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Letter from General Secretary

Dream, Reflection and Hope

Dear Friends,

It is an immense honour for me to reflect on the experiences of BJUP in the year 2022-23 which highlights our commitment towards serving marginalized communities in the areas of health and wash, education, livelihood, and child protection. 2022-2023 has been a remarkable year of progress, challenges, and most importantly, transformative impact on the lives of those we serve.

Everyone is entitled to a Life with Freedom and Dignity. With this vision, BJUP has been working for the last 39 years to bring sustainable changes in the lives of the most vulnerable communities in rural parts of Bihar Development Goals (SDGs).

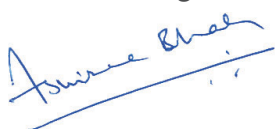
BJUP's approaches and strategies are designed and implemented to ensure the localization of SDGs which bring forward the evidences to integrate those approaches in our programs and initiatives in achieving the targets of SDGs. This Annual Report 22-23 is a narration of these efforts. BJUP showcases its strategic efforts by addressing the practical challenges related to social complexity, bringing integration and comprehensiveness in grassroots initiatives and ensuring community empowerment and participation.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the support and collaboration of our dedicated team, volunteers, partners, and donors. I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your invaluable contributions, passion, and commitment. Together, we have transformed lives and planted seeds of hope in communities that were once forgotten.

We will continue to adapt, innovate, and expand our reach, driven by the belief that every person, regardless of their circumstances, deserves equal opportunities and a chance to thrive.

Let us remain resolute in our mission to create a society that embraces diversity, provides equal opportunities, and uplifts marginalized communities. Together, we can build a future where no individual is left behind.

With utmost gratitude and determination,



Abhishek Bhartiya
General Secretary,





About us

The Bhartiya Jan Utthan Parishad (BJUP) is a registered non for profit organization established in 1983 by group of committed and like-minded social worker under the leadership of Late Devendra Prasad Singh. BJUP since its inception believes in empowering marginalized communities by fostering their skills, knowledge, and capacities, enabling them to actively participate in decision-making processes and shape their own future. Through our various programs and initiatives, we aim to address the challenges faced by disadvantaged communities, including but not limited to poverty, discrimination, lack of access to education, healthcare, and basic human rights. We believe in fostering sustainable solutions that go beyond short-term assistance, focusing on long-term empowerment and structural change. We work collaboratively with various government agencies, national, international development organization, civil societies, CSRs and other stakeholders to enhance quality of life through promotion of inclusivity, social equality, and social justice. BJUP established itself as a leading agency in an effective civil society collation and networking. In all our initiatives and processes, we maintain high standards of transparency and accountability, ensuring that resources are utilized effectively and efficiently to achieve our mission.

Together, we envision a society where no one is left behind, where every individual has equal opportunities to lead a fulfilling life.



Our Vision

Holistic development of all sections of society through awareness and consciousness.






Our Mission

Deriving sustainable development processes ensuring improvement in quality of life of all sections of the society, especially of deprived and marginalized through participatory approach.




The Footprint 22–23

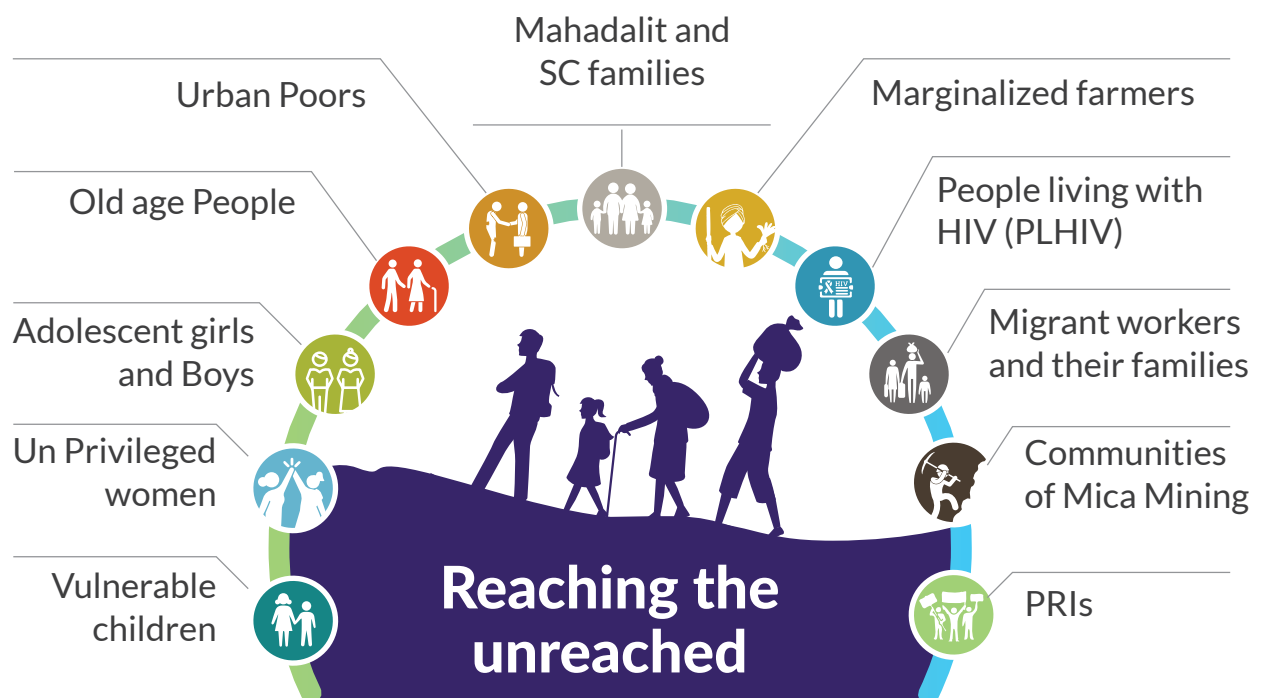
We have a growing footprint, currently expanding in two states in India and moving ahead strongly to impact Health & WASH, Child Protection, Education, Livelihood, Women Empowerment, and Environment outcomes across Bihar and Jharkhand.

