

# NEWSLETTER

# SWANITI EDGE

## ABOUT SWANITI EDGE

As we approach the end of 2022, Swaniti has several exciting events, research papers, and IMPACT stories to share across different verticals and geographies. The newsletter is aimed at highlighting the achievements of Swaniti team members, and keep everyone connected.

**Swaniti Edge** intends to bring together teams and curate free-flowing discussions to encourage knowledge-sharing, collaboration, and innovation.





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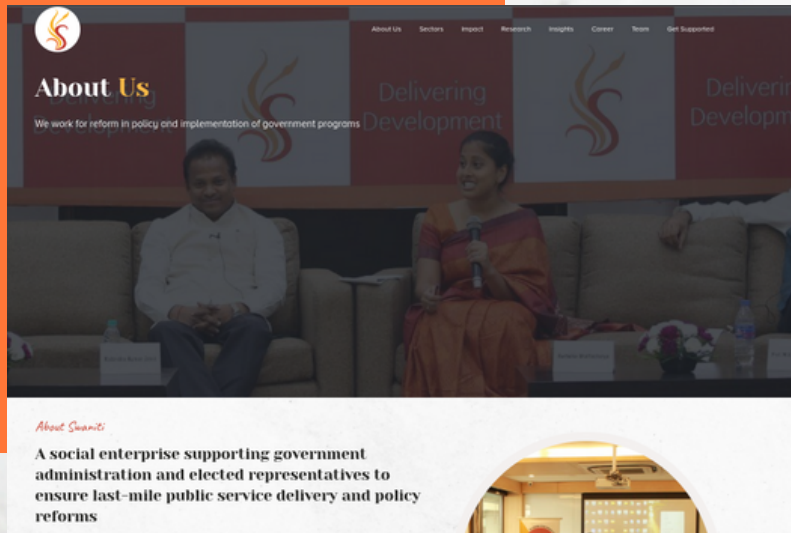




# HIGHLIGHTS @SWANITI



## OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE!

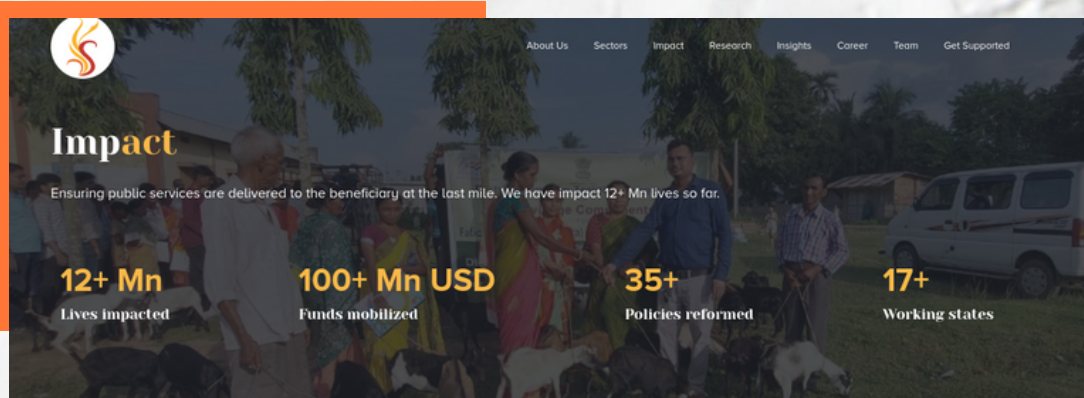


### About us

Our new website is live now! You can find research articles, blogs, and your project/s on the website. Do share this website within your network, and visit your respective vertical. The 5 institutionalized verticals are:

- Climate & Sustainability
- Technology in Governance
- Rural Livelihoods & Governance
- Engagement with Parliamentarians
- Social Protection

## Impact Numbers





# KNOWLEDGE CREATION

Knowledge creation is one of the major paths of growth and we promote the insights and research pieces of our team members. **This is also a way to get featured!**

## 'POWERING IRRIGATION THROUGH SOLAR ENERGY IN JHARKHAND: A CASE STUDY FROM CHATRA'

Submitted for review

Deepshikha (Research team) and Drishya (JH-RESET) wrote a research brief on 'Powering Irrigation through Solar Energy in Jharkhand: A Case Study from Chatra' that has been submitted to IIM Kozikode Society and Management Review Journal for publication.

