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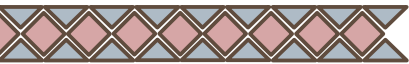
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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



INTRODUCTION

TAPISH Foundation is a trans-led grassroots organisation based in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, committed to advancing the rights, dignity, and well-being of transgender and gender-diverse communities. Rooted in lived experience and community leadership, we work to create inclusive spaces where individuals can access opportunities, resources, and support without discrimination.



Our Vision

To ensure trans and queer persons live a dignified life with freedom, equity, and justice.

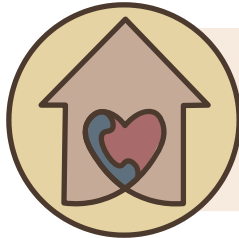


Our Mission

To empower transgender communities by advancing their rights and strengthening stakeholder engagement, while enabling access to safe shelter, inclusive education, sustainable livelihood opportunities, legal aid, healthcare, and mental health services.



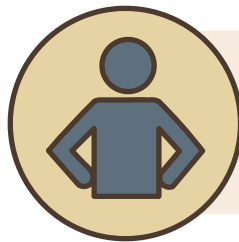
KEY COMPONENTS OF OUR WORK



**Crisis Intervention &
Shelter Support**



**Drop-In Center &
Queer Trans Library**



Leadership Building



**Awareness & Stakeholder
Engagement**



Access to Healthcare



**Entrepreneurship & Livelihoods
Support**

OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

This year, TAPISH Foundation celebrated 5 years of community-led initiatives for safe, dignified and just futures for trans and queer persons! Here is a glimpse of our journey so far -



2021

TAPISH gets formed as a collective of trans persons, and initiates interventions towards trans-affirmative healthcare, education, documents and entitlements, awareness, and stakeholder engagement. In response to the lockdowns and the COVID-19 pandemic, a targeted distribution program of hormone therapy to transmen and a vaccination campaign for the transgender community are also organised.



2022

TAPISH Foundation gets officially registered in March 2022, becoming the first community-based organisation (CBO) led and run by the trans community in Madhya Pradesh! In addition to existing initiatives, work expands towards providing short-term shelter for post-surgery recovery, assisting with safe housing options and family reconciliation.



2023

TAPISH Foundation starts providing shelter to trans persons for longer durations, and initiates a helpline for crisis intervention. Some other new initiatives include establishing Self Help Groups, Satrangi and Samarpan, for transwomen and transmen respectively, along with healthcare interventions focusing on HIV/AIDS. Additionally, 2023 saw Nikunj Jain represent TAPISH at multiple national consultations on transgender concerns.



2024

Mera Kunba, a safe shelter home is launched by TAPISH Foundation, making it the first shelter home in Madhya Pradesh dedicated to trans and queer persons! TAPISH also became a CBO partner under the Key Populations Grant Project funded by the Global Fund, with the aim of ensuring access to comprehensive HIV, TB, and STI prevention, testing, treatment, and care services for key populations.



2025

The Mera Kunba Initiative is strengthened by establishing a Drop-in Centre and a Queer-Trans Library. In addition, the project 'Hum Bhi Hai', which focuses on promoting the rights, dignity, and inclusion of trans and queer persons through community engagement, institutional sensitization, and capacity building, was initiated. TAPISH Foundation also begins work on livelihood generation and entrepreneurship support for trans and queer community members.



2026

As TAPISH Foundation steps into its sixth year, the focus continues to be on providing a safe space for trans and queer individuals, and enhancing their health and wellbeing. The organisation aims to expand and strengthen its initiatives in entrepreneurship and skill development, alongside stakeholder engagement and awareness. In addition, TAPISH Foundation has a new logo, and is working on a new website!

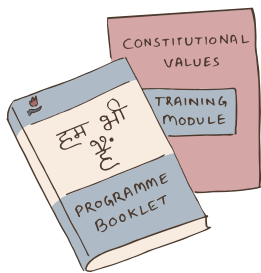
KEY HIGHLIGHTS

New Initiatives

- ▶ TAPISH Foundation established a Drop-In Centre and Queer-Trans Library called 'Bolti Kitabein' as part of the Mera Kunba Shelter space. A first of its kind library in the state, 'Bolti Kitabein' caters to everyone regardless of literacy levels by incorporating audio books and other inclusive practices.



- ▶ TAPISH Foundation launched a programme called "Hum Bhi Hai". As part of the programme, a booklet of the same name was released. Written in Hindi, the regional language, the booklet provides information to community members, stakeholders, and other community-



based organisations (CBOs) on various aspects such as using pronouns, challenges faced by the community, case studies, and relevant and state-specific laws and schemes. The booklet also has a glossary of terms related to the trans community. Additionally, as part of this programme, a training module on constitutional values was created for upcoming fellowship programs.