Bihar

-  400 villages
-  Reached 12000 beneficiaries
-  Working in 6 districts of Bihar Gaya, Nalanda, Nawada, Sheikhpura, Jamui and Patna






Jharkhand

-  400 villages
-  Reached 12000 beneficiaries
-  Working in 2 districts of Jharkhand that is Giridih and Koderma



Our Key Programs

The BJUP programme focuses on several key programme areas spanning health and Wash, education, skill development, livelihood, Protection, Women Empowerment and Natural Resource Management. Within each of these areas, the programme emphasises comprehensive approaches, innovation, and collaboration with multiple stakeholders. Additionally, BJUP incorporates cross-cutting themes such as gender and inclusive governance to address social norms and inequalities that can impede development outcomes. Furthermore, BJUP's holistic approach to development, integration of cross-cutting themes, and emphasis on resilience-building contribute to its goal of addressing poverty and social injustice and achieving long-term sustainable and positive change within communities.

<p>BACHPAN (SKN)</p>  <p>KINDERPOSTZEGELS <i>voor kinderen door kinderen</i></p>	<p>BACHPAN (APPI)</p>  <p>Azim Premji Foundation</p>	<p>Maitri</p>	<p>Khula Aasman</p>  <p>SHARE & CARE FOUNDATION</p>
<p>BACCHE</p>  <p>KINDERPOSTZEGELS <i>voor kinderen door kinderen</i></p>	<p>Community Empowerment Program</p>	<p>Holistic Rural Development Program (HRDP)</p>	<p>Digital Classroom Program</p>
<p>Vihaan</p>	<p>Target Intervention</p>	<p>Child line India Foundation</p> 	

Introducing Our New Initiative:

Maitri Project (A collaboration with Educate Girls)

in February 2023 with the valuable backing of Educate Girls and skillfully implemented by Bhartiya Jan Utthan Parishad, embark on a transformative journey to tackle a critical concern in the Nalanda district: out-of-school girls (OOSG). These resilient young individuals frequently hail from underprivileged circumstances, grappling with challenges such as seasonal migration, caregiving responsibilities, and early marriages. Our initiative, known as The Maitri Project, comprises three pivotal components, each designed to make a profound difference.

- 1. Identification of OOSG:** Rigorous evidence-based assessments involve collaboration with local stakeholders like teachers, healthcare workers, and community representatives to identify out-of-school girls through door-to-door surveys.
- 2. Enrollment of OOSG:** The project uses a multifaceted approach to enroll these girls. It clarifies roles and responsibilities of stakeholders at various levels and provides capacity-building to monitor progress. Awareness campaigns using educational materials, community camps, and teacher sensitization are employed to promote girls' education.
- 3. Retention of Children:** To ensure girls stay in school after enrollment, the project offers education kits and counseling services to address potential dropout reasons. This comprehensive approach aims to provide quality education and long-term support to out-of-school girls in Nalanda district.

SDG Covered



SDG 4
Quality Education

BACHPAN

(A Program of Stitching Kinderpostzegles, Netherlands)



The project "BACHPAN" aims to promote the comprehensive development, protection, and care of orphan and semi-orphan children in seven slums of Bihar Sharif, Bihar. The project follows three perspectives to address challenges. Firstly, it offers kinship care to children living with close relatives. Secondly, it focuses on children in independent care with siblings. Thirdly, it supports children raised by various families. The project's approach includes three main pillars: prioritising psychological well-being in residential care; enhancing the social environment through awareness and workshops; and giving children a platform to express themselves through dialogues. Implementation involves engaging with child clubs, committees, and local authorities, providing life skills training and educational support, and connecting families to government schemes. The project also improves educational facilities and aids enrollment in schools and AWCs.

