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UMA BHATTACHARYA

Trustee, Swaniti Initiative

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Congratulations to each team member at Swaniti on the completion of the 10 years of our existence. The strides we have taken in this one decade have been tremendous. We took projects which required a very high level of expertise, executed them in a time bound manner, and operated with several stakeholders who are levers of policy making and administration in the country. The year 2022 has been special in multiple ways. Along with completing 10 years, it has also been a year of expansion and growth. In the year 2022, Swaniti has been able to roll out large scale projects with several state governments and also institutionalized the Jaano app as the flagship gov-tech tool. The organization has gone through major restructuring for increasing the efficiency of operations and further reforms are underway. With the effort of all team members, we have been able to create significant impact in various states and the journey has been intensified further. With all positivity, cooperation, discipline and competent strategy, we hope to create a larger impact in the coming years. I wish you all the best!

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Message from the CEO



RWITWIKHA BHATTACHARYA

Chief Executive Officer, Swaniti Initiative

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2022 marked a very special year for Swaniti. We completed 10 years of our journey to strengthen public service delivery! In 2012 we started with the seemingly simple premise of strengthening local-level machinery. We placed Associates at a constituency level and intended for them to work with the local administration to ensure last-mile program delivery. The seemingly simple program design revealed a number of complex issues. The least of which included addressing the lack of personnel within communities, systemic issues of program service delivery to all communities, and lack of data to affect decision-making. Noticing those systems issues, we decided to expand our work within communities to include working with state administrations. Today Swaniti is present across 12 states and is actively working with the local and district administration! Each day, we have learned something new and challenging that has expanded our thinking. The last 10 years have been a journey in recognizing how complex our governance systems can become.

Our journey has also been marked by the incredible people that we have come across. I cannot emphasize enough how a community of supporters, well-wishers, and team members has marked the transformational growth of this organization. Whether it is donors who have worked with us to experiment and push different ideas or team members who continue to amaze me with their endless dedication and commitment of our mentors and advisors to help us think through various programs and opportunities, Swaniti has been blessed to be working with folks without whom none of this would have been possible. We started ten years ago with three Fellows who committed three months to work with MPs. Today we are over 150 strong across the country and are continuing to grow... An institution is nothing without the people who support it from within and without, and Swaniti is no exception. The last 10 years have been a journey of building allies who share a passion and commitment to strengthening governance and I remain inspired by those who I have had the pleasure to work with...

Finally, the last ten years have also marked me with the limitless possibilities of the next ten years. We have only scratched the surface for a lot of our work, particularly in climate change. And we are now starting to take note of the levers that can bring transformational change at scale. With this in mind, we are excited about the prospect of what the future holds. The last ten years are about what the next ten years hold for us.

For now, I am excited to share with you our annual report!

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Message from the COO



GAURAV BHATTACHARYA
Chief Operating Officer, Swaniti Initiative

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Swaniti Initiative is at a glorious phase of the Indian development story, where new-age technology is collaborating with grassroots innovations to bring a better change in society. Swaniti as an organization is at the crossroads of this new India, where we are contributing as a technical partner for end-service delivery effectively while keeping the socio-cultural morale of our majestic democracy at large. Being a mission-driven firm, we value building better systems and processes to support all our developmental partners, ranging from state and central government machinery to our policymakers and empowered citizens widely. While we continue to create effective program strategies and support roadmaps on behalf of our partners, most importantly we strive to keep our vision and values intact. As we complete a decade of our developmental work, I would urge all of you to continue to put the welfare of our communities before us through the pathway of progress and growth.

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Message from the CPO



ANKIT RAJ

Chief People Officer, Swaniti Initiative

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2022 has been a year of reforms, reinvention, and rejuvenation. As an organization, Swaniti Initiative kept intact its growth in terms of projects, team size, and presence. The major expansion has taken place in the northeast region. To enhance the employee experience, increase productivity, maintain predictability and ensure a conducive environment for individual growth, the organization has reformed itself majorly in terms of structure, functions, and processes. As we are headed towards being a 200+ employees organization in 2023, to facilitate decision-making in a more evidence-based way, you may see the integration of technological tools wherever possible. This is commensurate with the projects where our gov-tech tools are getting integrated by design itself. The Peoples' Team at Swaniti is dedicated to ensuring that the experience of all interested stakeholders, employee facilities, and the brand value gets better and culminates into the strategic growth which strengthens our position in the nation - building movement. This will enable us to get opportunities to impact more lives. We certainly believe that an organization grows with the growth of its people and hope to enhance systems that can facilitate more professional growth for each of you in 2023!

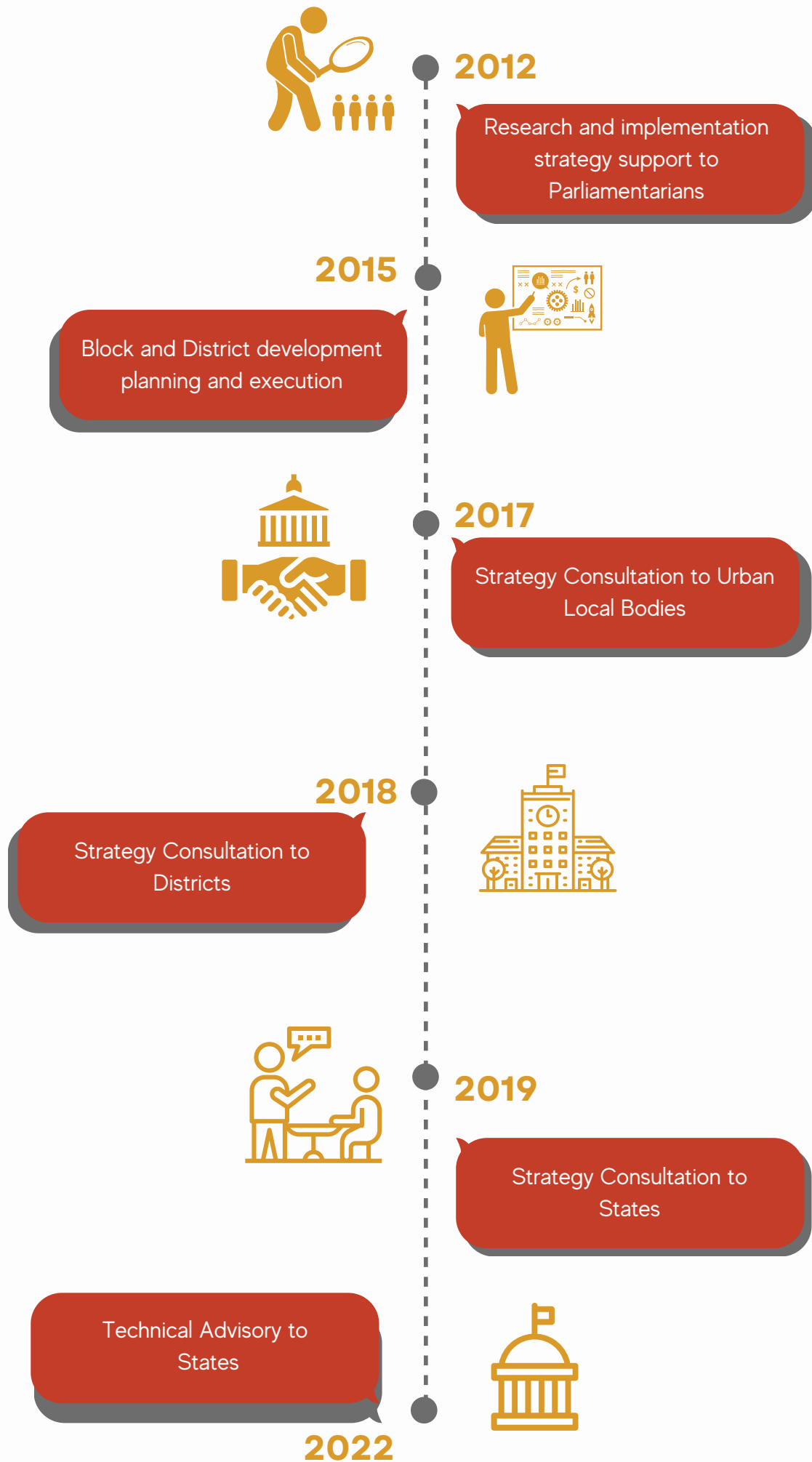
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Swaniti's Story

