#### PRIA: A global example of engaged practice









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### Goals

To support youth leadership in campaigning to address VAW

To promote institutional accountability of universities, colleges, schools, panchayats, municipalities and government offices in ensuring safety for women and girls

To build a multistakeholder
coalition which
supports youth
initiatives in this
campaign



### Campaign Partners



- Elected representatives and community leaders
- Kishori & yuvak samuhas
- Universities (BPSMV, Jindal global law school)
- Government officials
- Police
- Legal aid cell
- Media



### Campaign Results

Educational institutions make necessary changes in ensuring safety of women and girls

Men and young boys report a personal change in their behaviour towards girls and women

Women and girls report an increase in their sense of safety and security



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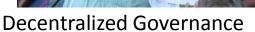


Police, district officials, and leaders of *panchayats* show sensitivity in dealing with reported cases of violence against women

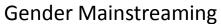


### **About PRIA**



















### Engagement with academia

Multitude of interventions, aimed at bringing academia and community together

Helped HEIs realize their social responsibility towards community's needs

Participatory Research, forte of PRIA's work was used in various dimensions/forms of academic engagement

Expanding partnerships with a large number universities across India



### Forms of Engagement

# Linking learning with community service

- Collaboration with MM College for undertaking a survey related to birth/death registration
- Student internships, field schools

# Linking research with community knowledge

- Occupational health & safety studies in association with many universities
- Studies on Citizenship, participation, gender

Knowledge sharing with the community

- Citizenship & Governance Conferences
- Kadam Badhao Campaign



### Forms of Engagement

## Devising new curriculum & courses

- PIA's online courses present a perfect mix of theoretical & practitioner knowledge
- Certificate course on IPPR, WPEL etc.

Including practitioners as teachers

- Collaboration with McGill University
- Inter-professional dialogues on PR/PD

### Social innovation by students

- Supporting student initiated project having a social impact
- TISS-Koshish efforts on justice for beggars



#### Other initiatives

- Collaborated with British Council India, for a mapping of community engagement practices in Indian HEIs & generating awareness.
- Partnered with AIU, provided technical support to help mainstream engagement within regular curriculum.
- Provided inputs for the drafting of the new education policy by government of India, with special emphasis on linking HE to society
- Efforts underway for the creation of ACE, one of the recommendation of the Sub-committee



#### **Thank You**