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50 children are currently receiving **financial support** for their tuition to ensure their education continues.



28 children have been supported with **study materials and books**.



142 children have been **successfully enrolled in school**.



5 Government schools support the sanitary napkin hygiene kit for adolescent girls.



11 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in our targeted area support whiteboards and chalk, Manohar Pothi (books), pencils, and a learning chart.



99 individuals linked to various social entitlements and schemes.

SDG Covered

SDG 4
Quality Education

SDG 16
Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

SDG 16.2
Protect children from abuse, exploitation and Trafficking and violence

BACHPAN

(A Program of Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative)

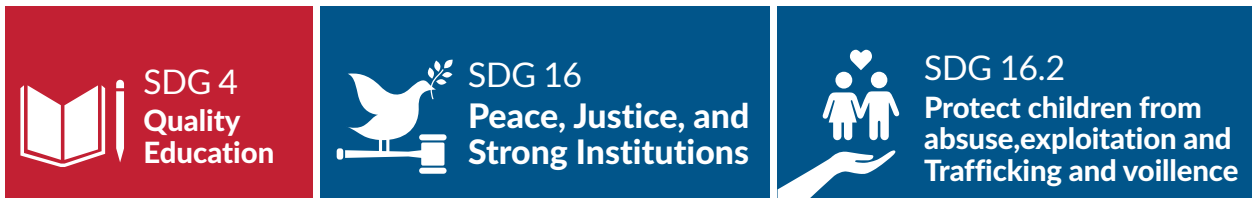
“Building Atmosphere for Children to have Protection & nurturing “



"BACHPAN" is an initiative emerging within the slum areas of Bihar Sharif town, situated in the Nalanda district of Bihar. It aims to create a protective and nurturing haven for children who have become separated from their families due to various circumstances. Drawing insights from the pilot programme, the project's scope has expanded to encompass ten slums, where it provides assistance to vulnerable children hailing from minority and marginalised backgrounds. The initiative specifically addresses the issue of child labour, with a particular focus on ragpickers, recognising its adverse effects on cognitive and emotional development. The project primarily focuses on orphaned and semi-orphaned children. BACHPAN's approach revolves around three core principles: furnishing residential care, enriching the social infrastructure through awareness campaigns and training, and

empowering children by giving them a voice through engagement. The practical execution involves conducting meetings with local organisations, providing parenting training, extending educational aid, facilitating access to government initiatives, and supporting the enrollment of children into schools.

SDG Covered



Impact that Matters



45 children are getting **financial support** for their tuition to ensure their education continues.



10 schools were supported for sanitary napkins, and a total of **800 girls** got to benefit from them.



600 children get direct support, and 1057 indirectly get **education support** to ensure their education.



126 individuals have been connected to various social entitlements and schemes.



142 children have been **successfully enrolled in school**.



18 community libraries and 5 primary learning centres are running to get support for the **education of CNCP children**.



600 direct beneficiaries, along with **1000 indirect beneficiaries** (siblings), are enrolled in schools.

Khula Aasman

(Share and care Foundation)

Since 2022, the Bhartiya Jan Utthan Parishad (BJUP) has been implementing the Khula Asman Project with the aim of empowering women and girls from the most marginalised communities of Giriyak block in Nalanda district of Bihar. The adolescent girls were provided with skill training such as tailoring, beauty, artificial jewellery, and mehendi designing to make them self-reliant. The Bhartiya Jan Utthan Parishad believes in encouraging women and adolescent girls to come forward as they are the drivers of economic growth and community development.



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63 women and girls were trained in tailoring, equipping them with valuable skills to pursue a career in this field.



34 participants got mehendi design training, fostering creativity and craftsmanship.



21 women and girls hone their skills in the field of beauty and cosmetics.



24 women got empowered in artificial jewellery-making programmes to create stunning pieces of jewellery.



26 adolescent girls got benefitted from self-defense training, and confidence building has been conducted.

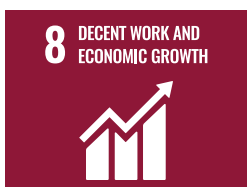


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168 women and adolescent girls are empowered through skill enhancement.

