

OUR MISSION, VISION & HISTORY

Equity Foundation (EF) is a Non-Governmental Organisation, with the primary objective of empowering women and educating children through creating new pathways for overcoming the obstacles to Women / Child development through a *synergy of "Knowledge", "Voice" and "Action"*. EF was founded in March 2002 by a group of women activists with 8 Members Executive Committee, and officially registered under Societies Registration Act on 26th March 2003. *Our vision is* empowering women and girls, aiming for gender equality and the eradication of all forms of discrimination against them.

APPROACH

Equity Foundation builds the capacities of rural and urban women to advance democratic values and processes. It strongly believes in ensuring basic rights and services to all of them, and thus works on addressing key women rights issues such as health, survival, protection, development, and participation. In order to reform the landscape of women empowerment in India, we engage with policy and opinion leaders through field projects, advocacy, campaigns research and publication.

AREA OF WORK

Empowerment Through Participation & Education EF works to empower women, children, their families, schools, community stakeholders and duty bearers in-	Protection From Violence EF works to protect women and children from-	Learning EF works to promote learning through Learning Resource Centre
Leadership Skills Women's Rights Child Rights FOCUS AREA: -Strengthening Democratic Governance Women's Rights and Safeguarding women from all forms of violence -Claiming education for every child -Gender Budget , -Health/nutrition, hygiene and sanitation - Education/Research, IEC, Publication, Documentation -Training, Internships -Workshops and advocacy campaigns	Domestic Violence & all other forms of violence Abuse Exploitation Child Labour Child Marriage FOCUS AREA: Women Helpline Centre in Panchayats Strengthening of laws (PWDVA 2005, PCMA 2006, POCSO, PCPNDT, Sexual Harassment Act 2013, The Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act of 1986, RTE, Panchayati Raj Act 2006 etc.) through awareness generation Campaigns and workshops Training Distribution of IEC Materials	Benefiting students by supplementing the learning process through training. Centre provides access to learning materials and serve as a peer learning centre FOCUS AREA: Reading activities: aim to sow reading habits Information search: search on internet and using references Centre offers a group of services to meet student needs, and these services can be developed according to their needs. These services are: guiding readers, references services, borrow out, copying and scanning and bibliographical services.

PUBLICATIONS

Since 2014 Equity Foundation has also been publishing a quarterly Hindi Journal titled 'Manjari-stree ke mann ki' (www.emanjari.com). It was conceptualised for raising issues related to women and society. It is registered under Department of Registration, Gol. The web URL is www.emanjari.com.

- * Aahaar Bihar - Food Atlas of Bihar
- * Mukhiya ki Diary
- * Encyclopaedia of Gender Terminologies
- * Women Struggle for Existence
- * Gender & Budget
- * Cartoons, Posters & Illustrations on various social issues

PROJECT PARTNERS & DONORS

FCRA:

UNDP-TAHA, Centre for World Solidarity (CWS), Association for World Solidarity (ASW), Save the Children, Action Aid, Catholic Bishop Conference of India (CBCI), CARE, TARU-Leading Edge, PLAN, OXFAM, Education Development Centre (EDC), DFID-PACS, Corstone Foundation.

GOVERNMENT:

Planning Commission of India, TISS, Ministry of Women & Child Development (GoI), Women Development Corporation (GoB), Power Grid Corporation (GoB), Ministry of Youth & Culture, Bihar Rajya Pul Nirmaan Nigam (GoB), Sudha COMFED, Department of Art & Culture (GoB), Department of Tourism (GoB), Jeevika.

CSR:

Sir Dorabji Tata and Allied Trusts, Sulabh International, International Development Enterprises of India (IDEI), Constella Futures, Power Transmission Company (GoB), Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF).

REGISTRATION

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7. FCRA
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9. RNI Registration for Hindi Magazine 'Manjari'

ACTIVITIES:

1. PUBLICATION OF MAGAZINES

- a) **'Manjari-stree ke mann ki'** - Since 2014 Equity Foundation has been publishing a quarterly Hindi Magazine titled '**Manjari-stree ke mann ki'** (www.emanjari.com). It was conceptualised for raising issues related to women and society. It is registered under Department of Registration, Gol. The web URL is www.emanjari.com.
- b) **NAAYIKA-APNE JEEVAN KI**-Publication of quarterly magazine for Women & Child Development Corporation (GoB)
- c) **NAVRANG**- Publication of quarterly magazine for Art & Culture Department (GoB).

2. 4th MANOJ SRIVASTAVA ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURE, 2024 LECTURE

Speaker- P. Sainath - Founder Editor, People's Archive of Rural India, Former Rural Affairs Editor of the *The Hindu*, and winner of the Ramon Magsaysay Award (2007) on August 11, 2024

