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SAARTHI

JHARKHAND JUST TRANSITION NETWORK

*Building a just and green Jharkhand for
thriving communities and a sustainable future.*



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Chief Minister

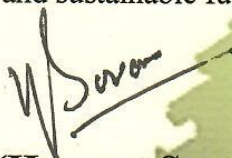


MESSAGE

Jharkhand has long been at the forefront of India's industrial and mining activities, contributing significantly to the nation's growth. However, this progress has come at a cost-our communities, particularly those directly dependent on forests and traditional livelihoods have borne the brunt of environmental degradation and socio-economic disruptions. As we move towards a just transition, it is imperative that the people of Jharkhand, especially those most affected are not mere bystanders but active participants in shaping the future of the state as well as their lives.

The launch of the SAARTHI Network of CSOs marks an important step in this direction. By fostering dialogue, collaboration and collective action, this platform will ensure that the voices of local communities are heard, their concerns are addressed and their aspirations are placed at the center of decision-making. A just transition cannot be achieved through policies and economic shifts alone-it requires an inclusive approach that prioritizes social justice, livelihood security and environmental sustainability.

I commend the efforts of SAARTHI and its partners in championing this cause. Together, let us strive to create a model of transition that not only mitigates the challenges of industrial change but also empowers the people of Jharkhand to lead the way in building a resilient, equitable and sustainable future.


(Hemant Soren)

SUMMARY

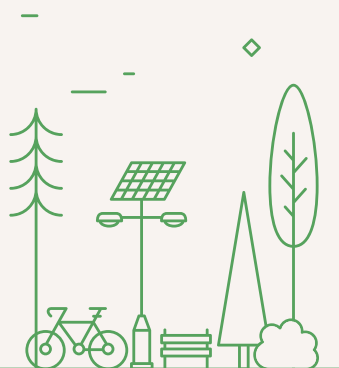
The concept of “Just Transition” aims to ensure fairness and equity during the shift from extractive, fossil fuel-based economies to sustainable, green economies. It prioritizes inclusive measures to safeguard livelihoods, promote decent work, and ensure social and economic equity throughout this transformative process.

Considering the global scenario and initiatives, the UNFCCC emphasises Just Transition in its work, with countries pledging to phase out coal and adopt renewable energy while ensuring fairness for affected workers and communities. Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JETP) have been launched to support coal-dependent economies in their transition to renewable energy hubs. Countries like South Africa, Canada, and India have developed frameworks and policies to manage the transition to low-carbon economies while promoting decent work and social inclusion.

In the context of India, the country faces unique challenges in implementing Just Transition policies due to its heavy reliance on coal and its status as a developing economy. India has begun exploring Just Transition in its climate policies and strategies, focusing on coal dependency, renewable energy growth, and social equity challenges.

Jharkhand, a resource-rich state in India, is economically and environmentally vulnerable to the impacts of a Just Transition. The government of Jharkhand has established a Task Force on Sustainable Just Transition to develop a roadmap for a low-carbon transition, with the goal of promoting economic growth, job creation, and achieving climate resilience.

Local Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) in Jharkhand have been working on climate resilience and just transition at the grassroots level, but their perspectives are not well represented in the state’s Task Force. A network of CSOs and CBOs from across Jharkhand would provide a collective voice and greater influence in the just transition discourse. The network would function as a complementary initiative to the task force by assisting in the design and implementation of a climate-resilient, sustainable, and equitable transition within the state.



INTRODUCTION

As the world addresses the challenges of climate change, the effort to decarbonise economies is driving a shift from extractive “fossil fuel-based” industries to sustainable “green” ones. There is a growing awareness of the necessity for this transition to be fair and equitable¹. According to the UN International Labor Organization (ILO), Just Transition is broadly defined as ensuring that no one is left behind or pushed behind in the transition to low-carbon and environmentally sustainable economies and societies. It can enable more ambitious climate action and provide an impetus to attaining the Sustainable Development Goals².

Recognising that climate change requires systemic economic shifts which could disrupt the lives of workers and communities dependent on fossil fuel-based industries. Therefore, Just Transition prioritises inclusive measures to safeguard livelihoods, promote decent work, and ensure equity throughout this transformative process.

ORIGINS OF THE JUST TRANSITION

The concept of a Just Transition traces its roots to the labour movement, particularly in the United States, where labour unions raised concerns about the social and economic disruption caused by environmental regulations and the decline of traditional industries. These unions emphasised the importance of protecting workers’ rights and ensuring social security while transitioning to environmental sustainability³.

Over time, the idea gained traction globally and became a cornerstone for climate justice advocates, policymakers, and international organisations such as the United Nations and the ILO. The concept was further strengthened by the Paris Agreement (2015), which underscored the need to align climate mitigation with social and economic inclusivity.

WHY JUST TRANSITION IS ESSENTIAL TODAY

The urgency of addressing climate change requires bold decarbonisation efforts. However, this transition must be managed carefully to avoid worsening inequalities and destabilising economies. A Just Transition is essential for the following reasons:

- **Protecting workers and communities:** Ensures workers in carbon-intensive industries have access to retraining programs, social safety nets, and alternative job opportunities. It must support vulnerable communities that are heavily reliant on fossil fuel industries.
- **Promoting social and economic equity:** Ensures that the benefits of climate action are shared equitably across all sectors of society.
- **Building public support for climate action:** Demonstrates that climate action can be achieved in a way that is fair and just for all.

GLOBAL EFFORTS ON JUST TRANSITION

Globally, the Just Transition framework is gaining recognition as a central pillar of climate action and sustainable development. Several efforts have emerged worldwide to operationalise this concept:

- UNFCCC emphasizes Just Transition in its work on climate action. At COP26 (2021) and COP27 (2022), countries pledged to phase out coal and adopt renewable energy while ensuring fairness to affected workers and communities⁴.
- The Just Energy Transition Partnership (JETP) was launched for countries like South Africa, Indonesia, India and Vietnam. JETP mobilises international financing to transition these coal-dependent economies into renewable energy hubs⁵.
- As one of the largest coal-dependent economies, South Africa has launched a national Just Transition Framework to phase out coal while reinvesting in clean energy and protecting affected communities⁶.
- Canada has committed to phasing out coal-fired power plants by 2030, establishing a task force to address workforce retraining, job impacts, and community engagement⁷.
- The ILO has developed global policy frameworks to help countries manage the transition to low-carbon economies while promoting decent work and social inclusion⁸.