SDG Covered



BACHHE









(Building Atmosphere for Comprehensive Child Health and Education)

(A Program of Stitching Kinderpostzegels, Netherland)

The Bachhe Programme marks a significant step towards the comprehensive development of children. The project's initial phase involved the organisation of village-level meetings, bringing together children, their families, PRI members, and health workers. BACHHE aims to create a platform for discussing various issues related to out-of-school and dropout youth. Through a series of meetings, training sessions, and campaigns, the project seeks to harness the full potential of children during their school years. This initiative is being implemented in the Rajauli block of Nawada District with the goal of fostering the holistic development of children and addressing challenges related to their education and well-being.



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-  **454 children** participated in the formation of the Child Club.
-  **215 beneficiaries** linked with Social Entitlement.
-  **14 schools will receive sports materials** as part of the provision and distribution plan.
-  **208 students are expected to enroll** through the enrollment camp for scheduled registration at different schools.
-  **188 Bal Sansad members** have been trained to support children in feeling safe at school.
-  **434 teaching learning materials** to be provisioned/distributed in schools
-  **72 School teachers are trained** on social and emotional well-being.
-  **30 highly vulnerable** out-of-school children have received scholarship support.

SDG Covered

4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 
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Community Empowerment Program

(A Program of Responsible Mica initiative)

The Community Empowerment Programme is operating across 50 villages in Bihar and Jharkhand. The initiative is strategically designed to uplift communities residing in mica-rich regions. The programme employs a holistic approach encompassing five key domains: livelihood, education, social entitlements, health and WASH, and Advocacy. Through a combination of individual, small-group, and large-group activities to uplift ultra-poor households, fostering sustainable solutions. This is realised through a range of interventions such as asset-building support, vocational training, financial literacy sessions, distribution of kitchen garden seeds, provision of scholarships, establishment of educational infrastructure, organization of health camps, dissemination of hygiene awareness, and facilitation of linkages for accessing social entitlements. The project's efforts in creating lasting positive impacts and driving meaningful transformations within these communities.



Impact that Matters



48 families received asset support to enhance their income



97 individuals received training in stitching, beauty, and other trades



252 women received financial literacy training



190 households received training and seeds for kitchen gardens



24 students were granted scholarships for their education



880 community members benefited from the number of health camps.



372 educational sessions on health and hygiene were conducted for preventive purposes



152 children catered in Balwadi do they cater.



8 schools received sports and educational materials.



61 households benefited from livestock camp



1419 individuals were successfully connected with various social entitlements and rights.

SDG Covered

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES




Holistic Rural Development Program (HRDP)

(A collaboration of HDFC Bank -Pariwartan)


The collaborative "HRDP" project, partnered with HDFC Bank's Parivartan, sets out to comprehensively uplift rural regions within Nawada District. This endeavour places a strong emphasis on bolstering the capabilities of vulnerable communities through targeted skill development and training, equipping them to navigate the intricacies of environmental challenges. Through the refinement of techniques and resource management practices, the project takes aim at alleviating the deepened impoverishment resulting from diminishing agricultural yields. Embedded within the initiative are pivotal elements such as ICDS, the improvement of school and AWC infrastructure, heightened health awareness, and the advancement of natural farming methodologies. The strategy is underpinned by four fundamental pillars: education, livelihood, health and WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene), and adept management of natural resources. The practical execution encompasses a range of efforts, from promoting awareness about soil testing to encouraging poultry farming, conducting veterinary outreach, revamping hand pump facilities, establishing village and farmer development committees, and enhancing the visual appeal and functionality of Aganwadi Centres.


Impact that Matters

 **150 of Solar Streetlights** installed.

 **15 vermicompost pit** established to promote organic farming.

 **5 Solar based group irrigation system** established.

 **5 installation** of government subsidised Sprinkler irrigation system.

 **3 smart school** and smart classes.

 **2 Aanganwari centres** renovated and beautified.

 **3 farm field school** promoted.



SDG Covered

1 NO POVERTY



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



15 LIFE ON LAND



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Digital Classroom Program

(A Collab with E-Vidyaloka)



Bhartiya Jan Utthan Parishad, in collaboration with Evidyaloka Bangalore, is running the Vidyaganga & Digital Classroom programme in two schools in Nalanda district's Giriya block to improve government school education for 5th to 8th graders. This initiative utilises digital education with highly qualified volunteers and professionals, a concept that gained prominence during the pandemic. The E-Vidyaloka project has two key components: creating innovative learning content on Android apps and providing digital infrastructure through tablets and smartphones, managed by parents, teachers, and the school management committee. The implementation includes enrolling students, offering counselling, and conducting feedback sessions to enhance the learning process.

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500+ children are enrolled in the digital education.



Dropout ratio decreased.



Increase in the attendance and learning of the **students in the classroom**.



