



Annual Report 2021-22



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Executive Summary

2021 had been the challenging year for not only SAMVAD but also all over the world. The second and third phase of Pandemic Covid-19 destroyed and paralyzed the life of human being, but our Jharkhand was much better than that of other States. Why this happened, because Jharkhand is the land of forests and organic practices of life sustainable food, so there is not only a huge source of Oxygen in the environment but also the immune system is better than the other areas.

It was a concept of the villagers that the reverse migrant labors somehow were the caterer of Covid-19 in the villages of Jharkhand and they also created livelihood crisis. In this respect, the Gram Sabha of Jharkhand arranged some precautionary measures regarding Covid-19 and established temporary Quarantine centers in their respective villages and also arranged food for them by the support of the communities. The traditional Indigenopathy (Indigenous + pathy) proved that herbs and shrubs are the vital life saving medicines for combating Covid-19. In this concern, the data proved that our villages were least affected from Covid-19 and there was less casualty in the remote areas of Jharkhand.

The another immense effort of Gram Sabhas and SAMVAD was the support to Covid-19 vaccination, that has been seen during and after the Pandemic. As a result the vaccination in our target areas have been achieved 98 percent.

In our target area, we have been practicing with the help of Gram Sabhas to promote agro-ecology and fruit bearing plantation for livelihood survival among around 600 villages. In these villages, migration reduced upto maximum extent and also provided the opportunity to migrant labors according to their skills.

We know that, the Gram Sabhas and Federation of Gram Sabhas are the vehicle of deepening democracy. In this concern, SAMVAD is strengthening Gram Sabhas in 740 villages and established 250 villages as model villages where 50% participation of women are in decision making processes and this weakened the fabrics of patriarchy.

SAMVAD believes that without being economically reliant, women cannot be free from domestic exploitation and violence, and not only these, they also don't get self-esteem and respect in the society if they are not economically sound. In this outlook, SAMVAD is promoting Indigenomart and 'Women Farmers Organizations' for their identity, right and dignity.

We are thankful to our donors, well-wishers and co-travelers for immense cooperation and support.

Samvad : A brief introduction

SAMVAD is a value-based Organization, dedicated to Indigenocracy and Constitutional values. We are committed to strengthen Indigenocracy & sustainable livelihood to promote self-governance, self-reliant and joyful society. SAMVAD has been providing a collective platform for rejuvenating identity, art & culture of Indigenous people. Our praxis is collectivity, gender equality, community rights on natural resources and establishment of a people's democracy through collective action. We believe in Climate and Social justice.

Vision

SAMVAD envisions a society where relations between human beings and nature is balanced for preservation of the indigenous social values and creation of sustainable livelihood for people towards establishment of a society on a communitarian lifestyle, labour-oriented and egalitarianism which accepts the diversity and differences among human beings. This is the society of *Indigenocracy*.

Mission

SAMVAD strives for self-reliant and self-respectful society based on equality, gender-equity, labour-oriented universe and self-governance by strengthening the communitarian lifestyle of the indigenous and downtrodden people. Efforts are on to empower Gram Sabhas and traditional governance systems in the villages of Adivasis, Dalits, Minorities and the poor as a whole. It ensures equal representation and participation of women and men in community level decision-making and development processes.

Goal

SAMVAD endeavors to strengthen capacities of the community to establish self-rule and continue the creative struggle for Gram Swaraj with special focus on socio-economic justice, gender equality and climate justice. SAMVAD strives to establish village republic i.e., AbuaAtureyAbua Raj -Our Rule in Our Village.

Objectives

- To promote and strengthen Self-Rule through Empowerment of Gram Sabha and People's Organisations
- To empower indigenous skills and technology for promoting sustainable livelihood and resilient development
- To promote Indegenopathy and provide basic health facilities.
- To sensitize & capacitate youth and Community leaders for disaster management.
- To capacitate youth for Gender Sensitivity, Social Justice and Communal harmony
- To preserve & rejuvenate Indigenous Art & Culture from de-culturisation
- To develop a training and resource center for documenting and promoting regional Art, Culture and Crafts
- To develop Audio-Visual materials for awareness of the people
- To promote Networks with like-minded groups and individual for policy centered Advocacy
- To promote Child Rights for joyful life of children.