JUST TRANSITION IN INDIA

India has emerged as a key player in the global energy transition with ambitious climate targets, including achieving net-zero emissions by 2070. However, as a developing economy with significant dependence on coal, India faces unique challenges in implementing Just Transition policies. Nonetheless, India has begun exploring the Just Transition concept in its climate policies and strategies. Some of the key aspects of the Just Transition in India are as follows:

- **Coal Dependency:** India is heavily reliant on coal, which employs millions of people both directly and indirectly. States like Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha are particularly dependent on coal mining, making them critical players in any Just Transition strategy. However, Jharkhand has taken proactive steps by constituting a multi-department “Task Force on Sustainable Just Transition.”
- **Renewable Energy Growth:** India has set ambitious renewable energy targets, including 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030. The rise of solar, wind, and hydropower offers immense potential for job creation, but transitioning workers from coal mining and fossil fuel-based industries to renewable sectors requires substantial planning, investment, and skill development.
- **Social Equity Challenges:** Ensuring that the most vulnerable communities, such as small farmers and indigenous peoples, are not left behind in the transition.
- **Policy Initiatives:** A committee on Just Transition in the coal sector from India and the US was constituted to carry out a detailed analysis of stranded coal assets and a human-centric approach to energy transition in India. This includes an assessment of current projects in the pipeline, the role of coal in deep decarbonisation scenarios, and health impacts of coal transitions⁹.



JUST TRANSITION IN JHARKHAND

Jharkhand, one of India's most resource-rich states, is also one of the most economically and environmentally vulnerable to the impacts of Just Transition. In 2022, the government of Jharkhand established a Task Force on Sustainable Just Transition to manage the development of a low-carbon just transition roadmap for the state, aimed at promoting economic growth and job creation while meeting climate goals.

The Task Force aims to provide key recommendations to the state government by identifying innovative pathways for transitioning to a non-fossil fuel-based ecosystem, assessing the impact on the economy, workers, and communities, identifying opportunities in green sectors, and recommending policy interventions¹⁰.

A Just Transition is not merely a framework for environmental sustainability but a socio-economic necessity to ensure fairness and equity during the fight against climate change. It represents a unique opportunity to build resilient economies, protect vulnerable communities, and foster global solidarity in the face of shared climate challenges.

By prioritising inclusivity, skill development, and economic diversification, India and its states, such as Jharkhand, can emerge as global leaders in demonstrating how to achieve climate goals without leaving anyone behind. With the right policies and proactive strategies, a Just Transition can transform challenges into opportunities for a sustainable, equitable future.

NEED FOR A CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORK ON JUST TRANSITION

Since Jharkhand's economy is heavily reliant on mining and industries, any large-scale disruptions could **result in** significant economic **challenges** for the state. In this context, the state government has constituted a Task Force with a mandate to bring about a roadmap for creating a conducive ecosystem in the state for a sustainable and Just Transition. However, the Task Force is focused on formulating an enabling framework with emphasis on policies and incentives, yet the perspectives of CSOs and CBOs from Jharkhand are not well represented.

Meanwhile, local CSOs and CBOs have been proactively working on issues related to climate resilience and just transition at the grassroots level for quite some time. Their role, therefore, as an enabler is essential to this process. This necessitates the formation of a network of CSOs and CBOs from across Jharkhand that can contribute and enable a climate resilient, sustainable and just transition in the state.

As a collective CSOs and CBOs have deep grassroots presence and the right skillsets in community engagement; hence, a network would provide a collective voice and force in the just transition discourse. The network would act as a complementary initiative to the Task Force designing and implementing an inclusive and resilient transition strategy.

Partner organisations initiated a co-creation process, which was a first of its kind in India, bringing together over 30 community-level organisations, NGOs/CSOs, and local representatives to deliberate on pertinent issues related to Just Transition across Jharkhand. The vital topics of climate resilience, livelihoods, health, gender, culture, and forest rights emerged as intersectional with the concept of Just Transition in the region.

This was a significant initiative aimed at fostering collaborative efforts to ensure an equitable and sustainable transition towards building a people-centric sustainable future for Jharkhand. A series of co-creation conclaves were held that featured experts, practitioners, and grassroots representatives who highlighted the multidimensional challenges and opportunities of just transition, emphasising inclusivity and sustainability.

During the conclaves, deep-dive discussions were held on converging efforts of various organisations across Jharkhand to enable better understanding and engagement on Just Transition. A unanimous primary outcome was to establish a robust network of civil society organisations that can provide a platform to enable a people-centric just transition across the state. Furthermore, all the partner organisations co-created 'SAARTHI - Jharkhand Just Transition Network' a first of its kind platform in the country to champion the cause across Jharkhand.

SAARTHI – JHARKHAND JUST TRANSITION NETWORK

SAARTHI – Jharkhand Just Transition Network is a collaborative network of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) dedicated to enabling a just and inclusive energy transition in Jharkhand. As the region navigates the shift towards a low-carbon economy, SAARTHI plays a crucial role in ensuring that this transition is socially equitable, economically viable, and environmentally sustainable.

Working in alignment with the Just Transition Task Force, SAARTHI fosters multi-stakeholder collaboration, conducts in-depth research, and advocates for progressive policies that support climate-compatible growth pathways. The network prioritises the needs of local communities, marginalised groups, and workers affected by the transition, ensuring that they have access to alternative livelihoods, skill development opportunities, and decision-making platforms.

By promoting climate resilience, renewable energy adoption, industrial decarbonisation, and community-led initiatives, SAARTHI aims to create a roadmap for sustainable development. Through evidence-based policy recommendations and decision-support tools, the network seeks to influence systemic changes that align with India's net-zero targets and global climate commitments.

With a strong emphasis on inclusivity, equity, and sustainability, SAARTHI is committed to shaping an energy transition that not only reduces carbon footprints but also uplifts communities, fosters economic resilience, and secures a just future for all.

OBJECTIVES OF SAARTHI



1) Promoting a Model Rooted in Climate Resilience:

- Advocate for/engage in policies that integrate sustainability principles with economic growth.
- Develop strategies that align with India's net-zero targets and global climate commitments.



2) Ensuring an Equitable and Just Transition:

- Adopt a gender-sensitive and indigenous-people-centric approach to transition.
- Address the socio-economic impact of transition on workers, local communities, and marginalized groups.
- Facilitate skill development and alternative livelihood opportunities for displaced workers/communities including farmers and forest dwellers.



3) Fostering Renewable Energy and Sustainable Mobility

- Nudge policy directives to encourage investments in decentralized renewable energy solutions for rural electrification through research.
- Promote green mobility and sustainable urban transport initiatives.



4) Decarbonisation of New and Existing Industries

- Engage with industries to develop pathways for reducing carbon footprints.
- Encourage innovation in low-carbon and circular economy practices.
- Facilitate knowledge exchange and capacity building for cleaner production techniques.



