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Punjab village fights drug addiction with youth power

Bhai Desa in Mansa district promotes community service

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Youth of Mansa district in Punjab have opened a new front in the battle against drug addiction. They run many campaigns against use of plastics, deforestation and drugs.

About 10 km from the headquarters, in Bhai Desa village (population 1,700), there is a positive vibe in the locality, with the walls filled with positive messages — the work of youth volunteers.

Anti-plastic drive

The members of Naujawaan Ekta Club, mostly youngsters led by Majorjeet Singh, a grocery shop owner, push the people against plastic-bags usage. The club bagged the top award at the district level for community work on Republic Day.

It is a positive turnaround in the ideology of a village where people are relatively less educated, and even more encouraging that youth are playing an active role.

We should recognize that women, children and elders of the village turned up and contributed money, for cleaning the village and also painting the walls and other buildings with messages against the use of plastics, drugs etc.

Over 5,000 trees were planted to boost the greenery of the place. We should also appreciate their concern to spread awareness of health through morning and evening walks.

These encouraging signs that youth, who are most vulnerable group for drug addiction, are campaigning against it, and I really appreciate their efforts towards saving their village (The motto: 'mera pind-mera maan' (my village, my pride)).

This change has started from the right place, the village, where our culture is concentrated. And I hope it soon spreads out to other places in the state, inspiring the country.