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2022



Round Up

(Snippets of activities being conducted amongst projects in May 2022)

Maharashtra State Team

In the month of May, the team started the implementation of Innovation Hub at the district level. Development of specific recommendations for state and district. The district associates participated in the baseline study and visited several district-level stakeholders. The meetings were held with district stakeholders to receive the status of several schemes on the block and district levels. In Nandurbar, a corner meeting was conducted for the youth of Galotha (a village in Akkalkuwa) to map the skills of the village. The team signed an MOU with the district of Nandurbar to establish a District Intervention Hub (DIH). The Maharashtra team also participated in Twitter Spaces to discuss issues in the unorganized sector during the Pandemic. Currently, the team is focused on developing interventions from the baseline study and secondary research.



Deoghar DMFT PMU

Training Programme on Awareness on Menstrual Health and Hygiene

To promote awareness on menstrual health and hygiene the district will be training about 2100 women through CSR funding, 20 Master trainers have been trained on the same in a two-day workshop. DMFT-PMU is coordinating the project implementation

World Menstruation day Celebration

The district celebrated menstrual hygiene day in all the Tejaswini Clubs where activities like Poster designing/poem writing/rangoli making etc were conducted. A short movie on menstruation was shown to girls and a challenge was given to talk to one person in the family to whom they have never talked on the topic. Nukkad Natak was performed at 3 important public places in the district to promote awareness on the topic. DMFT-PMU team coordinated with all the stakeholders and civil society organizations to conduct the whole event in the district.



Jharkhand-RESET Project



May month was a force to be reckoned with, where the release of Panchayat season 2 coincided with Jharkhand's four-phased Panchayat elections. Our associates have been assisting the district administrations throughout the process, learning profoundly about local governance.

1. Solar Based Irrigation: To strengthen the monitoring process of the beneficiary tracking of the PM KUSUM scheme, our associate at Jamtara has been facilitating information regarding GPS Map Camera to Krishi Mitras- who act as a link between the government and the farmers- to smoothen the beneficiary identification process. Beneficiary Identification is ongoing in the districts of Ranchi, Ramgarh, Pakur and Jamtara.

2. Solar High Mast Lights: The installation of 5 solar high mast lights is ongoing in Bokaro and Palamu, further the process of facilitating the installation of 10 solar high mast lights has been initiated across four districts.

Success Stories

(Celebrating milestones achieved by teams in May 2022)

Jharkhand RESET Project

A Deep Look into the Mica Mines of Koderma

Our associate at the Koderma district carried out a consultation along with the grassroots workers and villagers. Koderma is situated in the East Indian Mica belt, infamous for the rampant incidence of child labour. Jhumri Telaiya, of the Prasar Bharti fame, is the largest town in the district, owing its wealth to one and a half centuries of Mica mining, the majority of which is exported out of the country.

The consultation revealed that the people have become well aware of the ills of letting children be associated with artisanal and small-scale mining, affecting their elementary education years. The situation has worsened post-Covid lockdown where people were left with little to no alternatives to get by. People in the area have understood that there is no future in collecting scrap mica and selling it to traders and contractors at throwaway prices (Rs 5-10 per KG) and the mines will run out of mica sooner than later, and that mica mining is harmful to human health. People working in illegal mines run by contractors are further vulnerable to exploitative working hours, with all working in dangerous conditions with a constant threat to their lives. Adults unanimously agreed that going to the mines is not lucrative, however, given the alternative livelihood of agriculture, it is mostly rainfed with the region facing an acute water shortage in summers. In the light of this, developing agriculture and other sustainable alternatives, like value-addition to NTFPs, is the only long term solution to not just child labour, but the general economic vulnerabilities as well

Maharashtra

The Maharashtra state team has successfully signed their first memorandum of understanding with the district collector of Nandurbar. The MOU is to collaborate with the district collector office, CSOs and Swaniti for the District Intervention Group (DIG). Additionally, the team has also started its enumeration process in the district of Nandurbar. The data collected would further support the creation of feasible intervention in the district.

Top Policy Updates of the Month

Mental Health Helpline Number

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal, launched a free mental health helpline run by AXA France Vie's India division and Delhi-based nongovernmental organization (NGO) Manas Foundation. The 24X7 pan India helpline will provide mental health support and consultations from counselors and psychologists

G-7 is likely to increase pressure on India to reverse wheat export ban

India to participate in a high-level ministerial meeting on global food security Members of the G-7 countries are expected to appeal to India to reverse the ban on wheat exports during the upcoming G-7 summit (June 26-28) in Germany which is likely to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Reform in Urban Planning Schemes for states

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (MoHPUA) is in the process of finalizing five urban development schemes for states to bring about a paradigm shift in urban planning as proposed in the Union Budget by Hon'ble Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The urban development reform schemes include modernization of building bye-laws, transit-oriented development (TOD), allowing transferable development rights (TDR), preparation of local area plans and town planning schemes, and creation of sponge cities by integrating blue and green infrastructure.

PLI Scheme for Drones

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has invited applications for the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Drones and Drone Components. This scheme was launched in 2020 as part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Yojana, which is the Government's mission to make India self-reliant in the manufacturing sector. The PLI Scheme for drone manufacturing is just one of the steps that the Government has taken to make India a global drone hub by 2030, which includes liberalization of Drone Rules, publishing a Drone Airspace Map in 2021 which opens up nearly 90% of Indian airspace as a green zone for Drone. The UAS Traffic Management policy framework 2021 has also been implemented along with the Drone Certification Scheme, 2022 and the Drone (Amendment) Rules, 2022, which abolishes the requirement of a drone pilot license for the operation of drones.

Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) complete 7 years of providing social security net

These three social security schemes are dedicated to the welfare of the citizens, recognizing the need for securing human life from unforeseen risks/losses and financial uncertainties. In order to ensure that the people from the unorganized section of the country are financially secure, the Government launched two insurance schemes – Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY); and introduced Atal Pension Yojana (APY) to cover the exigencies in the old age. While the PMJJBY and PMSBY provide access to low-cost life/accidental insurance cover to the people, the APY provides an opportunity for saving in the present for getting a regular pension in old age. At present, the PMJJBY has more than 12.76 crore cumulative enrolments, PMSBY has more than 28.37 crore cumulative enrolments, and APY has over 4 crore subscribers.

Social Media Updates

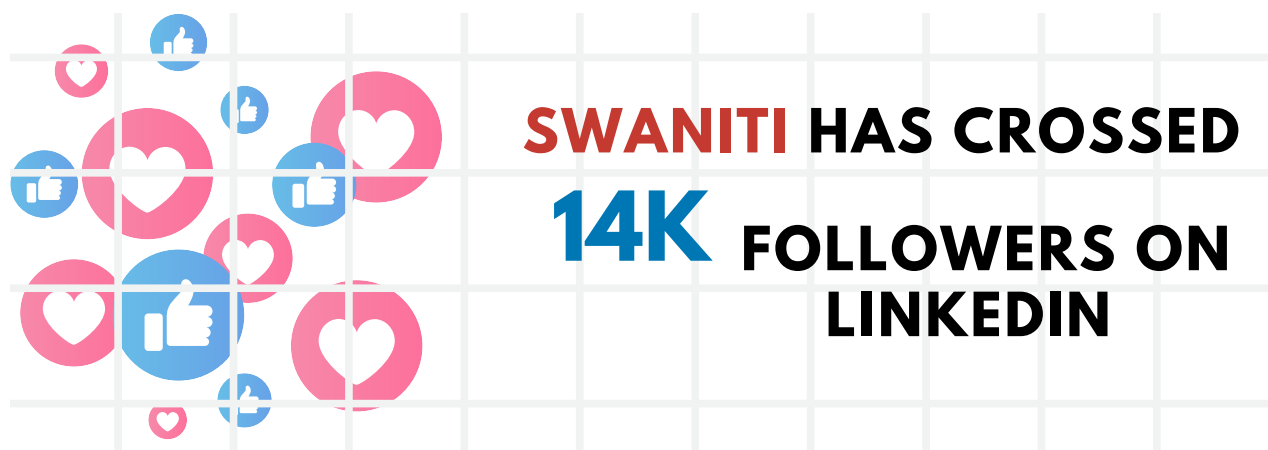


Twitter Space

This month Swaniti Initiative conducted a Twitter Space on the topic "**Pandemic Lessons: Social Protection for Unorganised Migrant Workers**". The session was led by Shruti Vasudevan and Sujay Pan from Maharashtra Team. The session received a good audience. We look forward to hosting more such episodes on the platform for further engagement with the audience and visibility on social media.

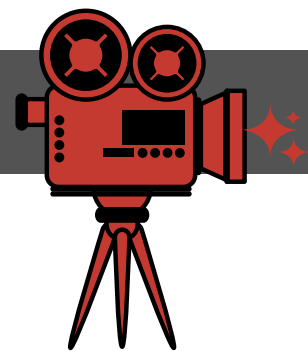


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What are We Watching/Reading

(Lets share our favourite playlists and shows of all times!)



Lincoln Lawyer

Platform: Netflix

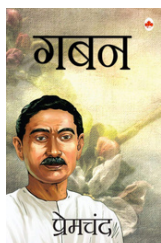
Recommendation by Panchali Banerjee
Project Manager, West Bengal



Breaking Boundaries: The Science of Our Planet

Platform: Amazon Prime

Recommendation by Kissalay Anand
Project Manager



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Author: Munshi Premchand

Recommendation by Amrita Singh
Team Lead, Deoghar



Under the Banner of Heaven

Platform: Disney+ Hotstar

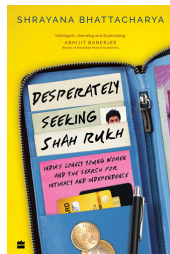
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Vasudevan
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Social Protection Lead



Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh

Author: Shrayana Bhattacharya

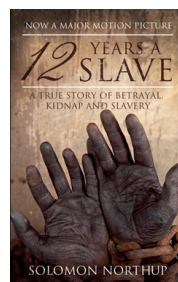
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Senior Analyst, Policy Team



Panchayat

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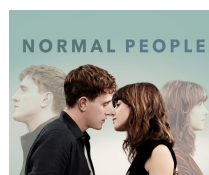
Recommendation by Sujay Pan
Policy and Data Analyst



12 Years a slave

Platform: Amazon Prime

Recommendation by Ather Jamil
Associate, JH-RESET



Normal People

Platform: Lionsgate

Recommendation by Jhanvi
Analyst, Policy Team

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