



Annual Report  
2023-24

# Jan Shaurya Social Welfare & Development Society



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## Background:

Jan Shaurya Social Welfare & Development Society is volunteer social organization registered under Madhya Pradesh Society Registration Act 1973. The organization came into existence with a contextual bizarre when a women sex worker from Bedia community died due to HIV infection. At the dying bed she came into contact with Akash Chauhan with whom she took promise to save her 13 years only daughter not to engage into sex work. It was her last words and she died in hospital. Meantime her daughter got into sex work forcefully by the male members and mediators and she also got HIV positive and soon she also died. This news touched Akash from depth and made him empathetic to save the girls to get involved in such unsocial sexual profession. He started sharing his sentiments for the care of the adolescent girls that are forced to engage in the profession, thus a group of likeminded youth came forward to take the responsibility to abolish, stop new girls and rescue engaged women and girls from this profession to that the girls and women from the Bedia and Banchhada Community can also lead a dignified life free from all kind of exploitation more especially in terms to free form sex work.

As a result, the group form all organized and devolved as registered as legal identity as 'Jan Shaurya Social Welfare and Development Society' in February 2023.

Jan Shaurya works to ensure awareness building, enhancing education, organizing women groups, economic development to empower socially excluded communities specially the women and children from Banchhada and Bedia community to lead a better standard of life.

## VISION

To see an autonomous society where the underprivileged sections of communities have equal rights and are free from all exploitation.

## MISSION

To build a self-reliant society through a process of participation were the communities irrespective of Caste, gender or religion have a dignified life.

## TARGET GROUPS

The organization essentially focuses on the women engaged in sex work. Although prostitution is illegal in India, it has the largest Red-Light-Areas in Asia; on the other hand, the mindset among the Bedia and Banchhada Community for Sex work is accepted as the convenient family occupation. The sexual demand by men, recruitment of women by different agencies such as brothel owners, traffickers, pimps and organized crime groups force the women and girls from this community to get engaged into Prostitution usually suffer from poverty, insecurity and forced to prostitution as a result their engagement takes away from social responsibility and dignity. Bedia perseverance in prostitution cannot be actually



calculated because of the large number of prostitutes getting involved in prostitution every year.

According to a survey by Jan Shaurya Social Welfare and Development Society in 2020-21, it was found that the Banchhada community is prevalent in about 68 villages in Ratlam, Neemuch and Mandsaur districts, while the Bedia community is prevalent in 40 villages in Guna, Ashok Nagar and Sagar. The community dominates. Bedia community

## ISSUES ADDRESSED BY JAN SHAURYA

1. children deprived of education
2. caste based illegal caste panchayat
3. dowry system
4. Child prostitution based on caste
5. Skill Development
6. Alternative Income
7. Health Care
8. Child Care

## TARGET AREA

The organization has not confined itself within the state level boundaries. It is Intervening in 68 villages in Neemuch, Mandsaur, Ratlam and Ashok Nagar in Madhya Pradesh.

Jan Shaurya feels that without establishing a sound rapport with the community members it is Impossible to achieve the target in a meaningful way. It has been our organization's strategy to develop a good rapport with the community members before as well as after the implementation of activities.

## ACTIVITIES DIRUNG THE YEAR 2023-24

### 1. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### 1.1 Awareness Generation Program:

The organization has played an important role in awareness generation among community on Health, Right to Education, Employability skills, Pension Schemes, provisions in ICDS, PDS, women atrocity, strengthening village level committees, organizing communities through



Kishori Sangh, Nari Sangh, CBOs etc. Village level Mohalla meetings, Community meetings, Rallies, Wall writings, Street plays and distribution of IEC materials were done during the year.



Government and Police department officials were also mobilized to contribute pay their attention towards development of marginalized and socially excluded communities, the program covered above 3500 direct and indirect beneficiaries from 20 target villages

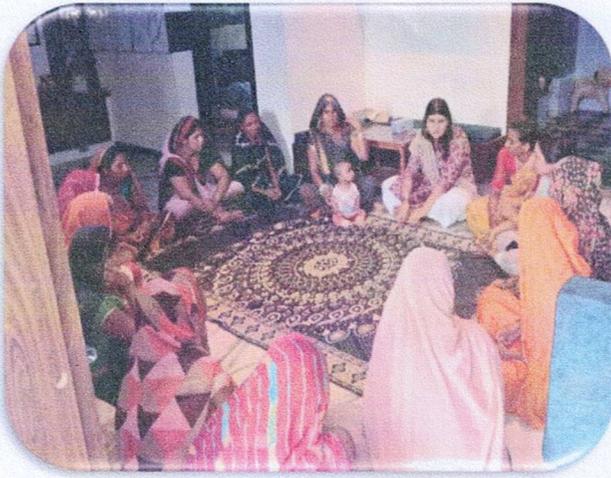


Special awareness on alternative and sustainable income generation by forming social enterprise is done in the target villages. Adolescent girls and women from bachada and bedia communities especially engaged in sex work were connected with the awareness program.

