



Parhit Samaj Seva Sanstha: Empowering Sahariya Tribal Villages in Shivpuri District, Madhya Pradesh (2024-25)

In the heart of India, the Shayari tribal villages in Shivpuri district, Madhya Pradesh, face numerous challenges in their daily lives. Parhit Samaj Seva Sanstha, a dedicated organization, has been working tirelessly to address these issues and promote sustainable development in these villages. During the year 2024-25, our focus has been on:

- Improving access to quality education and enhancing educational opportunities for tribal children
- Ensuring irrigation and drinking water in villages
- Promoting natural farming practices
- Improving child health and addressing child labor
- Enhancing nutrition and upholding child rights
- Alleviating poverty and promoting sustainable livelihoods

Our primary objective is to empower the Shayari tribe and improve their overall well-being. We believe in a holistic approach, addressing the social, economic, and environmental aspects of sustainable development. Our team of dedicated workers is committed to making a positive impact in the lives of these tribal communities.

Through our initiatives, we aim to create a lasting difference in the Shayari tribal villages, ensuring a better future for generations to come. By improving education, we envision a future where the children of these villages have the skills and opportunities to thrive. Join us in our mission to empower these communities, promote sustainable development, and advance education in Shivpuri district.



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Welcome

Dear friends,

With the turn of this year, it gives me immense pleasure to present the Parhit Annual Report for 2024-25, which provides a glimpse of what we did and achieved this year through our synergized effort.

The year 2023-24 has been the year of achievements for Parhit. Collaborative approaches once again paid the desired result. During the year we effectively implemented projects, reaching out to over 9000 families and youth directly through various services and activities.

It is equally satisfying to see Parhit's increasing ability to handle multiple projects through the skilled and dedicated team it has been able to build. To enhance their field knowledge and skills of working, they are continuously being groomed through training programs and workshops. It is encouraging to note that this year we implemented some new projects in existing areas, by which we were able to extend our services to new group of communities.

It also helped us to experiment with some different approaches, and in the process, learn something new, enhancing the ever-growing skill and knowledge base of Parhit. With the different type of projects ' we got new experience of work with CSO's, Organic farming, advocacy on water clean energy and climate change, Through our initiatives, we aim to create a lasting difference in the Shayari tribal villages, ensuring a better future for generations to come. Join us in our mission to empower these communities and promote sustainable development.

Admittedly, what we achieved this year could not have been possible without the constant support of our dedicated partners and donors. With the end of this successful cycle, please join me in appreciating and recognizing the contribution made by our frontline workers, donors, government functionaries and board members. We are grateful to have such a dynamic team, generous donors listed at the end of the report, and our collaborating partners. We heartedly laud their valuable support. With all the best wishes,



Raghvendra Singh

Secretary, Parhit Samaj Seva Sanstha

Introduction

Parhit was founded in the year 1996 to mainstream socially, economically and educationally backward Dalits and weaker sections of people. It organizes the communities and builds their capacities to link them with the process of social change and holistic development so they develop self-esteem, self-confidence, self-decision and self-reliance and become capable of meeting their basic needs.

Immediately after registration Parhit started strengthening panchayats. Gradually other issues like community health, natural resource management, and water and sanitation were added to significantly decrease poverty, which is rampant in the operational area.

In the recent years the organization is gradually and progressively moving towards what is called rights based mode. It is working on right to food and right to work, particularly for Sharia tribes found in the area. It is involved several campaigns, social audit and microplanning for addressing concerns of the people.

Formation and capacity building of community based organizations is integral part of Parhit's work. It is through these CBOs that information regarding issues affecting people's lives is disseminated and coordination is made with the administration to address these issues. Working through CBOs gives stability to the interventions.

Parhit works with the deprived, destitute, disabled, widows, women and children.

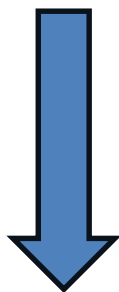
Vision

To establish a society where men and women are treated equally such that they rise above the boundaries of sex, caste, class, and religion and begin a united move toward the path of humanity.

Mission

. To mobilize people for their development, provide information facilities and build capacities so that they move on the path of development on continuous basis.

Way of Action



Strengthening of community through Training meeting

Benefited community through govt. flagship scheme

Advocacy

Create Sustainable livelihood through innovtion

Our Presence.



Parhit by the number.

Category	Number
Total Population	11,979
Total Females	3,148
Total Males	4,078
Total Children in 20 Villages	4,253
- Females	2,030
- Males	2,021
Farming Labor Migration Percentage	70%
Population Engaged in Farming	30% of 7,226 = 2,167
Average Land Size per Person	2 to 2.5 acres
Number of Households	2,295
Working Population (18 to 60)	4,051
- Boys	2,180
- Girls	2,073

Present Project.