5) Strengthening Community-Led Initiatives

- Empower local communities to participate in decision-making processes related to energy transition
- Promote the concept of lifestyle for the environment, strengthening indigenous and traditional practices.
- Advocate for community-owned renewable energy projects.
- Develop grassroots initiatives that enhance climate resilience and sustainability.



6) Research and Decision-Support Tools

- Provide policy recommendations that integrate economic, social, environmental and technological perspectives.
- Support the development of decision-support tools to aid policymakers and stakeholders in transition planning.

SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM GOALS:

LONG-TERM GOALS:

- Enhance the capacity of the CSO partners and key stakeholders to effectively implement the Just Transition process.
- Amplify community voices and grassroots issues to inform government decision-making.
- Enhance the reach and impact of climate-focused government initiatives, with clear targets to increase beneficiaries and uptake over the next 3-5 years to showcase the network and tangible impacts.
- Document success stories and case studies and create knowledge banks to inspire replication nationwide.
- Mobilise CSR funding to support CSO partners.
- Extend partnership with CFRMC created under FRA 2006 for outreach initiatives on climate resilience.
- Establishment of a communication resource centre for sustained information and knowledge sharing for dissemination of governmental and non-governmental initiatives on ecological restoration and climate resilience issues.

SHORT-TERM GOALS:

- **Strategic Partnerships and Capacity Building:**
 - i. Collaborate with technical/educational institutions to enhance CSO network capabilities and stakeholder engagement.
 - ii. Orient CSO partners on Just Transition principles and also on specific issues like FRA and DMFT
- **Green Livelihoods and Community Engagement:**
 - i. Promote green livelihood initiatives, engaging stakeholders for awareness and implementation.
 - ii. Conduct pilot studies to strengthen community foundations for larger projects.
- **Funding and Resource Mobilisation:**
 - i. Explore and Engage PSUs and industries to leverage CSR funds.
 - ii. Strengthen PRIs to integrate Just Transition programs into GPDP, unlocking DMFT funds.
- **Knowledge Sharing and Networking:**
 - i. Facilitate regular knowledge-sharing activities within the CSO network on climate change developments.
 - ii. Create a compendium of climate change-related government schemes/policies/Acts/notices/directives and other documents issued from the concerned departments.
- **Media Outreach and Visibility:**
 - i. Orient media houses to strengthen Just Transition coverage to increase public awareness.

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SAARTHI NETWORK AND ITS PARTNERS

We are proud to introduce the partners of the SAARTHI Network, each of whom plays a vital role in advancing the vision of a just and sustainable transition in Jharkhand. These partners bring diverse experiences and expertise to the network, united by a common goal of ensuring that no community, especially vulnerable groups, is left behind in the face of climate change and economic shifts.

Each partner's page will feature a message from the head of the organisation, offering insight into their mission, vision, and motivations for joining the SAARTHI Network. You will also learn about their ongoing work, their goals for the future, and how their contributions align with the network's objectives. Along with these insights, you'll find pictures showcasing their impactful projects and initiatives, illustrating their commitment to building a resilient and inclusive future for Jharkhand.





ORGANISATION:

ABHIVYAKTI FOUNDATION



Message from the Head: "Abhivyakti Foundation strives to promote local self-help initiatives for environmental conservation and sustainable livelihoods, supporting the poorest communities. It aligns with the SAARTHI network to facilitate a Just Transition that benefits local communities and ecology, ensuring the active inclusion of marginalized sections of society." - Krishnakant

Profile: Abhivyakti Foundation is dedicated to building a just and inclusive society where individuals live with dignity, free from discrimination. Operating primarily in Jharkhand—across Giridih, Deoghar, Pakur, and Godda—it empowers over 60,000 lives through community-led

development and sustainable practices.

Focused on ecological restoration and community rights, the foundation drives initiatives in water, seed, and forest conservation, promotes uncultivated food systems for food security and biodiversity, and supports sustainable agro ecological livelihoods. It actively advocates for Individual and Community Forest Rights for tribal communities.

Notable outcomes include the adoption of *Saral Usna Rice Parboiler Technology*, conserving 2.4 hectares of forest wood; the documentation of 114 uncultivated food species among Paharia tribes; and the implementation of the *Farmers' Single Window System* to support smallholder farmers. Through these efforts, Abhivyakti places communities at the heart of ecological and social resilience.



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ORGANISATION: **AGRAGATI**

Message from the Head: "Aragati joined the SAARTHI Network with the goal of promoting long-lasting and significant change in the rural frontier. Aragati thinks that working together is essential to solving difficult socio-economic issues, and SAARTHI offers an essential forum for bringing like minded organisations together with shared common objectives. Our involvement is a result of our dedication to supporting creativity, diversity, and sustainable solutions for the communities we serve to reduce poverty and hunger. By joining this network, we hope to use our combined knowledge, resources, and experience to build a more just and capable society in Jharkhand especially women and rural entrepreneurs." - Kiron Shankar Dutt



Profile: Aragati aims to foster social cohesion and mutual cooperation, eliminating discrimination based on gender, caste, literacy, and social status while enhancing people's ability to critically assess societal issues. It works to build alliances among community and women's organisations, promoting self-confidence, trust, and sustainable development. The organisation shares knowledge and skills across social, economic, political, cultural, and environmental domains. Operating in 11 districts of Jharkhand and two in West Bengal, it has impacted 250,000 lives. Key ecological interventions include large-scale tasar sericulture-based livelihoods under MKSP-NTFP, vegetable cultivation via drip irrigation, nurturing FPOs, forming Biodiversity Management Committees, kantha handloom initiatives, training on tree-borne oil seeds, and integrating energy solutions for livelihoods and household well-being.



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ORGANISATION: **ASHA**



Message from the Head: "At ASHA, our mission has always been to empower communities, promote social equity, and ensure that development processes are inclusive and sustainable. Joining the SAARTHI Network was a decision aligned with our vision of driving meaningful change through collective action and collaboration."

- Ajay Kumar Jaiswal

Profile: We believe that transformative impact is achieved when organisations come together to share knowledge, resources, and best practices. The SAARTHI Network offers a unique platform to foster such collaborations, enabling us to strengthen our initiatives, amplify our impact, and contribute to a shared vision of equitable development. Our engagement with SAARTHI is driven by the purpose of building synergies that lead to systemic change. By participating in this network, we aim to not only enhance the reach and effectiveness of our own programs but also support a larger movement for social justice. We are confident that through SAARTHI's collective strength and shared purpose, we can achieve sustainable, transformative outcomes that benefit the communities we serve.



