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Enjoy some clubbing on your own time

Here's a club for those between jobs and trying to re-interpret their social standing

Vaishali Chandra. Bangalore



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Do you have plenty of time on your hands and the energy to engage in an interesting activity? Join the club. Prayas Abhinav, 27, has one – YourTime club – just for those who have lost their jobs or are between jobs and have ample time to spend.

"Talk about land and one thinks of it as a commodity. Lots of it is being left unused due to lack of funds in the current economic slump. It is similar to being unemployed," says Abhinav. As part of a project, he is mapping this resource as well as the 'human resource'. He plans to bring people and land together through the club.

Abhinav says he wants laid-off people to think beyond a job. Most often, we are caught in the web of work. We have little time to pursue our dreams. Now we can use that energy, he says. He approaches land in a similar manner. "As I map unused plots, I also try to negotiate with land owners to use these spaces for artistic and cultural pursuits."

During his search, he came across a structure that was meant to be a women's hostel but wasn't completed. On Saturday, members of the club met for the first time at the site to exchange ideas on how the space could be used effectively.

"We are not do-gooders. We may do good as part of the club, but that is not the idea," he says. If good comes out of the projects, that's certainly welcome, he says.

If you have an idea and think this club could help you channelise your thought, visit cityspinning.org.

Currently, the club has three members and Prayas is positive there will be at least 10 for the next meeting to be held sometime next week. "I want to have enough activities to keep the members engaged," he says.

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