2 girl child received **monitory** prize of ₹5,000

SDG Covered

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Vihaan

(A Collaboration with UPNP+Lucknow)



The BJUP is actively implementing the Vihaan project in collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh Welfare for People Living with HIV/AIDS Society to provide care and support to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Vihaan, which means 'dawn's first light' in Sanskrit, is a national initiative aimed at establishing and managing 350 Care and Support Centres (CSCs) across India. The primary goals of this initiative are to enhance access to vital services, promote treatment adherence, reduce stigma and discrimination, and enhance the overall quality of life for people living with HIV (PLHIV). The BJUP's Vihaan CSCs are dedicated to the health and well-being of PLHIV and their affected families, with a special focus on reaching underserved populations, including women, children, and high-risk groups such as female sex workers (FSW), men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender individuals, and people who inject drugs (PWID).

The approach involves a holistic and participatory approach for PLHIV, along with essential social and psychological support. The implementation strategy includes raising community awareness about PLHIV, offering counselling services to PLHIV, facilitating the registration of PLHIV for Anti-retroviral therapy, and providing follow-up and referral services to individuals living with HIV.

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-  **78 New Registration**
578
-  **6291 Patents** were active in CSC
-  **3095 Follow up** 3095
-  **03 Advocacy Meeting**
-  **568 Testing Referral Service**
-  **194 Testing Received Report**
-  **2915 Counselling Service and TB screening**
-  **12 Coordination Meeting with ART**
-  Bihar AIDS Satabadi Yojna - **294**
-  Parvarish - **16**

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Target Intervention

In collaboration with Bihar State AIDS Control Society, Gaya

BJUP, in collaboration with the Bihar State AIDS Control Society in Gaya, has initiated a Targeted Intervention project focused on reaching 700 high-risk groups (HRG) in the age range of 18–45 years across four blocks in Nalanda District, Bihar. Currently, 731 HRG individuals benefit from this programme, comprising 628 female sex workers (FSW) and 103 male sex workers (MSM). The project's approach prioritises the prevention of new HIV infections, enhancing client adherence to HIV prevention services, empowering HRG and communities to address their unique needs and challenges, and ensuring a health-based approach. Implementation includes awareness campaigns among communities, collaboration with HIV/AIDS-related stakeholders, linking individuals to social security schemes and entitlements, counselling for people living with HIV, registering PLHIV for Antiretroviral Therapy, and providing follow-up and referral services for individuals living with HIV.



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2890 high-risk group and community individuals have received regular counselling



13 STI HRG to PPP clinic & got treatment.



780 HRG got received regular health check-ups & the objective are to stay healthy & safe from Sexually transmitted disease.



648 HRG free from any STI infection.



187580 free condoms were distributed.



12 beneficiaries got crisis support .

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Child line India Foundation

The BJUP, in collaboration with the Childline India Foundation, is implementing the Childline project in Nalanda District to protect the rights of all children aged from 0-18 years. This initiative focuses on rescuing and assisting children in distress, with a particular emphasis on children in need of care and protection, especially the more vulnerable sections, including victims of child sexual abuse. The project operates 365 days a year, offering a free emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance. It includes daily intervention and case follow-up, community awareness and outreach activities, and monthly open house sessions with children who use the CHILDLINE service to better understand and address their concerns.



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SDG Covered

<p>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS</p> 	<p>SDG 16.2</p> <p>Protect children from abuse, exploitation and Trafficking and violence</p> 
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Theme: Health

Case Studies

Empowering Children for Mental health Resilience -Rohan leads the way

Satkurba Village, located in Bihar's Nawada District, faces significant challenges due to its remote location, daily laborers and women engaged in mica picking from nearby hilly areas. Although the village has a primary school and an anganwadi center, there is a lack of middle and high school facilities. Most households are landless, and many lack the skills needed for employment in the evolving job market. The BJUP team intervention in Satkurba Village focused on addressing mental health issues of children. One significant issue that arose during this intervention was the mental health of children.

A 16-year-old student named Rohan Kumar, who was studying in class 10th at U.M.S. Chitrakoli, played a pivotal role in addressing this concern. Rohan came from a family where his father worked as an unorganized laborer in Kolkata, while his mother was a housewife.

During a monthly child club meeting, Rohan encountered Deepak, a 14-year-old boy studying in class 8th. Deepak's father, Jitendra Rajwanshi, is engaged in collecting mica scraps. Rohan's interaction with Deepak revealed that Deepak had been irregular in school for the past six months due to difficulties in understanding the curriculum and shyness in seeking help from teachers. Additionally, he lacked the financial means to afford private tuition.

Rohan, moved by Deepak's plight, offered to help him study at his home. He proposed that they could study together in the evenings while Rohan did his self-study, providing Deepak with assistance in all subjects and general support throughout the day.



