

# Hemlata's Community Immersion Simdega, Jharkhand

  
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# Anamaya: the Tribal Health Collaborative

Anamaya, the Tribal Health Collaborative is a multi-stakeholder collaborative committed to end preventable deaths among tribal and marginalised communities in India. It engages with problems unique to tribal communities to co-create solutions that strengthen communities and public delivery systems alike.

There are three key approaches that Anamaya undertakes to work towards fulfilling its vision.

- **Communitisation of Healthcare:**

This aims at in-depth community engagement to strengthen the channels and platforms that can help prioritise health as an agenda among community members, and elevate community voices to inform the design and deployment of health ecosystems adequately and appropriately.

- **Strengthening Knowledge:**

This vertical focuses on generating and promoting the use of relevant knowledge to inform and enable internal and external stakeholders to equitably prioritise and invest in tribal health and nutrition.

- **Strengthening Public Health System:**

This aims at working closely with the public health system and focuses on building a critical number of transformation health leaders at every level of the system. This critical group of leaders then will work toward building a public health ecosystem that is more efficient, transparent, and equitable.



# Anamaya Gandhi Fellowship

Gandhi Fellowship is a 2-year residential youth leadership program that provides a platform for guided experiential leadership, deep grassroots and systemic understanding, and a first-hand experience in designing and deploying processes aimed at sustainable change on a large scale. With the motto of 'Building Self to Build Nation', Gandhi Fellowship aspires to build a motivated, skilled, and grounded generation of future leadership. The Fellowship is customised for and deployed across various programmes and initiatives of the Piramal Foundation



**Hemlata Kumari**  
**Base Location: Latehar**  
**Immersion District: Simdega**

## Community Immersion

Community Immersion is a learning process that helps fellows learn about a particular tribal community 'from the inside out' and through first-hand experience. It is an intensive journey of learning, unlearning, and relearning.

The Fellows put themselves outside their comfort zones in a socio-cultural environment that is significantly different from the one they are accustomed to. It enables them to refine their observational capabilities and discover elements about themselves and the world around them.

During the 21-day-long intensive CI process, the Fellows also systematically develop Community profiles based on their observations and carry out projects in collaboration with community members to address one or two immediate issues being faced by the community members.



**Project 1. Providing safe drinking water**

**Project 2. Reduce absenteeism in government school**

# Issue observed

- About 80% of the people in the village use drinking water from uncovered Jalminar & well.
- In government school children were not attending classes everyday.





## **To reach the solutions**

- **Learned local tribal language (Sadri) to connect with community members**
- **Engaged with Self Help Group members, Sahiya didi (ASHA), and Sarpanch to build consensus around the need to solve the problems and possible solutions.**

# Solution carried out

## Water Intervention:

- Organised meeting with the help of Sarpanch and Sahiya to create awareness about the need to consume clean water, encouraged people to use boiled water for drinking and to clean the jalminar from time to time.
- Cleaned the jalminar with the help of SHG members and local youth.
- Submitted letter to Panchayat Sachiv to cover the well.





# Solution that carried out

## Education Intervention:

- Conducted door-to-door visit to encourage parents to send their children to school.
- Conducted classes and session in the school everyday. The school attendance increased from 30% to 100 %.



# Hemlata's learning

## About Community

- a. Generally of conventional nature
- b. Welcoming and accepting
- c. Collaborative
- d. Carries out many physical labour-intensive work



# Hemlata's learning

## About Self

- a. Could connect with people, build relations
- b. Improved patience and decision-making capabilities
- c. One can be happy even with limited resources
- d. Learnt about own assumptions and prejudices and the need to be free from them



# Piramal Foundation

Piramal Foundation's vision is to transform Health, Education, Water and social sector ecosystems through partnerships, high-impact solutions and thought leadership. It has a presence in 27 Indian states and 2 Union Territories.

The Foundation, building on the impact of touching over 100 million lives over the past 15 years, has re-imagined its portfolio into 6 Big Bets to usher in transformation at scale by solving India's most intractable problems through innovation and collaboration. These 6 Big Bets have kept the most underserved at the centre of all solutions to ensure that no one is left behind. Our redefined approaches to address these deep-rooted barriers are:

- Partnerships approach to draw additional resources, a vast pool of diverse expertise, and innovations to tackle a social sector problem at scale.
- Platform approach to influence systemic transformation through an alliance of partners for "scalable learning" and an enhanced capacity to address a single problem with speed

The 6 Big bets are: Anamaya-the Tribal Health Collaborative, Aspirational Districts Collaborative, Digital Bharat Collaborative, Piramal University, TaPAS, The Piramal Academy of Sewa , Piramal Centre for Children with Special Needs.





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