**1.2 Formation and Strengthening of SHGs:**

Community led intervention and community participation is the core for sustainability of any program, unless the identification of issues, planning, finding solutions, resource arrangements etc are decided and taken care by community involvement will organize them for collective efforts for future intervention.





10 women groups were formed during the year in ten different villages of Neemach with 140 members and 4 groups in Ashok Nagar with 50 members in all these groups. Environment was developed in 5 other villages for formation of further women groups. Women were motivated through personal contacts, meetings by staff and SHG group leaders. 25 member's form these SHGs raised their capacity through meetings and group discussions. Each group was facilitated there to four times through meetings. Brief discussions were made on issues effecting their life etc. Some local problems were identified and strategy was set for solving them.

The group members have started savings and spending them of their needs. All the women of these groups hold their monthly meetings and share on ideas on identified issues related to Bachada and Bedia community women and children issues at different levels. They are putting continuous efforts for their capacity building.

### 1.3 Functional and Digital Literacy for SHGs

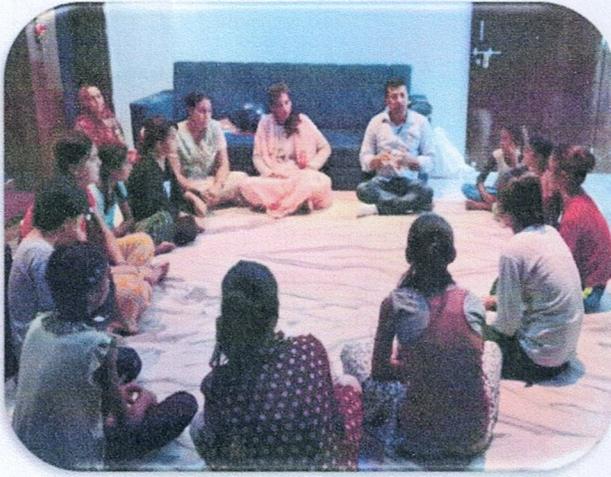
Functional and digital literacy meetings and trainings were organized with 6 groups during the year. 35 members were trained on Basic writing skills, writing meeting minutes, how to sit in meeting and make discussion, how to identify the issues and cover a case story, how to keep record of daily activity and expenses etc. Along with information is shared on using digital/Smart Phones, connecting with internet, installing phone pay, Paytm and other digital payment apps, using it for making transactions, visiting Google site etc. The active members from the families of the group members were also interested and supported each other on the initiative by Jan Shourya, they all agreed to get connected and make use of existing resource for their development.

### 1.4 Mitra Mandali

The organization held many community meetings to develop trust among the community, in this sequence some of the member was identified as leaders that are active to take up the issue at grass root level and support community to organize and work with them. Out of the



identified leaders 10, were organized into "Mitra Mandali" each from 10 villages that have taken the responsibility to work as Community Leaders.



The mandali shared problems of their community, find the solution and take required action in favor of the community. The organization is putting its continuous efforts for the capacity building of Leaders.

## 2. LIVELIHOOD

### 2.1 Agriculture/Farming

### 2.2 Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

### 2.3 Livestock/Animal Husbandry

## 3. ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

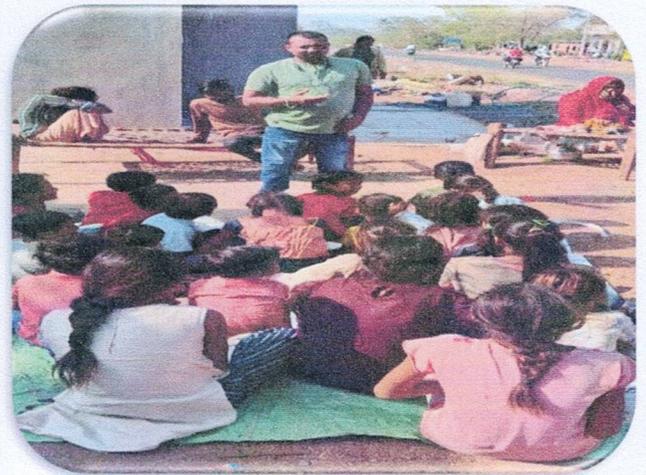
### 3.1 Environment Day Camp

### 3.2 Plantation Program

## 4. EDUCATION

### 4.1 Mainstreaming Out of School Children Campaign

The organization organized Campaigns to mainstream out of school children to access discrimination free quality education. During the campaign children age 6 to 14 years were focused for enrollment. The campaign was done in 20 villages with an objective to increase enrolment of children and sensitize parents and guardians on value of education.



