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SWANITI EDGE

ABOUT SWANITI EDGE

The year 2022 has been one of transformation, growth, and consolidation for Swaniti. As our team and projects have grown exponentially in the last few years, this year has been significant in the decade long journey of Swaniti to consolidate our growth & knowledge.

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

With an ever expanding pool of projects and teams, learning & communications become pertinent to the functioning of the orgnizaton. This year we have focussed inwards on Swaniti's employees and its consolidation

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#UNFOLDING SWANITI

Roundtable is an initiative of Swaniti to build a common platform/forum for multiple stakeholders in the development & policy space to come together, collaborate, and share knowledge. **Unfolding Swaniti** is also intended at increasing the visibility of interventions of Swaniti in different states under various verticals. The latest roundtable was organized under the Social Protection vertical where the West Bengal team anchored it. The team highlighted the intervention of West Bengal in the districts of Alipurudar, Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar, and Darjeeling to strengthen tea garden workers' awareness, access, and inclusion for accessing social protection schemes. The team shared how they were able to record the grievances of the community through the in-house tool 'Jaano' through their Soochnapreneurs. The roundtable was attended by prominent Civil Society Organizations - Action for Food Production (AFPRO), Pratham Education Foundation(PEF), USAID, Video Volunteers, Yuva Rural Association, Absolute, KABIL, and SEWA Bharat. The CSOs raised queries about the project, their challenges, and what is the best way to approach government stakeholders in the geography.
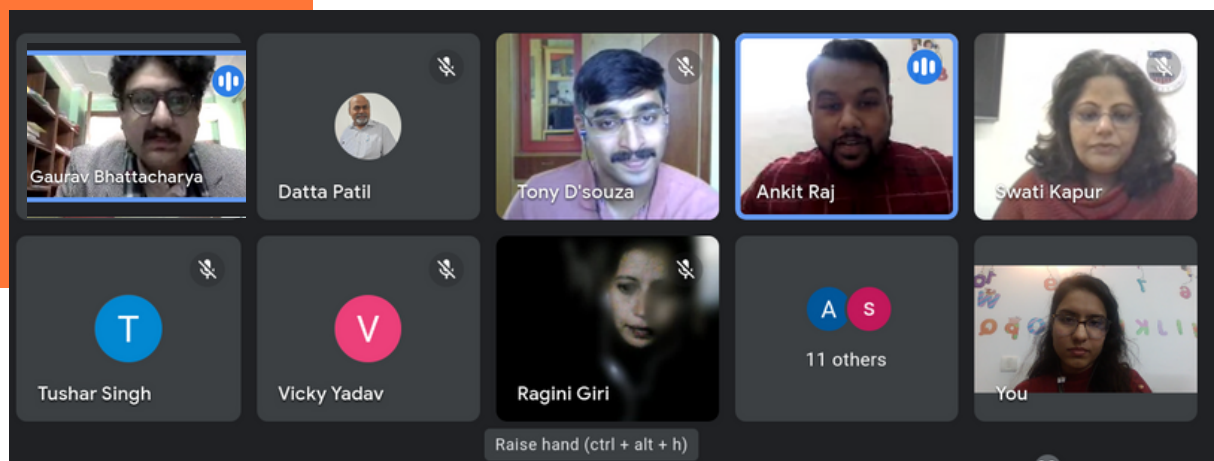
KNOWLEDGE CREATION

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

G-20: ORIGIN, HISTORY & EVOLUTION

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G–20: Origin, History and Evolution

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The Washington summit of 2008 can be considered a landmark meeting of the G20 as it set the scene for the most dramatic reform of global finance in over 60 years.

Asmitabha Manna & Debsurya (Intern, Policy & Communications)

The paper was authored by Asmitabha and Debsurya who have been interning with Swaniti. The paper intends to trace the journey of G-20 so far - the milestones achieved and watershed events that have changed the trajectory of its contribution and influence on the global economy. As India assumes the Presidency, the middle-income countries and low-income countries (LMICs) look up to India to overcome limitations, achieve results, and bring consensus on substantial agendas pertaining to the future of the world.