It wasn't just about academics, though. I realized that Deepak needed more than just help with his schoolwork. He needed someone to talk to about his feelings and worries. So, I also took on the role of providing continuous counseling to address his mental health concerns. It was a big responsibility, but I couldn't see my friend suffer.

-Says Rohan



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From March 2023 onwards, Deepak began regularly visiting Rohan's house for evening study sessions. Word of Rohan and Deepak's study sessions soon spread in the village, and another boy, Sandip Kumar, expressed a desire to join their study group.

Rohan Kumar's selfless dedication to helping his friend, Deepak, not only ensured Deepak's return to school but also extended this support to Sandip. Beyond academic assistance, Rohan also provided continuous counseling to address Deepak's mental health concerns.

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My initiatives to address mental health issues may have started small, but it has had a big impact. Deepak is back in school, and Sandip is also benefiting from our study group. But more importantly, we've learned the value of mental resilience and peer support in our challenging environment. Thank you for BJUP team for providing necessary support and listening to our story, and for believing in the power of children to bring about change.

—Rohan, with a hope in his eyes

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Theme: Education

Case Studies

Winds of change in Charaiya Village: A story of children bringing back to Education



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The story of Charaiya village is about bringing positive change in the lives of children. It's a shining example of how strategic interventions can lead to long-lasting changes in pathway to development. I am happy to see children taking interest in studying

 -Keshav Mandal (Education Trainer at BJUP)

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Charaiya, a village in Jamui district, Bihar, had long grappled with economic and educational challenges, particularly among the Malpahadi tribe. With only 10% literacy, lack of access to quality education, and children working in mica mines, education had not been a priority.

BJUP team, working in Charaiya village aimed to address these challenges in the education and raise awareness about the importance of education and facilitate the enrollment of children in school by organizing meetings with villagers, including the village Mukhiya (head).

Over time, these meetings and conversations began to change the way residents thought about education. They started to recognize that their lack of education had contributed to their backwardness and hindered their development. This shift in mindset marked a crucial turning point in the success of the initiative.

To further address the education-related issues, team workers facilitated a meeting between the villagers and the school's principal. In this meeting, villagers shared their concerns about their children's education, including the fear of falling behind academically. The headmaster reassured them that the school was committed to helping these children succeed and that their challenges were also the school's challenges. This reassurance provided a sense of relief and encouragement to the parents.

Volunteers played an essential role in supporting children's education. They not only ensured that children attended school regularly but also provided supplementary tutoring in the village. Some parents took their children's education seriously and arranged for private tuition to further improve their academic performance.

As a result of these efforts, there was a noticeable shift in the attitudes of both children and parents towards education. Children began to enjoy attending school, Parents became more involved in their children's education, actively encouraging them to study and providing necessary support.

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children of the mica area are now coming to school, the organization has given TLM, sports material and library to the school, it provides facilities & support for children to teach. This work BJUP is very commendable, such work should be done in other schools as well.

-Shyamdev Shah
(Principal: U.M.S
Charaiya)

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Theme: Child Protection

Case Studies

Building Safer and Inclusive Learning Environment for Ravi

Ravi Kumar, a 15-year-old boy hailing from the Saukchisarai village in the Nalanda district of Bihar, India. Ravi's life took a tragic turn when he lost his parents, leaving him and his siblings vulnerable.

Ravi Kumar belongs to a traditional labor family, with his father, Late Dyanand Manjhi, working as a construction laborer. Tragedy struck when Ravi's father fell from a building he was working on and succumbed to his injuries. This incident left Ravi's mother, Tara Devi, in a state of shock, and she, too, passed away after six months. Mrs. Mano Devi, Ravi's grandmother, took on the role of the caregiver. Ravi Kumar experienced immense emotional turmoil following the loss of both his parents.

As a member of the Mushar community, a marginalized group within the Scheduled Caste, Ravi faced discrimination and name-calling based on his caste. This adversely affected his self-esteem and motivation to attend school. Due to the emotional distress and caste-based discrimination he faced at school, Ravi decided to drop out, discontinuing his education.

Ravi's life started to change for the better when he was identified as part of BJUP initiative which focuses on child protection and welfare. The BJUP team provided intensive Counseling sessions to Ravi to address his grief and help him overcome the trauma of losing his parents. The counselors also provided

