

## Uttarakhand Local Team Meet

05 August, 2022

Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh

### PARTICIPANTS:

*Ashwin Sakhare, Chirag Samtani, Harsh Ramchandani, Harshal Thakare, Mudit Surana, Neha Mazumdar, Sayok Sarkar, Dr. Shivani Modi, Vighnesh Vishwanathan, Viral Mazumdar.*

**Local Volunteers/ Participants** - *Abhinav Bisht, Aman Gupta, Hrithik Rawat, Kanhaiya Kushwaha, Parth Semwal, Priyanshu Negi, Shivani Bhagat, Vasu Chauhan, Vidhushi Sharma (Rishikesh); and Mayank Kumar, Surya Rana, Varun Kumar, Vishal Arya (Haridwar)*



*Local team of Volunteers and Participants in the Aspirational District*

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**Agenda of the Meeting:**

*A rendezvous with the friends of Let's Make A Difference stationed at Haridwar and Rishikesh to build a stronger connection and to understand the persisting challenges faced by the youth in Uttarakhand.*

**Proceedings Of the Meetings:**

- The meeting started with engaging in a discussion on the problems and challenges that people in Uttarakhand face and how they can help to move past these hurdles.
- Viral Bhai informed them about the future work of Let's Make A Difference towards the aspirational district and beyond.
- Cleanliness of the neighbourhood, public places and river is a major concern. Tourism and the lack of concern of locals is a major blow to the existing problem. Viral Bhai expressed his desire to write to our Honourable Prime Minister about the present dire conditions in Uttarakhand.
- The local team is willing to volunteer for the upcoming events and conferences to be held in Uttarakhand.
- Views of the local team were heard and how they can extend their time and efforts to Let's Make A Difference in achieving future goals by cooperating with the new fellows as well as the other team members.
- Issues that were raised by the local team apart from cleanliness are:
  - Education - Absence of moral values in the curriculum;
  - Migration of indigenous people to first tier cities;
  - Drug abuse among the youth and smoking at the tender age of 8 years; and
  - Carelessness of the local people.
- The attendees of the meeting agreed for a monthly zoom meeting.