- ▶ Another initiative introduced this year is the Kabir Sangeetshala. Under this initiative, using songs samvad (discussions) are held on themes from the constitution, as well as teachings of Kabir, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Jyotiba Phule, among others.

Stakeholder Engagement

- ▶ Due to TAPISH Foundation's efforts towards stakeholder engagement, a separate OPD counter and ward facility dedicated to trans and queer community members was initiated at the Maharaja Yeshwantrao Hospital in Indore, in order to provide better access to healthcare services.

- ▶ As a result of TAPISH Foundation's meetings and engagement with the Municipal Corporation of Indore, public toilet facilities in the city were also reserved for transgender persons.

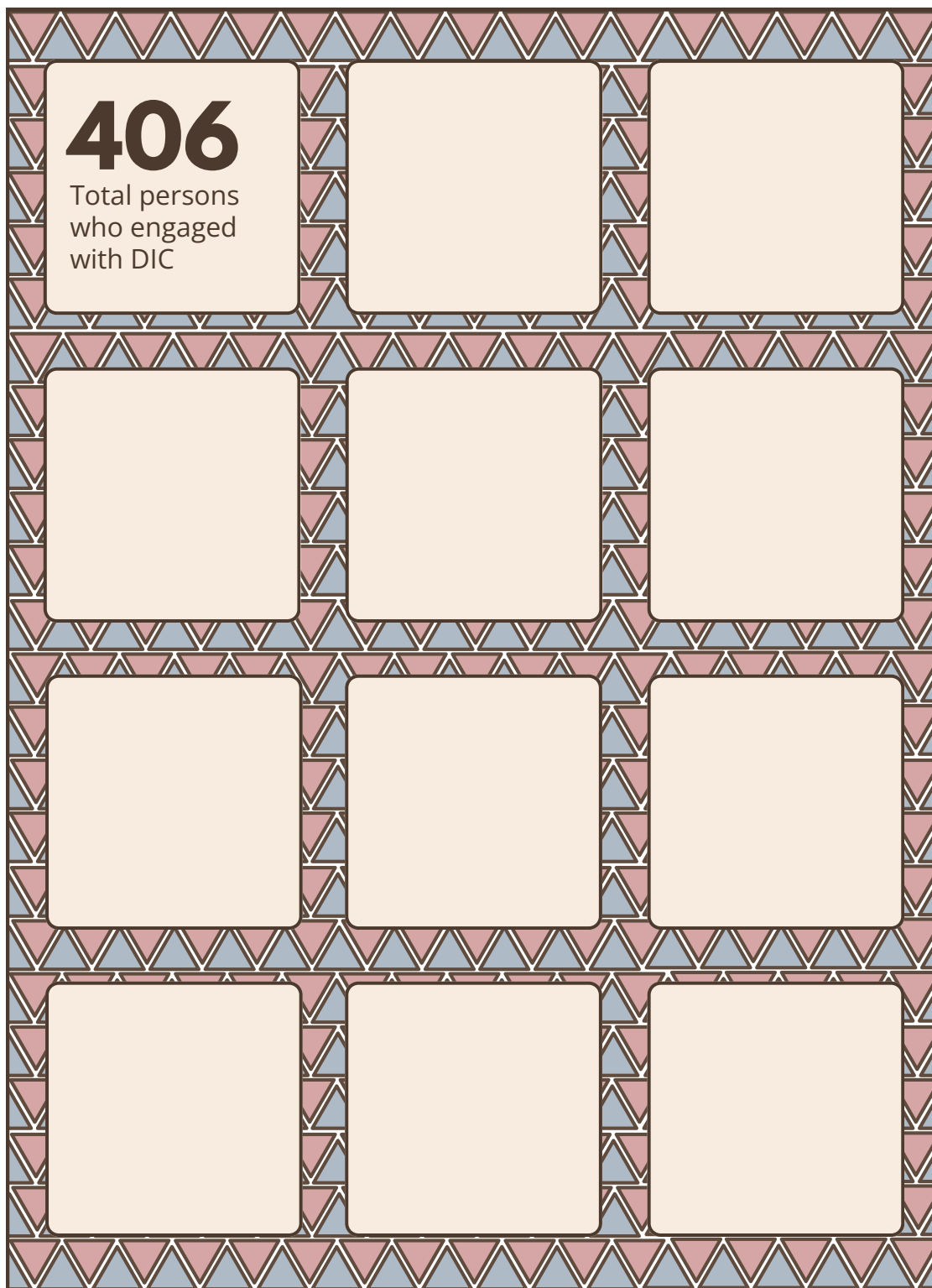


Awards and Achievements

- ▶ TAPISH Foundation was awarded the 4th Edition of the National Trans Persons Award by the Honourable Chief Minister of Delhi.
- ▶ The residents of TAPISH Foundation's Mera Kunba shelter home attended the National Trans and Queer Sports Event held in Raipur, Chattisgarh, where they won six awards!