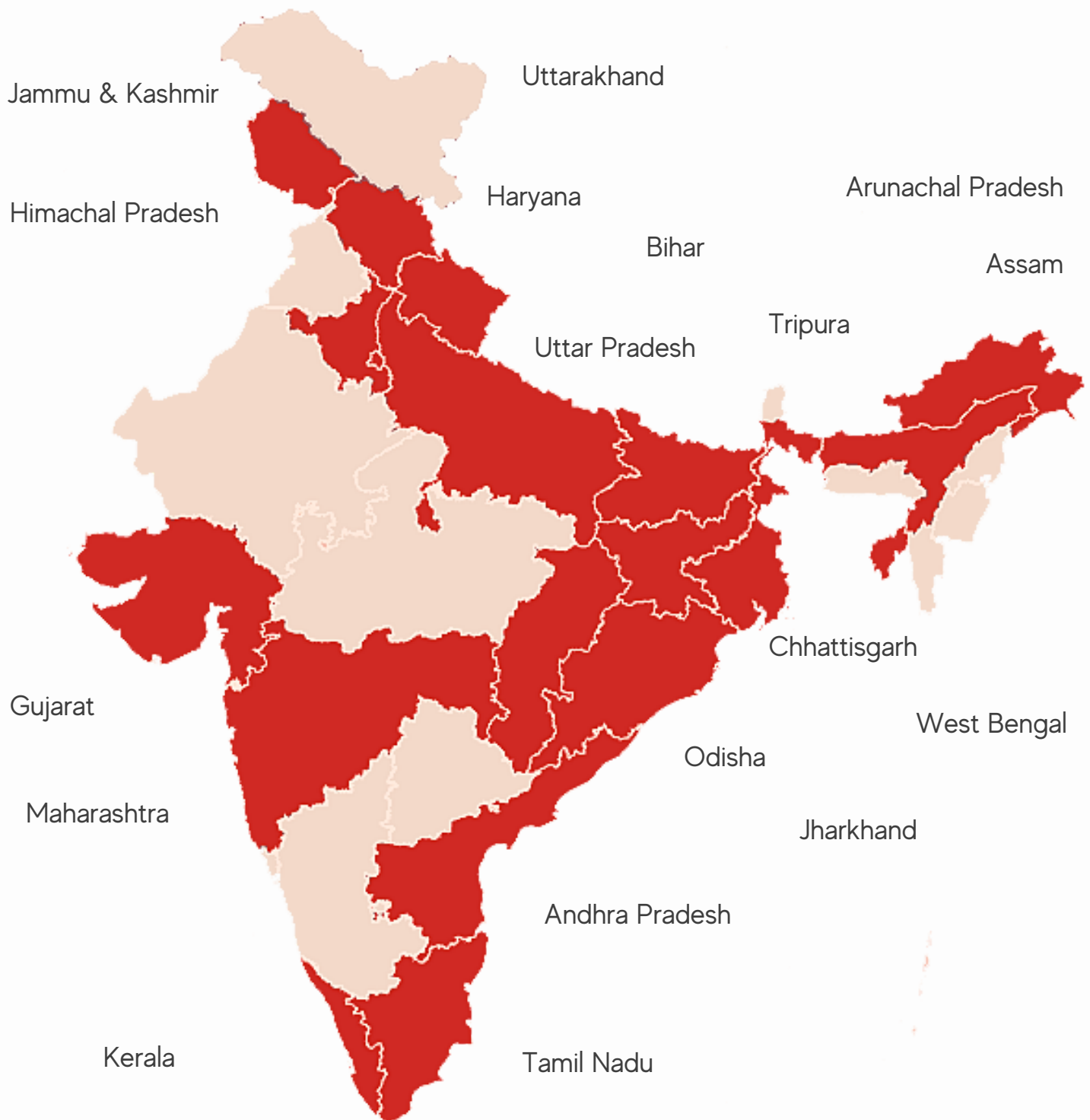


Journey so far...



Presence

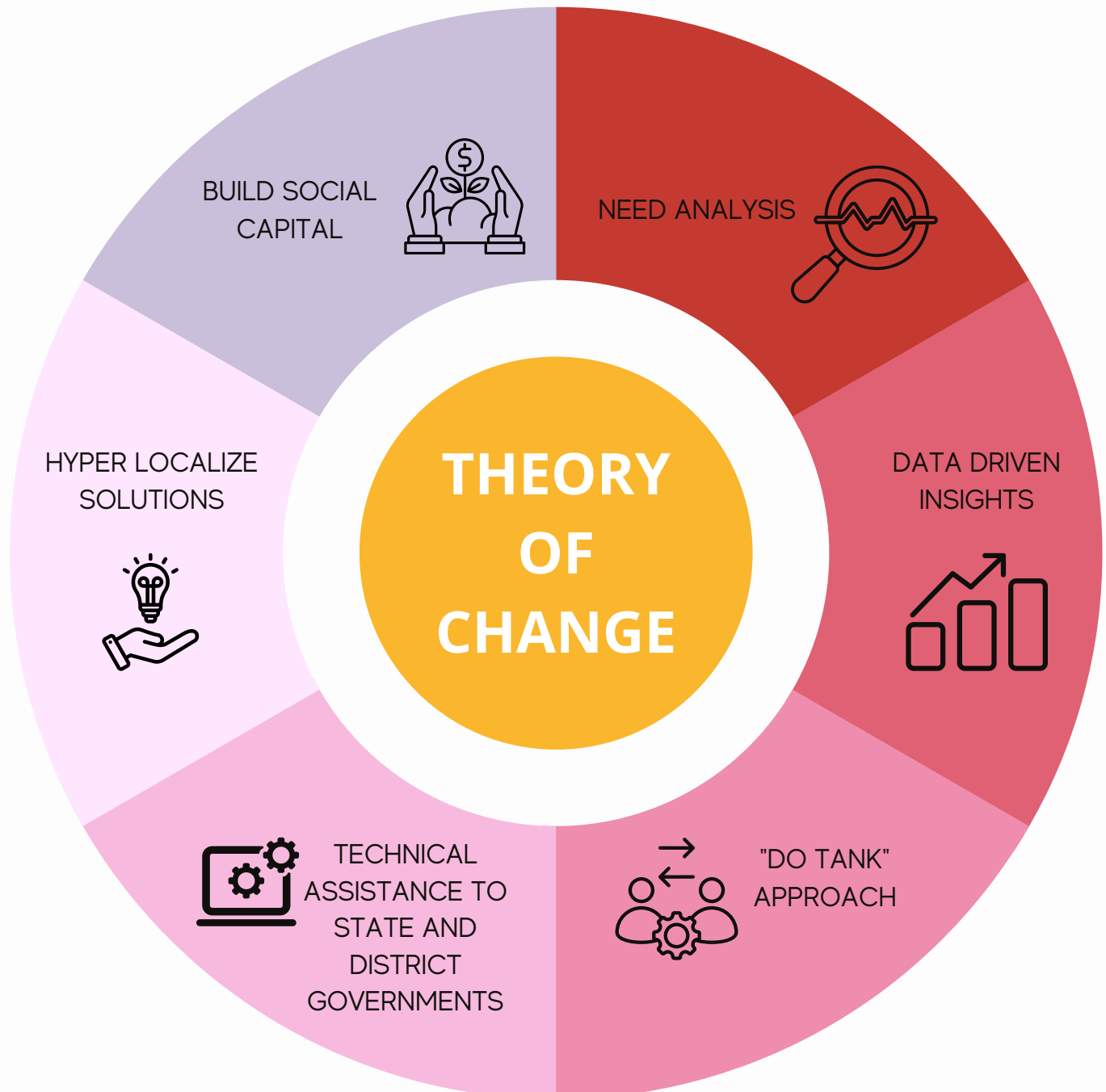
Swaniti is a decade-old organization working in the space of policy-making and public service delivery. Our projects have been focused on supporting the government administration in strategizing schemes implementation, providing research support to Hon'ble Members of Parliament, and developing data-technology tools.



