken, Alka Lamba, Rekha Gupta, and Nupur Sharma. For decades, however, DUSU's central panel was dominated by students from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Haryana. But Rajasthan, despite consistently sending large numbers of students to DU, remained largely absent from the centre stage of student politics. That pattern is now beginning to shift.

Demographic Foundations: Rajasthan's Growing Presence Delhi University has long attracted students from Rajasthan, but the scale has expanded dramatically in recent years. Rajasthan is now the fifth-largest contributor of students to DU, with applications rising from 11,562 in 2019 to 82,633 CUET registrations in 2024. Today, over 15,000 Rajasthani students are estimated to be enrolled across DU's 91 colleges. This numerical strength has created a sizeable demographic base for political mobilisation but as Nelson Mandela rightly said, "Representation is not just about numbers; it's about having a voice that echoes your community's aspirations." The key question is how this demographic strength translates into political representation.

Emerging Voices at the College Level: Signs of change first appeared at the college level. Although comprehensive statistics are less available, some recent trends suggest that Rajasthani students are steadily gaining visibility in student union elections. In colleges like Hindu, Kirori Mal (KMC), Hansraj and Ramjas, students from Rajasthan have recently secured positions such as president and general secretary. These milestones indicate that representation is moving beyond numbers and gradually becoming part of DU's political fabric.

A Visible Shift in DUSU Politics: The clearest breakthrough came in the 2024 DUSU elections, when Namrata Jeph Meena, a student from Sikar, contested for Secretary on an NSUI ticket. As one of the few Rajasthani-origin students to be fielded for a central panel position. Although she narrowly lost by 1,467 votes, her 47.4% vote share (15,236 votes) reflected the growing political viability of Rajasthani candidates and mass support. More importantly, her campaign showed how representation, once only a demographic possibility, is now beginning to shape the central stage of DU politics.

Conclusion: The rise of Rajasthani youth in DU politics is not just about numbers; it represents a gradual rebalancing of voices within one of India's most influential student unions. What began as scattered participation at the college level is now emerging as a credible candidacy in the central panel. Namrata Jeph Meena's near victory in 2024 stands as a symbol of this transition. If the current momentum sustains, Rajasthan's student leaders may soon not only find their rightful place in DUSU but also carry their experiences into national politics—continuing DU's legacy as a cradle of leadership.

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Rise of youth leadership

In Rajasthan's Thar Desert, survival has always been about harmony. Here, a khejri tree is not just wood, but shade, fodder, and soil fertility. A patch of sewan grass is not just vegetation, but lifeline for livestock. And water, stored carefully in johads and nadis, is sacred. For centuries, desert communities—especially the Bishnois—have preserved this delicate balance. Their devotion to nature was sealed in history in 1730 at Khejarli, Jodhpur when Amrita Devi Bishnoi and 363 others Bishnois sacrificed their lives to save khejri trees from royal soldiers. Her slogan, 'सिर िटे रूख रहे तो भी िस्तो जाण' (a head severed is cheaper than a felled tree), became the world's first recorded environmental slogan. Three centuries later, Rajasthan faces another ecological crossroad. But this time, the challenge comes not from kings or timber merchants, but from the rush to build mega solar parks. India's dream of becoming a global renewable energy leader has turned Rajasthan into its "solar capital." The Bhadla Solar Park near Jodhpur is already among the largest in the world, and new projects in Jaisalmer and Barmer are rapidly spreading across the desert. From the air, these endless fields of photovoltaic panels look like symbols of progress. On the ground, however, they raise troubling questions. To clear land for these projects, khejri trees have been cut, grazing commons fenced, and scarce desert water diverted to clean panels. For pastoralists, centuries-old migration routes now end at barbed wire. Farmers fear loss of soil fertility beneath solar installations. Bishnoi communities—whose very identity is tied to protecting trees and wildlife—see this as a betrayal of their heritage. Protests, petitions, and public interest litigations have already begun, with activists dubbing it a "new Chipko movement" of the desert. Globally, Rajasthan's dilemma is not unique. Maasai herders in Kenya, indigenous tribes in the U.S. Southwest, and villagers in China's Gobi Desert have all struggled with renewable energy projects that ignored local ecology. But Rajasthan's case is different because it comes with a cultural memory of ecological sacrifice. Guru Jambhoji, founder of the Bishnoi faith in the 15th century, laid down 29 principles—from compassion for animals to protection of trees—that became an environmental charter long before sustainability became a global buzzword. His teachings remind us that development must be measured not just in megawatts, but in the balance it sustains between people and nature. The way forward lies in blending tradition with technology.



The Solar Paradox

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Instead of relying solely on giant solar parks, India could invest in decentralized rooftop solar, agro-voltaics where crops and panels coexist, and community-owned grids. Sensitive khejri groves and grazing lands must be declared no-go zones. Water-efficient panel cleaning and legal protection of keystone species like khejri are essential. Most importantly, local communities must not be treated as obstacles, but as partners—guardians whose wisdom can guide truly sustainable energy transitions. Amrita Devi's sacrifice was never a rejection of progress; it was a reminder that human prosperity cannot come at the cost of ecological balance. Rajasthan's deserts can indeed power India's future—but only if solar ambitions respect the green traditions of the Bishnois. True renewable energy should not cast shadows over khejri trees and pastoral life, but shine alongside them.

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