THE YEAR IN NUMBERS





AMERA KUNBA

Mera Kunba is a Trans and Queer-friendly shelter home, which has been providing safe accommodation, crisis support, and rehabilitation services since July 2024. It is the first shelter home in Madhya Pradesh dedicated specifically to trans and queer persons. Alongside the shelter home, Mera Kunba consists of a helpline to provide support to trans and queer community members in need of assistance.

The Mera Kunba programme entered its Second Phase in the year 2025-2026, which focused on strengthening and expanding existing services, particularly employment support and skill development for the residents.

Key Components



Mera Kunba Shelter Home

Mera Kunba shelter home provides long term and short term accommodation facilities to trans and queer persons in need. Currently, the shelter home has the capacity to support 5 to 6 residents.

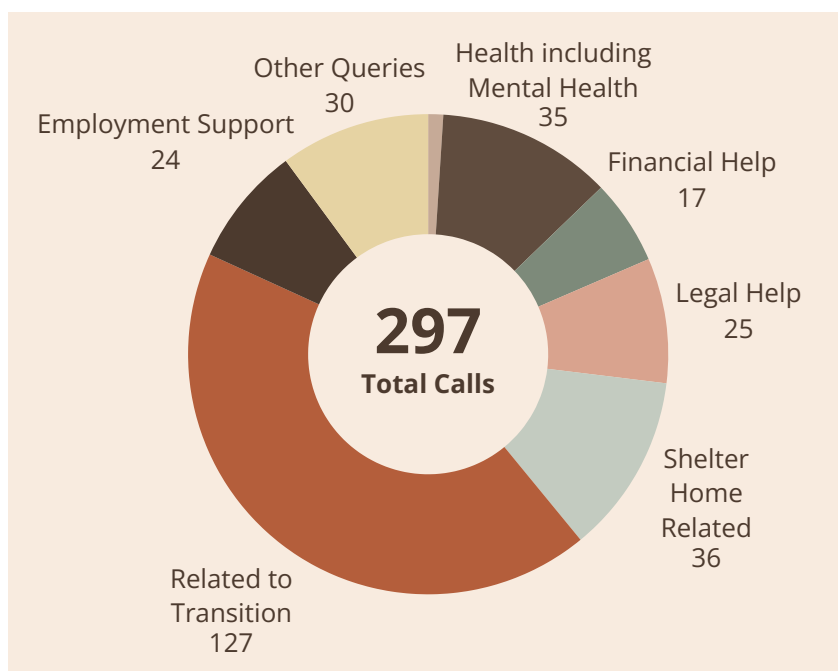
In addition to providing shelter, Mera Kunba provides a wide range of services to the residents, including legal help, documentation support, access to healthcare facilities, among others.



Mera Kunba Helpline

TAPISH Foundation has been operating a helpline since 2023. The helpline is operational from 11am to 5pm, from Monday to Friday.

The helpline receives calls from trans and queer persons related to transition, employment support, health & mental health, financial support, legal help, shelter home, among other queries.



No. of calls & types of queries via the helpline this year

Activities at Mera Kunba Shelter Home

For maintaining discipline and encouraging the holistic development and empowerment of the residents of Mera Kunba, several activities are organised on a routine basis.

To ensure transparency and improve understanding, residents are provided with awareness regarding institutional processes. This includes information about various systems at Mera Kunba such as feedback mechanisms, procedures for closure, and re-entry processes.

Regular and monthly meetings are held to address issues related to residents' daily lives. These discussions cover areas such as interpersonal relationships, cleanliness, discipline, and other concerns, providing a space for collective problem-solving. Responsibilities related to cleanliness are also emphasised. Duties are assigned to residents to maintain the shelter home, including systems such as a weekly monitor.



Life skills and behavioural development sessions are conducted on a regular basis. These focus on themes such as teamwork, anger management, communication skills, and building respectful personal relationships, contributing to residents' overall personal growth. In addition, residents receive career guidance and support for skill development. Discussions are held on their interests, potential career paths, and employment opportunities, with the aim of fostering independence and self-reliance.

