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Hello TRI friends and supporters,

The monsoon has finally arrived, bringing much-needed relief to our city and region, and infusing the air with a sense of renewal and hope. As the rains nurture our fields and communities, we at TRI are inspired to redouble our efforts for rural transformation. This season, we are excited to forge new collaborations, deepen our grassroots impact, and engage in policy dialogues that matter. We're especially looking forward to connecting with you all at our flagship event the India Rural Colloquy 2025 — as we continue our journey toward a more inclusive and resilient rural India. Stay tuned as we share stories of change, innovation, and collective progress!

TRI signs a MoU with Xavier Institute of Social Service



Transform Rural India (TRI) and the Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS, Ranchi) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to create meaningful, sustainable impact through joint initiatives, collaborative research,

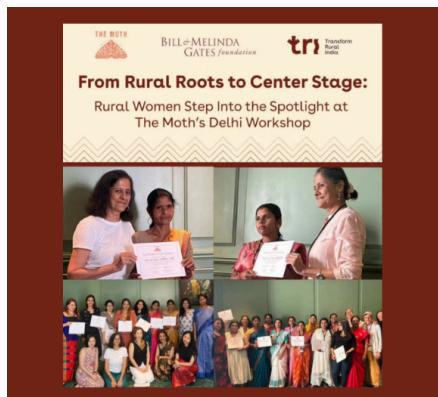
Celebrating Women Sarpanches shaping India's rural governance



In our efforts to commemorate Panchayati Raj Day we celebrated stories of women Sarpanches who are shaping India's rural governance. Whether it's building roads, reviving SHGs, ensuring clean water or starting local markets, each of them is

villages.

Voices of our Didis inspire women across India



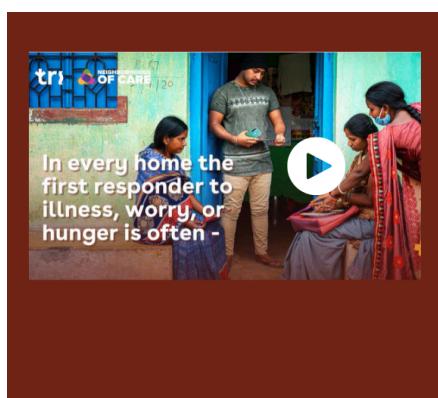
Supported by the Gates Foundation Tuleshwari Patel from Chhattisgarh and Ashok Rani from Uttar Pradesh were among 12 women selected across India for The Moth storytelling workshop in Delhi. With TRI's support they found their voices, shared powerful stories of economic resilience, and connected with inspiring women from across the country.

Gumla: Fulfilling the goal of building a model district

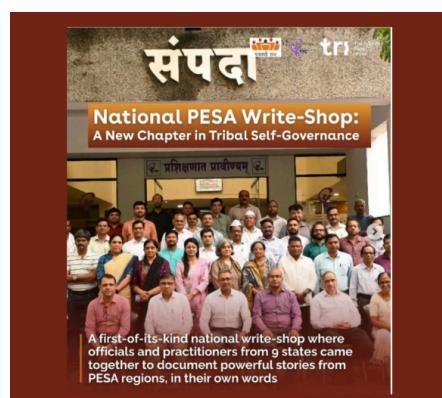


Gumla district became the first to win the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration two years in a row. Kudos to our PPiA Fellow Aekansh Somani and former Fellow Ramesh Kumar for their key role in this achievement through tireless planning and execution. With the support of Niti Aayog we at TRI take pride in the progress of Gumla District Administration.

Neighbourhood of Care creates safe spaces in Madhya Pradesh



Grassroots stories shape the national PESA policy



Care model is empowering mothers with support and recognition, creating healthier, more resilient communities from within. This Mother's day we celebrated these women through open-circle conversations, shared stories, and wellness talks.

SBI Foundation and TRI come together to launch the Yuva Compass in Jharkhand

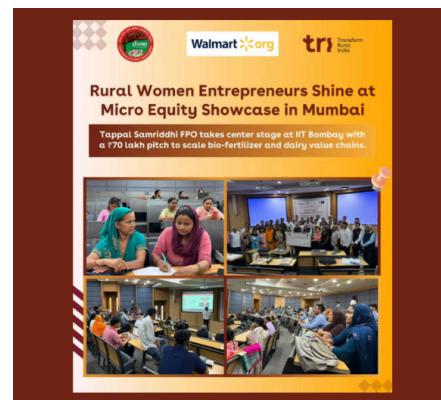


A “Yuva Compass” Youth Hub was inaugurated on May 21, 2025, at Jhirka Munda village in Kurdeg block, Jharkhand with services like career counseling, skill development, and startup incubation. Through the Hub we aim to empower rural youth and women in Jharkhand with skills, digital access, and entrepreneurial opportunities for brighter futures.

