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UN International Youth Day

A Youth Cherished Dream

Fascinated by the landscape of the Himalayas, its mountains and rivers, valleys and forests, **Bhawna Bhaurya** took up Geography as her main subject in her Bachelor of Arts course at the [Himalayan Education Foundation \(HEF\)](#) when her family moved from the quaint village of Reema in Kumaon region of Uttarakhand to Chaukori. Through the HEF scholarship Program, Bhawna joined the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in Nainital, aspiring to join the National Defence Academy. Joining the National Defence Academy was her much cherished dream and she truly values the opportunity that has been given to her to be part of such a prestigious program. As the eldest sibling, Bhawna balances her studies with interests in swimming and reading, especially enjoying "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho.

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village lacks quality schools. So kids and their families move to other areas for better educational facilities”, Bhawna laments, Reflecting on her education journey, Bhawna appreciates her time at Himalayan Inter College and encourages current students to excel academically and engage in extracurricular activities. She advocates for better educational facilities in villages to prevent migration and enhance local opportunities.

On [United Nations International Youth Day](#), IDS is proud to have supported HEF who have made many such dreams come true for the youths of Himalayan Region as they continue to contribute to the economic development of their local region. You can read many such youth stories at the [HEF Blog](#).

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