Environment conservation is a key focus area at Mera Kunba. Activities such as tree plantation drives are organised regularly to raise awareness and cultivate a sense of responsibility towards nature.

Additionally, celebrations during festivals and other cultural programmes are conducted to encourage a sense of community belonging, build self-confidence and encourage expression among residents.



Cultural Programmes and Celebrations

The residents of the Mera Kunba Shelter Home come together as a community to celebrate various festivals, anniversaries and special occasions, enhancing social, emotional and cultural development. National Holidays like Republic Day and festivals like Rakshabandhan, Diwali and Eid are celebrated with great enthusiasm and happiness by all residents and community members of the shelter home. The objective of these activities is to nurture a space that feels like a family and enhance the sense of belonging to the community. A new initiative introduced this year is the Kabir Sangeetshala. Through this initiative, songs are used as a medium to facilitate samvad (dialogues) on themes drawn from the Constitution, along with the teachings of Kabir, Babasaheb Ambedkar, Jyotiba Phule, and others.





DROP-IN CENTRE AND LIBRARY

Strengthening Mera Kunba: Establishing a Drop-in Center and Queer-Trans Library aims to strengthen mental health, social support, and rights of trans and queer communities.

Initiated this year, the programme has led to the creation of a Drop-In Centre (DIC), which operates as a safe space for trans and queer persons where they can access support, counselling, information and community help. The Queer-Trans Library, known as 'Bolti Kitabain', includes a digital library and audio books, making it an inclusive space for everyone regardless of literacy status.

Key Components

**Strengthening Mera
Kunba Shelter Home**

**Establishing a
Drop-In Centre**

**Establishing a Queer-
Trans Library**

**Enhancing Mental
Health and Wellbeing**

Drop-In Centre (DIC)

DIC is a safe space which members of the trans and queer community can access to avail various services such as the library, mental health support, peer support, community gatherings, among others.

Mental health support is a key focus of the Drop-In Centre, which provides access to counselling, peer support, and spaces for sharing experiences. In addition, meditation sessions are organised at the DIC to promote emotional well-being and mindfulness.

Community gatherings are regularly held at the DIC to encourage dialogue, collective engagement, and the strengthening of community bonds.



Peer support meetings and awareness sessions are regularly conducted on a range of important themes, including HIV awareness, sex, gender and sexuality, career guidance, health insurance, and legal frameworks such as the the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 and the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026.

Film screenings on queer themes and social issues are organised at the DIC for awareness and reflection. Screenings in the past have included films such as Cobalt Blue, My Brother Nikhil, Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui, 12th Fail, Article 15, Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan, Aligarh, among others. These activities at DIC aim to strengthen mental health, spread awareness within the community, and enhance collective support systems.

Bolti Kitabein

TAPISH Foundation started the “Bolti Kitabe” Library as a community learning and safe space that encourages reading, dialogue, and shared learning for social change. Along with the physical library, a digital library facility is also available, where community members can learn new skills, access educational resources, and practice on laptops. The library provides a supportive environment and necessary assistance to learners. It is an inclusive space that is open and accessible to people of all gender identities.





HUM BHI HAI



Hum Bhi Hai programme focuses on promoting the rights, dignity, and inclusion of trans and queer persons through community engagement, institutional sensitization, and capacity building. The objective of the initiative is to build empowered communities, sensitized institutions, and sustainable resources for continued impact.

Key Components



Stakeholder Engagement and Sensitization Sessions

In order to strengthen institutional responsiveness and engagement, various stakeholder engagement and sensitization sessions were conducted.

Engagements with the Social Justice Department focused on addressing challenges related to transgender identity card processes. Multiple interactions with the Department and the District Collector's office were also undertaken to address delays and systemic issues in the issuance of transgender ID cards. Additionally, formal applications were submitted to District Legal Services Authority (DALSA) for collaboration. Awareness sessions were also organised at educational institutions, such as the Oxford International College.

In the engagements with the Municipal Corporation of Indore (Indore Nagar Nigam), discussions were held with officials on transgender rights, inclusion, and the importance of ensuring gender-sensitive public services. Similar discussions were held at the One Stop Crisis Centre to improve service accessibility for queer and trans individuals.



Sensitization sessions were conducted with the police across multiple police stations in Indore, including Vijay Nagar, Lasidia, AJK, MIG, Tukoganj, and the Mahila Police Station. These sessions aimed to increase awareness about transgender rights and the challenges faced by transgender persons, while also strengthening the role of police in ensuring protection, responding effectively to crises, and engaging with sensitivity and respect.