Rural voices lead awareness campaign on women's health

a a landmark National PESA Write-Shop was organised to mark a new approach where knowledge flows from the heart of India into policy making. 24 refined stories were selected to guide future implementation of the PESA Act.

Rural women entrepreneurs shine at micro equity showcase in Mumbai



Tappal Samriddhi Mahila Kisan Producer Company Ltd, a Lighthouse FPO backed by UPSRLM, Walmart Foundation, and TRI, showcased a compelling pitch to scale their bio-fertilizer unit and cold chain for milk collection. Demonstrating innovation and leadership on a national platform, these women redefined possibilities for rural entrepreneurs.

6 villages in UP get electricity for the first time in seven decades

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On international day of action for women's health, Dumardih village in Jharkhand came alive with conversations that are often left unspoken like menstrual hygiene, reproductive rights and the power of inclusive health awareness.



TRI in partnership with TATA Capital & TATA Power electrified six villages in Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh with community-owned solar grids, empowering women and transforming lives through sustainable rural development.

Empowering women leaders in local governance and beyond

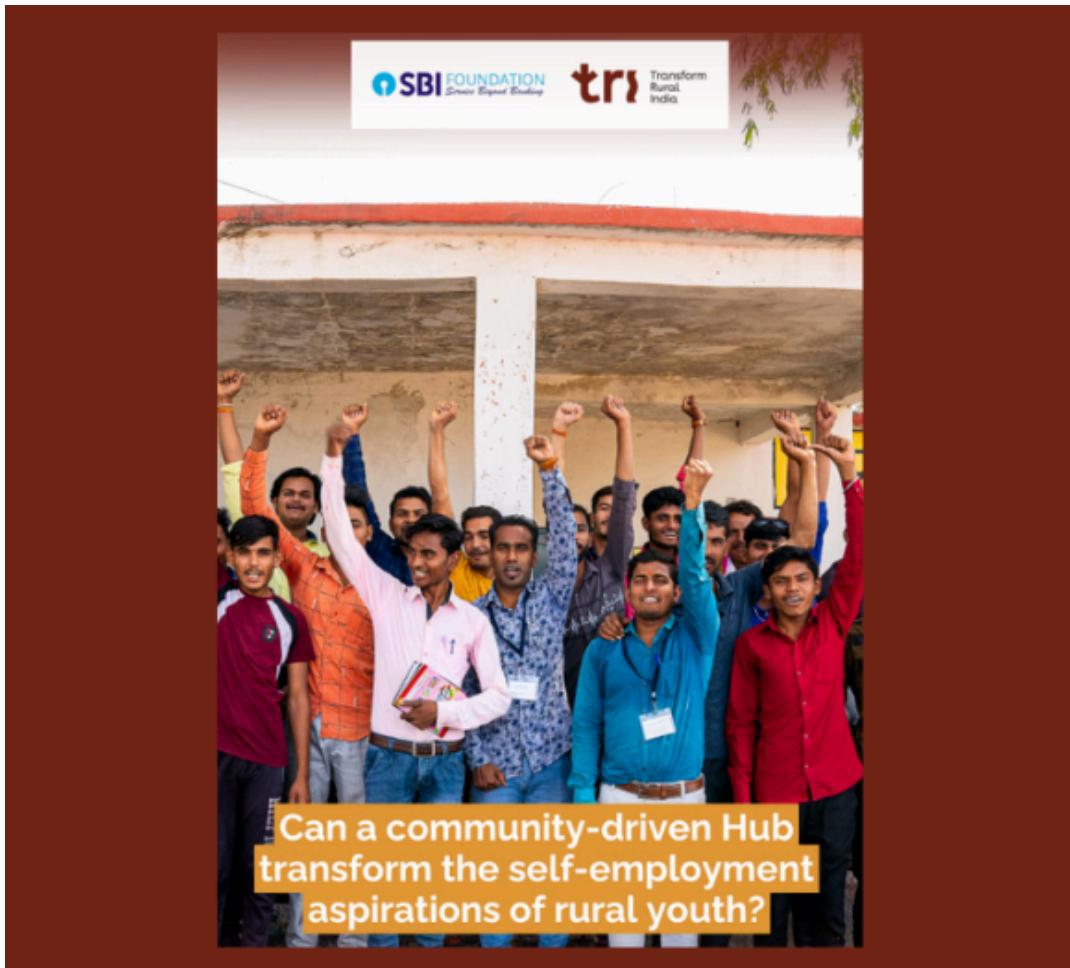


The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, with the State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development (SIPRD), Assam, launched a programme to strengthen women's leadership in Panchayati Raj Institutions. Supported by TRI, the initiative equips Women Elected Representatives of Panchayats to lead confidently, strengthen local democracy, and promote inclusive development.

