



CREATING A CHILD FRIENDLY WORLD!

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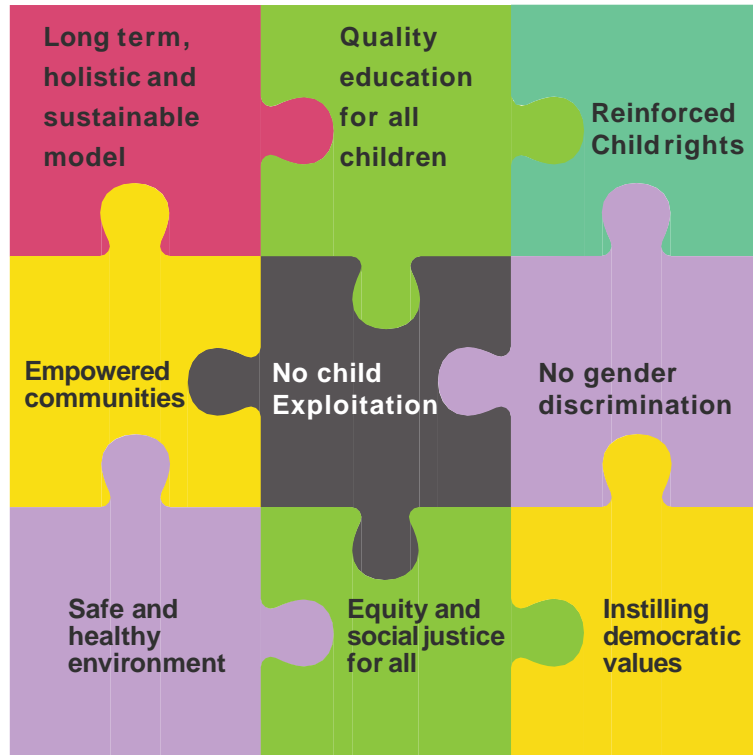
“On one hand, humans have done many scientific miracles, on the other hand, we are still playing with the lives of our children. Today, even if one child is unsafe then the entire society is to be blamed for. These girls, their friends, the co-marchers, who are a total of 300 people, I feel that if this movement prevails, then I say that they are rightful nation builders.”

Mr. Ram Nath Kovind

Hon'ble President of India during his speech at the culmination programme of Bharat Yatra



Bal Mitra Gram* (Child Friendly Village)



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BMG: The Guiding Principles



- **All child labourers are withdrawn from work**
- **All children are enrolled in and attending school**
- **Ensuring Child Participation in Democratic Decision-Making: Children form a Bal Panchayat (an elected Children's Village Council)**
- **The Bal Panchayat is officially recognized by the Gram Panchayat (elected Adult Village Council) for ensuring comprehensive development**
- **Empowering communities including women and youth, marginalised and vulnerable sections. Which can lead to overall village and school development**

Activities in a Bal Mitra Gram

1

Withdrawing Children from Work and Enrolling in School





Impact >>>

Over **2431**

children withdrawn from situations of
Child Labour

>72469

Children retained in schools on
daily basis

2

Ensuring access to quality and inclusive education





Impact >>>

5367
children enrolled in
school

3019
children regularised in
school

82
Regular teacher
appointments

41
school libraries
established

26
schools
constructed
& repaired

Emerging Changemakers

Two children raising their voice and stopping their child marriage

Saraswati and Deepika, from Nawada district of Bihar could not believe what was in store for them when they raised their voice against child marriage in their village. Their marriage was initially fixed by their parents. They first raised their voice against their marriage at the village level and later lodged complaint with Sub-Divisional Magistrate. The girls were awarded by the Chief Minister of Bihar Mr. Nitish Kumar and for their outstanding courage and are now back in school and continuing their education.



A group of young children, likely in a classroom or community center, are sitting on the floor. They are focused on writing on small blackboards. The children are of various ethnicities and are dressed in casual clothing. The background shows more children and some adults, suggesting a group setting.