Peer Support Group Meetings

Nine Peer Support Group meetings were held at regular intervals during this period, focusing on creating a safe and supportive space for community members to share their experiences, discuss challenges, and learn collectively. These meetings included participatory discussions aimed at building an understanding of sex, gender, sexuality, and intersectionality, while also helping participants recognise overlapping identities and forms of discrimination. Meetings were conducted to inform participants about the Trans Act and legal procedures such as filing FIRs, as well as to deepen awareness of constitutional rights and their relevance in everyday life. Group discussions were held on challenging patriarchy and on dignity and equality as constitutional values.

Peer support group meetings discussed the interconnected struggles of humans and nature. The meetings also explored queer histories and encouraged storytelling as a tool for healing and empowerment. Regular recaps of key learnings on these themes were done to reinforce understanding and reflection.



Other Events

During Pride Month, a large community event titled “Pehchaan: Apne Hone Ka Tyohar” was organised, featuring cultural performances, competitions, and other activities. The event aimed to celebrate identity, foster a sense of belonging, and promote visibility of the community.

A session was organised on Constitution Day, focusing on the HIV-AIDS Act and its linkages with constitutional rights and dignity.



On Transgender Day of Visibility, a walk was organised, bringing together community members, allies, and stakeholders. The initiative aimed to promote acceptance, strengthen solidarity, and enhance the visibility of trans and queer persons.

Leadership Building and Volunteer Engagement

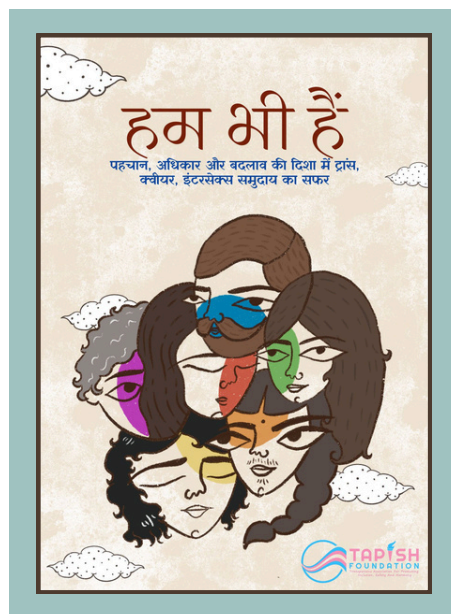
Volunteer engagement at TAPISH Foundation aimed to enhance leadership skills and build capacities of young queer and trans individuals. Community volunteers were invited via outreach through instagram and google forms, and five volunteers were onboarded following an assessment based on motivation, experience, and commitment. They participated in various activities at the organisation and were trained in facilitation, planning, documentation and delivery of sessions.



A Volunteer Journey Celebration was also conducted to acknowledge the five-month engagement of volunteers and to strengthen team motivation through recognition and distribution of certificates and Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) kits.

Hum Bhi Hai - Programme Booklet

As part of this programme, a booklet titled 'Hum Bhi Hai' was created and published as a comprehensive resource on trans and queer rights. It has been designed for community members, stakeholders, and other community-based organisations (CBOs). It includes a range of information such as the use of pronouns, key challenges faced by the community, relevant laws and state-specific schemes, and illustrative case studies. To further support understanding, the booklet contains a glossary of terms related to the trans and queer communities. The booklet is written in Hindi, the regional language of the state, to ensure accessibility and wider reach.





Module on Constitutional Values

A structured fellowship module on constitutional rights and values was collaboratively designed to guide future programmes, providing a strong foundation for long-term implementation and sustainability. The module emphasises participatory, experiential, and reflective learning approaches to enable deeper understanding and engagement. It contains a clearly defined sequence of topics along with a month-wise plan, ensuring continuity, coherence, and effective learning outcomes across a one year long fellowship. Key themes of the module include constitutional values (equality, liberty, justice, and fraternity), trans rights and legal provisions, shifts in social attitudes, and an understanding of rights and duties.



ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

This component of our work focuses on strengthening the health, nutrition, and overall well-being of trans and queer individuals by improving access to healthcare services and facilities. Since its inception, TAPISH Foundation has been working on enhancing community healthcare through sustained, community-led efforts.

Key Components

Doctor Consultations

HIV & Other Medical Screenings

HRT Support

Awareness & Stakeholder Engagement

Doctor Consultations

Consultations with a general physician were held during which members of the trans and queer communities could get personalised medical advice on their health concerns. During this period, twenty individuals availed these consultation services.



HIV & Other Medical Screenings

As a result of TAPISH Foundation's efforts, 85 individuals from the trans and queer communities were tested for HIV, and more than 75 individuals received support for other medical screenings such as TB, hepatitis, etc. Moreover, ten people were provided with support for Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT).

