

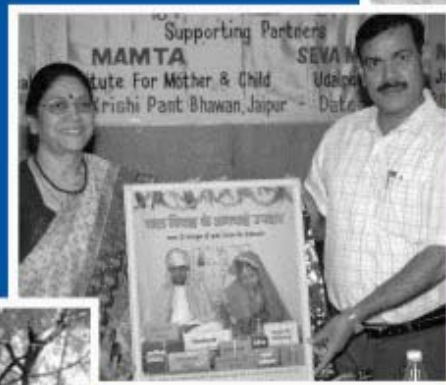


SRIJAN

Sexual and Reproductive Health Initiative for Joint Action Network

*...135 NGOs in 101 districts across 7 states
Join hands for one cause..*

Young People's Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights



VISION

By the year 2011, SRIJAN Network successfully establishes a self-governing and adaptive National Youth Forum, owned and managed by young people, for advocating on Young People's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) and Livelihood opportunities.

MISSION

SRIJAN Network will work towards empowering young people and creating enabling environment at national, state and district level whereby young people can manage and take ownership of the youth forums.

GOALS

1. SRIJAN partners acquire capacities to advocate for and address young people's issues, mainly focusing on SRHR and Livelihood.
2. Youth Forums formed at village, district, state and national level.
3. SRIJAN partners establish institutional linkages for greater outreach of SRHR.

FOCUS AREAS

- Early Marriage and Early Pregnancy
- Adverse Sex Ratio
- HIV, AIDS and Young People
- Sexuality Education
- Retention in Schools
- Youth Friendly Health Services

SRIJAN reaches out to young people between 10-24 years of age including those in formal institutions (like schools, colleges and work place), in vulnerable settings (like out of school, on streets, migrant population, work force in an unorganised sector); both married and unmarried; residing in rural areas and urban slums with greater emphasis on marginalised and disadvantaged population.

YOUNG PEOPLE : 30.6 % OF INDIA'S TOTAL POPULATION
31,4826880 persons (53% male & 47 % female)

Some hard facts:

- There are 6 million adolescent girls (15-19 years) missing in India.
(Registrar General of India, 1995)
- 21.56% gap in male female literacy rate of the total population. Among young people, only 84.89 % of male and 71.42 % of female are literate.
(Census 2001)
- 1.5 million girls under the age of 15 are already married and every third married girl has one child.
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- In India, 50% of maternal deaths of girls in the 15-19 years age group are due to complications arising out of unsafe abortion.
(<http://www.whiteribbonalliance-india.org/factsandfigures.html>)
- 50% of new HIV infections occur below the age of 25 and for every 12 men infected, 10 women test positive. *(<http://www.Unfpa.org.in/country-profile.htm>)*
- Contraception use amongst married adolescents of age 15-19 years is only 7%.
(NFHS-2)

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE

SRIJAN recognises that improving the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) of young people requires collaboration with like-minded organisations and active participation of young people themselves in planning, implementing and disseminating information on issues concerning their well-being. Through the “collective negotiating capacity” of partner organisations and young people, SRIJAN promotes favourable SRH policy and programmatic environment for young people.



Young girls during sexuality education class in Varanasi

“Young people should never be seen as a burden on any society, but as its most precious asset.”

U.N. Secretary-General on the occasion of International Youth Day, 12 August 2003

SRIJAN AT WORK

- Building capacities of partner organisations on YSRHR
- Sharing of information and technical expertise
- Joint advocacy for a synergistic effort at Central, State and District level
- Establishing information channels for young people on YSRHR issues
- Improving young people's access to quality sexual and reproductive health services
- Increasing opportunities for young people to provide visibility to their issues
- Enhancing young people's representation at national and international forums
- Research on key issues and gap areas

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

- Advocacy with members of Panchayati Raj Institution.



A member discussing the need of YIC with the District Magistrate at an advocacy meeting with PRI Members, Saharsa (Bihar). The members promised space for the YIC in their villages.

- A cadre of trained young people working as Peer Educators for dissemination of information among young people.

Peer educator in interaction with young boys



- Formation and functioning of multi-tier Youth Forums through events like National Thematic Meet, State and Regional Youth Convention and National Youth Meet.



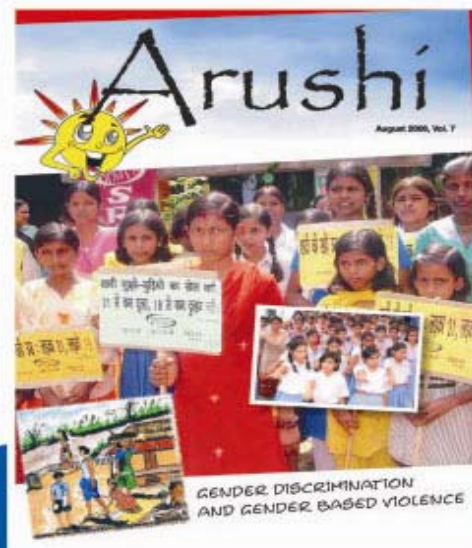
Young people during the Regional Youth Convention on Early Marriage in 2005 at Jaipur.