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WAY FORWARD TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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A radical reform of sustainable development governance is necessary

Ankit Pandey, Senior Associate, Climate & Sustainability

This article is authored by Ankit Pandey from Swaniti. It delves deeper into what can be done to redesign sustainability governance architecture. It highlights how climate change has become far more complex and significant which has rendered the current framework for sustainability redundant. It focuses on how various challenges can be tackled to build a more evolved architecture for sustainable governance.

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Climate Change Adaptation &...

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The loss and damage fund might be an answer to the long-drawn tug-of-war between the developed and the developing world over #climatechange accountability

Daniel Flynn (Manager, Research Team) & Ruchika Mehrotra (Intern, Policy & Communications)

The article outlines India's policy towards climate change and the shifts that may be required after this landmark decision at COP 27. It is authored by Daniel Flynn (Manager, Research, Swaniti) and Ruchika Mehrotra (Intern, Policy & Communications, Swaniti) elaborates on the domestic policy shifts including structural and systemic shifts that India would be required to make, to fulfill its global commitments.

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India has taken long strides to combat climate change.

Daniel Flynn (Manager, Research Team)

This paper provides an overview of government approaches at the state and national levels and outlines key takeaways on addressing climate change. It also highlights the need for government schemes and policies to have a continued impact on the ground as communities and individuals are at risk of being affected the most.

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SPORTS LANDSCAPE & POLICY IN INDIA

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Sports Landscape and Policy in India

Introduction With the second largest population in the world, India should have no shortage of world-cla...
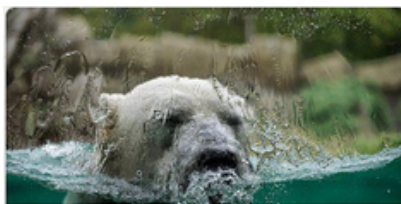
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Despite a massive shift in the sports paradigm in the country, we are yet to see ourselves at the top of global sporting events.

Daniel Flynn (Manager, Research Team)

This paper provides an overview of how existing national and state policies are catering to the need for creating a congenial environment for the sporting community in the country. It also gives a state-level analysis of the sporting landscape of the country, and what factors constitute the success of a state like Haryana in building a strong culture of sports in India. Additionally, the paper unfolds sporting policies across the world that can be critically analyzed and studied to build a more robust sports policy for the country.

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UNIPCC REPORT 2022: SCOPE & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INDIA

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UN IPCC Report 2022: Scope & Recommendations for India

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Without immediate and deep emissions reductions across all sectors, limiting global warming to 1.5°C is beyond reach

Daniel Flynn (Manager, Research Team)

This article is authored by Daniel Flynn from Swaniti. The article outlines the implications of Climate Change for India and what measures can India take while holding the developed countries accountable at the international forums. Additionally, it highlights how India must fulfill its commitments in order to maintain its standing on Climate Change, and avoid the drastic consequences that will wreak havoc on its economy & people.

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JH-RESET @SWANITI

Solar Irrigation

The JH-RESET project aims to promote efficient energy transition in the district through the installation of solar lights including High Mast, Mid Mast, and Street Lights. With the constant support of the Green Associates to the district administration, more than 5000 lights have been installed across 8 districts. The Associates have played a crucial part in mobilizing the funds from various government schemes for smoothening the implementation process.