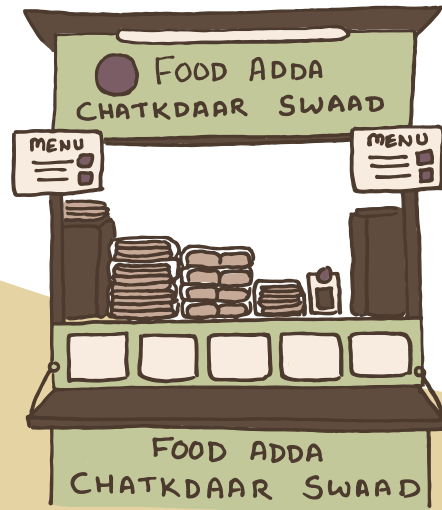
Stakeholder Engagement & Awareness



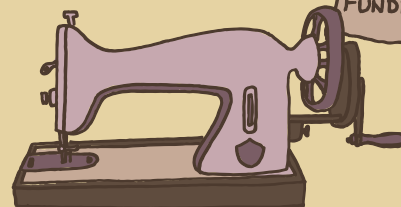
In the healthcare sector, efforts towards stakeholder engagement focused on addressing discrimination, ensuring confidentiality, and promoting inclusive healthcare practices. At Integrated Counselling and Testing Centres (ICTC), discussions centred on reducing stigma and addressing barriers to accessing HIV-related services. Meetings were also held with the Health Department. Additionally, a formal application was submitted to ICTC for further collaboration.

Due to TAPISH Foundation's efforts, a separate OPD counter and ward facility dedicated to trans and queer community members was initiated at the Maharaja Yeshwantrao Hospital in Indore, in order to provide better access to healthcare services.

Multiple awareness sessions were organised at hospitals of Indore, including BM Mittal Hospital and Bapat Hospital. During these sessions, discussions were held on gender, sexuality, trans rights, mental health and respectful behaviour towards trans and queer individuals.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP & LIVELIHOODS





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Initiated this year, this component of our work focuses on enabling members of the trans and queer communities to become self-reliant and independent. By building skills and knowledge, providing resources and funding, and supporting entrepreneurship, TAPISH Foundation aims to increase livelihood and earning opportunities for trans and queer individuals, and to help them achieve their career goals and aspirations.

Key Components

**Supporting
Entrepreneurship**

**Skill
Development**

Financial Literacy

Entrepreneurship & Livelihood Programme (GARV UDYAM: Apni Pehchaan, Apna Rojgaar)

This project focused on enabling members of the trans and trans-queer community to access self-employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. A total of 31 applications were received under this initiative, out of which 10 participants were selected through a value-based selection process. The selected participants were provided seed funding ranging from ₹20,000 to ₹40,000, along with a two-day training on entrepreneurship and financial literacy. The training covered key areas such as business planning, legal documentation (including MSME and Gumasta registration), marketing, and financial management.

All selected participants under this project were able to successfully initiate their small businesses and progress towards building dignified livelihoods aligned with their identities. Some of the small businesses that were initiated and supported under this project include a clinic of homeopathic medicine, a jewellery stall, multiple food carts, cloud kitchen, multiple beauty parlours and salon, a vegetable shop and a tailoring shop.



Skill Development

In order to promote skill development, TAPISH Foundation conducted a month long tailoring training programme.





ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This component focuses on strengthening TAPISH Foundation as an organisation by developing strategies for growth and sustainability, creating institutional policies, building capacities of staff, and boosting institutional communications.

Key Components

**Staff
Capacity Building**

**Developing
Organisation's
Strategy**

**Developing
Organisational Policies**

Communications

Staff Capacity Building Sessions

Multiple capacity-building sessions were organised for staff across a range of key themes. Sessions on communication and documentation focused on improving report writing, maintaining records, preparing minutes of meetings (MoMs), and using communication tools to enhance internal efficiency. Training on event and activity budgeting built practical skills in using Excel for cost estimation and activity planning.