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"Transforming Lives Through
Feminist Leadership"

ORGANISATION: **ASMITA**

Message from the Head: "As we step into a future shaped by our actions today, SAARTHI Network and ASMITA, as youth-led organisations, remain steadfast in our commitment to empowering young people—the future leaders of our communities—to take action and drive meaningful change. Indigenous communities, the rightful stewards of these lands, are among the most affected, as climate change further threatens their existence and way of life. Their struggles can no longer be ignored. At this critical juncture, we must come together, raise awareness, and amplify the voices of those who have long been unheard. By fostering collective action and resilience, we can pave the way for justice, sustainability, and a more equitable future for all." - Ankita



Profile: ASMITA joins this initiative to empower youth in addressing the growing injustices faced by indigenous communities due to coal mining and climate change. As a youth-led organisation, we believe in amplifying marginalized voices, advocating for rights, and driving sustainable change. Our focus is on equipping young leaders to stand against displacement, environmental destruction, and social injustice. By collaborating with SAARTHI Network, we aim to bring its voices to national platforms and strengthen a cadre for just transition. Together, we strive for meaningful action, ensuring dignity, justice, and resilience for all communities.



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ORGANISATION:

BANWASI VIKAS ASHRAM



Message from the Head: "The SAARTHI Network brings together like-minded groups to collectively tackle challenges related to climate change and a just transition. By fostering collaboration on common issues, the network enables organisations to share best practices, enhancing the quality and impact of their work. Learning from one another is essential—both teaching and growing together will strengthen policy-making efforts and public advocacy." - Suresh Kumar Shakti

Profile: Banwasi Vikas Ashram envisions an inclusive society rooted in liberty, equality, fraternity, and justice—free from all forms of discrimination.

Its mission is to empower rural communities through education and strategic interventions that foster self-reliance and social transformation. The organisation has impacted over 5,000 lives, focusing on eradicating illiteracy and superstitions, promoting cottage industries, and raising rights awareness. Its ecological efforts include pond and well restoration, soil conservation, and sustainable farming with bio-inputs. It also trains farmers, Panchayati Raj Institutions, and promotes livestock development.

Banwasi Vikas Ashram actively raises awareness on the Forest Rights Act, child labour, trafficking, and gender rights, while strengthening CBOs, youth, women, and children's groups. Notable outcomes include training 3,791 Panchayati members, mainstreaming 2,000 girls into education, improving learning in 120 schools, and uplifting the Birhor community through health, livelihood, and social inclusion. The organisation has also supported the rise of 2,500 grassroots change-makers, 12 pressure groups, and two Women's Rights Groups, fostering justice and community empowerment in the Bagodar block.



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ORGANISATION: CINI

Message from the Head: "With its vast experience, CINI aims to share its expertise while also gaining insights and technical knowledge on just transition strategies to further strengthen its community programs. There is a pressing need for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to unite on a common platform to collectively contribute to shape Jharkhand's transition strategies, ensuring that they prioritize environmental sustainability, social equity, and the inclusion of marginalized communities in decision-making processes." - Samir Chaudhary



Profile: Child in Need Institute (CINI) promotes a Child-Friendly Communities (CFC) approach, ensuring children's rights, education, health, and protection are prioritized in development policies. CINI focus will be concerned to ensure an inclusive shift to a sustainable economy where no community, especially vulnerable children, is left behind. CINI's human rights-based approach (HRBA) complements Just Transition's goal of social justice, allowing it to advocate for child-sensitive policies that prevent child labor, school dropouts, and poverty during workforce transitions. CINI's human rights-based approach (HRBA) complements Just Transition's goal of social justice, allowing it strengthen the network's effort for child-sensitive policies that prevent child labor, school dropouts, and poverty during workforce transitions. Its experience in networking, evidence-building, and technical assistance makes it a valuable partner in ensuring that economic transitions are just and inclusive.



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ORGANISATION:

COMMONS TECH FOUNDATION FOR PARTICIPATORY TECHNOLOGIES (CFPT)



Message from the Head: "Our organization is pleased to join the SAARTHI Network, as it supports our commitment to advancing resilience and equality in communities. The Commoning for Resilience and Equality (CoRE Stack) serves as a digital public good aimed at empowering communities to plan and manage their landscapes in a socio-ecological context. Through our cutting-edge participatory technology platforms, we enhance community awareness and enable informed decision-making, facilitating pathways for resilience and sustainable development. By prioritizing the strengthening of

community institutions, we ensure that these efforts are equitable, inclusive, and aligned with the long-term needs of the communities we serve. This collaboration will further our shared goal of fostering a more resilient and sustainable future." - Dr. Aaditeshwar Seth

Profile: Commons Tech Foundation for Participatory Technologies (CFPT) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2024. CommonsTech Foundation committed to the collaborative design, development, and scaled deployment of participatory technologies and data-based solutions that enable climate action through collective community-based processes. CommonsTech is the anchor partner for the development, hosting, and programme management of the CoRE Stack (Commoning for Resilience and Equality). The CoRE stack is a digital public infrastructure consisting of datasets, pre-computed landscape level indicators, and tools, that can be used by rural communities and other stakeholders to improve the sustainability and resilience of their local landscapes. It aims to enable innovators to build upon and contribute their own datasets, use APIs for third-party apps, and track and monitor socio-ecological sustainability through a systems approach. The CoRE stack broadly consists of four layers. First, using ML on satellite imagery we are producing novel geo-spatial layers on changes over the years in cropping intensity, water-table levels, health of waterbodies, forests and plantations, and welfare fund allocation, among others. Second, these help generate rich analytics on diverse socio-ecological indicators. Third, tools that use these underlying datasets and analytics enable communities to build a shared understanding about their landscape, align on informed action to improve the resilience and sustainability of their landscape, monitor its progress, and report insights. Fourth, these tools have relevant plugs to integrate their outputs, including community demands, for public and private landscape funding mechanisms that can especially support community stewardship of landscapes.

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ORGANISATION:

CONFERENCE OF PANCHAYATS

Message from the Head: "Our work in Jharkhand has shown that when village-level leadership is empowered, the solutions are not only more just but also more sustainable. By joining the SAARTHI Network, we hope to learn from and contribute to a wider community of grassroots leaders and institutions working towards climate justice. This network offers a valuable opportunity to exchange insights, build solidarity, and collectively amplify the voice of rural India in the national and global climate dialogue." - Chandra Deo Ghansi



Profile: The Conference of Panchayats (COP) is a unique platform in Jharkhand that brings together Panchayat representatives to address the impacts of climate change, local challenges, and the need for just and sustainable solutions. Initiated through a collaborative effort between, the COP aims to amplify rural voices and integrate them into climate policies and action plans. By focusing on how changing weather patterns, agriculture, water sources, and livelihoods are being affected, the initiative seeks to document traditional knowledge and lived experiences of farmers, women, youth, and Panchayat leaders. It also works to localize global concepts like climate justice and just transition within the rural Indian context. By combining grassroots wisdom with scientific insights, the COP demonstrates how village-level decision-making and inclusive dialogue can lead to more effective and equitable climate action. This pioneering initiative not only strengthens the role of Panchayats in climate governance but also serves as a scalable model for other regions across the country, positioning the "government of the village" at the forefront of advancing climate justice in India.