Working in 17+ States in India

Mission

We believe that if government programs are inclusive and accessible, the poorest can be lifted out of poverty. We are working with several state governments, Hon'ble Members of Parliament, and multilateral organizations to strengthen the policy-making processes and institutionalize better strategies for the implementation of schemes. So far, we have been able to mobilize 100+ million USD unutilized government funds, reformed 35+ core policies of the government, and impacted 12+ million lives.



Ensure delivery of public service programs to the last mile



CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY

Jharkhand

The provision of secure, affordable, and sustainable energy is still one of the major challenges for the state of Jharkhand. Jharkhand State Roadmap for Ecological and Sustainable Energy Transformation (JH-RESET) Project, led by Swaniti, is facilitating large-scale energy transition through policy interventions at the state level and implementation of initiatives at the ground with the support of state and district administration. Through the JH-RESET Programme, we aim to introduce power generation models of renewable energy that are decentralized in their operation. The team has been supporting district administrations in research and implementation in the domains of energy access, livelihood generation, and delivery of public services by building an ecosystem of green and sustainable solutions

A total of 31 MWp has been sanctioned across 12 districts in Jharkhand state under the JH-RESET programme, out of which more than 7.5 MWp, has been installed. The specific interventions across which the Green Associates have supported in fast-tracking the implementation processes are as follows:

- 1. Solar pumps to enable sustainable agricultural practices- more than 1500 pumps have been installed with the support of the JH-RESET programme.
- 2. More than 1460 solar lights including High Mast, Mid Mast, and Street lights have been installed.
- 3. More than 415 villages have been identified as unelectrified with the support of the Green Associates of which more than 75 villages have been electrified.
- 4. A total capacity of 13+ MWp has been sanctioned for the rooftop solar to be installed on public infrastructure, including education, administrative and health assets; out of which 3.3+ MWp has been installed.

The project is being implemented in the mining-affected districts of Jharkhand Bokaro,, Dhanbad, Koderma, Godda, Pakur, Palamu, Ranchi, Sahibganj, West Singhbhum, Ramgarh and Jamtara, and Giridih.

Outputs & Outcomes

908.9 Mn

**Unutilized funds
sanctioned**



44000+

**Direct beneficiaries
impacted**



Chhattisgarh Green Council

The Chhattisgarh Government launched the Green Council under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble CM with an aim to generate sustainable livelihood in the state. As a Technical Advisor to the Government, the focus in the state of Chhattisgarh is to help increase farmers' income, strengthen medium and small-scale enterprises (MSMEs), promote non-polluting sources of energy, generate jobs that support a green economy and build sustainable and inclusive development plans at the district level. The objective of the project is to increase the inflow of investments into the state, strengthening market linkages and generating livelihood opportunities across the Minor Forest Produce (MFP), agriculture, renewable energy, handicraft, handloom, sericulture, and eco-tourism sectors. This is being done by leveraging existing resources, creating new avenues and by branding Chhattisgarh's indigenous products. The macro goals of the project are

- Developing sustainable economic opportunities focused on empowering marginalized communities and ensuring inclusive growth
- Harnessing new technologies, models, and programs for green and sustainable livelihoods and in the process ensuring reduced carbon emissions
- Bringing in external partners and investors for generating green and sustainable livelihoods in the state and creating an economic alternative to the fossil fuel industry
- Developing Chhattisgarh as a green leader to set the path for other states and nations to follow.

Outputs & Outcomes

10+mn

**Unutilized funds
sanctioned**



100 K

**Direct beneficiaries
impacted**



Himachal Pradesh

Promoting Green Recovery for Jobs, Income and Sustainable Growth In Himachal Pradesh

The economy of Himachal Pradesh witnessed an estimated drop of per capita income by 3.7% and a negative growth rate of 6.2% in 2021 due to Covid-19. There was an influx of migrants returning to Himachal, leading to rising demand for jobs as well as goods & services. To address the issue, Swaniti Initiative proposed a model “Green District” in Hamirpur that demonstrates green recovery through job creation and focuses on inclusive economic growth, climate-resilient development, sustainable land use, and poverty eradication program.

Under this project, our interventions focus on three key sectors:

i) Agriculture and Allied Activities: The programme supports small farmers and agro-entrepreneurs by helping them to increase the productivity, quality, and market access of selected commodities, thereby improving the adaptive capacity of rural communities to climate change through enhancing climate resilient agriculture in targeted villages of Hamirpur.

ii) Waste Management: Swaniti aims to create a conducive environment of microenterprise creation in the recycling of waste and promoting the waste to wealth concept in the district in addition to creating opportunities to kick-start micro-enterprises in recycling.

iii) Ecotourism Development: Swaniti aims to demonstrate villages as prototypes of sustainable development based on environmentally responsible individual and collective action through judicious use of natural resources, reduction of ecological footprint and provision of livelihood opportunities.

Outputs & Outcomes



10 K

Lives impacted



4

Projects Executed



Sustainable solutions for communities



SOCIAL PROTECTION

Strengthening Social Protection Among Unorganised Labourers in Maharashtra

Maharashtra is a destination state for millions of unskilled laborers. Our project focuses on supporting the state to build institutional mechanisms and provisions to ensure that vulnerable citizens in both organized and unorganized sectors are covered with the social protection initiatives of the state and the union government. Swaniti Initiative seeks to work with the Government of Maharashtra in ensuring better social protection for informal labourers and migrant workers in the state. We aim to support the state government in strengthening systems and programmes to ensure an inclusive and sustainable policy framework and last-mile public service delivery for the group. .