Case Study

Ranchi's topography is a major cause for an acute shortage of water in many areas, disrupting the efficiency of public infrastructure. To address the issue of drinking water shortage, our Green Associate, Sumit, had been coordinating with AMNAA Projects to pilot the installation of Atmospheric Water Generators (AWGs). As a result, two AWGs were installed. The first machine with a capacity of producing 60 litres of water per day was installed on 9th November in Govt upgraded Middle School, Jaidiha. The second, with a capacity of producing 25 litres of water per day was installed in Vikas Bhawan, Ranchi, on 10th November. This cost-effective machine was provided free of charge and is expected to reap the benefits over time.
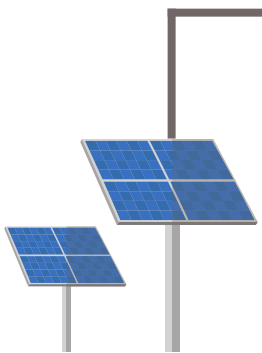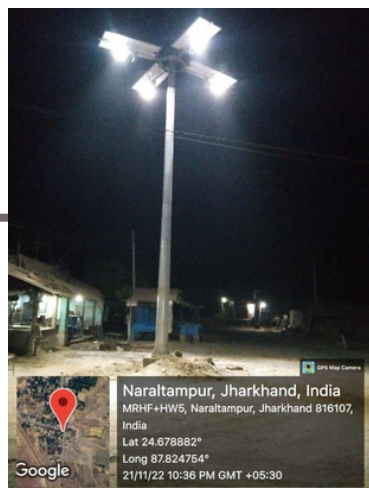
Pakur

Technology for Education

Swaniti Initiative has its presence across the major mining-affected districts of Jharkhand to implement developmental and welfare projects. Our teams are facilitating projects aimed at improving the healthcare and educational infrastructure along with strengthening the existing and creating new livelihood avenues. The project at Pakur works with the district administration to improvise the quality of education and enabling access to alternative livelihoods for the community members

Case Study

Technology is part and parcel of our lives. Today, it is essential that we incorporate technology in our education, particularly in remote and rural areas of the country. As Internet penetration and smart phones are exponentially increasing within the country, some children still lack access to computers and other technology tools which could accelerate their learning. The district administration of Pakur, therefore, decided to come up with a solution to provide access to the students without the overheads of maintenance & repair of computers. They set up **Tab Labs** in 12 schools of the district where 30 tablets were provided to each school, along with a personalized app based on the curriculum of the student to help them learning according to their need. The tab lab will impact the lives of more than **10000+ students** studying in the government school. increasing the attendance.

Tab Labs
Swaniti
Pakur

Swaniti Initiative

L&D @SWANITI

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

- Benjamin Franklin

Learning & Development is envisioned in Swaniti to provide support to employees in their personal and professional journey. We, at Swaniti, aim to strengthen one of the critical pillars of the organization i.e., the people at Swaniti. We are trying to build systems around employee welfare, learning & growth through these initiatives and creating a robust team at Swaniti. We endeavour to motivate our employees and contribute to their personal development that aligns with the organization's goals and objectives.

Orientation Program

We have begun an orientation programme for new employees at Swaniti. The 'Orientation Programme' is to give all the necessary information to the employees about Swaniti's projects, policies, recruitment, structure, and career growth trajectory . The induction is followed by a quiz which allows employees to refine their knowledge further.
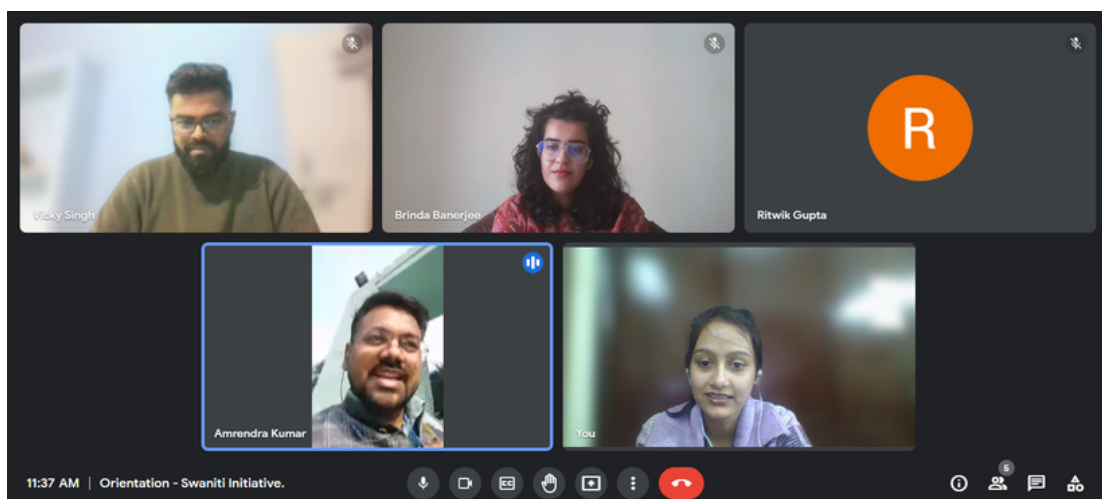
For any queries related to L&D, reach out to Ayushi at ayushi.m@swaniti.in

