



ANNUAL REPORT

PRATIK

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PRATIK is a non-profit organization based in Koderma district, Jharkhand, established on May 24, 2022, by a group of committed young social workers. Operating in Bihar and Jharkhand, PRATIK is dedicated to empowering marginalized communities and addressing critical socio-environmental issues.

WORK IN BIHAR

In Bihar, PRATIK collaborates with underprivileged communities such as the Bhogta and Musahar populations, who face seasonal water shortages and dependency on rain-fed agriculture. These challenges lead to long journeys in search of water for drinking and domestic use. To address this, PRATIK mobilized local volunteers to initiate community-driven solutions for water conservation and accessibility.

WORK IN JHARKHAND

In Jharkhand, PRATIK focuses on the Santhal tribal community living in remote villages approximately 70 km from the district headquarters. These villages lack basic amenities, and many community members, including children, work in mica mines for minimal wages. The mining activities have resulted in health issues like silicosis, tuberculosis, bronchitis, and malnutrition. PRATIK is addressing these concerns by:

- Educating the community on health and nutrition.
- Promoting the importance of education.
- Strengthening local organizations to advocate for improved living conditions.

BACKGROUND

Water is a vital public resource whose conservation requires collective responsibility. However, privatization has led to overexploitation, with benefits accruing to a few while marginalized communities bear the brunt of water scarcity and degradation. PRATIK believes in empowering communities to reclaim water as a shared resource through sustainable practices and localized interventions.

ABOUT THE VILLAGES

Kadal Village (Barachatti Subdivision, Gaya District, Bihar)

- **Geographical Area:** 1162 hectares.
- **Population:** 326 (156 males, 170 females).
- **Literacy Rate:** 36.81% (40.38% for males, 33.53% for females).
- **Households:** 43.
- **Nearest Town:** Gaya, 57 km away.



Lakshmipur Village (Dhargaon Panchayat, Koderma District, Jharkhand)

- **Geographical Area:** 316 hectares.
- **Population:** 423 residents across 59 households.
- **Land Use:**
 - 171.08 hectares for agriculture (165.08 hectares unirrigated, 6 hectares irrigated by wells/tube wells, and 12 hectares by other sources).
 - 11.65 hectares for non-agricultural use.
 - 1.54 hectares of culturable wasteland.
 - 10 hectares of barren and uncultivable land.



OUR ACTION PLAN

The action plan prioritizes implementing community-driven initiatives with a structured approach to ensure immediate impact and long-term sustainability. We conduct thorough community needs assessments, actively engaging local stakeholders, Panchayat members, and youth groups to identify critical issues and align activities with the community's priorities. Resource mobilization happens through partnerships with government agencies, NGOs, and donor organizations. Pre-activity awareness campaigns, such as village meetings and creative outreach via street plays, ensure active community participation. Key activities include soil conservation through afforestation and watershed management projects, youth engagement through cultural programs and sports tournaments, and social awareness campaigns addressing issues like child marriage and voting rights. Development-focused initiatives such as cleanliness drives and plantation efforts are integrated to enhance environmental sustainability and community well-being.

Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms are in place to track progress and gather feedback for continuous improvement. Community-led monitoring teams oversee project activities, while regular meetings and surveys measure outcomes like improvements in soil health, water availability, youth participation, and social awareness. Local volunteers and self-help groups receive training to maintain initiatives, ensuring sustainability.

Partnerships with government schemes support scaling and replication in neighboring areas. By fostering collaboration, empowerment, and accountability, this action plan builds a strong foundation for transformative and sustainable community development.



ABOUT THE ACTIVITY

MERI MATI MERA DESH CAMPAIGN

The "Meri Mati Mera Desh" campaign, an initiative by the Government of India, seeks to instill patriotism and responsibility for natural resource conservation among citizens. PRATIK actively embraced this campaign, aligning its efforts with the broader goal of fostering environmental stewardship and sustainable practices.



OBJECTIVES

- Advocate for the importance of soil health in agriculture, the environment, and national development.
- Inspire community-driven conservation practices linked to a sense of national pride.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **Soil Health Awareness Drives:** Facilitated workshops and discussions in Lakshmipur and nearby villages, educating farmers and residents on the critical role of soil testing, fertility preservation, and sustainable agricultural practices.
- **Community-Led Afforestation Drives:** Spearheaded tree plantation programs, focusing on native and fruit-bearing species to enhance soil stability, biodiversity, and carbon sequestration.
- **Cultural Integration:** Integrated soil conservation efforts with local traditions and cultural practices, making the initiative relatable and ensuring wider acceptance among the community.

OUTCOMES

- Strengthened community ownership over local conservation efforts.
- Enhanced awareness about the long-term impact of healthy soil on national prosperity.
- **Patriotic Angle:** The campaign connects the conservation of soil and natural resources with national pride, emphasizing that taking care of the environment is a way of honoring the nation and its future generations.
- **Government Support:** The campaign is supported by various government departments and agencies, which provide resources, guidelines, and support for implementing conservation practices at the local level.

RASHTRIYA YUVA SAPTAH (NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK)



On January 13, 2024, PRATIK, in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra, organized a cultural program at Lakshmipur village, Dhargaon Panchayat, to celebrate National Youth Week. The event aimed to foster youth engagement and address pressing societal challenges.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Thematic Performances:** High school students presented street plays, speeches, and musical performances centered on combating child marriage.
- **Youth Empowerment:** The program encouraged young participants to take an active role in addressing social issues and contributing to nation-building.
- **Community Engagement:** Attended by local leaders and stakeholders, the event reinforced the importance of cultural initiatives in creating social awareness.