The core aims of the project are:

- 1. Identify gaps and challenges in the existing social protection measures and support the government in strengthening entitlement delivery and policy enforcement.
- 2. Develop actionable recommendations in the form of operational guidelines and an implementation plan for the government.
- 3. Support the government machinery to pilot-test the proposed interventions, build government capacity, track progress, and evaluate the programme efficacy.

Outputs & Outcomes



4

Health camps &
awareness camps



250 K

Lives impacted



50K+

Funds Mobilized

West Bengal

Strengthening Access to Social Protection and Welfare of Tea Garden Workers in West Bengal

The tea plantation industry is the largest employer in the formal private sector in West Bengal with more than 4.5 lakh workers. Swaniti Initiative has been working in 15 selected tea gardens in West Bengal to strengthen tea garden workers' awareness, access, and inclusion in social protection schemes. With the aim of identifying bottlenecks related to government schemes, and assessing their inclusive impacts, the team conducted ground research in the tea gardens. This was accompanied by a comprehensive scoping exercise, Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), and detailed structured interviews with the stakeholders. The study identified three major issues with respect to the state schemes, which include a lack of awareness about the scheme and its processes, documentation gaps, and an unresponsive grievance redressal mechanism.

These issues were recognized with the help of Soochnapreneurs (Information Entrepreneurs). Swaniti along with Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) identified 16 women who were volunteers situated in the tea gardens, and have had exposure to conducting field-level surveys. In the next phases of the program, the team collaborated with the Department of Posts - West Bengal to organize Aadhar Card Correction camps in each of the gardens. Grievance redressal centers will be set up in each of the gardens with the help of Soochnapreneurs to provide a one-stop solution to tea garden workers for their problems related to government schemes.

Outputs & Outcomes



50K

**Unutilized funds
sanctioned**



02 K

**Direct beneficiaries
impacted**



»»» Soochnapreneurs conducting a public survey in West Bengal



»»» Swaniti conducting health camps and free health checkup at construction sites in Pune

Engagement with Parliamentarians



Engagement with Parliamentarians

This year the Policy Engagement vertical registered tremendous growth in terms of its reach and impact. We observed an astounding number of Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) consistently engaging with Swaniti Initiative on a variety of issues ranging from Air Pollution to Child Rights. With an outstanding performance in its traditional domains of; research, expert briefings, sectoral policy insights, and legislative support, it also ventured into the territory of field interventions wherein 25 Associates are being mentored by Hon'ble Parliamentarians. Further, activities like a study tour of Hon'ble MPs were also facilitated by this vertical during the winter session. A critical milestone was achieved by establishing two high-worth platforms namely; the Women Parliamentarians' Forum and Tech for Good with the generous support of Hon'ble Parliamentarians.

The vertical also spearheaded the diligent discharge of its Secretarial duties towards the Parliamentarians' Group for Children (PGC) and the Parliamentarians' Group for Clean Air (PGCA). There were numerous instances where both groups attracted attention from fellow Hon'ble Parliamentarians as they drove solution-oriented activities such as the compilation of Best Practices for Child Rights and the drafting of a Compendium on Air Pollution.

*Support
to MPs*

Budget Session

Monsoon Session

Winter Session

Research

45

29

70

Parliamentary
Procedures

363

340

411

No. of MPs
engaged

47

64

45

Roundtables

Sessions

No. of RTCs

MPs attended RTCs

Budget Session

4

57

Monsoon Session

5

79

Winter Session

3

83

The vertical has consistently set up new benchmarks to improve and innovate its performance. Responding to the latest policy discourse, the vertical added new domains like technology, environment and gender equity under its fold. It aims to further deepen and diversify its engagement with Hon'ble MPs in the year 2023.





Moderated Panel Discussion on Digitalization to enhance Public Service Delivery efficiency by Rwitwika Bhattacharya, CEO, with Hon'ble MPs Shri Manish Tewari and Shri Jayant Sinha.



Swaniti Initiative partnered with Observer Research Foundation to host a panel discussion titled "A Billion Voices: A Conversation with Parliamentarians on Technology, Society, and Inclusion" with Hon'ble MPs Shri P.V. Midhun Reddy, Dr Fauzia Khan, Dr Sasmit Patra and Dr Mahua Majhi who participated in the discussion



Women Parliamentarians' Forum meeting on December 2022 with expert speakers on the emerging avenues of amalgamation of 'Technology & Finance'

RURAL LIVELIHOOD & GOVERNANCE



Andhra Pradesh Social Development Project

The impact of climate change is felt most severely by the poorest communities, those who are living in India's tribal areas and have limited options for livelihood and a higher dependence on natural resources. The Andhra Pradesh Social Development project is aimed at improving the inclusion and access of the most vulnerable in government programs through core schemes: MGNREGA, Rythu Bharosa, IWMP, Unnati, Rurban, PMAY, PDS etcetera. Till now, the team has carried out detailed studies on paddy procurement and rice distribution covering 9 districts and interacted with more than 600 beneficiaries.

Paddy Procurement

The study on paddy procurement involves identifying the ground-level issues of the policy implementation by interacting with Village Agriculture Assistants (VAA), PPC staff, Farmers and Mill owners by visiting RBK's and farm fields. Our on-ground research, streamlining of policy designs, and interventions emphasize bottom-up planning systems across departments. The team proposed various interventions addressing the issues however, the one-stop procurement center is a physical as well as a policy-level instrument that will address significant issues in one place. A one-stop procurement center is a platform where it addresses multiple challenges related to moisture level, provision of drying platforms, millers' objections to the paddy quality and dependence on the middlemen.

The outcomes of the OPC are

- Adherence to the FAQ norms.
- Providing all the services at a single point.
- Eliminating middlemen and end to miller & farmer connection.
- Beneficiary (farmer) satisfaction concerning payments, FAQ parameters and hassles trade.
- Entrusting confidence among farmers in the procurement process.
- Addressing the drying platform issue.

Public Distribution System (PDS)

The study on rice distribution is done to evaluate the issues related to access, utilization, and perception of PDS among beneficiaries, and the operation of MDUs. The team has interacted with Beneficiaries, Fair Price shop dealers, Mobile Dispensary Units (MDUs), and other stakeholders to understand the challenges faced.

Andhra Pradesh Social Development Project

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Public Distribution System

Outputs & Outcomes

1 Mn



Lives Impacted

120+Mn



Funds Mobilized

IMPACT

APSDP

99.7%

reduction in payment
rejection errors for
MGNREGA

2 Lakh

households provided with
new livelihood
opportunities

7,00,000+

new households tagged
with job cards

100%

women mates deployed
for MGNREGS

314 cr (INR)

mobilized through the
RURBAN Mission

86%

reduction in time taken for
grievance redressal by
deploying Jaano

5,68,625

small and marginal farmers
included in Rythu Bharosa

684,921

farmers added in Crop
insurance

Planning & Monitoring Unit: District Mineral Foundation Trust

Identification of Coal Pits for Fish Cultivation Through Cage Development for Displaced People in Mining Areas

The project aims at promoting community-based organisations at the grassroots level for the fisher community in coal pit areas for fish cultivation employing cage culture. It can be utilized to provide livelihood options for the mining-affected people as well as those who have lost their jobs due to the covid pandemic. The implementation of this project focuses on the development of community-owned and self-managed institutions for providing sustainable livelihood options. The technical part of this project also includes cage development, management and protection, cost-benefit analysis, fish feeding cost along with proper monitoring for better production, demand and supply and value addition. The primary beneficiaries of the project are marginal fish farmers from Ara no-04, Toyara, Pondih Gram Panchayats of Mandu block and Sayal, Saunda Datto, Poda and AK Colliery Gram Panchayats of Patratu in Ramgarh district.