Strategies

- Alliance building with like-minded groups and promote network for social transformation
- Public policy analysis, discourse and dissemination
- Resource material collection, compilation and dissemination for awareness generation
- Promotion and strengthening of CBOs and youth groups
- Empowering women through collectivization
- Developing potential human resource base
- Capacity building for sustainable livelihood
- Promote development models to encourage sustainable livelihood.
- To build Women Farmer Organization, Farmers Organizations & Migrant labors Organization for promoting micro entrepreneurship & inclusive development.

Thematic areas

- Agriculture and Sustainable Livelihood
- Campaign for Climate Justice
- Child Rights
- Documentation, Films and Publications
- Empowering Gram Sabha
- Entrepreneurship Development
- Gender Empowerment & Women Rights
- Capacitating on gender sensitivity at community
- Land, Water & Forest Rights
- Linkage with Govt. Flagship Programmes
- Preservation of Traditional Art and Culture

Coverage Area



Working Area of Samvad

Project	Total Village	Total Block	Total Districts
Bread for the World	400	28	16
im	70		
Phia	90		
Oak Foundation	140		
ASAR	40		
TOTAL	740		

Our Projects



Project Name : Deepening indigenocracy and promoting sustainable livelihood in Jharkhand, continuation

Donor: BftW, Germany

Project Area: Total village - 400, Block - 23, District - 14

Project Duration : October, 2019 - September, 2022



Project Name : Deepening Indiginocracy and Indigeneity through strengthening Gram sabha and improving livelihood in Jharkhand.

Donor : IM-IndividuellMänniskohjälp Swedish Development Partner, Swiden

Project Area : Village – 70, Block – 4, District – 3 (Ranchi, Deoghar and Jamtara)

Project Duration : July, 2021 – December, 2023



Project Name : Local Democracy for better health outcomes in 90 Villages of 8 Panchayats in Fatehpur Block in Jamtara District of Jharkhand.

Project Donor : PHIA Foundation, New Delhi

Project Area : Village – 90, Panchayat – 8, District – Jamtara

Project Duration : 1st July, 2021 to 31st July, 2022



Project Name : Promote inclusive governance and sustainable livelihood initiatives among resource- poor women and other marginalised communities

Donor : OAK Foundation, London, U.K

Project Area : Village 140, Panchayat 16, Block – 4, District - 4

Project Duration : 01.01.2022 – 31.12.2024



Project Name : Strengthening Mothers' initiative for combating Air Pollution in Bokaro and Dhanbad Districts of Jharkhand

Donor : Asar Social Impact Advisors Private Limited, Bengaluru

Project Area : Panchayat 10, Block – 2, District - 2

Project Duration : 1st March, 2022 - 28th February, 2023

Project Name : USAID-CABH_Develop and carry out the various engagement and public awareness activities on air pollution in Jamshedpur and Ranchi

Donor : Asar Social Impact Advisors Private Limited, Bengaluru

Project Area : Ranchi and Jamshedpur

Project Duration : 1st March, 2022 - 28th February, 2023



Project Name : *To provide emergency COVID relief to vulnerable households in Jharkhand, India Project*

Donor : FORD Foundation

Project Area : *100 villages of 5 districts of Jharkhand. In each district two blocks covered for dry-ration distribution and these are, Itki and Bero block of Ranchi district; Potka and Musabani block of East Sighbhum district; Gandey and Bengabad block of Giridih district; Madhupur and Margomunda block of Deoghar district and Jamtara and Narayanpur block of Jamtara district*

Project Duration : *1st June 2021 to 31st January 2022*

Programs

Covid Response : Campaign & Relief

- During the time of Covid 19 pandemic Gram Sabha has taken initiatives for the protection of their community such as social distancing, regular washing of hands, use of mask at public places etc. for their own safety.
- SAMVAD distributed dry ration to 1000 families
- Around 10000 cooked food has been distributed to the migrant labours.
- 3000 fruit bearing plant has been distributed in 200 villages
- 20 herbal gardens are established in different clusters for the promotion and practices of herbal medicines for better health and immunity.
- 36 backyard ponds constructed in 36 villages for micro-irrigation and wage generations.
- Land levelling in 20 acres has been done for water and soil conservation, and also wage generation.
- Campaign for combating Covid-19 and promotion of its' vaccination done in 600 villages.
- 98% citizen of our target population vaccinated with Covid-19 vaccines.

Rights & Entitlements

With the support of administration, we started plantation and other MGNREGA schemes at high speed to generate maximum wages. During Covid-19 pandemic, migrant labours were engaged in MGNREGA schemes. The work demand campaign were organised to facilitate the work demand and Job cards for the villagers.