Project Title: Ensuring Irrigation and Drinking Water Security and Enhancing Income through Agriculture and Non-Timber Forest Produce in 20 Villages of Shivpuri District, Madhya Pradesh

Project Start Date: March 2023

Project Focus Areas: This project is designed to address two critical issues in 20 villages of Shivpuri district, Madhya Pradesh: water security for irrigation and drinking, and enhancing income through the utilization of non-timber forest produce (MFP). These two factors are crucial for the community's well-being, agricultural productivity, and overall economic development.

Key Issues Addressed:

1. **Water Scarcity:** Almost 90% of the households in the 20 target villages lack an in-home water source, forcing them to travel long distances (up to 2 km) to fetch drinking water. This situation is especially burdensome for women, who bear the responsibility of water collection, making it time-consuming and physically demanding. In addition to the drinking water challenge, the lack of irrigation water is a major issue for farmers, hindering agricultural productivity and income generation.
2. **Agricultural Challenges:** The scarcity of irrigation water severely impacts agriculture in these villages, making it difficult for farmers to grow crops consistently and efficiently. Without a reliable water source, crop yields are significantly reduced, affecting food security and household income.

Project Objectives:

1. **Water Security for Drinking and Irrigation:** The project aims to provide sustainable solutions for both drinking and irrigation water. This includes

the development of infrastructure such as wells, rainwater harvesting systems, and irrigation systems, ensuring a reliable water supply for daily consumption and agricultural activities.

2. **Income Enhancement through Minor Forest Produce (MFP):** The project seeks to improve income opportunities by promoting the sustainable utilization of minor forest produce (MFP), which can provide an additional revenue stream for the community, especially for women and other vulnerable groups. This can help diversify the local economy, reduce dependency on agriculture alone, and offer economic independence.

Key Impact Areas:

- **Improved Access to Water:**
Providing local, accessible water sources will save time and reduce the physical burden on women, enabling them to focus on other productive activities. Reliable water for irrigation will also boost agricultural productivity, enhancing food security and farmers' incomes.
- **Economic Empowerment through MFP:**
By tapping into non-timber forest produce, the project will help the community generate additional income, creating economic opportunities, particularly for marginalized groups such as women.
- **Agricultural Productivity Boost:**
Ensuring consistent irrigation will lead to higher crop yields, improving food security, and increasing the financial stability of farming families in the area.

Conclusion: This project plays a crucial role in addressing the pressing issues of water scarcity and agricultural challenges in the Shivpuri district. By providing reliable drinking water sources, enhancing irrigation infrastructure, and promoting MFP utilization, the project will not only improve the quality of life for residents but also enhance their economic resilience. The ultimate goal is to ensure sustainable development by improving both water security and income generation in these communities.





➤ **Project Title: Sustainable Development for Children in the Mining Affected States in India**

➤ **Project Objectives:**

➤ **Right to Education and Improvement in Educational Infrastructure:**

The project aims to ensure the right to education for all children in the mining-affected regions by improving educational infrastructure in schools. This includes enhancing the physical facilities, learning materials, and providing a safe, supportive environment for children to access quality education.

➤ **Government Health Systems and Climate Action:** The project focuses on strengthening government health systems to address the health needs of women and children, with particular attention to food security, nutrition, and overall health services. Additionally, the project promotes youth-led climate actions aimed at restoring environmental damages in the mining-affected areas.

➤ **Promoting Alternate Livelihoods and Employment Dignity:** The third objective promotes the creation of alternate livelihoods, especially for women and youth, to reduce dependency on mining activities. It aims to provide mine workers with dignified, decent employment status within the mining sector, ensuring fair wages, proper working conditions, and worker rights.

➤ **Community Participation in Governance and Policy Advocacy:** The project emphasizes community involvement in the governance of the mineral sector. It advocates for policies that address the eradication of child labor and ensure the effective implementation of labor welfare measures, such as welfare funds and worker protections.

➤ **Project Impact:**

➤ **Total Children in 20 Villages:**

The project covers 20 villages with a total of 4,253 children, including 2,180 boys and 2,073 girls.

- **Key Highlights:**
- **Educational Infrastructure Improvement:** Efforts to enhance school facilities, including infrastructure, teaching materials, and the overall learning environment, ensuring every child can exercise their right to education.
- **Health and Nutrition Support:** Strengthened health systems and climate action programs focus on improving the health and nutritional well-being of women and children in mining regions.
- **Alternate Livelihoods:** The project aims to reduce reliance on mining by creating alternative livelihoods for women and youth, while also ensuring dignified employment for mine workers.
- **Community Involvement in Governance:** Community-driven governance initiatives help eliminate child labor, improve working conditions, and advocate for better implementation of labor welfare policies.
- **Conclusion:** This project has significant potential to create sustainable development in mining-affected areas, focusing on improving education, health, livelihoods, and governance. The involvement of the community and youth in shaping policies is crucial for long-term impact and ensuring that vulnerable groups, especially children, are protected from exploitation while promoting environmental restoration.









Parhit registration details and Board of directors.