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ORGANISATION:

DAMODAR ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION TRUST



Message from the Head: "Jharkhand is facing the effects of climate change, which is having a profound impact on livelihoods, environment and social fabric. SAAARTHI Network has been established to find solutions to these challenges and ensure Just Transition." - Safroj Khan

Profile: SAARTHI Network will work on sustainable and equitable solutions by bringing together communities affected by climate change, experts, social organisations, and policymakers. In this, an effort will be made to strengthen climate justice by combining traditional knowledge, scientific research, and community leadership. So that we can understand this work strongly and work together in Jharkhand.



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ORGANISATION:

GOTA BHARAT PHUL BAISI

Message from the Head: "To enhance our work in the region and serve the community more effectively, we seek guidance and support. This is why we aspire to join the Saarthi Network." - Suleman Marandi

Profile: Gota Bharat Sido Kanhu Hul Baisi conducts awareness programs on various topics such as social development, education, health, environmental conservation, migrant labor, and more in several villages under Dumka, Shikaripara, Jarmundi, Gopikandar, and Kathikund blocks in the Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand. We also assist in reaching the government's welfare schemes to remote areas and ensure that people benefit from these schemes.



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ORGANISATION: **GRAM VAANI**



Message from the Head: "Socio-ecological sustainability faces faultlines of a disconnect between individual good and common good, short-term and long-term needs, climate change, and power-based inequalities. Effective ecosystem management requires a shift towards community-centered approaches, collaboration, leveraging data and technology to foster sustainable and equitable solutions. Gram Vaani's commitment is to highlight the relevance of community-based technologies and clearly distinguish them from individual service-based technologies.. We are committed to the broader community based principles of shared learning,

co-creation, equity, improved livelihoods, and strengthening local governance through social accountability and transparency." - Vijay Sai Pratap

Profile: Gram Vaani is a pioneering Indian social technology enterprise committed to democratising access to information and empowering underserved communities in developing regions. Our mission is to reverse the flow of information, fostering inclusive and participatory media ecosystems through innovative, voice-based interactive media services. By bridging the information gap for marginalised populations, we leverage technology and community-driven processes to build media networks that amplify their voices. Our Theory of Change has evolved from extensive experience in the rural Information, Communication, and Technology space over the past decade. Through our Mobile Vaani platforms, we connect stakeholders—including corporations, governments, NGOs, and social enterprises—with their target audiences, ensuring inclusive and impactful engagement. As a trusted partner to over 200 social development organisations across six countries, we remain dedicated to using technology as a force for social change. Currently, our work spans 114 districts across Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Delhi NCR.



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ORGANISATION:

JHARKHAND GRAMIN VIKAS TRUST

Message from the Head: "Jharkhand Gramin Vikas Trust, Dhanbad, is excited to join the SARTHI Network in strengthening grassroots efforts for environmental protection and climate action in Dhanbad district. Currently, our organisation is actively raising awareness on environmental conservation across six villages. With the support of SARTHI, we aim to expand our impact and work even more effectively in the region."

- Shankar Rawani



Profile: Jharkhand Gramin Vikas Trust (JGVT), founded in 2001, is a Jharkhand-based organisation working to uplift marginalised urban and rural communities through need-based development. Registered under the Indian Trust and FCRA Acts, it is led by Director Shankar Rawani and governed by a seven-member executive committee.

Rooted in values of equality, justice, and democracy, JGVT focuses on empowering the poor through education, advocacy, and community organisation. Its key areas include gender equity, entitlement realisation, sustainable livelihoods, and natural resource management. By integrating ecological sustainability with economic empowerment, JGVT fosters community-led development and long-term resilience.



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ORGANISATION:

KALAMANDIR



Message from the Head: "Working Together and Walking Together with the community and Team PRI / village CEPs is a collective aspiration for us at Kalamandir. We think this network will be a SARTHAK one. We are there with you in the process of developing a collaborative approach." -Amitav Ghosh

Profile: Kalamandir works across 10 tribal-dominated blocks in East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, and Seraikela Kharsawan districts of Jharkhand. Its core mission is to build climate resilience and promote sustainable, inclusive rural development through

regenerative agriculture, water and soil conservation, and NTFP-based livelihoods, especially for tribal women, marginal farmers, MGNREGA workers, and forest communities.

Alongside livelihood promotion, it is deeply engaged in preserving tribal art, culture, and heritage through rural and eco-tourism. The organisation addresses critical social issues such as child marriage, trafficking, and girls' education, while empowering local governance structures like Gram Sabhas and Panchayati Raj Institutions. With a strong network of partnerships from government departments to grassroots collectives, it fosters a people-led development model rooted in equity, sustainability, and cultural pride.



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ORGANISATION:
LAHANTI

Message from the Head: "As an organisation, Lahanti is dedicated to ensuring an equitable transition in Jharkhand, particularly in the Santhal Pargana region. We are proud to join the SAARTHI Network, driven by our commitment to supporting communities affected by environmental changes—especially those dependent on forest-based livelihoods—so that they are not left behind in this transition. Through SAARTHI, we aim to collaborate with like-minded organisations, grassroots groups, and policymakers to develop sustainable livelihood alternatives, strengthen local governance, and integrate climate resilience into community development." - Bitiya Murmu



Profile: Established in 2006 under the leadership of Bitiya Murmu, Lahanti is dedicated to community empowerment and sustainable development in the Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand and Giridih. Rooted in the principles of "Indigenocracy," Lahanti works across key sectors, including awareness generation, community rights and entitlements, poverty alleviation, income generation, wasteland development, local self-governance, and the promotion of indigenous art and culture. With a reach of 30,000 lives, Lahanti actively engages in forest conservation campaigns and livelihood diversification initiatives to mitigate unsafe migration. By strengthening local economies and advocating for community rights, the organisation fosters resilience and self-reliance among marginalized communities.