IMPACT

- Strengthened youth involvement in societal development.
- Promoted cultural integration and collective action against child marriage

WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT IN KADAL

In Kadal village, PRATIK implemented a watershed management initiative to address water scarcity and promote sustainable resource use.

KEY COMPONENTS

- **Rainwater Harvesting:** Constructed check dams, ponds, and recharge wells to capture and store rainwater. Contour trenches and bunds were implemented to reduce soil erosion and enhance water infiltration.
- **Soil Conservation:** Introduced terracing, gully plugs, and vegetative barriers to prevent erosion and improve groundwater recharge.
- **Community Involvement:** Engaged local residents in planning and maintaining the watershed structures through capacity-building sessions.

OUTCOMES

- Improved water availability for agriculture, domestic use, and livestock.
- Increased agricultural productivity and soil fertility.
- Enhanced ecosystem health and biodiversity.
- Empowered communities through active participation and skill development.

कदल गांव में प्रतिक संस्था ने किया तलाब निर्माण

बाराचट्टी (आससे)। बाराचट्टी प्रखंड के सुदूरवर्ती पंचायत बुमेर के कदल गांव मे स्वयंसेवी संस्था प्रतिक ,कोडरमा झारखंड के सौजन्य से किसानों के पटवन के तालाब का निर्माण करवाया गया। कदल गांव के किसान पैरू सिंह भोक्ताने बताया कि 60 फीट लंबा, 60 फीट चौड़ा व 08 फीट गहराई का तालाब संस्था प्रतिक के द्वारा बनाया गया। इस तालाब से 05 -06 एकड़ जमीन मे सिचाई कि सुविधा हो गयी। हमारे गांवमे बरसात की पानीसे अक्टूबर - नवम्बर तक सिचाई करते थे लेकिन तालाबके से मार्च - अप्रैल तक सिचाई की सुविधा हो जायेगी। संस्था के द्वारा इस गांवमें एक आहर व एक नाला बांध का भी निर्माण करवाया गया। जिसमें किसानों को पटवन के लिए पानी असानी से उपलब्ध हो पा रही हैं।

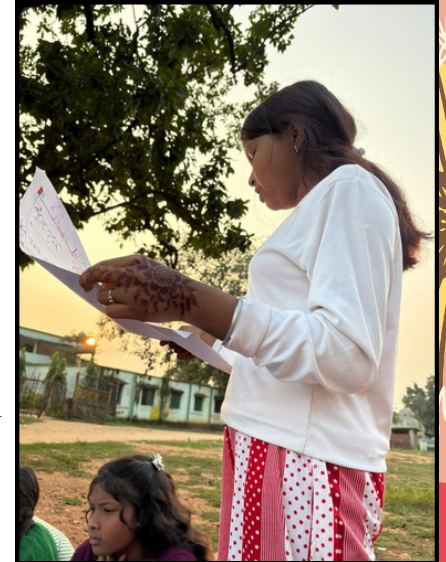


YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL INTEGRATION

PRATIK collaborated with Nehru Yuva Kendra to organize a cultural program at Lakshmipur High School, aiming to integrate youth into mainstream social efforts and foster their leadership skills.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Thematic Performances:** Through compelling street plays, heartfelt musical pieces, and powerful speeches, the youth addressed issues like child marriage and societal inequality.
- **Interactive Discussions:** Facilitated discussions between participants and local leaders on the significance of cultural heritage and youth-led social change.
- **Recognition and Encouragement:** Certificates of appreciation were awarded to participants, motivating them to continue their involvement in community-centric initiatives.



IMPACT

- Strengthened cultural bonds among participants.
- Created a platform for the youth to express their perspectives and solutions to pressing issues.

SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND VOTING AWARENESS IN DONAIYA VILLAGE

Between February 22 and March 3, 2024, PRATIK organized an engaging sports competition in Donaiya village, coupled with a voter awareness drive, to promote youth participation in both recreational and civic activities.

SPORTS EVENTS

- **Football Tournament:** Eight teams competed in an electrifying series of matches, with Mahatma Gandhi Yuva Club emerging as champions.
- **Kabaddi and Volleyball Matches:** Featured enthusiastic participation from six kabaddi and volleyball teams, fostering teamwork and unity.
- **Athletics:** Included long-distance races, highlighting physical fitness and determination.



VOTER AWARENESS PROGRAM

- **Interactive Sessions:** Educated first-time voters about their rights and responsibilities.
- **Oath Ceremony:** Participants pledged to exercise their voting rights and contribute to the democratic process.

IMPACT

- Strengthened youth engagement in sports, promoting physical well-being and social harmony.
- Enhanced awareness of civic duties, especially among young voters.



DEVELOPMENT DAY CELEBRATION IN KODERMA

On Development Day, PRATIK, in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Koderma, organized an event at Dagarnava Panchayat Bhawan to emphasize the interconnectedness of development and environmental conservation.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **Cleanliness Drive:** Mobilized community members to clean streets, public spaces, and the Panchayat building premises, promoting hygiene and environmental responsibility.
- **Tree Plantation:** Planted saplings of mango, guava, lemon, and jackfruit, fostering biodiversity and improving the local environment.
- **Awareness Sessions:** Discussions on sustainable development, focusing on conserving water, forests, and land while balancing progress.

OUTCOMES

- Strengthened community involvement in sustainability initiatives.
- Reinforced the role of collective efforts in achieving holistic development.



CONCLUSION

Through these multifaceted activities, PRATIK has demonstrated its commitment to fostering sustainable development, empowering youth, and addressing social and environmental challenges with innovative and participatory approaches. Each initiative has contributed significantly to building a more resilient and aware community, advancing both local and national goals.