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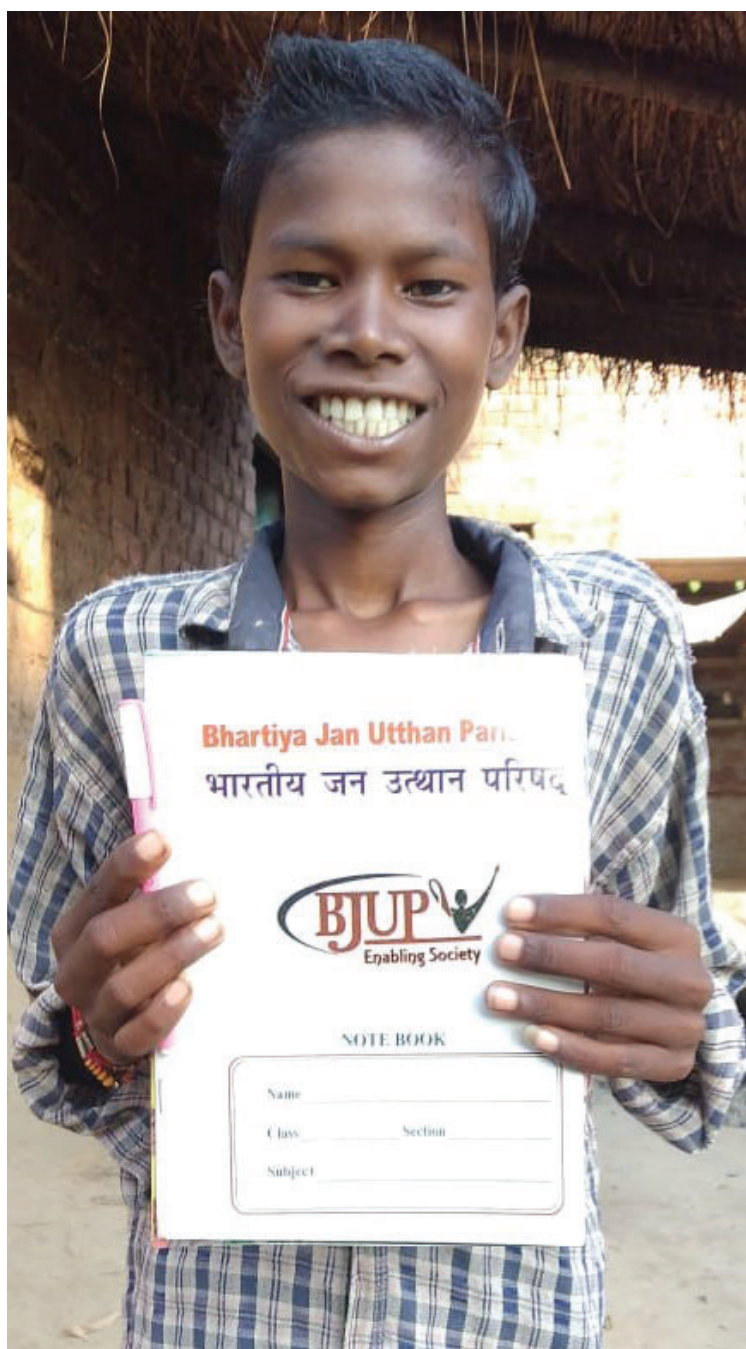
By addressing the emotional trauma, discrimination, and barriers to education, Ravi has been given a chance to break the cycle of poverty and disadvantage. His progress highlights the importance of continued efforts to protect and empower children in challenging circumstances, ultimately helping them build a brighter future.

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– Puspa Pandey
(Councillor at BJUP)

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guidance to boost his self-esteem and resilience. Ravi was encouraged to return to school, and the team provided him with the necessary support to ensure he could continue his education. Efforts were made to sensitize teachers and students at Ravi's school about the importance of inclusivity and eliminating caste-based discrimination.

Ravi Kumar's story serves as an inspiring example of how child protection initiatives and community support can transform the lives of vulnerable children. The interventions yielded significant importance of child protection and support systems in ensuring a brighter future for children in challenging circumstances



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Now I actively participates in classroom activities and love to go to school daily. With the support of the BJUP team, I received essential dry food materials, ensuring my basic nutritional needs are met. He is no longer affected by caste-based name-calling, thanks to BJUP team for all the support.

–Ravi with a big smile on his face.

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Theme: Livelihood and Women Empowerment

Case Studies

Empowerment through Women Enterprize: Story of Bebi Devi



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The VDC and BJUP team were a turning point for me, so I eagerly enrolled in their entrepreneurial support program. They provided With new wooden cart, I could easily move to different nearby places and expand my business. I am so grateful to the VDC and HRDP Team for what they have done to help me and my children.

–She says with a smile on her face.

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Sudhir Kakkar's book, 'The Indians,' introduces the concept of "double disadvantage," illustrating that being both a woman and a Dalit in India can result in systemic discrimination and limited opportunities. Bebi Devi, a resident of Shahpur village in the Warisaliganj Block of Nawada District, has defied the odds and overcome a life of double disadvantage – being a woman and a Dalit. This case study delves into her inspiring journey of resilience and entrepreneurship, highlighting the transformative impact of the Enterprise development supported by BJUP team and facilitated by Village Development Committee (VDC) and in her life.