Rights & entitlement campaign has been conducted in 600 villages for the awareness generation among community regarding govt. flagship and welfare schemes.

Network and Advocacy : PESA Consultation

The govt. of Jharkhand has framed the draft rules on PESA and the process of suggestions and advices have been taken from all govt. departments. After this



process, govt. had to take final notifications for framing the PESA rules and this has been initiated by the govt. Joint Secretary but due to the announcement of Panchayat Election, it has been postponed for some time. Meanwhile, it has been come into focus that Chattishgarh Government has passed the PESA rules in its' State and based on that the State Federation has been decided to sit again in all four regions for some necessary amendments based on the area specific. After this, the representatives of all district, domain experts, State bureaucrats, intellectuals like minded networks and elected representatives, NGOs, etc. were participated and finalized the PESA rules after necessary amendments. After the necessary amendment the final draft rules will be submitted to TRI (Tribal Research Institute) Government of Jharkhand.

Cultural Activities : Akhra Initiatives

SAMVAD rejuvenated Akhra (a platform of cultural gathering and discourse) in 340 villages of different districts of Jharkhand. Akhra is a process of empowering village, equity among women and men, cultural activities, rituals, judicial systems, common discussion for needs and development and entertainment.

Self-rule : Case study

SAMVAD believes that self-rule is our birth rights and also 'Abua Ature Abua Raaj' (Our rules in our village). This is a process of deepening Democracy. Based on this belief, SAMVAD is regularly rendering its' immense effort in strengthening and empowering Gram Sabha and promoting Federation of Gram Sabhas.

Case Study – I

A Constructive Role of Gram Sabha : Access & Management the Govt. Infrastructure



We all know that many Primary Schools were built in Jharkhand. After 2019, many of those Schools merged, leaving the School buildings unusable. One such Primary School is in Lockeshera village. This village comes under East Singhbhum District of Musabani Block.

After the merger of the School, the employees of the Block came to demolish the building. The village head Matu Mardi and other women of the village - Santala Mardi, Bindu Mardi, Singo Mardi, Baby Patar and Federation members Hisi Mardi, Bharat Mardi etc. together stopped the work of demolishing the building. From the year 2020 to 2022, there was a period of School holidays because of Corona Pandemic.

On January 8, 2022, the workers of the block came again to demolish the building. Then the residents of the village again protested and prohibited the demolition of the building. After that, in the meeting of the Gram Sabha on January 22, it was proposed that an application should be made in writing to take the School building under the control of the Gram Sabha, so that the employees of the block do not try to demolish the building again and again. According to the decision in the meeting, the responsibility was entrusted to make applications to Matu Mardi, Santala Mardi, Sango Mardi, Baby Patar, Bindu Mardi as representatives.

After the tireless efforts of the villagers, the building was taken over from the block in writing on 22 January 2022. Now the women's office and village secretariat have been kept at that school. In this way, with the special initiative of the Gram Sabha, the Gram Sabha secretariat is being used as a permanent office in the merged schools for smooth functioning of the Gram Sabha.

Case Study – II

Deepening Democracy Exercised by the Gram Sabha

Deepening Democracy is our core theme and in this respect, SAMVAD practicing deepening democracy through Gram Sabha in 400 villages. In this regard, this example is an exercise of deepening democracy where a representative selected/elected unanimously by the Gram Sabha of the Panchayat as follow :



Mohan Kisku's father is a resident of Bajju Kisku, Village - Lalpur, Tola - Bichkodwa, Panchayat - Jabhaguri, Block - Madhupur, District - Deoghar.

Mohan Kisku lives with his family. His financial condition is not so good and due to this, he used to go to Bengal to work for their livelihood to run the family. When the work stopped during Corona, he came back to his house, he had to face difficulties to run his family.

But for the last three years, Mohan Kisku in his village Bichkodwa which has become a model village. He regularly participates in the meetings of the Gram Sabha and also SAMVAD's meetings and training programs. By participating in many types of training, he brought a change in his mindset and understood that only the Gram Sabha can give its rights to the downtrodden and the last person.

He did many social works in his village, such as making application for the scheme, solving the problem of the village, helping people by going to other villages, providing benefits to the people by taking initiative on schemes like hand pumps, irrigation wells etc.