Impact >>>

**> 95% enrollment
rate in BMGs**

> 80%

Average attendance
of
enrolled children

Impact >>>



**To enable
girls
education
in middle
and high
school**

Over

> 357

**Bicycles
distributed**

Emerging Changemakers

A persistent voice for the vulnerable girls

13 year of Champa Kumari is the President of the Bal Panchayat in BMG™ Jamdar, Jharkhand. A former child labourer who was forced to work in a mica mine, she is now a class 8 student. Like many others in her village, her father is also engaged in mica mining to support Champa and her six siblings. Many in her villager also practice child marriage. In the past, Champa has been threatened by members of her community for her efforts in foiling child marriages. She continues undaunted in her campaign for children's rights. On August 2019 Champa was awarded the prestigious Princess Diana Award for her bravery and fight against exploitation of children



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Promoting democratic child participation



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श्री अश्वराम
बाल मित्र ग्राम
बाल पंचायत 2018
श्री अश्वराम, विराट नगर, जयपुर



241

Bal Panchayats
(Children's Council)
formed

4338

Girl child
members out of
7,953 members

National
Bal Panchayat
(Children's Council)

State
Bal Panchayat
(Children's Council)

Village
Bal Panchayat
(Children's Council)

4 Prestigious Awards to Child Leaders



Payal Jangid from Rajasthan becomes the first Indian to win the prestigious Goalkeepers Global Goals Changemaker Awards held in New York on September 2019 for fighting against child marriage



Champa Kumari from Jharkhand won the prestigious Young Social Changemaker Princess Diana Award on August 2019 for fighting against child marriage and protecting rights of children

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Empowering girls and women



A woman with dark hair, wearing an orange sari, is seated at a table covered with a patterned cloth. She is focused on measuring a piece of red fabric with a white measuring tape. On the table, there are various items including a yellow cloth, a green cloth, and some sewing tools. In the background, a window with a wooden frame is visible, and some items are hanging on the wall. The overall scene suggests a craft or sewing activity in a home or community setting.

Impact >>>

>1200

Women attended focus
group campaign in
Kasturba Gandhi
Balika Vidyalaya

3110

representation of
women in Women's Group

6

Promoting youth participation





Impact >>>

100

Youth provided
vocational skills

1606

representation of
youth in Youth's Group

Emerging Changemakers

Leading fight against alcoholism

14-year-old Surjeet Lodhi lives with his grandparents and two siblings in Sahwa BMG™, Ganj Basoda, Madhya Pradesh. Faced with incidents of daily abuse and violence inflicted by his alcoholic father, Surjeet resolved to speak up. He fasted until his father pledged to stop consuming alcohol. Surjeet is now the Vice-President of the Bal Panchayat in his BMG™. He leads the anti-alcohol campaign in his BMG™. As a result of his struggle, liquor shops were closed and two people have been penalised for running an illegal shop. He now dreams of becoming a politician one day.



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Supporting Village Development-led Activities for a Child Friendly Environment



83 Hand Pumps installed



150 Hand Pumps repaired

Impact >>>

Mother and Child Care Centers



Ensuring functioning of neo-natal and post-natal services at Anganwadi Centers

Primary Health Care Centers



10745 Community members outreach through health camps with Government support

8

Environment and Climate Change



Environment awareness and water conservation rallies



Innovative environment protection and water conservation projects

9

MoU with Government of Jharkhand announcing child labor free MICA



Memorandum of Understanding signed with government of Jharkhand for Child Labor free Mica. Hon'ble Chief Minister Mr. Raghubar Das and Nobel Laureate Mr Kailash Satyarthi announces child laborfree MICA in next 5 years.



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Recognition of National Children's Council

“Every child has the right to education and engaging them in labour snatches their right. Our department pledges to work to end child labor in India.”

Hon'ble Minister of Labor and Employment Mr. Santosh Kumar Gangwar stated during consultation with National Children's Council.



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Promoting Accountability



Checking ground realities on securing child rights



Community meetings with Panchayat and Community Leaders

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Capacity Building and Training Programmes



8072 community members
outreached through Camps to build
awareness on basic human and legal
rights

Capacities of **241** School Management
Committees built

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Access to social welfare & government schemes

- **Education and Vocational Training:** State Scholarship programs for ultra-poor to attend school.
- **Food:** Mid-day Meal - quality and regularity improved
- **Employment:** Facilitated access to MGNRGA and Bharat Sakshar Yojna For Women
- **Housing:** Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) to provide housing for the rural poor in India
- **Information:** Right to Information Act(RTI) training
- **Social Security:** Social Security for widows, Below Poverty Line Cards, Widow Pension - State funded, Old Age Pension – State funded
- **Health:** Cashless insurance for hospitalisation in public as well as private hospitals.
- **Electricity:** Solar Light - State funded
- **Loans for Farmers:** Credit card to provide affordable credit for farmers in India.
- **Women Empowerment:** Government supported Ujjawala Yojana facilitated distribution of cooking gas stoves