Youth information Center at Pindra - Varanasi (UP)

- Youth Information Centers (YIC) for young people to seek information and counselling on sexual and reproductive health.

- *Arushi*, a magazine of young people, by young people, for young people



The logo and cover designed by young editors



International Youth Day celebration at Patna (Bihar)

- Campaigns on YSRHR issues like prevention of Early Marriages and Early Pregnancies; HIV and Migration etc.

- ‘Youth Ambassadors’ on SRHR represented the network at international events, International Conference on HIV/AIDS (Kobe in Japan, 2005), Asia-Pacific Conference on Sexual & Reproductive Health (Kuala Lumpur, 2005), National Youth Festival (New Delhi, 2004) and ASEM workshop (Stockholm, 2007).



A Member of a youth forum with Mr. Oscar Fernandes, Member of Parliament and Convenor of Parliamentary Forum on HIV/AIDS

- Interactions between members of youth forum and eminent politicians and representation of youth forums at the National Student and Youth Parliament for HIV and AIDS held at Delhi in November 2004.



Members of the Bihar State Youth Forum at a meeting held in June, 2007



Young Positive Speaker's Forum at a capacity building workshop, Pune, Maharashtra

- Workshops for young people on reproductive and sexual health and rights to enhance their skills to advocate issues concerning them.

NETWORK STATES AND PARTNERS

ANDHRA PRADESH

NAVAJYOTHI (SFA): Society for Education Research and Development (SEREDE); Star Youth Association (SYA); Santhoshi Mahila Abhyudaya Samithi (SMAS); ARIDS, Society for Womens Awareness and Rural Development (SWARD); NEEDS; Academy for Nursing Studies; Mahila Sanakshem Sangh (MASS); THARUNI

BIHAR

Institute for Developmental Education and Action, IDEA (ZC); Shaktivardhani; Mithilanchal Mahila Seva Mandal; Jan Nirman; Vananchal Kalyan Samiti; **Kanchan Seva Ashram (ZC)**; Sevayatanama; Usha Silai-Bunai Prashikshana Kendra; Mansi; Vaishali Samaj Kalyan Sansthan; Narayani Seva Sansthan; **Shama Vikash Samiti (ZC)**; Nalanda Pragati Manch; Raviskalp; Mahila Vikas Samiti; Antodya Samiti Simariya; Prakash Jan Seva Sanstha; Anupam Mahila Chetna Samiti; **Nidan (ZC)**; Mahila Bal Jyoti Kendra; Lok Kalyan Samiti; Nav Jagriti; Mahila Bal Balika Vikash Kendra; SARTHI; **Mandan Bharti Jagriti Samaj (ZC)**; Jan Vikash Samiti Itasagar; Bal Mahila Kalyan; Adharshila Grameen Vikas Sansthan; Panah Ashram; Sahitya Kala Manch

GUJARAT

CHETNA (SFA); K H Jani Charitable Trust; Akhand Jyot Foundation; Chuval Gram Vikas Trust (Ahmedabad); Jyoti Sangh; Samarthan Trust; Mahila Patch Work; Olakh; Aarogya (Centre for Health-Nutrition Education and Health Promotion); SAHAJ; Sundaram Bharati; Gram Vikas Seva Trust; Social Awareness for Health and AIDS - SAHAS; Prayas (Kutchch); Prayas (Dahod); Yusuf Meherally Centre (YMC); Young Man's Christian Association (YMCA); Young Citizen of India Charitable Trust; Chuval Gram Vikas Trust (Mehsana); Manav Kalyan Trust

MAHARASHTRA:

NMP+ Network of Maharashtra by People Living with HIV/AIDS (SFA); Nehru Yuva Mandal; Abhinav Bharat Institute of Rural Development; Janhitay Mandal; Lokdeep Manav Vikas Sanstha; Rashtra Sant Tukdoji Maharaj Shikshan Va Arogya Prasarak Mandal; Matoshri Ramabai Ambedkar Pratishthan; Bharatiya Adim Jati Sevak Sangh; Amarbhim Krida Mandal; Prakash Shikshan Prasarak Sanstha; Chandrabhagabai Mahajan Sevabhavi Sanstha; Vasundhara Sevarth Samajik Sansodhan; Ani Vikas Seva Sanstha; Kalavati Adarsh Mahila Vikas Thane

RAJASTHAN:

SEVA MANDIR (SFA); **Navachar Sansthan (ZC)**; PRAYAS; Jatan Sansthan; SEHAT (Society for Education, Health Awareness & Training); **Centre for Unfolding Learning Potential, CULP (ZC)**; Student's Relief Society (SRS); Bal Rashmi Society; CECOEDECON; Adarsh Gyan Mandir Sansthan; Gramodaya Samajik Sanstha; Gram Vikas Navyuvak Mandal Lapodiya; Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS); **Dhara Sansthan (ZC)**; SURE; Rural Education Development Society-REDS; Seemant Kisan Sahyog Sansthan; National Institute of Rural Academy, **NIRA (ZC)**; Shree Jan Jeevan Kalyan Sansthan; **URMUL (ZC)**; Shikshit Rojgar Kendra Prabandhak Samiti (SRKPS)