Seeing his work, it was decided in the Gram Sabha meeting that Mohan Kisku has to be put up for the post of Panchayat Head (Mukhiya) in the Panchayat Raj Institutions Elections. The resolution was passed unanimously and Mohan Kisku nominated for the post of Mukhiya. After this, Mohan Kisku and other villagers participated in the Gram Sabha meeting of all the villages of Jabhaguri and appealed to the people to vote and they also won.

Now he is handling the work of his Panchayat by becoming a Mukhiya. Mohan Kisku has become recognized as an ideal leader and is expressing his desire to create an ideal society by connecting with the ideas of dialogue.

Adivasi Education

SAMVAD is dedicated to promote and expand the Adivasi education with their language and dialects. In this respect SAMVAD established a School for Adivasi children/Adolescents in Choura village of Madhupur block. This initiative is a resourceful to the community and education fraternity of Adivasi dominated areas. The initiative is rendering quality of education in the schools, inclusive of Adivasi culture, heritage & ethos that promote preservation, restoration and augmentation of Adivasi lifestyle, values and culture. We are empowering the community through their cultural practice. By working as a team, we are making various strategies to address the challenges of the Adivasi Community in terms of education and look into different modalities of working with the community.

Natural Resource Management : Livelihood Initiatives

Jharkhand is a rich State of Natural resources such as forests, thousands of small and big rivers and various kinds of beautiful trees, springs and mountains but unfortunately today Jharkhand is facing devastation of Natural resources in the name of so-called developments. In this context, SAMVAD is regularly trying to protect these natural resources for future generations. In this respect, we are protecting natural forests through several awareness programs and also promoting community need plantation along with organic farming.

In continuation, we have also leveraging government schemes and initiated a huge construction of ponds, dobhas , land leveling etc for preservation of land and water.

People's Organization : Gram Sabha Federation

SAMVAD strengthening the Gram Sabha Federation in four regions of Jharkhand – North Chotanagpur, South Chotanagpur, Kolhan and Santal Pargana. 799 gram sabhas are members in these federations. These regional federations formed a State level Federation for leveraging govt. flagship programs and welfare schemes, combat Covid-19 and drought along with policy advocacy for formation of PESA rules in Jharkhand.

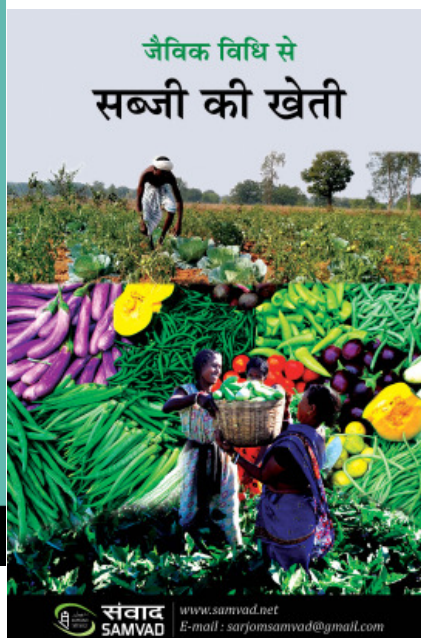
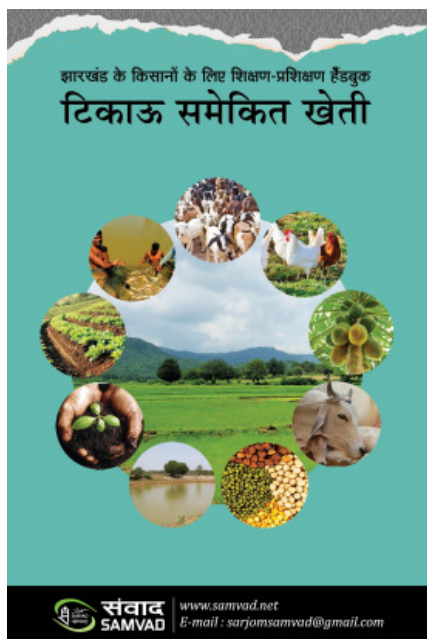
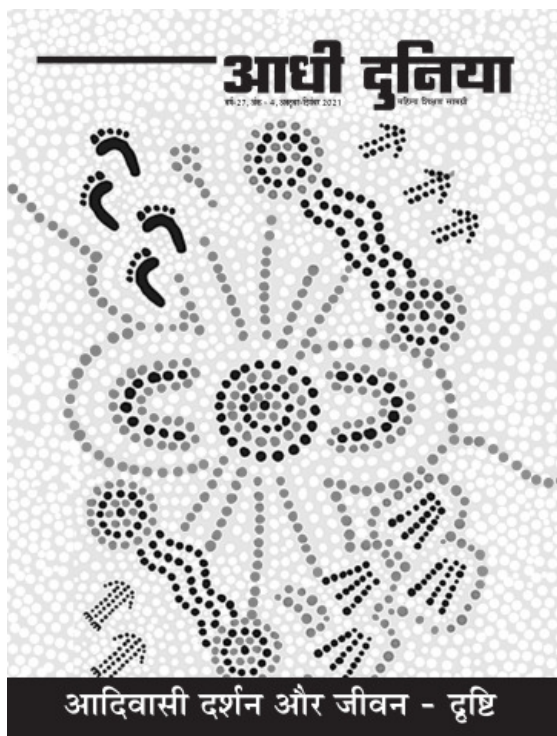
Organization Development