6,716

People/households
linked with
government
schemes



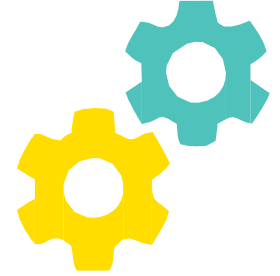
Structure of BMG

- **BMG™ is a village unit**
Average number of households:
150 – 200
- **Average household size: 5 - 6 family members**
- **Average number of children in a BMG: 200 – 250**

Core Values of BMG

- **Safe and secure childhood**
- **Educated and aware society**
- **Democratic participation of children and communities**
- **Social Justice and inclusion**
- **Gender equality**
- **Compassion for all**
- **Clean and healthy living environment**
- **No social evils**

BMG: HOW ?



With Children

Formation of Children's Council

With families

Creating social movement towards child centric community development

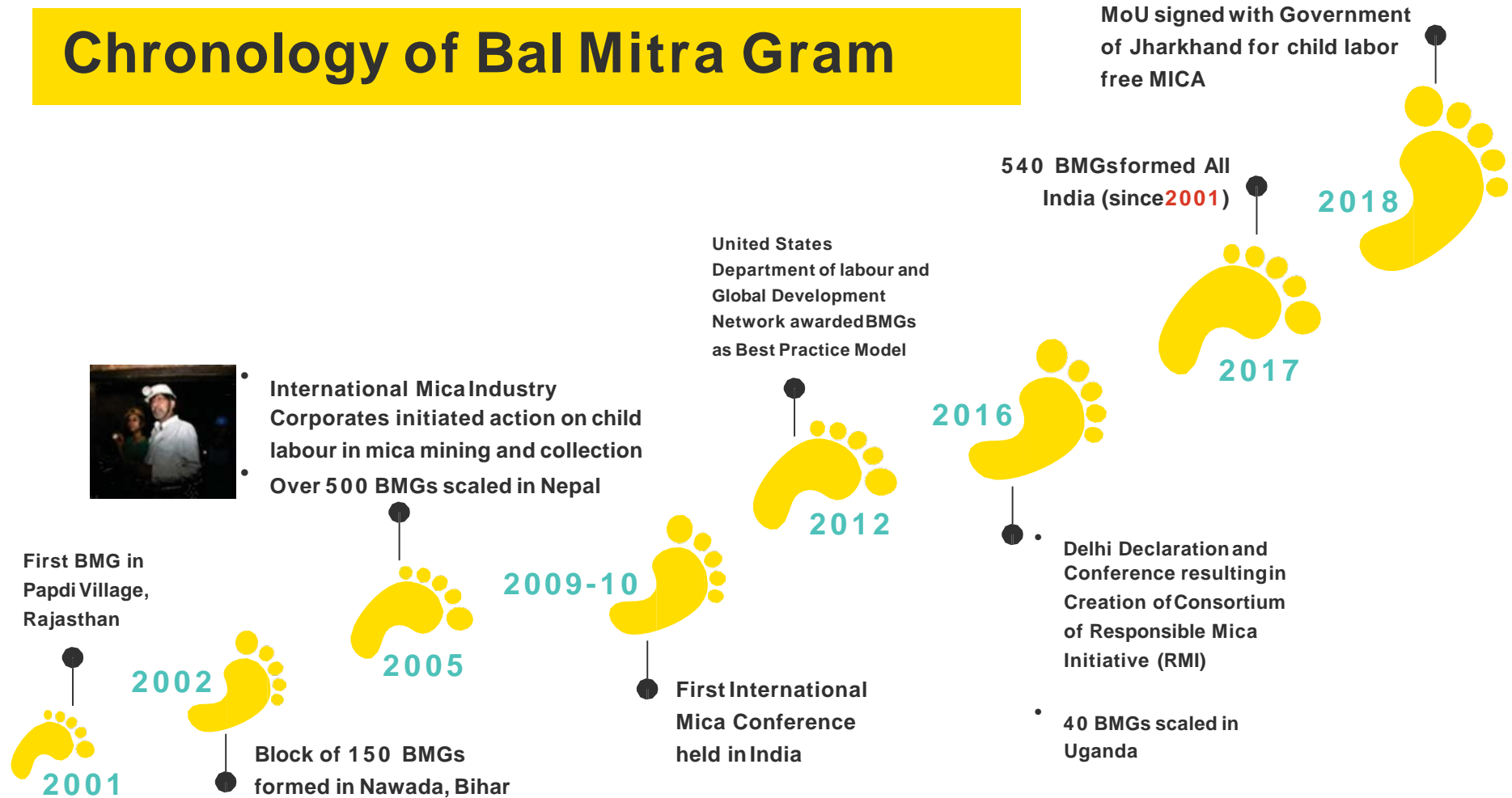
With Community Leaders

Creating and empowering change agents with community leaders

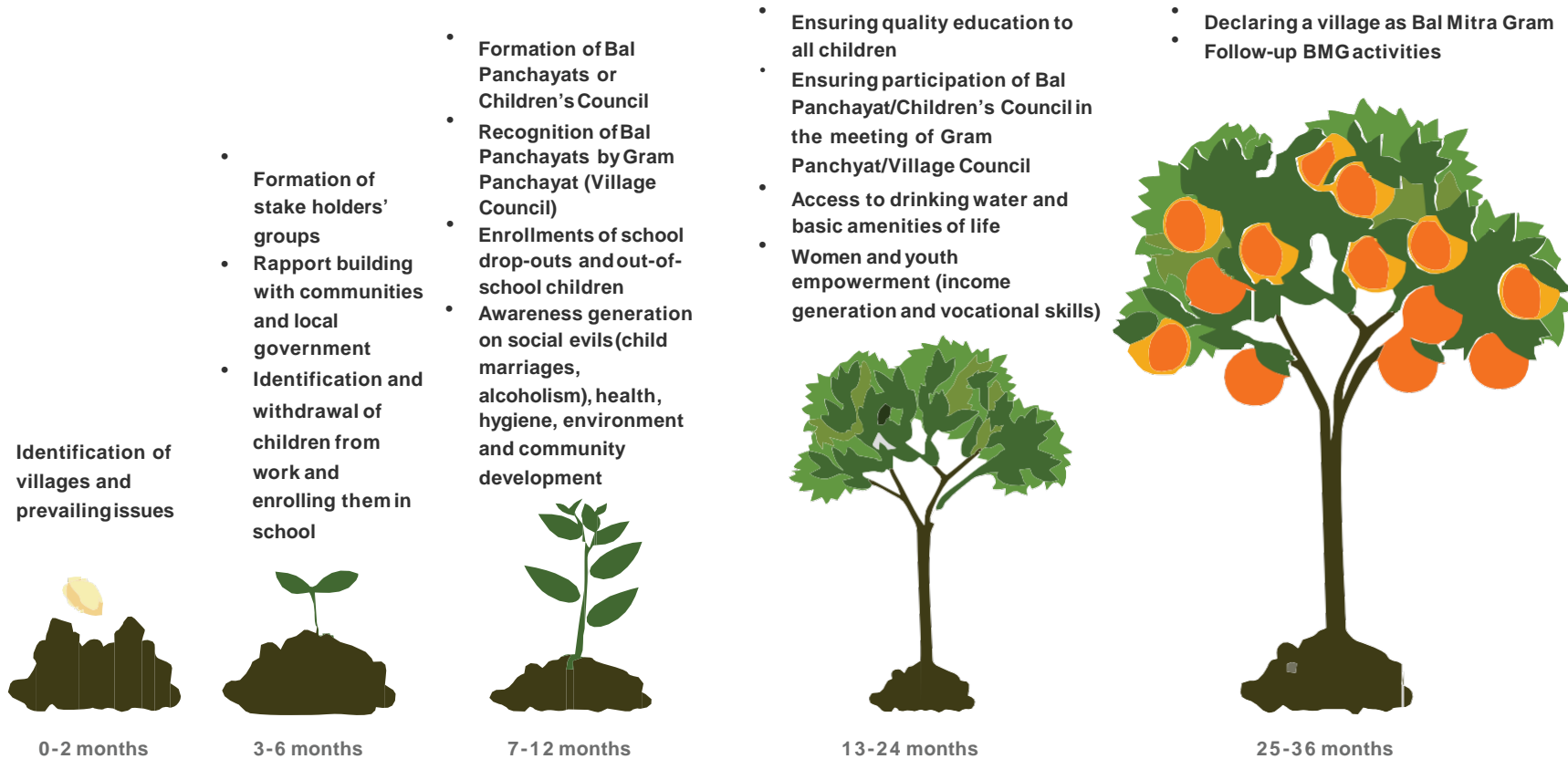
With Government and other agencies

Fostering accountability within government and other stakeholders

Chronology of Bal Mitra Gram



Formation of a Bal Mitra Gram



BMG Stakeholders

Primary Stakeholders

Children

Age group 0-5 years,
6-14 years, 14-18 years

Youth

Young men and young
women age group
18-25 years

Women

All women

Communities

Parents/Guardians
Panchayat/Village
Council

Secondary Stakeholders

- Teachers
- Employers of children
- Local Business/Traders
- Local Administration
- Local Leaders
- Local Government Institutions
- Local Media
- Local Civil Society Organizations