This paper aims to understand the circumstances which led to the amplified implementation of the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM)** scheme in Jharkhand's Chatra district. It traces the trajectory of events in Chatra and highlights a particular organizational approach employed by a third-party presence on-ground, which was able to **streamline and operationalize** the PM-KUSUM scheme in the district with considerable success. Furthermore, the paper isolates certain characteristics of the approach and **formulates a model for the efficient implementation** of government policy in a specific context.

## 'ARTIFICIAL RECHARGE ENDEAVOURS IN INDIA: A REVIEW'

Published

The Jharkhand RESET team is proud of Rahul, our Green Associate from Sahibganj, for his review paper that was published in the Water Security Journal. Rahul's learnings from the field inform theories that have been translated onto this paper.

*The paper reviews artificial recharge endeavors including the construction of Rain Water Harvesting through several government schemes. The review focuses on the pre and post-construction framework of the scheme including site selection, post-impact assessment, and the quality of water at the source. The paper also evaluates the impact of such measures on the community and the possibility of a conflict between upstream and downstream users.*

**RESEARCH PAPER**





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SWANITI BLOG

## **Social Stock Exchange**

A blog article '**Social Stock Exchange**' authored by Deepshikha was also published on Swaniti's website.

*The article is about the why, what, and how of 'Social Stock Exchange' in India. It builds on the proposed idea tabled by the Finance Minister during the budget speech in 21-22. You must read the article If you want to know how the concept of SSE can be implemented in the Indian context to direct more resources (capital & financial) towards organizations including NPOs and for-profit enterprises. It is a great read!*

**ARTICLE**



# RESEARCH@SWANITI



## Research

Swaniti's research team focuses on three primary components: Research, Partnerships, and M&E.

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## M & E

Monitoring & Evaluation constitutes a critical component of each project, as it focuses on understanding the **outcomes & impact** of a project. The predominant objective of the team is to understand the changes brought forth by projects, **create systems to improvise** on existing projects through tools, and **integrate innovation** in research projects at Swaniti.



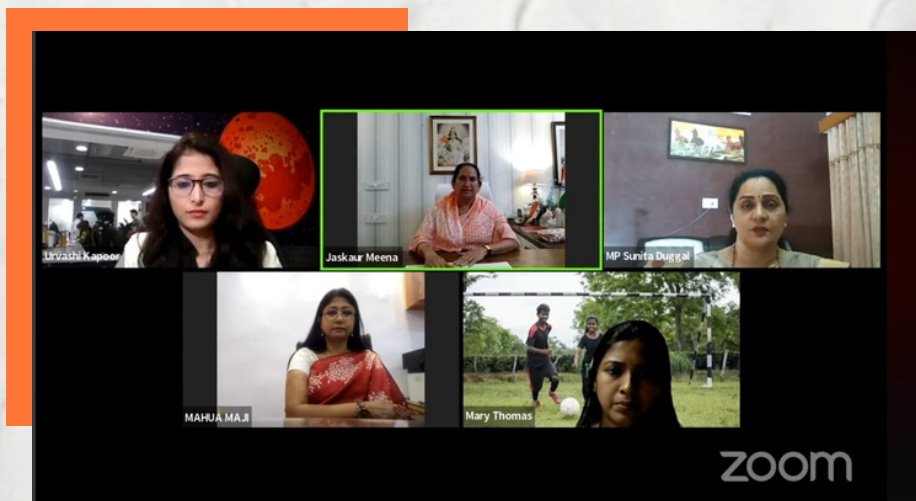
## Partnership

The team is involved in **proposal writing** and presentation designing for Swaniti's technical programs across India. Their work in the last month involved proposal writing for several organizations including **GiZ Ignite, SELCO, LinkedIn, and Amazon**. **Climate Mitigation Project** was one of the critical tasks that the team undertook for funding.



## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

On the occasion of the 10th International Day of the Girl Child, Swaniti took an initiative to engage with government officials, policymakers, and stakeholders in a virtual panel discussion. The esteemed panel included Hon'ble MP Smt. Jaskaur Meena, Dausa (Rajasthan), BJP, Hon'ble MP Smt. Sunita Duggal, Sirsa, (Haryana), BJP, and Hon'ble MP Dr. Mahua Maji Jharkhand (Rajya Sabha), JMM. The discussion was organized by Parliamentarian's Group for Children on 11th October 2022 to outline the inequalities and biases that girl children encounter, and understand policy-oriented solutions around these challenges. This interaction was hosted by Dainik Jagran and focused on the challenges and opportunities pertaining to girl children in India





# TRAINING @ DMFT- PMU

DEOGARH

DMFT- PMU conducted a one-day **training on District Mineral Foundation (DMF)** which included an orientation about DMFT's projects, mandate, and work. The training was primarily targeted to the block-level officials who are essential to the functioning of DMF. Several prominent officials participated in the training including the Mining Officer and Sarpanch among other panchayat members.

The primary objective of the training was to focus on **what, why, and how of the District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT)** including some relevant schemes like Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana Scheme (PMKKKY). The expected outcomes from the training were to build the capacity and knowledge of the officials at the block level who could enable implementation, decision-making, and planning in the District Mineral Foundation.





# TRAINING @ DMFT- PMU

GODDA

God-da team conducted capacity building training program for members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions on **District Mineral Foundation Trust**. The primary objective was to enable the members to identify critical gaps in service delivery in their villages, and the schemes and projects required to fill those gaps. Several members including but not limited to Sarpanch (Panchayat Head), Pradhan, Secretary, and ward members participated in the training program.

The training was provided in each of the 9 blocks of the God-da district where BDOs and COs were involved in the organization of the training program. The stakeholders were specifically introduced to the **why, what & how of DMFT**, to gain a nuanced understanding of the mandate of DMFT in their respective block.





# JH-RESET @SWANITI

“ This fall, JH-RESET had a **great rise**. We witnessed the implementation of clean assets which **lit up many homes this Diwali** in a clean and green way.

## Rural Electrification

Diwali came earlier for the JH-RESET team as the project electrified **2500** new households. A total of **51** villages have been electrified out of **350** villages that were hitherto identified as unelectrified. The Green Associates have played an instrumental role in this project through their effective coordination for faster deployment of off-grid solutions sourced from renewable energy.

## Solar Irrigation

De-dieselize the farm sector: More than **1000 standalone solar pumps** installed for the farmers

The installation is a consequence of Green Associates who have strengthened the implementation process of the PM-KUSUM scheme by decentralizing it across 12 districts.





## GLIMPSES FROM THE FIELD



Our Green Associate, **Ather**, had supported the district administration of Pakur in organizing a workshop for the farmers to better understand the work plan of **Chas-Hat Farmer Producers Company**, which was graced with the presence of **senior officials** from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**) and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (**KVK**)

## FEATURING

In a short span, our Green Associate, **Amitesh**, has played an instrumental role in **fast-tracking the process of repair and maintenance** of the existing **solar rooftop installations** which faced a two-year lag earlier. The installation of new systems with a cumulative capacity of **305 KWh across 12 public buildings has expedited service delivery**. The initiative has been recognized and appreciated by the Deputy Commissioner of Giridih on Twitter:





# MAHARASHTRA @SWANITI

*The Maharashtra team works in health, skill development, work-safety, and enabling social entitlements for the vulnerable populations. The month of October was bustling with activity for the team.*

## Eye check up & Health camp

**91** community members were diagnosed in an eye-camp that was organized by the project team in collaboration with Deen Dayal Upadhyay team at Siddeshwar Basti, Nagpur. A health camp was also conducted at Pune for the construction workers and their families, wherein **45** children and **60** workers got themselves tested.

## Ration Card Camp

A ration camp was held in Nandurbar at Navapar . The camp was pertinent for the migrant population in the region that had settled in the district 10 years ago. The team is conducting surveys to understand the impact of e-shram registration in the districts of Pune, an initiative of the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

## CSO Roundtable

The team conducted a Civil Society Organization Roundtable wherein several prominent organizations including UNICEF, Dasra , and Tata Trusts were invited. The discussion revolved around social entitlements, access to schemes across genders, and other pertinent themes around social protection.



## GLIMPSES FROM THE FIELD



Ration Card Camp



Health Camp at Pune



Eye camp at Nagpur