Establish and develop model intensive SNCU (Special Newborn Care Unit) at Sadar Hospital

The Sadar hospital of Ramgarh district functions as one of the crucial treatment centres for the people of this district, especially to people belonging to lower-income groups. However, the hospital lacked adequate neo-natal facilities necessary for addressing issues such as premature babies, prenatal asphyxia, respiratory distress, severe jaundice and other neo-natal infections and diseases. Under this project, the Sadar Hospital was equipped with modern facilities and equipment vital for taking care of high-risk newborns and other complications. Apart from equipment, the logistic supply for advance care was ameliorated along with the provision of doctors' availability 24*7 for better curative, preventive, rehabilitative and palliative care of newborn babies.

Setting up and Operation & Maintenance of Waste Processing Units for Three Years

Maa Chhinnamastike temple at Rajrappa is one of the famous temples in Jharkhand attracting an ample number of tourists all around the year. The prayer offering includes various flowers and leaves which were previously being dumped into the river Bhairavi and Damodar, adjacent to the temple. The floral waste from the temple premises was leading to the pollution of the river. In this project, the floral waste collected from the temples is being transformed into incense sticks and organic gulaal. This start-up is in its early stages of production and not only helping in waste management but also creating jobs for local men and women as displayed. This project has the potential of being an example of converting waste into wealth for other temples in the state.



Floral waste being transformed into incense sticks & organic gulaal by women around the temple at Rajrappa

Planning & Monitoring Unit: District Mineral Foundation Trust

The District Mineral Foundation Trust - Planning & Monitoring Unit (DMFT-PMU) aims to work for the advancement of the district in alignment with the PMKKKY guidelines. The focus of the Godda team is on health, education, skill development, livelihood, drinking water supply, irrigation, infrastructure, and women and child welfare. The team has helped to identify critical gaps across sectors including improving the quality of health services, covid relief work, and working towards providing alternative livelihood opportunities to the communities in the region. In addition to this, the district administration is also working on several physical infrastructure-based projects wherein they are constructing PCC roads, boundary walls, buildings, etc.

Recruitment of Specialist doctors & Paramedical staffs

One of the biggest challenges for rural healthcare is the availability of adequate medical personnel, especially doctors. There is an acute shortage of doctors and specialists in Community Health Centers (CHCs) and district hospitals as well. The team working with the district administration proposed upgradation of the healthcare infrastructure. The district administration recruited specialists and paramedical staff to counter this shortage through DMFT.

Installation of Solar Irrigation Pumps

The tribal-dominated Boarijore area of Godda, Jharkhand, has long been the homeland of primitive tribal communities such as Santhals and Pahariyas. The farmers in the region have been facing challenges in irrigating their land and demanded solar-based technology for irrigation. The team with the district administration facilitated the installation of 15 units of Solar-based micro lift irrigation systems in the villages thereby converting 250 acres of land into an irrigated area.

Setting-up lemongrass distillation plant

Lemongrass is an indigenous commercially high-value aromatic plant. Based on the requirements from the farmers, Swaniti identified the need for a lemongrass distillation plant. The district administration supported the willing farmers for lemongrass plantations in fallow land pieces by providing initial input and labor costs.

Jharkhand

Godda



Specialists and
paramedics appointed
by the district
administration at DMFT

Solar-irrigation pumps
installed by the district
administration to
address the challenges
faced by farmers in
irrigating their land



Outputs & Outcomes

1450



**Projects
Implemented**

1890 Mn



Funds Mobilized

Planning & Monitoring Unit: District Mineral Foundation Trust

The DMFT team is working in Ranchi to identify critical gaps across sectors, and design projects to bridge the gaps. The team identified gaps in health, education, livelihoods, drinking water, and physical infrastructure within the district

Healthcare

Healthcare comes under the high-priority sector of DMFT. Under this sector, schemes like upgradation of health infrastructure at Sadar Hospital and community hospitals, provision of necessary equipment, staffing & provision of ambulance services have been implemented.

Education

The project focussed on enhancing the quality of education by providing solutions like - infrastructure upliftment of the schools, the establishment of libraries and laboratories, and digitization of the education system in remote areas through VR Based learning systems and tablet-based classroom set-up.

Welfare of Women & Children

Welfare of Women and Children also comes under one of the thematic areas that DMFT focuses on. The projects have been executed to enable women and children by providing support to the Anganwadi employees, development of Model Anganwadi Centres, and working on schemes to eradicate the widely prevalent problem of malnutrition.

Skill Development

The project focused on providing sustainable and alternative modes of livelihood through schemes such as Cage Fish Farming, Bee Keeping Facilities, and skill development training among other initiatives.

Outputs & Outcomes

23,500



Lives Impacted

213.5 Mn



Funds Mobilized

Planning & Monitoring Unit: District Mineral Foundation Trust

The DMFT team worked in the district of Chatra to identify critical gaps across sectors, and design projects to bridge the gaps. The team identified gaps in health, education, livelihoods, drinking water, and physical infrastructure within the district.

Health

The team proposed 73 solutions spanning six sectors including tertiary health, primary health, education, environment, livelihood and skill, and physical Infrastructure. Measures were undertaken for tertiary and primary health including the establishment of Operation Theatre (OT), upgradation of Aanganwadis, increasing bedding facility, and construction of a blood bank among other such solutions.

Education

The project focused on enhancing the quality of education being imparted across schools in the district by providing recommendations – providing tablets, development of model schools, solar electrification of schools, and setting up of libraries are some of the recommendations.

Environment

Swaniti focused on providing solutions for enhancing sustainable environment initiatives for the district through eco-tourism, the development of water bodies, the installation of the electric crematorium, and other similar measures.

Livelihoods & Skill Development

The project focused on providing sustainable and alternative modes of livelihoods through high-value agri clusters, beekeeping, nursery network creation, and expansion of RSETI's network amongst villages in the district. Capacity Building workshops were also a significant component of the project wherein the district officials underwent training sessions on understanding the functioning of DMFT, projects, scope, and any additional challenges that they may face in the process.

Outputs & Outcomes

791,434



Lives Impacted

750 Mn



Funds Mobilized

Protecting Children Against Numerous Child Related Hazardous and Health Issues ('PANCHHI)

The District administration of Deogarh started this aspirational project to protect children from all kinds of abuse that arise due to child marriage, child labour, child trafficking, and other related crimes against children. Reforming and re-strengthening Child Protection Committees at all three levels i.e. Village, Block, and District is one of the major components of this project. These committees are formed as per rule 81(2) provided under the guidelines of the Juvenile Justice Act of 2007. These committees have both official and non-official members who meet regularly and bring upfront the issues related to Children.

Deogarh Mart

Deogarh Mart is an initiative to provide state-of-the-art marketplaces that are multi-brand, multi-vendor, and multi-product for the locals of Deogarh and the area around it. It will facilitate an e-commerce marketplace for SHGs, artisans, shops, microenterprise, and businessmen and women located in the district and its surrounding areas. The platform will enhance the value of local products at the national and global levels.