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Inhouse Insights

The initiative to bring experts from within the organization and provide them a platform to share their knowledge & learnings. This would, in turn, create an eco-system of learning & knowledge-sharing through workshops on different skill sets including MS excel, GIS planning, case study writing, policy analysis, and more. The intention is to provide a space for Swaniti team members to build their capacity and enable cross-learning across verticals and teams. Swaniti has grown tremendously over the last few years, and we want to focus on the personal and professional growth of our employees through such initiatives. An in-house insight was organized with *G Sai Manogna* on the **'Use of GIS in landscape planning'.**

G Sai Manogna conducted the inhouse insights sessions on 13th December with 35 registrations and 22 people attending the session. This was an introductory workshop conducted for people across disciplines, and Manogna shared a list of useful sources and links at the end of the workshop as well.

TOWNHALL @SWANITI

*Town hall meetings are a platform to create better synergy between different teams and encourage a **spirit of collaboration, learning, and knowledge sharing** within the organization.*

This month's **Town Hall** meeting was moderated by the Ankaha team working in the vertical **'technology in governance'**. This vertical leverages technology tools to support policy & decision-making, in turn, effecting change in the delivery of public services to the last-mile beneficiary. The townhall was moderated by *Sai Kiran* where he explained the applications developed in the past year, their utility, and functionality as well. The feedback received from the team members was phenomenal for the meeting, as the application is used extensively by the team members across verticals and projects.

Ankaha Presentation
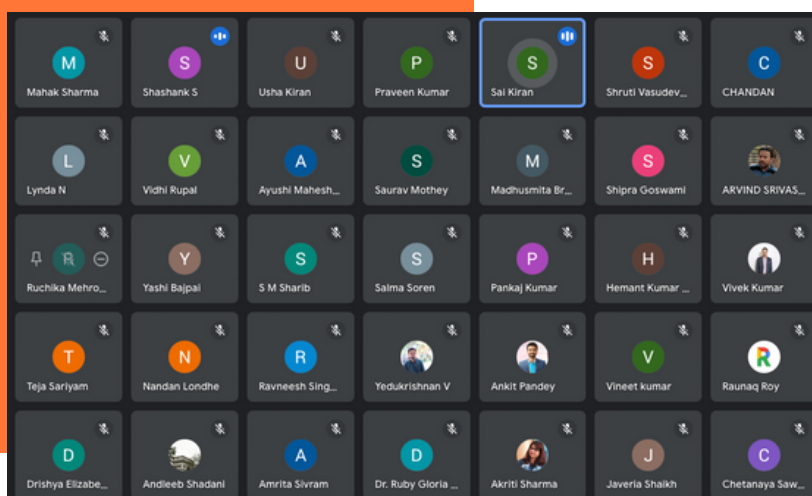
150000
Data points collected that provide real life insight on issues in community

50
million USD of unutilized funding from agencies across the world toward development

500+
Number of lives improved through direct feedback on various programs

10+
communities partnered with to bring developmental progress

Swaniti team coming together to attend the Town Hall Meeting

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