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ORGANISATION:

LOK KALYAN SEVA KENDRA



Message from the Head: "Lok Kalyan Seva Kendra joined the SAARTHI network to enhance its social impact through collaboration, capacity building, resource mobilisation, and policy advocacy. Through SAARTHI, it aims to gain training in governance, leadership, and climate change, access to funding and technical expertise, opportunities for networking and partnerships, and a platform to influence policies to support marginalized communities. This collaboration amplifies its reach, strengthens credibility, improves program effectiveness, and enhances its ability to promote sustainable development and social justice." - Sanjeev Kumar Bhagat

Profile: Lok Kalyan Seva Kendra focuses on education, women's and youth empowerment, and awareness on climate change, water, sanitation, hygiene, and child protection. Operating in Pakur, Dumka, Godda, and Sahebganj districts, LKSK has impacted 40,500 lives through interventions in water and sanitation, Gram Sabha empowerment, and livelihood promotion. Its initiatives empower women and farmers to actively participate in planning and developing their villages for sustainable growth.



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ORGANISATION:

LOK PRERNA KENDRA

Message from the Head: "We believe that joining a rich network such as SAARTHI will not only strengthen our efforts but also enhance our capacity with the support and collective knowledge of the team."

- Mousami Baxla

Profile: Lok Prerna Kendra has been dedicated to adolescent girls' education, women's empowerment, agriculture, and youth leadership development for the past 35 years and remains committed to driving positive change in society. Through our collaboration with the SARTHI Network, we seek to gain valuable expertise in these key areas while contributing to this diverse and resourceful platform.



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ORGANISATION:

MAHILA MUKTI SANSTHA



Message from the Head: "Mahila Mukti Sanstha aims to empower women, develop leadership skills, and promote healthy lifestyles. By joining the SAARTHI Network, it improves women's health, lifestyle, and economic development, addresses mental health issues, and promotes local employment. The network also ensures access to essential services, including healthcare, for women and adolescent girls affected by disasters, particularly those affected by climate change." - Devyani Verma

Profile: Mahila Mukti Sanstha is a grassroots organisation working on social issues like women's empowerment, child marriage, gender-based violence, and sexual and reproductive health. It also supports underprivileged children through education and scholarship programs. Operating in remote villages of Hazaribagh, Jharkhand, where migration is a major issue, the organisation creates local job opportunities for migratory workers and their families while educating women and adolescent girls about their rights and health through sports and debates. Committed to building an ideal society, it strives to improve the social, economic, and leadership status of women, girls, and children. The organisation focuses on strengthening women's leadership, expanding sexual and reproductive freedom, and raising awareness about reproductive health, hygiene, immunisation, and family planning. It also empowers women at the grassroots level by helping them voice gender concerns in local governance. Through community participation, vigilance, and cooperation, Mahila Mukti Sanstha aims to drive lasting social transformation and gender equality.



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ORGANISATION:

MANTHAN YUWA SANSTHAN

Message from the Head: "Jharkhand Just Transition Network, we are committed to fostering community-led climate action, ecological restoration, and sustainable livelihoods. By enhancing local governance, amplifying grassroots voices, and nurturing green economies, we strive for an equitable transition for all." - Sudhir Pal, CEO



Profile: Manthan Yuva Sansthan has emerged as a leader in community-driven development, emphasizing sustainable livelihoods, climate resilience, and equitable transitions across various districts in Jharkhand, Bihar, and Odisha. By fortifying self-help groups and cooperatives, the organization has empowered farmers and forest dwellers to access markets and adopt environmentally friendly practices. Through partnerships with UNDP and other institutions, Manthan has successfully trained over 5,000 youth in essential 21st-century skills, enhancing their employment readiness. Its initiatives in green livelihoods, climate justice, and resource conservation empower marginalized communities, ensuring long-term environmental and economic sustainability. Committed to inclusive growth, Manthan continues to champion systemic change. Through strategic partnerships and policy advocacy, we empower communities to shape a climate-resilient Jharkhand. This mission is a collective effort—government entities, civil society organizations (CSOs), and businesses must unite to build a just and sustainable future. Let us co-create, collaborate, and catalyze meaningful change.



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ORGANISATION:

MEDINI SOCIETY



Message from the Head: "SAARTHI Network is vital for Jharkhand because it brings together grassroots voices, local solutions, and shared learning. In a state rich in resources yet facing deep challenges, Saarthi helps us act collectively for climate resilience, social justice, and community empowerment. It's about building a future where no one is left behind." - Subhash Chandra Bose

Profile: Medini Society partners with diverse stakeholders to address region-specific social challenges across Jharkhand.

We engage closely with farmers to promote self-employment opportunities and encourage small-scale cottage industries. Our initiatives support children and women by providing legal assistance and raising awareness about their rights. For the elderly, we organize eye care and general health check-up camps in rural communities. We also work with youth to build awareness around climate change, and collaborate with Self Help Groups (SHGs) to highlight its impacts and encourage climate-resilient practices.



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ORGANISATION:

MULTI ART ASSOCIATION

Message from the Head: "The purpose of the organization to join SAARTHI Network is to address climate change and increase in global warming which are affecting living beings significantly. We seek to tackle this problem together and come up with pertinent solutions through the SAARTHI Network." - Mithilesh Kumar

Profile: Over the past 17 years, Multi Art Association has been active in seven districts of Jharkhand—Garhwa, Palamu, Latehar, Ranchi, Lohardaga, Khunti, and Dhanbad—covering 20 blocks, 164 Gram Panchayats, and 710 villages, impacting 45,000 households. MAA focuses on human rights, livelihood, food security, tribal rights, gender equity, self-governance, and improving the socio-economic and health status of vulnerable communities. It engages in awareness campaigns, capacity building, and handholding support. The organisation has extensive experience in livelihood, education, women's rights, health, hygiene, environment, and sanitation and collaborates with national and state-level networks such as NCDHR, AALI, Jharkhand NREGA Watch, and the Right to Food Campaign. Currently, MAA is working on self-governance, Forest Rights Act (FRA) implementation, constitutional values, livelihood generation through GIS-based planning under MNREGA, and waste management.



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ORGANISATION PANCH SAFAR



Message from the Head: "Jharkhand is experiencing the effects of climate change, which are profoundly impacting livelihoods, the environment, and the social fabric. "Sarathi: Jharkhand Just Transition Network" has been established to address these challenges and ensure a just transition." - Gulab Chandra

Profile: Panch Safar aims to develop sustainable and equitable solutions by bringing together communities affected by climate change, experts, social organisations, and policymakers. It seeks to strengthen climate justice by integrating traditional knowledge, scientific research, and community leadership, enabling a more comprehensive and collaborative approach to tackling social issues in Jharkhand.