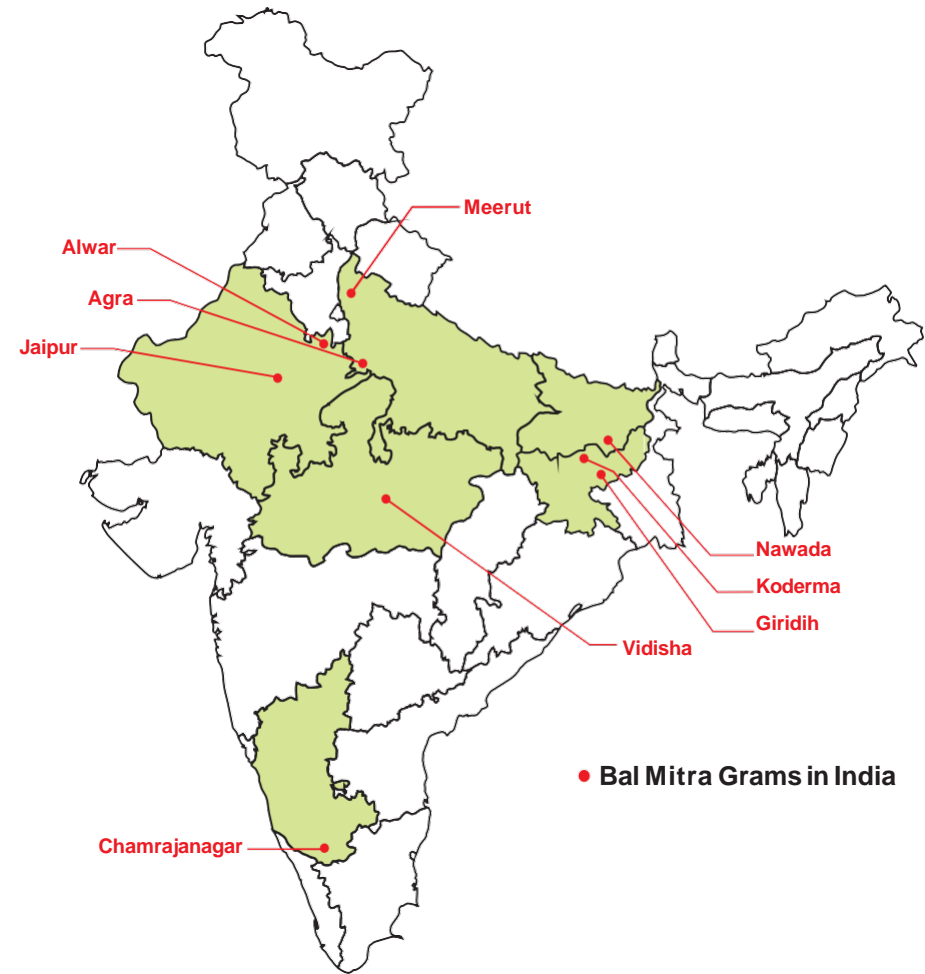
Geographical Coverage: BMG (2001-2019)

241 BMGs currently operational in India

146 BMGs in Jharkhand and Bihar

540 BMGs in India (2001-till date)

299 BMGs Handed-Over to communities



The map is not to scale, this is for representation purpose only.

Challenges in the field



**Naxalites/Anti-
Government Groups**



**Difficult Terrain and
Harsh Weather**

Challenges in the field

Few Roads

**Little
Communication**

8 year old girl child working in open cast mining in a MICA mine of Jharkhand



Untraced, Opaque
and Unorganised
Supply Chain



A background image showing a child's hands writing on a small chalkboard. The child is wearing a red and black striped shirt. The chalkboard is green and has some writing on it. The background is dark and blurry.

Creating a Child Labour Free MICA supply chain...

120,000 Children

600 Villages

2 States

In 5 years!

A small yellow logo of a bird or a stylized figure in flight, positioned above the SATYARTHI text.

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