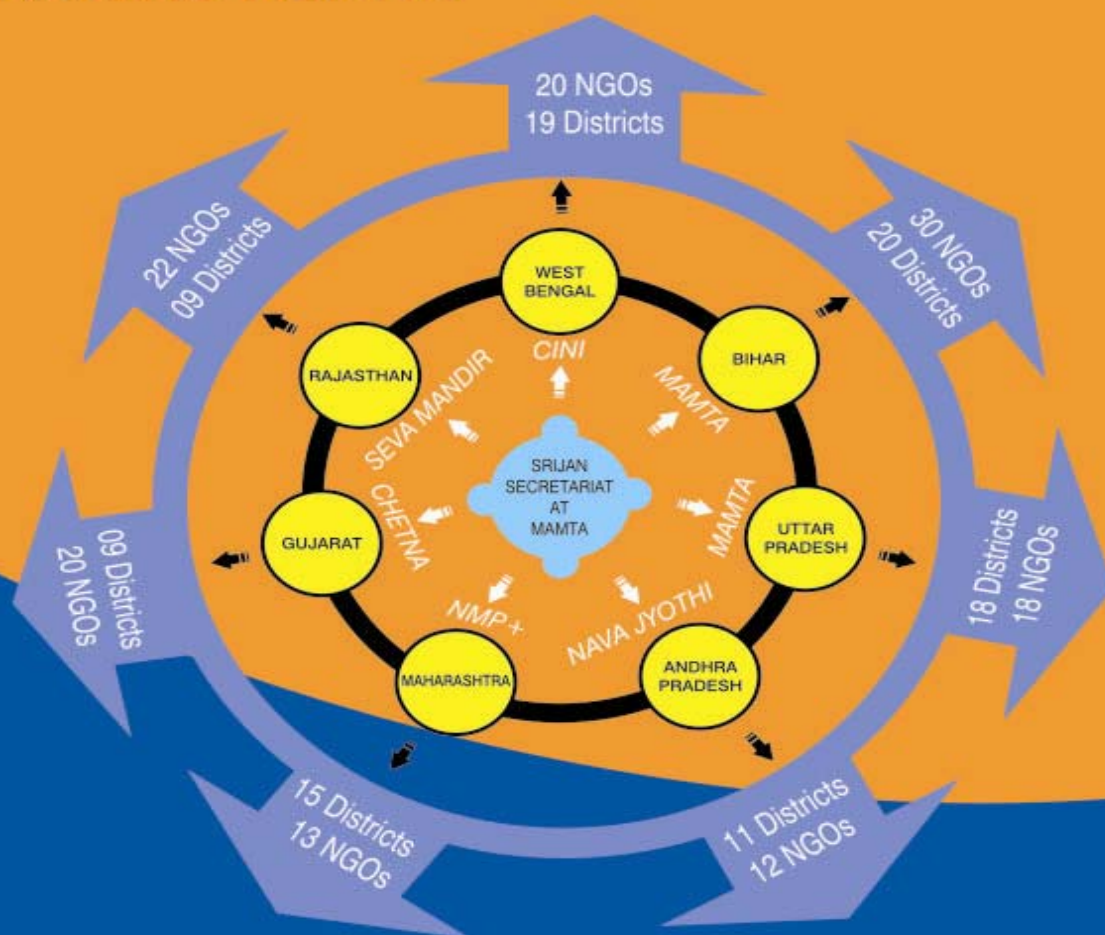
UTTAR PRADESH

Social Welfare Institute (ZC); Jan Kalyan Mahasamiti; Sabla; Samvad Samajik Sansthan; Samarpan Seva Samiti; **Daud Memorial Christian Grameen Vikas Samiti (ZC)**; Rudra Dhiraj Prashikshan Samiti; Kisan Sewa Sansthan; Shoharatgarh Environmental Society; **Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Institute of Studies in Rural Development (ZC)**; Vigyan Foundation; Institute for Integrated Society Development; Navchetan; Gramin Punarnirman Sansthan; **AWARD (ZC)**; LAXMI; Sarvajanic Grameen Vikas Sansthan; Nav Jagriti Janhit Seva Sansthan

WEST BENGAL

CINI (SFA); Sandeshkhali Chetana Samaj Kalyan Kendra; Adampur Unnayan Samity; Saheed Shibsankar Seba Samity; ASHA (Association for Social & Health Advancement); Ashurali Gramonnayan Parishad; Health Vision and Research; Chapra Social & Economic Welfare Association; CINI-Moyna Rural Health Development Centre; Nari-O-Sishu Kalyan Kendra; Sister Nivedita Kalyan Samity; Nari Mukti Mahila Samity; KALYAN; Nivedita Community Care Centre; SMOKUS (Sreepur Mahila O Khadi Unnayan Samity); Sri Aurobindo Anusilon Society; RHDC- Rural Health Development Centre; New Bharati Club; SANTANA; Netaji Pathachakra

SRIJAN NETWORK



- SRIJAN Secretariat at MAMTA
- State Facilitating Agency (SFA)
- SRIJAN states
- Total number of districts and partner NGOs

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