Vakvi Faliya in Madhya Pradesh gets its first irrigation lifeline



Through the Community Managed Solar Lift Irrigation (CMSLI) project, initiated by TRI with support from IDBI Bank, a group of 20 tribal women farmers has stepped forward to lead change. They now operate the village's first-ever irrigation system, providing reliable water to 18 acres of land, transforming agriculture and livelihoods in Vakvi Faliya, Madhya Pradesh.



In Ajnas village, Khategaon block, Dewas district of Madhya Pradesh, Transform Rural India and SBI Foundation joined hands to launch the WOW (Work, Opportunity, and Well-being) Hub. The Hub aims to build networks among local entrepreneurs and strengthen youth-led enterprises that contribute to local economic development.

TRI IN THE MEDIA

TRI continues to expand its reach, sharing impactful stories of driving rural impact. Our media page features editorials in leading publications, in-depth articles on our initiatives, and expert insights from our thought leaders. Stay updated on how we're driving change and shaping conversations on social development.

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next rural transformation

India's rural transformation will only succeed if we create ecosystems that are inclusive, accountable, and built to scale.

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This [#WorldHealthDay](#), I'm collaborating with [@transformruralindia](#) to shed light on a pressing issue - the mental health crisis in rural India. Nearly half of rural India grapples with anxiety-related challenges, yet with only one psychiatrist for every 2,00,000 people.

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[Health experts warn against risks of preterm deliveries by Indians abroad amid citizenship law fears in US](#)

Seema Bhakar, the lead for Gender at Transform Rural India, explained that the economic and immigration pressures leave women with little say in such life-altering decisions.

Written by Neeraj Athija



Woman entrepreneur transforming rural livelihoods in Maharashtra

inshorts India's news app

Sumita Kelkar Chormule, locally known as Summa Tali Tali, has transformed rural livelihoods in Maharashtra. She taught local women how to support themselves by 100% self-reliant and self-rewarding. Summa Tali Tali's journey is a powerful example of how woman-led entrepreneurship can reshape economic possibilities in rural India.

From Margins to Mainstream: How Rural Women Are Transforming India's MSME

Read more India's Marginalised Women are one of the most vibrant through rural MSMEs. With proper support, India could add 100 million new jobs by 2030, creating over 200 million new jobs in the process.

NATIONAL PANCHAYATI RAJ DAY: FOUR WOMEN LEADERS WHO ARE IGNITING RURAL TRANSFORMATION

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What the Panchayat Devolution Index reveals about strengthening local governance

Block devolution supports progress in health, nutrition, education, when local knowledge and quick decisions are central. Whether their roles, account, key, control, or financial control, the chart also reveals which aspects during previous reformers.

Written by Jitendra Pandit

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Women, care, and wellbeing in a changing environment of Central India

Shreya Saini, Associate Director - Health & Nutrition & Co-Designer of Neighborhoods of Care (NoC), Transform Rural India, explores the gendered impact of climate change on rural women, particularly in tribal and adivasi communities.

Forbes

Another harsh summer is here. How can India's workforce cope with the heat?

The IMD warns of significantly higher-than-usual heatwave days from April to June, which call for short- and long-term measures to protect people, particularly informal sector workers, from heat stress.

Policies and provisions for the informal workforce

Monica Radhakrishnan, lead editor-in-chief at non-profit Transform Rural India, is asking how the heat stress is making it difficult for farmers to work in the field, how it is impacting farmers, availability of food and water, on health, particularly of women. The article has indeed shown a " vicious cycle" that not only impacts health, but also the economic security of people in rural India.

Read more —

- Women-led MSMEs are the key to 'Viksit Bharat'
- Another harsh summer is here. How can India's workforce cope with the heat?
- The local leap: why localisation is shaping India's next rural transformation
- Women, care, and wellbeing in a changing environment of Central India
- What the Panchayat Devolution Index reveals about strengthening local governance
- National Panchayati Raj Day: Four Women Leaders Who are Igniting Rural Transformation

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Together, let's build a more inclusive and empowered rural India!

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