SAMVAD is a different type of voluntary organization, who believes that community is first and the organization is next. In this respect, empowering the community as well as the organization is our prime concern. So, SAMVAD formed a 'core group' for review and planning of the organization's intervention and this group meets in every quarter with selected staffs of the organization.

Communication and Publications : Books and magazine

SAMVAD is also initiated its' intervention towards deepening democracy through Communication and publications of books and magazines and in this respect, several booklets on different issues such as, Aadhi Duniya, integrated farming, khetikisani aur paani, folder and posters on Combatting Covid-19.





कोरोना महामारी से बचाव हेतु जन जागरूकता अभियान

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कोरोना महामारी से बचाव हेतु जन जागरूकता अभियान

कोरोनावायरस के संक्रमण के सामान्य लक्षण






बुखार, सूखी खांसी, सांस लेने में कठिनाई, मांसपेशियों और जोड़ों में दर्द, नाक बंद, नाक बहना, गले में खराश होना या दस्त, स्याद और गंध महसूस न होना।

संक्रमण से कैसे बचें या इसे फैलने से कैसे रोके

शारीरिक दूरी


 भीड़भाड़ वाली जगहों में जाने से बचें।	 एक-दूसरे से कम से कम 2 मीटर की दूरी हो।	 आपसी संपर्क से बचें जैसे - हाथ मिलाया हाथ पकड़ना या गले लगना।	 सार्वजनिक जगहों पर टेबल कुर्मी दरवाजे के हैंडल आदि को छूने से बचें।
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साफ सफाई

 अपने हाथों को साबुन और पानी से बीच-बीच में कम से कम 20 सेकंड तक धोते रहें।	 खांसे अथवा छींकते समय अपने नाक और मुँह को रुमाल या गमछे से ढकें अथवा अपनी मुड़ी हुई कोहनी में खांसे अथवा छींकें।	
 घर एवं बाहर के फर्श और अन्य वस्तुओं को नियमित साफ रखें।	 घर के आस-पास गंदा पानी जमने न दें।	 अपने आँख, नाक और मुँह को संदे हाथों से न छुएं।

- बच्चे एवं बुजुर्गों के स्वास्थ्य का विशेष ध्यान रखें।
- घर से बाहर जाना आवश्यक हो तो मुँह और नाक को हमेशा मास्क या गमछे से ढंककर ही बाहर निकलें।

कोरोना से संबंधित किसी तरह की सहायता के लिए टोल फ्री नंबर 181 पर संपर्क करें अथवा स्थानीय थाना से संपर्क करें। पंचायत के आंगनवाड़ी सेविका को अवश्य सूचित करें।



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कौशल प्रता

Challenges & Learning

Challenges

- During the year(2021) major crisis faced by our team was Covid-19 in Jharkhand.
- Reverse migration
- Formation of PESA rules
- Community intervention during Covid-19
- Protection of staff (frontline workers) from Covid-19

Learning

- In the last three years, we have learnt that where community is organized there the problems can be faced and resolved easily.
- It is a fact that the Covid-19 Pandemic and after the lock-downs somehow hindered us in regular field interventions but due to the indigenous ethos of life saving system and the proper interactions with the community by our field staff, our planned activities properly implemented and desired outcomes were achieved.
- We have learnt that due to the severe impact of Covid-19 Pandemic, where the whole world was shattered with panic but the Indigenous communities were taking it differently and this was happened due to their life style and relation with the nature. There was also a strong reason of their good health, sound indigeneity and the practice of Indigenopathy that stood them boldly in front of the severe pandemic.
- Where women are organized and aware, any type of challenges can be faced very easily