The community is facilitated on need of education, child rights, girl education etc. through meetings, debates, cultural activities, rallies, wall writing, and door to door contacts. In the campaign volunteer staff identified 21 out of school girls and 15 out of school boys and enrolled them in nearby government schools.

#### 4.2 Coordination with School Management Committees

Working with 5 primary schools and 3 Upper Primary Schools in the intervention area, the organization organized meetings with school teachers for active participation in school activities.



Parents, guardians and the community members were facilitated to involve in selection process, participate in open meetings in their respective villages and they were made aware on need of SMCs structure, selection process, role and responsibility of SMC members, school development plan etc. More than 200 parents gained skill on related issue.

#### 4.3 Garima Center

To develop interest of Banchhada community children to education, the organization is running Garima Center in Hadi piplia village. 47 children are getting regular coaching through this center.





To raise the interest of these children and develop their skills different activities are organized with these children. Drawing, craft, games and sports, singing etc activities are done with these children along with regular course. The team of Jan Shaurya also helps these children in completing their homework given from the school.

## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

### 6.1 International Women's Day

Women Day celebration is one of a major activity of these women where they come to one platform and raise their voices related to women right and dignity, free and compulsory education for girls, equal wage to women as compared to men, women violence and legal aid for related cases, implementation of women violence acts with special attention, atrocity, women leadership development, special campaign for dignity of Bachada community families was organized. This day was celebrated Office Premises, on 10th March 2024 with participation of 54 women participants.



During the program the women remarked the contribution of historical and social women leaders and developed their confidence to develop themselves as a social leader, gain dignity in society, create environment for safety and security of women and girls in society and also to become self reliant by strengthening their livelihood and income by adopting alternative opportunities.

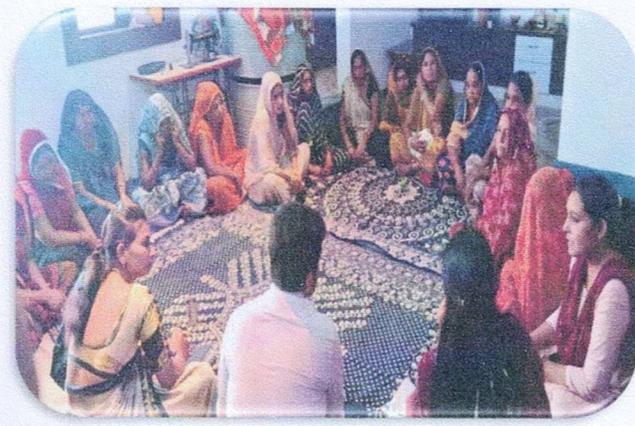




The women are made aware of the provisions of protective and welfare legislations, rights and entitlement of people, programs and its better implementation for socially excluded communities and make them understand the situation and their position then they can lead their own struggle.

**6.2 Women Group/Federation Formation**

During the year women in Neemuch and Ashok Nagar, meeting with women were organized to mobilize them to form into social groups or federations and collectively involve in income generation alternatives by utilizing available resources.



During the year meetings with above 400 youth and women were sensitized on different sectors of income generation alternatives by forming into groups, federations or clusters. Our volunteers reached out to their villages and motivated the community telling them about



the collective efforts of doing and task at broader level. Discussion was made on collective efforts, strengthening youth group for the purpose of development.

### 6.3 Access with government schemes

One of the objectives of Jan Shourya is to influence government policy and access of government in favor of Bachada Community, as ignorance and legal procedures often deprive these communities from deriving benefits from the existing and the prospective government schemes.