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ORGANISATION:

POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP

Message from the Head: "As part of the SAARTHI Network, PDAG aims to collaboratively address the socio-economic challenges posed by India's transition away from coal dependency. Recognising the profound impact on communities in coal-rich regions like Jharkhand, PDAG aims to contribute its expertise in reimagining social welfare frameworks and strengthening community resilience. By participating in the SAARTHI Network, PDAG seeks to ensure that the voices of marginalised groups, including informal labourers and indigenous populations, are integral to policy development, thereby promoting a just and equitable transition. PDAG's participation in the SAARTHI Network stems from our commitment to ensuring that transitions in coal-dependent regions are just, equitable, and community-driven. By bringing together diverse stakeholders, we aim to create a framework that addresses the specific needs of historically dependent communities and vulnerable groups and facilitates sustainable, inclusive development pathways for the future." - Arindam Banerjee



Profile: Founded in 2018, Policy and Development Advisory Group (PDAG) is a social impact organisation based in New Delhi. PDAG's work is focused on achieving evidence-based, data-driven outcomes, and facilitating people-centric policymaking to drive impact at scale. Our work is driven by a rigorous approach to conducting social research, unpacking complex data and driving multi-stakeholder policy dialogues.

Since its inception, PDAG has collaborated with various policymakers, multilateral institutions, impact investors, and academic institutions. Over the last six years, PDAG has undertaken international and national evidence and research projects across India and supported state governments and other public institutions and multilateral bodies in public policy advisory and strategic communications and storytelling. Our focus lies on research-oriented evidence to policy interventions that hinge on effective people and community focused policy practices across our key practice areas: Labour Mobilities, and the Future of Work, Governance and Political Economy, Climate Change and Sustainability, Digital Cultures and Futures.



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ORGANISATION:

PHIA FOUNDATION



Message from the Head: "As we embark on the trajectory of Just Transition, SAARTHI Network prioritizes the needs of those who are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and economic disruption. Through the network, PHIA Foundation seeks to ensure that the right policies are in place to provide social safety nets and support local economies, so that the communities are not left to face these challenges alone." -Johnson Topno

Profile: PHIA team works with communities and empower them to access their rights and entitlements, have access to equal opportunities and live

with dignity and respect. PHIA works with a range of partners, community organisations and stakeholders to ensure the poorest and most marginalised communities are reached. The organisation focuses on reducing inequality, improving access to essential services, ensuring sustainable livelihood, humanitarian response and climate change. PHIA now works across multiple geographies and thematic areas with the mission of building thriving communities.

PHIA's focus is on addressing issues of disadvantaged and vulnerable communities. Facilitating their empowerment in a way where they can be in charge of their own development and are able to thrive. Central to its vision is the belief that real transformation begins at the community level. PHIA works in partnership with multiple stakeholders including government, private sector, philanthropy institutions, civil society organisations, academic institutions and community-based organisations. Presently PHIA works in 32 districts spread across 8 states, 2 union territories.

In Jharkhand, PHIA has been deeply engaged in strengthening the components of local democracy, decentralised forest governance to empower tribals to recognise and reclaim forest rights and entitlements, ensure livelihood security, and promote ecological sustainability. Through the Common Ground initiative, we also seek to influence policies to augment collective initiatives for restoring commons in Jharkhand and advance the just transition policy, in addition to other efforts targeted at building climate resilience and healthcare systems in selected regions of the state.



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ORGANISATION: **SAHYOGINI**

Message from the Head: "Sahyogini has been actively working for the past two decades on issues related to the environment, rural development, and the welfare of women and children. Recognizing the growing threats posed by climate change, we are committed to strengthening our efforts in this area. By joining the SAARTHI Network, we aim to collaborate with like-minded organisations, grassroots communities, and policymakers to drive meaningful action. Our focus is on creating sustainable solutions that empower vulnerable communities, particularly those whose livelihoods are directly impacted by environmental changes. Through this partnership, we hope to contribute to a more resilient and climate-conscious future for Jharkhand." - Gautam Sagar



Profile: Sahyogini is dedicated to empowering disadvantaged and marginalised communities. Guided by the vision of fostering an equitable and self-reliant society, Sahyogini works through research, action, and resource optimisation to drive social and economic empowerment. Operating across Jharkhand, with a focus on Bokaro, Dhanbad, and Giridih districts, the organisation has impacted 275,000 lives. Its ecological restoration efforts include mango plantations across 52.5 acres, urban park development, and the establishment of Farmers' Clubs, fostering sustainable livelihoods and environmental conservation.



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ORGANISATION: **SAMARPAN**



Message from the Head: "Samarpan has always been dedicated to uplifting marginalized and mica-dependent communities through collaboration, empowerment, and sustainable development. By joining the SAARTHI Network, we aim to strengthen our impact by connecting with like-minded organisations, sharing knowledge, and engaging in collective advocacy. This collaboration will provide access to valuable resources, training, and support, helping us enhance our projects and programs for greater community benefit." - Indramani Sahu

Profile: Samarpan is dedicated to ensuring child rights, environmental protection, women's participation in income-generating activities, and exploring alternative sources of livelihood. We focus on public health and sanitation initiatives, sustainable agricultural development, and empowering marginalized communities by promoting their rights and access to essential services. Strengthening Gram Sabha and ensuring community participation in governance are integral to our mission. Through various campaigns and project implementations, including awareness programs like Nukkad Natak and initiatives supporting community empowerment and livelihood promotion, we have impacted 30,000 lives across Koderma, Hazaribagh, and Lohardaga.



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ORGANISATION:
SAMVAD

Message from the Head: "SAMVAD has long recognized the urgent need for a Climate Justice Network in Jharkhand. For the past two decades, we have been actively working on agroecology and climate justice in collaboration with Gram Sabhas. Our core thematic focus, Indigenocracy, is rooted in the principles of self-governance, self-reliance, and self-esteem, all of which are deeply connected to socio-economic and climate justice. As part of this effort, we are committed to fostering leadership among marginalized communities, including Adivasi, Dalit, OBC, and Minority groups. Currently, hundreds of youth leaders and women are actively engaged in tackling the climate crisis. We believe that the SAARTHI Network will play a crucial role in realizing our vision and mission by strengthening collective efforts to address climate challenges and advance socio-economic and climate justice. Its significance at this moment cannot be overstated, as it will equip member organisations with the necessary strategies for climate adaptation and mitigation." - Ghanshyam, Director



Profile: SAMVAD is committed to fostering Indigenocracy—a model rooted in Indigenous systems like Gram Sarkar—promoting equity, gender justice, inclusivity, and democratic values. Operating across 16 districts of Jharkhand, it empowers women and adolescent girls, strengthens Gram Sabhas with equal female participation, and promotes sustainable livelihoods through Indigenous knowledge and skills.

With a focus on self-governance, climate justice, health, education, and cultural preservation, SAMVAD has impacted over 188,000 lives. It has formed 758 Gram Sabhas, set up 518 Secretariats, and facilitated 297 Village Development Plans, driving key infrastructure and welfare access. Through policy advocacy, youth leadership, and rights-based interventions, SAMVAD continues to strengthen grassroots democracy and community resilience.