Organisational Structure

SAMVAD ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

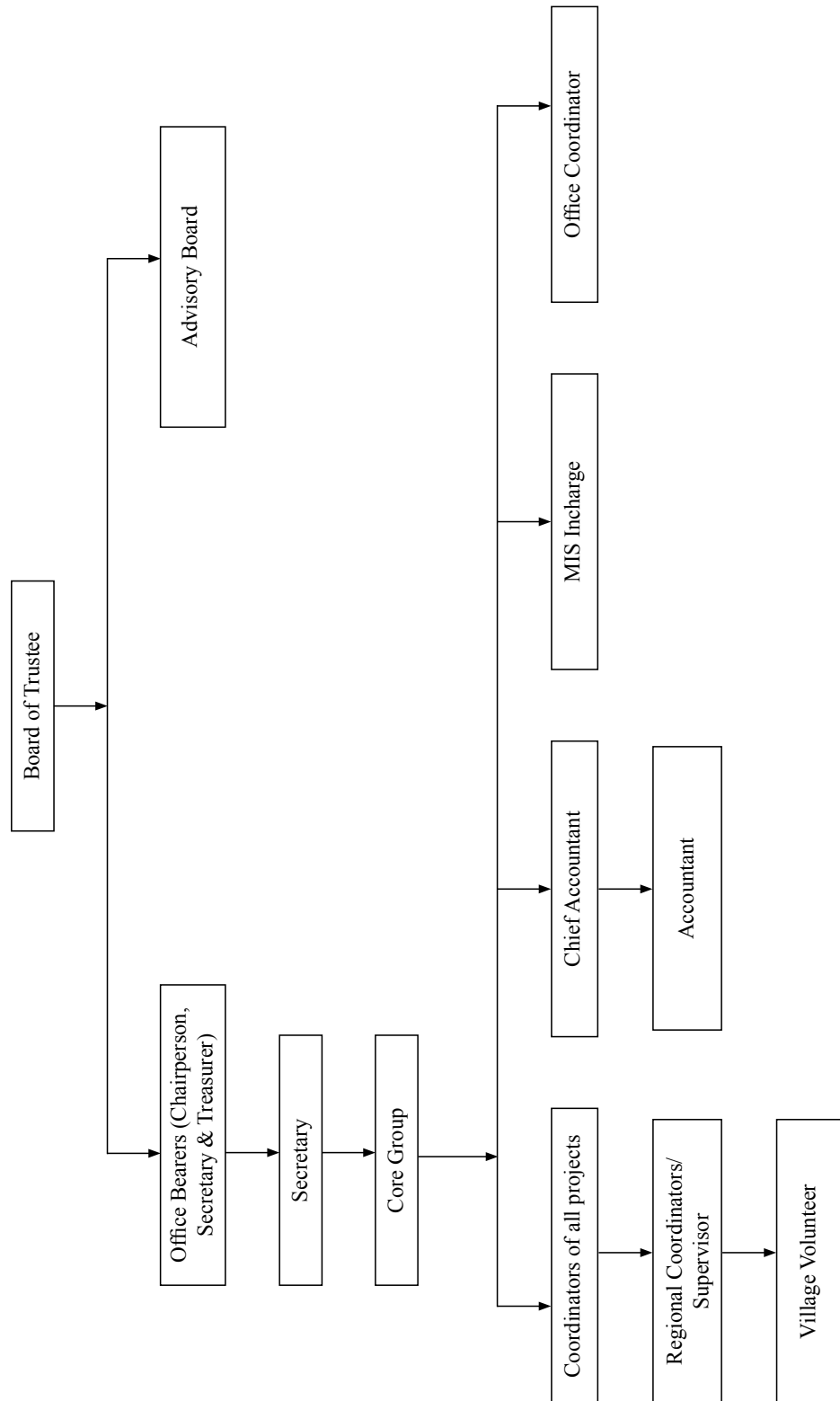


Photo Gallery



Cultural team performing street play against Covid Pandemic



Dobha (Back-Yard Pond) Construction Work under MNREGA



Drafting PESA rules



Akhra : Jharkhand Jatra



Land leveling under MNREGA



Organization Development : Core Group Meeting