

CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING CONCLAVE – 2026 BENGALURU

EVENT REPORT

Collaborate. Inspire. Amplify

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Organized by – Youth for Seva (YFS) and WMG Foundation

Sponsored by – Rego, Vidwath, Clayworks and Xperimentor

Event at a Glance

Participation segment	Count
CXOs	43
Panelists, jury members and chief guest	17
Delegates	153
Volunteers	76
Total reported attendance	289

1. Executive Summary

The Corporate Volunteering Conclave (CVC) 2026 – Bengaluru convened corporate leaders, CSR professionals, nonprofit representatives and development-sector changemakers around a shared ambition: to make employee volunteering more purposeful, collaborative and impactful. Organized by Youth for Seva and WMG Foundation, with support from Rego, Vidwath, Clayworks and Xperimentor, the conclave brought together 289 participants including volunteers under the theme “Collaborate. Inspire. Amplify.”

From the ceremonial inauguration to the valedictory proceedings, the conclave connected ideas with action. A keynote address by Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar explored the human values at the heart of seva; an expert panel examined how corporate CSR intentions can become effective, measurable volunteering programmes; and the launch of a practical volunteering guidebook and a free online course offered resources for continued engagement beyond the conclave. Recognition categories celebrated contributions by professionals, corporations, NGOs and longstanding partners.

The conclave reinforced a central proposition: volunteering delivers its greatest value when community needs, employee capabilities and institutional commitment are aligned through sustained partnerships.

2. Purpose and Key Objectives

Corporate–NGO partnerships

Strengthen strategic relationships between businesses and nonprofits, enabling the sharing of skills, resources and networks to address pressing social needs.

Employee volunteering and CSR innovation

Explore practical, scalable approaches that make employee participation meaningful and connect volunteering activity with CSR priorities.

Technology for social impact

Encourage the use of digital platforms and innovative tools to improve coordination, reach, inclusion and measurement of social initiatives.

Purpose-driven workplace culture

Promote service, empathy and social responsibility as enduring elements of organizational culture and employee engagement.

Cross-sector collaboration

Bring corporations, NGOs, academic institutions and other stakeholders together to respond to complex challenges through collective action.

3. Leadership and Featured Speakers

Role	Name
Keynote speaker	Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Founder, The Art of Living
Guest speaker	Manisha Saboo, Chief Executive, Infosys Foundation
Panel moderator	Harshith Muppiri, Impact Programs Lead, Atlassian
Panelist	Dr. Meenu Bhambhani, VP & Senior Grants Manager – APAC, State Street Corporation
Panelist	Aditya Salian, Manager, Community Relations, Texas Instruments India
Panelist	Parameswaran Balakrishnan, Deputy Managing Director, Toyota Industries Engine India Pvt. Ltd.
Panelist	Ravishankar R H, Head, Monitoring & Evaluation, Youth for Seva

4. Conclave Highlights

Inauguration and Opening Ceremony

The conclave began with the traditional lighting of the lamp and a rendition of Vande Mataram, establishing a spirit of unity, gratitude and shared purpose. The opening set the tone for conversations centred on service, partnership and responsibility.

Keynote Address: The Spirit of Seva

Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar spoke about volunteering as more than an act of assistance: it is an expression of recognizing dignity and divinity in others. His address emphasised compassion, happiness and selflessness as foundations of meaningful service, drawing on the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — the world is one family. The message invited participants to view service not as an isolated activity, but as a sustained way of relating to society.

Panel Discussion: CSR and Corporate Volunteering – Aligning Intent into Realities and Impact

Moderated by Harshith Muppiri, the discussion featured Dr. Meenu Bhambhani, Aditya Salian, Parameswaran Balakrishnan and Ravishankar R H. The panelists explored the practical work of converting CSR commitments into programmes grounded in real community needs. Discussion themes included designing relevant volunteering opportunities, building trust between corporate and social-sector partners, supporting employee participation, and tracking meaningful outcomes.

