

15 JULY

# WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but can build our youth for the future."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt -

## Why do we mark this day?



World Youth Skills Day is observed on 15 July every year. The main aim of celebrating the day is to achieve better socio-economic conditions for today's youth by addressing challenges of unemployment and underemployment as well as celebrating the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.

Young people make up around one-quarter of the global workforce and the skills they need should take top priority. Thus, the World Youth Skills Day is an opportunity for young people, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions, and public and private sector stakeholders to acknowledge the importance of youth skills not only for young people but also for the entire society.

## Questions for Discussion

✓ What are your strengths?  
What are you good at?

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✓ What does it mean to have a skill? How can you develop skills?

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## Meet Today's Global Citizen



Param Jaggi

Param Jaggi is the co-founder and CEO of Hatch Technologies. Before Hatch, he launched Ecoviate at the age of 17, a research and development company that uses technology to solve energy and environmental problems.

He is known for building Algae Mobile, a device that converts carbon dioxide emitted from a car into oxygen. Since the age of 13, he has innovated bio-fuel preparation and designed highly effective bioreactors. He was named to the Forbes' '30 under 30' list in 2012 and 2013 for his work in sustainable technologies. He believes that his mission is to build impactful technologies and empower others to do the same.