White Button Mushroom farming under KrishakPathshala (ATMA), Department of Agriculture

Women farmers (Primary Stakeholders) are engaged in traditional farming and household chores. As per socioeconomic preconditions and the level of literacy, all three sets of women farmers have different attitudes towards training, labour inputs, and marketing. With the existing occupational profile, these women belong to a low-income group and belong to marginalized or backward social categories. 75 women farmers showed a willingness to participate in the mushroom cultivation training to learn it as an additional source of income. The project aimed to provide detailed training in mushroom cultivation (theory + practical) to 75 women farmers during the first year and increase the number of beneficiaries each year.

Thermocol-free Deoghar

The district of Deoghar shares a long history of promoting and using leaf plates for various purposes. But in the last ten years, disposable plates made of plastic and thermocol have entered the market and replaced the homegrown and homemade sal leaves pattal plates. Thermocol and plastic-made serve-ware pose health risks by releasing toxic chemicals. In Deoghar, serving food on leaf plates is a long-standing tradition of cultural, religious, therapeutic, and socio-economic significance. The leaf plate stitching is a livelihood activity for tribal people in Deoghar. The leaves and leaf plates are used to distribute prasad to devotees in Baba Baidhyanath Dham. They are extensively used for serving food during marriages, religious festivals, and community feasts.



Training with the DMFT team



Planning & Monitoring Unit: District Mineral Foundation Trust

PMU DMFT: Bunk bed installation in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya

A total of 195 bunk beds were installed among six Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in different blocks of Pakur district to provide better infrastructure facilities to girls studying in the school. The objective is to promote girl child education in Pakur. For this, the team prepared the DPR and coordinated with District Education Department.

PMU DMFT: Beautification of JSLPS's Didi Café in collectorate area

Didi café located in the collectorate area completely revamped and equipped with modern facilities like any other restaurant to help promote women entrepreneurs and livelihood opportunities for women.

PMU DMFT: Establishment of Tab Lab in 12 schools of Pakur district

Tab labs have been established in 12 schools in the Pakur district with the aim of making learning more immersive, interesting and effective for children. It will also help schools to focus on innovative pedagogical practices. The tab includes an app that has a complete profile of each student of their respective school with practice sets of subjects like Science, Maths, English, Hindi, etc.

Installation of open air gyms at multiple locations in Pakur

5 out of 8 open-air gyms were installed to date in different urban localities of Pakur district to promote a healthy lifestyle and facilities to everyone free of cost. In this regard, DPR has already been prepared and the work on the project has been initiated.

Outputs & Outcomes

4.8 Mn



Lives Impacted

149 Mn



Funds Mobilized

North-East

Assam

The North-East Entitlements project in Assam is focused on understanding implementational gaps in MGNREGA among the tea garden workers in the Jorhat District in the state of Assam. The project entails the identification of indicators to assess the implementation of MGNREGA including the demand for work and unemployment allowance among other indicators. The outcome of the intervention is to create a culture of bottom-up planning and a government-led technology-focused grievance redressal mechanism.

Arunachal Pradesh

Swaniti's project at Arunachal Pradesh is aimed at fostering a culture of technology and developing a robust feedback system in the governance of schemes and projects. Under this project, the team is following a bottom-up planning approach to assess the current implementation status of two centrally sponsored schemes, the MGNREGA and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), and locate bottlenecks in the delivery of these schemes in Namsai district of Arunachal Pradesh.

Tripura

The Tripura project at Swaniti is a significant step towards countering developmental challenges through bottom-up planning to ensure the inclusion of the most marginalized in government programs. The project is focused on identifying the gaps in the delivery of schemes and providing access to maternity, pension, and scholarship programmes.



**Preliminary surveys,
focussed group
discussions, and
maternity awareness
camps organized**



A black and white photograph showing two women and a young child. The woman on the right is holding a smartphone, and both women are looking at the screen. The child is standing to the left, looking towards the camera. They are standing in front of a light-colored wall with a dark rectangular opening.

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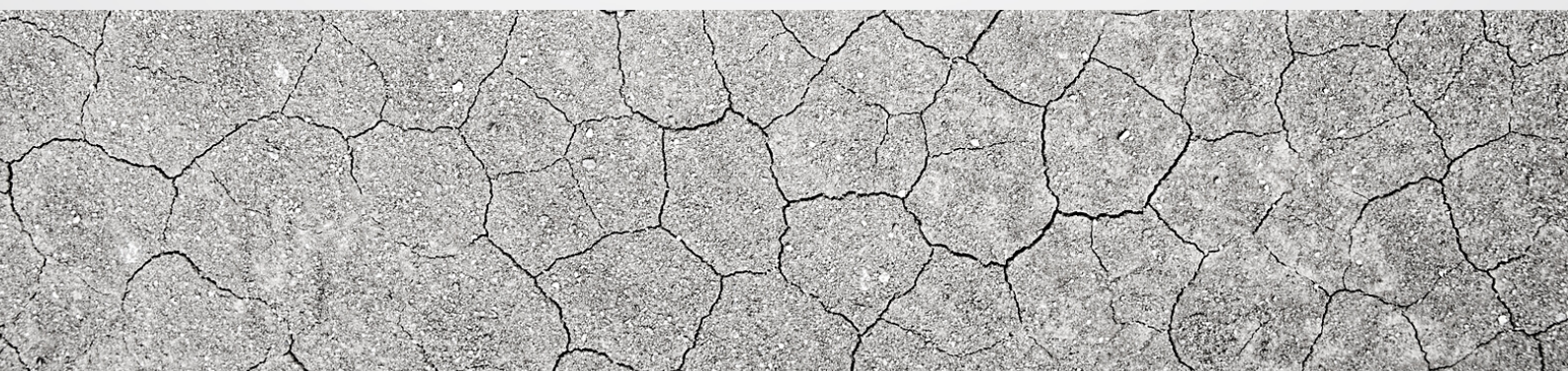
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Fighting water scarcity!



Ranchi is facing an acute water shortage, forcing people to consume polluted surface water. Topography is a major cause of this shortage among other factors like urbanization, industrialization, and dams in the city. Swaniti's JH-RESET project has created an effective and resourceful cadre of Green Associates to find sustainable and green solutions to address environmental problems at the grassroots. One such Green Associate wanted to address the issue of drinking water shortage, and was coordinating with AMNAA Projects to pilot the installation of Atmospheric Water Generators (AWGs). AWGs are an innovative technology that can extract water from humid air and convert it into potable water. The water production rates of AWGs rely heavily on air temperature and humidity.

A total of two machines were installed, one in a middle school and the other in Vikas Bhavan, with a capacity of 60 liters and 25 liters respectively. These cost-effective machines were provided free of charge and are expected to reap the benefits over time for the community.



Bringing light to the lives of people in Jharkhand!



The National Solar Mission was launched in 2010, and yet solar rooftop systems are still not easily accessible to people across the country. The JH-RESET program has played an instrumental role in addressing any follow-up issues with solar rooftop installation including repair and maintenance of. In one of the districts, Giridh, a total of 6 buildings have been installed with solar rooftop panels with a cumulative capacity of 240 kWp. Hitherto, the repair and maintenance faced a two-year lag owing to procedural delays which affected the efficacy of service delivery.

Additionally, solar rooftop systems having a cumulative capacity of 380 kWp have been installed on 17 buildings as well.