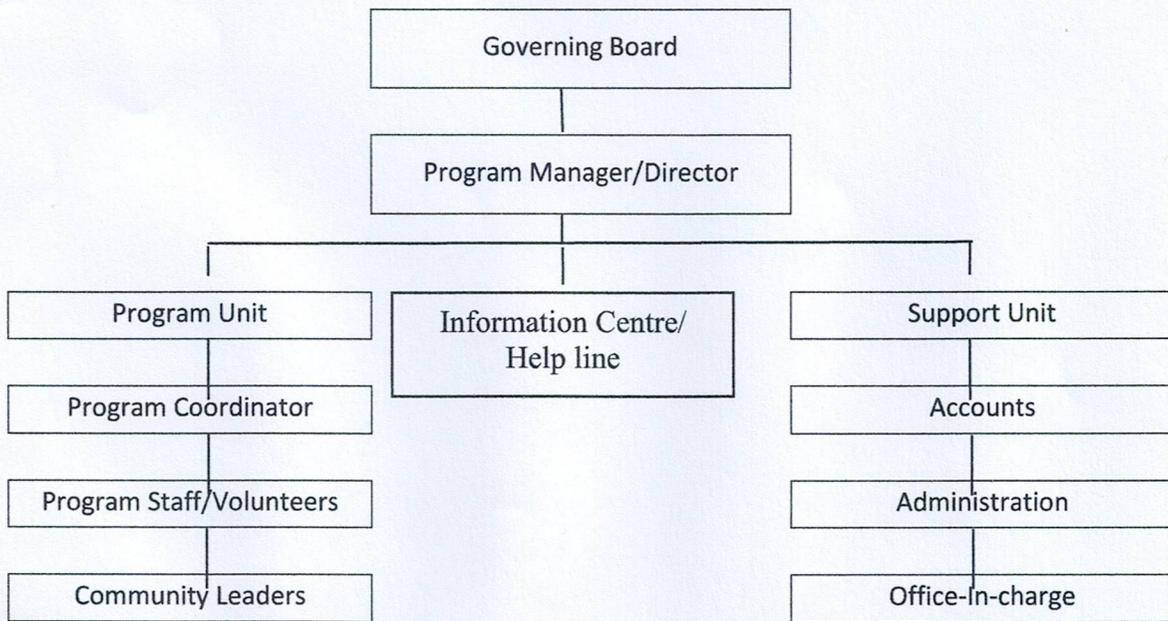
Jan Shourya assisted around 50 men, women and children in this area and helped some of them obtain old age and widow pension, PwD pension. It also helped women to get registered in the Ration Card, Aadhar Card, Ayushman Bharat Card etc so that they can access benefits under various schemes.

### CHALLENGES

Lack of required resources, Illiteracy in community, restrictions on women, inter conflicts, lack of employment opportunities at local level, uneven social practices and superstitions, corruption at different levels, poor economic conditions of community, lack of interest and improper support of few government officials lead to multiple challenges at different levels. In coordination with stakeholders a strategy will be made for solutions to these challenges at local level

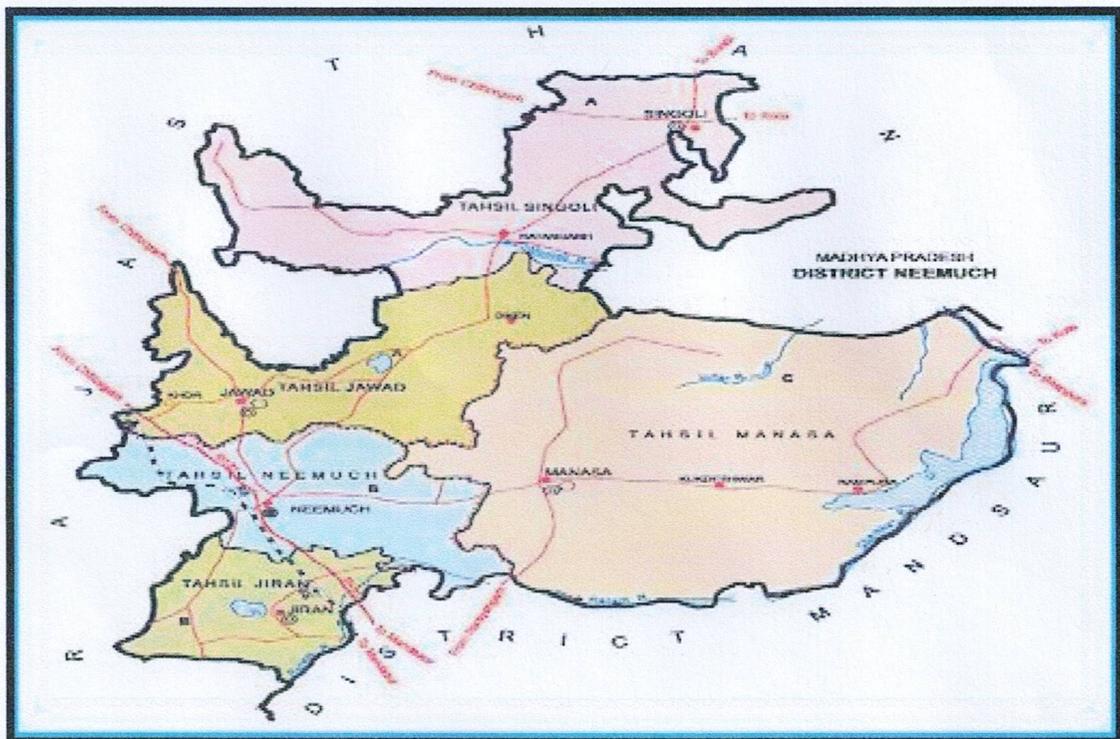


## Organizational Structure



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