The conversation emphasised that effective volunteering cannot be measured by participation alone. Strong programmes require continuity, thoughtful partnerships, clear goals and an understanding of community priorities. Developing a genuine culture of service is a long-term process that depends on patience and consistency.

Volunteering, Well-being and Community Progress

Across the conclave, volunteering was considered both a pathway for community development and an opportunity for employee learning, belonging and well-being. The conclave highlighted the potential of collaboration among corporates, volunteers and social organizations to contribute to inclusive and sustainable socio-economic progress.

5. Knowledge Resources and Launches

Volunteering Ideas Guidebook

The guidebook “Doing Good, Feeling Great: Impactful Ideas for Corporate Volunteering” was launched as a resource showcasing volunteering initiatives that organizations can adapt and implement. It provides a practical starting point for teams seeking to translate goodwill into structured opportunities for action.

Download the [volunteering ideas book](#)

Free Online Course on Volunteering

A free online course on volunteering by Youth for Seva was also introduced, extending learning beyond the conclave and supporting wider access to volunteering knowledge and engagement.

You can access the course [here](#)

6. Awards and Recognition

The recognition acknowledged the people, organizations and partnerships advancing the practice of corporate volunteering. The tables below provide details of award categories and the winners.

Employee Volunteer Champion Award

Honoring an outstanding individual professional whose volunteer dedication and peer motivation set CSR records.

Employee Engagement Champion Award

Honors organizations that have embedded volunteering into workplace culture through effective, forward-looking employee engagement models.

CSR Project Excellence Award

Recognizes CSR projects distinguished by innovation, sustainability and measurable benefit to the communities they serve.

NGO Changemaker Award

Celebrates nonprofit organizations that bridge corporate capabilities and grassroots needs through strategic and replicable volunteering models.

Distinguished Partner Award

Acknowledges longstanding partnership in volunteering and CSR projects

Employee Volunteer Champion Award					
1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize	3 rd Prize	3 rd Prize
Bharath B S Nokia	Ravi Gutta Dell Technologies	Shaik Subhan Wipro Limited	Santhanam Nagarajan ServiceNow, Inc.	Yogesh Niwane IQVIA	Stalin S M Texas Instruments India Pvt Ltd

Employee Engagement Champion Award					
1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize	3 rd Prize	3 rd Prize
State Street Corporation	Cognizant Technology Solutions	Tata Communications Limited	Aequs Private Limited	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited	International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)

CSR Project Excellence Award					
1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize	3 rd Prize	3 rd Prize
London Stock Exchange Group	Societe Generale GSC	Adobe Inc.	AT&T Communication Services India Pvt. Ltd	Redington Limited	FIME

NGO Changemaker Award					
1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize	3 rd Prize	3 rd Prize
eVidyaloka Trust	The Bombay Natural History Society	Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement	Bangalore Hospice Trust – Karunashraya	The National Association for the Blind, Karnataka	Rashtrottana Parishat

7. Key Takeaways and Outcomes

- Collaboration is essential: Strong corporate–NGO relationships help match professional expertise with locally relevant social priorities.
- From intent to impact: Volunteering initiatives benefit from clear objectives, sustained participation and measurable community outcomes.
- Culture matters: Purpose-driven employee engagement grows through repeated opportunities to serve, not one-off activities alone.
- Learning enables scale: The guidebook and online course provide ways to extend ideas and practices beyond the conclave.
- Recognition sustains momentum: Celebrating individuals, organizations and partners can encourage continued commitment to volunteering.

8. Acknowledgements

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9. Way Forward

Corporate Volunteering Conclave 2026 Bengaluru was more than a gathering: it was a platform for collective action. By bringing together stakeholders across sectors, the conclave encouraged purposeful partnerships, knowledge sharing and a stronger culture of service. Its conversations and launches pointed towards volunteering programmes that are responsive to communities, meaningful for employees and designed for sustained impact.

The enduring message of CVC 2026 is clear: when corporate intent meets the spirit of seva, volunteering can move beyond participation to become a powerful force for lasting community transformation.