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# YUVA: Helping street kids realise potential

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The YUVA Scheme was inaugurated by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh on August 29 last year with the objective of engaging and steering street children and the youth towards the mainstream and provide them with opportunities to realise their potential and create awareness about their potential through skill development training.

Initially, eight police stations were selected for setting up skill centres and 36 training partners, and 45 skills were identified in consultation with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Boys and girls between 17 and 25 years were selected for the training. Most belonged to the underprivileged colonies and were divided into categories like school dropouts, juvenile offenders, victims of crimes, families in a dire state due to the incarceration of the bread earner of the family.

As many as 2,900 youths have been imparted training in the eight police stations where-



YUVA Scheme was launched by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh in 2017

as 198 youths were referred to training centres outside the police stations. Thirteen job fairs and seven in-house placement drives had been organised.

Banking and finance workshops for trainees were also organised to sensitise the trainees about the opportunity to set up their own business. So far, around 1,600 youths have been selected for jobs in various companies, including Fortis Health Care, Hero Motocorp, Vodafone, Burger King, among others for a handsome salary.

Around 300 youths are un-

dergoing training in the police stations for food and beverages services, data entry operator, beauty and wellness and mobile repairing, said Devesh Shrivastava, Joint Commissioner of Police (Southern range) and nodal officer for YUVA.

Twelve more police stations have been identified for setting up of training centres for implementation of the second phase of YUVA. The ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship has accorded its approval for the allocation of more trainees for the second phase.