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ORGANISATION: **SIDHA**

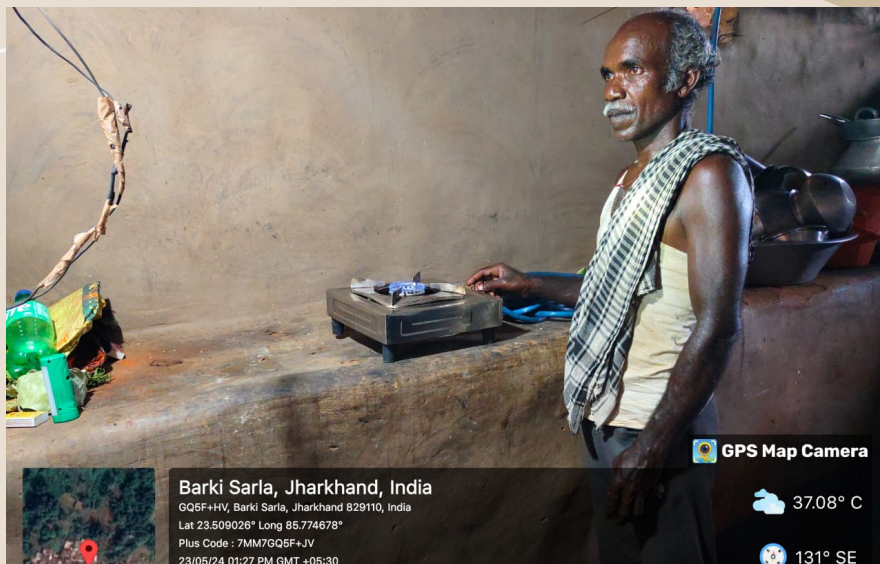


Message from the Head: "Joining a network enables cross-learning, broader reach, and increased organisational visibility. It enhances access to information, facilitates decision-making, and improves overall efficiency. Additionally, being part of a network helps mitigate political, financial, and operational risks associated with running an organisation independently." - Hemant Kumar

Profile: We are a Ranchi-based community cadre-driven non-profit addressing the climate crisis by blending traditional knowledge with modern science to build regenerative, circular rural and urban economies.

Operating in Ramgarh, Jamtara, Koderma, and East Singhbhum, we implement watershed, climate change, and livelihood projects, while offering techno-managerial support to government and civil society partners.

Our initiatives—backed by collaborations with CCL, HINDALCO, and 21st Century—span across multiple districts, focusing on climate research, air quality, decarbonisation training, and workforce development. By training local youth as community engineers, accountants, paravets, and market managers, we empower communities and drive sustainable, resilient development.



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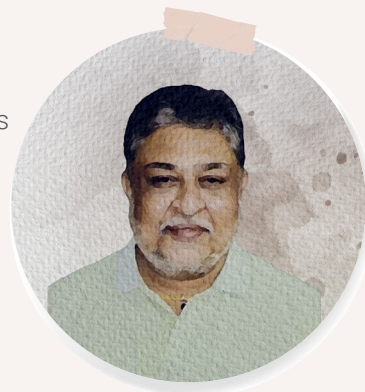
ORGANISATION:

SOCIETY FOR RURAL INDUSTRIALISATION

Message from the Head: "Partnership with SAARTHI Network provides an avenue for collaborating with like minded organisations, providing opportunities of learning and sharing for collective action and efforts towards protecting, restoring land degradation and biodiversity loss."

- Supriyo Bhattacharya

Profile: Society for Rural Industrialisation is committed to its mission of working for climate resilience and environment sustainability in alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals. Since its inception in 1984, the organisation has been working actively in areas of land and water management, biodiversity, alternative energy, soil management, forest reforestation, water land harvesting and water governance. The vision of SAARTHI Network resonates with the vision of SRI.



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ORGANISATION: **SUPPORT**



Message from the Head: "Joining the SAARTHI NETWORK aligns with our commitment to fostering climate resilience through innovative agro forestry practices. We believe that by collaborating on these vital projects, we can enhance sustainability and support communities in adapting to climate change effectively." - B S Gupta.

Profile: Since its inception, SUPPORT has made significant progress in improving the lives of small and marginal families in Jharkhand. The organisation has expanded its reach across 10 districts and 54 blocks, positively impacting over 1 lakh individuals. It has promoted 9,526 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and established 2,500 acres of WADI (Horticulture

Fruit Orchard), while also cultivating 200 acres of Semialata plants, which serve as a host tree for lac production. SUPPORT has been involved in various watershed programs, collaborating with the Rural Development Department (RDD) of Jharkhand on 12 projects, with NABARD on two, and with a CSR partner on one. Currently, SUPPORT works with four CSR partners and, in association with the Saarthi Network, aims to scale up its efforts in Natural Resource Management (NRM) and livelihood-related activities to promote sustainable development in the region.



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ORGANISATION:

VB NET FOUNDATION

Message from the Head: "VB Net Foundation is proud to join the SARTHI Network to strengthen grassroots initiatives focused on environmental conservation, ecological restoration, and climate action across 22 districts of Jharkhand. Currently, VBN is actively engaged in raising awareness and promoting environmental conservation efforts in over 200 villages throughout the state. Through this new association with SARTHI, VBN and its partner organizations are committed to expanding their development initiatives in alignment with the SARTHI Network's core objectives. Together, they aim to create inclusive and effective strategies that ensure impactful and sustainable outcomes within their operational landscapes. By leveraging shared knowledge, resources, and community engagement, VBN envisions contributing meaningfully to the broader goal of environmental sustainability and resilience in Jharkhand. The partnership marks a significant step towards unified and localized action for a healthier and more sustainable future." - Nandalal Baksi.



Profile: The VB Net Foundation (VBN) is a not-for-profit organisation established on November 28, 2016, under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, and was founded by NGOs operating in Jharkhand. It is the successor to Vikas Bazar dot Net, an informal forum that existed for 11 years, starting in 2005. VBN aims to strengthen the capacity of its member organisations, which currently include 21 NGOs active in Jharkhand. Through its secretariat in Ranchi, VBN promotes a technologically advanced knowledge hub, nurtures smaller organisations to enhance their impact, and fosters entrepreneurship among small and marginal farmers, particularly women. The foundation works to enable these farmers to access markets profitably and strives to influence policies that benefit the poor and marginalised. VBN's objectives include sharing valuable information, conducting studies and research to identify best practices and policy constraints, building stronger linkages with stakeholders, and facilitating technical support to convert knowledge into grassroots action, all with the goal of improving livelihoods in Jharkhand.



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