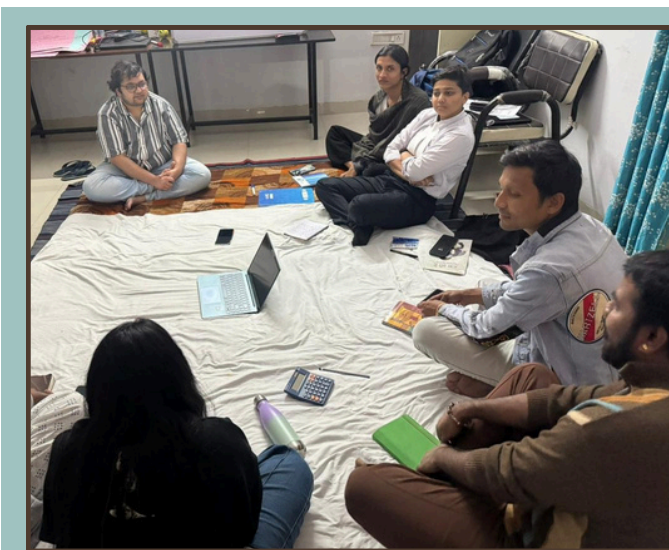


Sessions on gender and patriarchy explored gender as a social construct and examined systemic inequalities, while media literacy training focused on developing the ability to identify misinformation and verify content. Fundraising sessions built understanding of CSR, crowdfunding, and donor engagement strategies, while mental health sessions focused on stress management, burnout prevention, and trauma-informed care practices.

Sessions on stakeholder engagement, leadership, and teamwork aimed to strengthen overall organisational capacity by enhancing collaboration, strategic thinking, and leadership skills. In addition, workshops on stakeholder engagement and leadership provided clarity on concepts and practices, improved communication and strategies, emphasised the importance of teamwork, and supported staff in recognising their own leadership potential. These sessions also highlighted the importance of preparation for meetings and community engagements.

Organisation's Strategy and Policies

Efforts towards organisational development included mapping the organisation's journey from its inception to the present and defining a clear direction for the coming years, while also strengthening internal systems and processes.



We developed a comprehensive journey map, created a seven-year strategic roadmap, and refined the organisation's mission and vision. Additionally, several key organisational policies were developed and updated, including the HR Policy, Finance Policy, POSH Policy, Leave Policy, and Procurement Policy. TAPISH Foundation onboarded an external consultant for helping in this process.

Communications

TAPISH Foundation initiated and developed its official website this year. The team collaborated with Figment Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and worked on both Hindi and English content. The website is currently in the final stages of development and nearing completion.

Additionally, a new logo was designed for TAPISH Foundation!



SUCCESS STORIES

Here are some success stories and reflections from across our programmes -

Shaan Dhakad and Food Adda

Shan Dhakad, a transman from Shivpuri, had been working at a food cart for the past five years. However, after coming out about his identity, he was forced to leave both his job and family.

With support from TAPISH Foundation's Entrepreneurship & Livelihood Programme, Shan started his own venture, "Food Adda - Chatakdar Swad." Today, he feels pride in his identity and leads a self-reliant life.



“Today I am working with my identity – this has been made possible because of TAPISH Foundation.”

Vishal Kumrawat and their Struggle for Identity

Vishal Kumrawat (name changed), 28, had felt like a girl since childhood. However, due to stigma from family and society, they were unable to accept their true identity. They completed their BBA and moved to Dubai for work, where they spent a few years.

While living in Dubai, they experienced a degree of freedom to live on their own terms, but their dream of fully expressing their gender identity remained unfulfilled. During a visit to their village, Betma, their family began pressuring them to get married. Gathering courage, Vishal told their family that they were not interested in women and saw a man as their partner.



The family considered this a “disease” and took them to various doctors and psychiatrists. The doctors made it clear that this was not an illness, but a matter of identity and personal choice. Despite this, the family refused to accept it and withheld Vishal’s passport and visa to prevent them from returning to Dubai.

During this difficult time, Vishal learned about Mera Kunba (TAPISH Foundation) through a friend. After attending an event, they felt they had found a space where people would understand and support them. Vishal reached out to the Mera Kunba team and shared their situation. The team guided them and helped them connect with the Trans and Queer Protection Cell. With the support of officials, efforts were made to engage with the family and explain that suppressing someone’s identity or withholding their documents is wrong.

When the family still did not agree, help was sought from the police administration. After several attempts and continued persuasion, police intervention ultimately led to the family returning Vishal’s passport and visa.

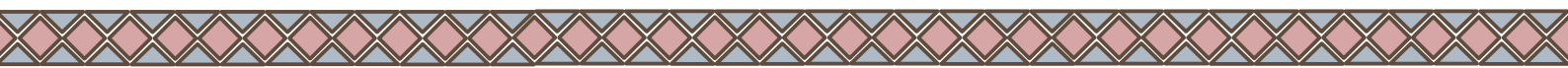
Today, Vishal is safe and living with a friend. They are now preparing to return to Dubai for work.