Social Protection

Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is one of the largest wage employment programme launched in 2005. The programme is implemented across the country with gram sabha, gram panchayat, and the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) playing a pivotal role in the implementation of the programme. Swaniti has been working in Maharashtra by setting up Rojgar Kriti Samiti (RKS) in Nandurbar in order to provide access and awareness of the scheme and create a system for grievance redressal of the workers.

In Nandurbar, several camps have been conducted to educate people about the scheme. The committee also looks into creating more jobs in the district through Nandurbar. For instance, the people of the district have highlighted the short duration of the MGNREGA jobs which has proven to be an obstacle as it does not provide long-term financial support, and is often seen as the last resort. Hence, through the committee, it is the primary goal to map and create more opportunities for the labourers, and keep a check on reverse migration in the district.



Solar Lift Irrigation System Installation

The tribal-dominated Boarjore area of Godda, Jharkhand has long been the homeland of primitive tribal communities such as Santhals and Pahariyas. When the Sundar dam was constructed in Boarjore in the year 1978, many families were displaced and relocated to the periphery of the dam. Due to the poor economic conditions of farmers, diesel-powered irrigation was not accessible and families were unable to irrigate their land even residing at the periphery of the Sundar dam. As a result, all the village households are below the poverty line and earn their livelihoods through the collection and selling of minor forest produce and rainfed agriculture.

To solve this problem, in 2022, the DMFT district mineral foundation trust, Godda facilitated the installation of 15 units of solar-based micro lift irrigation systems in the villages around the dam, thereby converting 250 acres of land into an irrigated area. Now, even when the monsoon is playing hide and seek in Godda and the rainfall is meager, the crops of these farmers do not suffer owing to the Solar-based micro lift irrigation system. The stand-alone solar micro lift irrigation system consists of 18 photovoltaic modules each with a capacity of 330Wp mounted over a steel structure to run a 3.75kW/5HP capacity pump. The 5 HP pumping system covers a land of 25 acres for minimizing conveyance and application losses of water.



Overcoming gender disparity through bunk beds!

As we are striving to work towards eliminating gender disparities, there are pockets of regions in and around rural areas where we have initiated the process of creating a gender-equal society. Education is an essential parameter to access gender equality, and while the enrollment rate of girls in school has increased in the last few years, there is a long way to go!

The enrolment trends show that there remains a significant gap in the enrolment of girls at the elementary level vis-a-vis boys, especially at the upper primary levels. To provide access to quality education to the girls of disadvantaged groups, the District Administration of Pakur initiated the setting up of advanced schools for girls - KGBVs.

Presently 203 KGBVs are functional in the State of Jharkhand. The Government of India has sanctioned class VI to VIII for these schools whereas the State Government of Jharkhand has upgraded these schools up to class XII but they would have to invest on additional infrastructure for the four grades that have been added to the existing set-up. The government took a different approach to provide quality education i.e., they modified the school into a residential school by installing bunk beds in dorms. The project encompasses 6 KGBVs of Pakur district. Under this project, more than 2000+ students are able to access quality education, and the numbers will only go up from here on.





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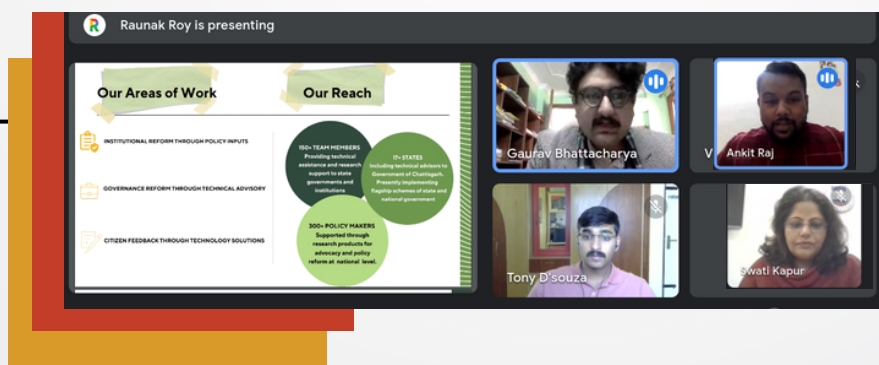
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Unfolding Swaniti

ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable is an initiative of Swaniti to build a common platform for multiple stakeholders in the development and policy space to come together, collaborate, and share knowledge. Unfolding Swaniti is intended at increasing the visibility of interventions of Swaniti in different states under various verticals. A total of 4 roundtables have been conducted with Swaniti teams from Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, and West Bengal. A diverse cohort of CSOs, corporates, international NGOs, national NGOs, and think tanks participated in the roundtable including - World Bank, Samhita Social Ventures, KPMG, Oxford Policy Management, Ashoka University, IPE Global, FES, Samagra, Muskaan Dreams, Sattva, Pratham, USAID, Yuva Rural Association, AFPRO, Veddis Foundation, YRA, and Microwave consulting among others.



Glimpses of Roundtable



काशी के बाद आनंदेश्वर धाम बनेगा दूसरा आस्था का मुख्य केन्द्र

मुख्यमंत्री से मिलने गए सांसद को साप्ताहिक मॉनिटरिंग करने को कहा

(आज समाचार सेवा)
कानपुर 29 दिसम्बर। काशी के बाद आनंदेश्वर धाम दूसरा आस्था का केन्द्र बनेगा। जिसके आनंदेश्वर काँरेटोर का काम तेजी से चल रहा है। इसकी साप्ताहिक मॉनिटरिंग करने की जरूरत है। यह बात प्रदेश के मुख्यमंत्री योगी आदित्यनाथ ने कानपुर लोकसभा के सांसद सत्यदेव पाचौरी से की। सीएम ने सांसद के काशी की सलाहना करते हुए कहा कि वाई मित्र प्रभु श्री राम के सेतुबंध रामेश्वर की तरह हो जनता व परमेश्वर के बीच संबंध बनाए रखें।



नव वर्ष के पहले दिन से शुरू होने जा रही वाई मित्र योजना है, इसको पूरे प्रदेश में लागू किए जाने को लेकर पाचौरी की गई। जिसके दौरान शहर के सर्वांगीण विकास को लेकर दोनों ही मुद्दों पर मुख्यमंत्री की सरकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया रही है। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि निश्चित ही काशी विश्वनाथ के बाद आनंदेश्वर धाम दूसरा आस्था का मुख्य केन्द्र बिंदु है। जिसके निर्माण कार्य में कोई बाधा नहीं आने देगे। जहाँ भी उनकी आवश्यकता होगी वे

सांसद की पहल पर 88 वार्डों में लॉन्च की जायेगी वाई मित्र योजना

सर्वे का डाटाबेस बनाकर, जनमानस को जागरूक करेंगे वाई मित्र



आज का कारपुर

कानपुर। सरकार की पहल से जिले के 88 वार्डों में जागरूकता फैलाने के लिए वाई मित्र योजना शुरू की गई। इस योजना के तहत 88 वार्डों में जागरूकता फैलाने के लिए वाई मित्र योजना शुरू की गई। इस योजना के तहत 88 वार्डों में जागरूकता फैलाने के लिए वाई मित्र योजना शुरू की गई।

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Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel bats for a green recovery