Parhit Samaj Seva Sanstha is a non-profit voluntary organization based in Madhya Pradesh. It was found on 8 July 1996 to mainstream socially, economically and educationally backward and weaker sections of the society.

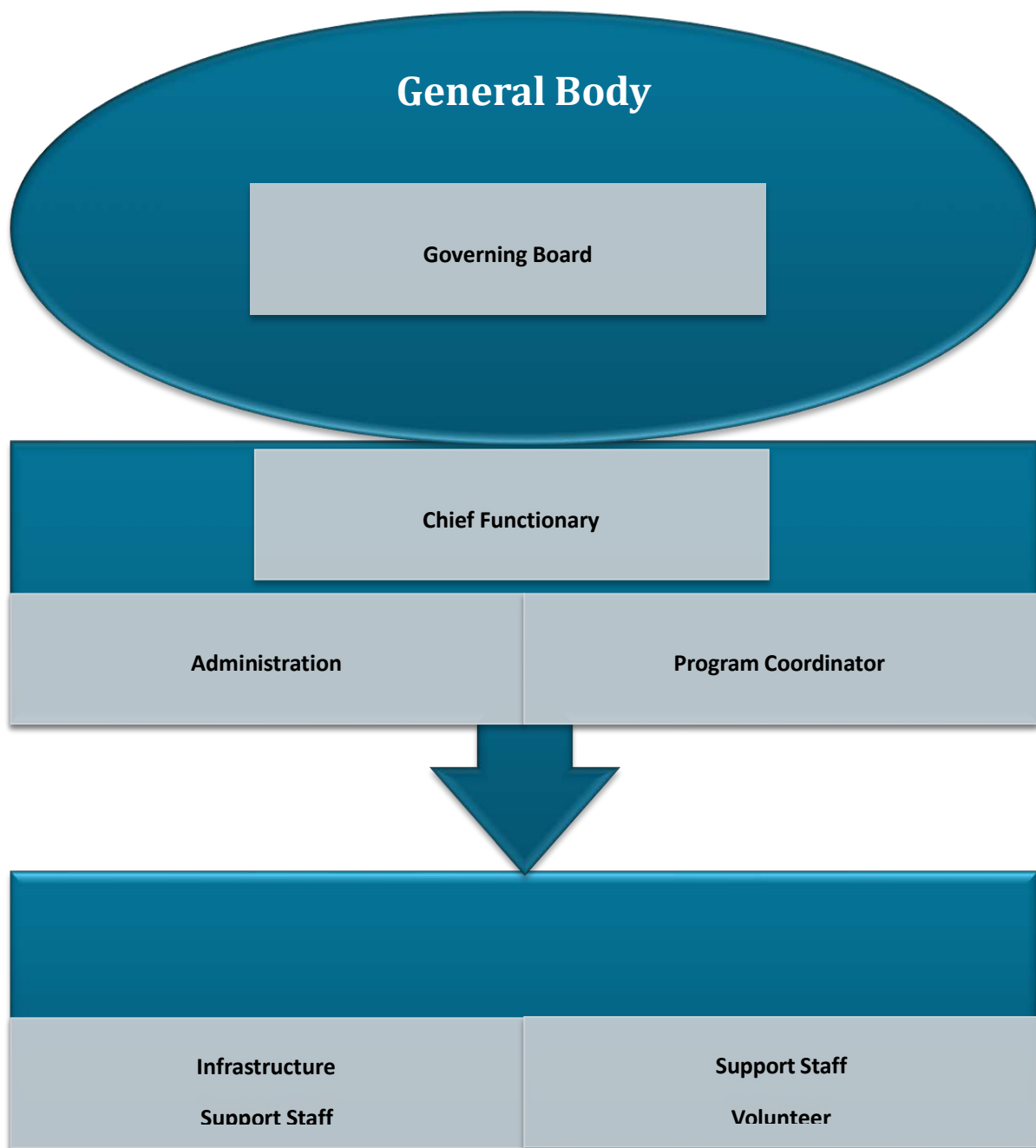
Immediately after registration, Parhit started strengthening panchayats. Gradually other issues like community health, mobilization, education, natural resource management, water and sanitation, women empowerment were added.

Parhit dream of a society where there are no barriers of caste and religion, and all men and women are treated equally and undertake interactive efforts to raise human solidarity based on the doctrines of comrades and believe in the unity of human being. Parhit name **(Participatory Research Action in Human Integration Tactics)** reflect the ideology guiding the organization.

Board Members-

S.N.	Name	Designation
1.	Mrs. Richa Singh	President
2.	Mr. Aradhna singh	Vice President
3.	Mr. Raghvendra Singh	Secretary
4.	Mrs. Sadhna Singh	Treasurer
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6.	Neeta Singh	Committee Member
7.	Meenu Shukla	Committee Member
8.	Shalini Singh	Committee Member
9.	Vijay Singh	Committee Member

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