“When no one was there to help me, ‘Mera Kunba’ supported me. They not only provided me with legal help but also gave me the courage to embrace my identity and stand tall. I thank them from the bottom of my heart.”

Yashvi’s Reflections on Bolti Kitabein

“As Yashvi, to me a trans-friendly library in Indore felt more than just stepping into a space full of books, it felt like finally being seen, heard, and respected.

For many of us in the trans community, access to safe and inclusive spaces is rare. A trans library is not just about reading; it’s about representation, education, and belonging. It gives us stories where we exist, knowledge that empowers us, and a space where we don’t have to hide who we are.



This library is important because it breaks silence. It creates awareness for others and confidence within us. It tells every trans person: you matter, your identity matters, and your story deserves a place in the world. I hope more such spaces open across India, so no one in our community ever feels alone again.”

Maya’s Journey as a Volunteer at TAPISH Foundation

“My name is Maya, and I worked as a volunteer with TAPISH Foundation. This experience was deeply enriching and positive for me.

During my time here, I learned many valuable skills. I became familiar with digital tools like ChatGPT, which made it easier to access information and support others. I also developed a clearer understanding of the difference between sex and gender, which is very important to understand our society.

I had the opportunity to visit places such as police stations and hospitals, where I observed and learned from on-ground sessions. These experiences helped me understand how to communicate effectively with people, listen to their concerns, and guide them appropriately. As a result, both my communication skills and confidence improved significantly.

During this entire experience, I felt very good working with the team. The support and guidance I received from everyone were invaluable. In particular, working with Jyoti ma’am was very inspiring, and I learned a great deal from her.

Overall, my journey with TAPISH Foundation has been incredibly meaningful and motivating. It not only expanded my knowledge but also strengthened my confidence in working with people.”



THE WAY FORWARD



Challenges

During the year, our team continued to navigate a range of structural, social, and operational challenges while working to ensure dignity, safety, and rights for trans and queer communities.

A key challenge was delays in accessing Transgender ID cards and updating official documents, which directly affect access to government schemes and entitlements. These barriers are further compounded by complex administrative procedures and limited sensitivity among officials. Engagement with institutions has also been time-intensive, with administrative hurdles at times impacting the organisation's ability to conduct awareness programmes in schools and other spaces.

At the community level, persistent stigma and discrimination continue to restrict access to housing, employment, and mainstream opportunities. Livelihood generation remains an ongoing concern, as securing stable and dignified employment for community members is challenged by both limited opportunities and social exclusion.

Access to healthcare and well-being services also remains constrained. Limited resources and a lack of awareness among healthcare providers affect service delivery. There is also some hesitation among community members in accessing testing and preventive care. Mental health continues to be a critical area, with many individuals requiring sustained counselling and psychosocial support due to experiences of family rejection, violence, and trauma.

Infrastructure and resource limitations further shape programme delivery. The absence of a permanent shelter space restricts the organisation's ability to expand services and plan long-term interventions. Ensuring consistent funding and resource mobilisation remains essential for sustaining shelter, health, and community initiatives.

At a broader level, emerging policy developments, including the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026, present additional concerns around increased procedural requirements and potential implications for self-identification and access to rights.

The Way Forward

TAPISH Foundation will continue to strengthen its efforts towards improving access to documentation and legal entitlements through sustained engagement with authorities. Expanding livelihood opportunities, deepening partnerships, and building pathways for economic independence remain key priorities. The organisation will also focus on strengthening healthcare access through collaborations and community awareness, while continuing to prioritise mental health and psychosocial support.



Efforts to secure sustainable infrastructure, including a permanent shelter space, will be further pursued alongside strategies for long-term resource mobilisation. At the same time, TAPISH will continue stakeholder engagement to address systemic barriers, promote inclusion, and uphold the rights and dignity of trans and queer communities.

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Indore

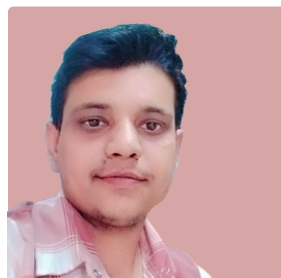
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- ◆ Office of the District Collector, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- ◆ Maharaja Yeshwantrao Hospital, Indore, Madhya Pradesh

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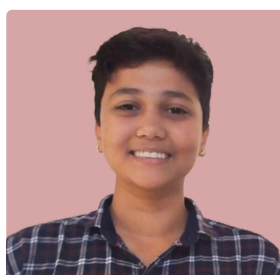


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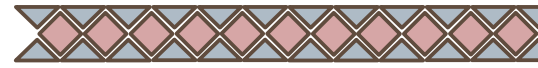
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