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The Chhattisgarh Government recently took a pioneering initiative of setting up a first of its kind Green Council. The initiative aims to reduce carbon footprint while creating economic opportunities within the state. With the support of Swaniti Initiative, a non-partisan social enterprise that works with government to deliver development solutions across the country, the Chhattisgarh government under the leadership the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri. Bhupesh Baghel will aim to address the double bottom line of environmental protection and economic growth

शहर के 88 वार्डों में शुरू होगी वाई मित्र योजना

डाटा बेस बनाकर लोगों को करेंगे जागरूक



वाई मित्र के लिए साप्ताहिक देती अभियंता। संवाद

माई सिटी रिपोर्ट

कानपुर। सरकारी योजनाओं को जल्दतम तक पहुंचाने व जनसमस्याओं के त्वरित निस्तारण के लिए वाई मित्र योजना अगले महीने के अंतिम सप्ताह से शुरू होगी। रविवार से वाई मित्रों के चयन की प्रक्रिया शुरू की गई, जो दो दिनों तक चलेगी। इसमें कुल 88 वार्ड

शुरू कर देंगे। यह पूरी प्रक्रिया ऑनलाइन होगी। इसके लिए वाई मित्र का एक एप भी लॉन्च किया जा रहा है। इसके जरिये समस्याएं एप पर अपलोड की जाएंगी। सांसद पाचौरी के अनुसार वाई मित्र योजना देश की पहली अनूठी योजना है। बताया कि वाई मित्रों की ओर से वार्डों का जो साप्ताहिक सर्वे का डाटा तैयार

वायु प्रदूषण पर हुआ मंथन देश भर से आए सांसदों ने की शिरकत

दोपहर 4 बजे (जानकारी टाइम)

नई दिल्ली: देशभर की आवाजों का दिनोदिन धुंए व वायु प्रदूषण के कारण हवा में घुले जहर हवा से जनमानस का जीना दुभर हो रहा है। नविय में आने वाले इस संकट का आकलन करते हुए उक्त गंभीर विषय वायु प्रदूषण और मानव स्वास्थ्य व इनके परस्पर संबंध और परिणाम पर चिंतन मंथन कर उसके निदान के लिए राऊंड टेबल कॉन्फ्रेंस का आयोजन स्वानिति इनिशिएटिव संस्था के तत्वाधान में कोसिट्यूशन बल ऑफ इंडिया के हॉल में आयोजित किया गया।

इस कार्यक्रम में देशभर के 30 जिलों से आए लोकसभा सांसद



सदस्यों ने शिरकत कर अपने अपने विचार भी व्यक्त किए यह जानकारी देते हुए स्वानिति इनिशिएटिव संस्था की ट्रस्टी उमाभट्टाचार्या ने बताया कि उक्त तीन दिवसीय मंथन शिबिर का आयोजन किया गया है वायु प्रदूषण

की रोकथाम के लिए इस मिशन में हमारी सहयोगी संस्था के रूप पार्लियामेंटरीयंस ग्रुप फॉर एयर के कुशल मार्गदर्शन ने देश भर में काम कर रही हमारी युवाटीम इन सभी सांसदों के पर्यवेक्षण में वायु प्रदूषण



की रोकथाम के लिए अनूतपूर्व काम कर रही है सोमवार को देशभर से आए सांसद सदस्यों को मौजूदगी में राऊंड टेबल कॉन्फ्रेंस के जरिए गंभीर चिंतन कर सुझाव भी लिए गए जिससे हवा में फैल रहे वायु प्रदूषण को बहुत

हद तक कम कर जनमानस को स्वस्थ आवाहवा प्रदान की जा सके इस अवसर पर मुख्य रूप से स्वानिति इनिशिएटिव संस्था की ट्रस्टी उमा भट्टाचार्या, सहित सहयोगी संस्था के भी सदस्य काम मौजूद रहे।

Testimonials

Team Members of Swaniti

“ The role of Green Associate at Swaniti Initiative has enabled me to be a part of a transformation that is unraveling in the sustainability space. Being a part of this team has provided me with an excellent learning platform along with the ability of creating an impact on the society & environment.

-Arup MahaPatra, JH-RESET

” I wanted to work at Swaniti since I started my journey in the development sector, I was an ardent follower of their SPARC program. Today, being part of Swaniti gives me immense pleasure as it has given me a platform to excel in my work. As a program manager at Swaniti, I had an opportunity to work with the highest decision-making authority in various departments of the state which enabled me to broaden my thought process, moreover it also helped me be more precise in my objectives. The organization also provided me an opportunity to directly engage with the grassroots through rigorous field work.

-Rahul A Kumar, APSDP

“ At Swaniti, I am contributing in a role that gives me a platform where I can see my academic and professional experience and efforts getting translated into smiles on millions of faces of fellow citizens. The organization encourages its team members to aspire to contribute to the transition of the world's economy toward a viable, resilient, and sustainable future.

- Chetanaya Sawhney, JH-RESET

” Swaniti has enabled me to broaden the confines of my vision of what a changemaker could be and has helped me to foster a change in my mindset by daring to be a part of the solution. My role as an analyst has capacitated me to explore a platform to ideate, discuss and challenge, propelling a shift within me to address the constraints of sustainability. Being associated with a high-spirited and robust team has further smoothened my walk along the learning curve.

- Drishya Zachariah, JH-RESET

Team Members of Swaniti

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My current role enables me to make a direct large scale impact at district level. Swaniti Initiative has provided me the opportunity to work with large funds and design multiple project interventions. It has also allowed me to work with a set of passionate and socially driven colleagues in a challenging environment. I have the satisfaction of bringing change in a wide geography while learning new skills on a daily basis.

-Vivek Kumar, North-East project

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The opportunity to work as part of DMFT PMU enabled me to work closely with the district administration Deoghar, Jharkhand. In my 1 year with the Deoghar district administration as Project Officer, I have worked on a variety of projects under the guidance of Deputy Commissioner Deoghar which gave me the experience to take up challenging tasks.

-Chappa Kiran, DMFT-PMU

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Swaniti has given me an opportunity to apply my skills and knowledge to support district administration in creating solutions in the implementation of government schemes. I am fortunate to have a good and supporting team at Swaniti and I have been fortunate enough to learn and grow with the organisation. Currently, I am working with the GoAP Housing scheme (NPI) in identifying gaps and challenges in implementation, and it gives me an opportunity to see smiles on many poor families in fulfilling their dreams.

-S Teja Krishna Chaithanya, APSDP

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As a development associate at Swaniti in district team of APSDP, I learned a lot. The role helped me a lot in phrasing my theoretical knowledge to practice on the ground. I've worked with district officials to understand the issues of beneficiaries of government schemes by working at the field level. Throughout my term at swaniti, I got an opportunity to understand and analyse the grassroots level issues and work on them at scheme level to better deliver the scheme outcomes to the end beneficiaries.

-Shaik Shakeel, APSDP

Testimonials

Stakeholders of Swaniti

“

Swaniti is doing a great job at helping implement policies. The bottoms-up approach of Swaniti and the insights they can offer to MPs is quite relevant for better governance.

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-Hon'ble MP Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu, Lok Sabha
(Narasaraopet)



“

Swaniti is striving to make a difference in the governmental program implementation. Their approach to analyse the processes and plug the gaps is laudable !

”

- Sh Girija Shankar, IAS,
Ex. Commissioner, Department of Rural
Development and Panchayati Raj,
Govt of Andhra Pradesh





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