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After marriage, Bebi Devi encountered another challenge; her husband was leg-disabled. Disability, despite growing awareness, continued to be viewed with pity in many parts of the country.

Motivated by her circumstances, Bebi Devi decided to venture into entrepreneurship. Recognizing the potential in the fast-food industry, she opened a small fast-food store in front of her house, specializing in Samosa Chat. However, a lack of resources hindered her progress.

Fortune smiled on Bebi when she learned about the Enterprise development supported by BJUP team and Village Development Committee (VDC) in her village. This committee aimed to support small businesses and entrepreneurial ventures in the area. Recognizing this as an opportunity to enhance her business prospects, Bebi enrolled in the program.

As part of the initiative, Bebi received a shaded wooden cart and a steel jar with a tap. This seemingly simple assistance had a profound impact on her life. With her new tools, she could expand her business beyond her immediate neighborhood. Her product range expanded from Samosa Chat to include Dahibara, Tikki Chaat, Pani Puri, and more. This diversification significantly improved her financial status. Her monthly earnings increased from a mere ₹ 3,000 to approximately ₹ 8,000.

The intervention not only brought financial stability but also bolstered Bebi's self-worth. Empowered by her newfound success, she decided to pay it forward. Bebi began supporting other women-based enterprises in her locality with the help of VDC. With the support of the Village Development Committee, she transformed her life from one of hardship to one filled with respect, opportunities, and the potential to inspire others.

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My life took another turn when I got married to a man who left me and went to other city , and the responsibility of providing for my family fell upon my shoulders at a very young age

-Bebi Devi while sharing her ordeal to the BJUP and VDC.

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Theme—Natural Resource Management and Environment

Case Studies

New light to the Villages

The use of energy is an important development indicator of the household's, as well as the village's, overall well-being. Despite of the development, villages across Nawada district grapples with energy poverty, households disconnected from the electricity. A majority of these rural households rely on hazardous resouces such biomass fuel, wood ,coal, as well as kerosene to meet their cooking and lighting requirements. However, this approach relies entirely on non-renewable sources of energy,contributing to an increase in the carbon footprint per household.

With a vision to reduce carbon footprint and provide clean, renewable energy solutions,the journey of installing solar street light began with careful site selection with a collaborative effort that involved the minds and hearts of both BJUP and the village development committees VDC .Through dialogue and deliberation, areas of importance were chosen within each village. It was not just about the placement of lights; it was about minimizing disputes and ensuring that every corner benefited from this transformation.



“ For the family, and hundreds of others like them, the long, dark night has finally turned into day. In the glow of these solar street lights, the villages of Warisaliganj and Pakribarawan stood as a testament to what could be achieved through partnership, vision, and a commitment to sustainable development.

 –She says with a smile on her face

Enriching Lives

BJUP initiative has harnessed solar energy in 15 villages of Warisaliganj and Pakribarawan blocks situated within Nawada district. A total of 150 solar street lights have been successfully installed, benefitting 2500-3000 families to mitigate the electricity problems.

In the heart of this change, a chorus of gratitude and arose. The villagers raised their voices in appreciation stating, ***"Women felt unsafe to go out to work as it was unsafe to return in the evening and on rainy days. After dusk, fetching water from a nearby water source was also a big challenge. But now, we feel safe as the lights turn on automatically in the evening and remain active till morning."*** says Nilam, a woman from village Bhojwan. An adolescent named Seema shared that apart from safety concerns, it has impacted their social relations as well. Community members gather during evenings, school going children sit together in groups to study and play late evening. ***"Days when the whole village experiences darkness due to power cut, our streets light up with solar street light,*** she says. ***"The solar street has helped me work for longer hours and my 3 children, two boys and a girl, can now study without the fear of losing power,"*** says a grateful Laxmi resident of Bali.

Development Partners

-Accelerate energy to bring synergies

BJUP would like to express heartfelt gratitude and extend sincere thanks to our esteemed Development Partners for their unwavering dedication, generous contributions and strategic collaborations that have significantly enhanced our ability to fulfill our mission and serve the community. Furthermore, their ongoing guidance and expertise have been invaluable in shaping our strategies, strengthening our organizational capacity, and ensuring the efficient utilization of resources. Their effective partnership has not only provided financial resources but has also contributed to the growth and sustainability of BJUP. Our joint effort has significantly contributed to attaining many of the Sustainable Development Goals. Below are the names of some of the partners that we have been closely working with in the year 2022-23.

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BJUP ensures that all grants and donations received are utilized in the most efficient way to help those in greatest need by setting up effective programmes of Health, Education, livelihood and child Protection. Additionally, our management maintains highest standards of accountability through internal and external audits as well as regular financial reviews.

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