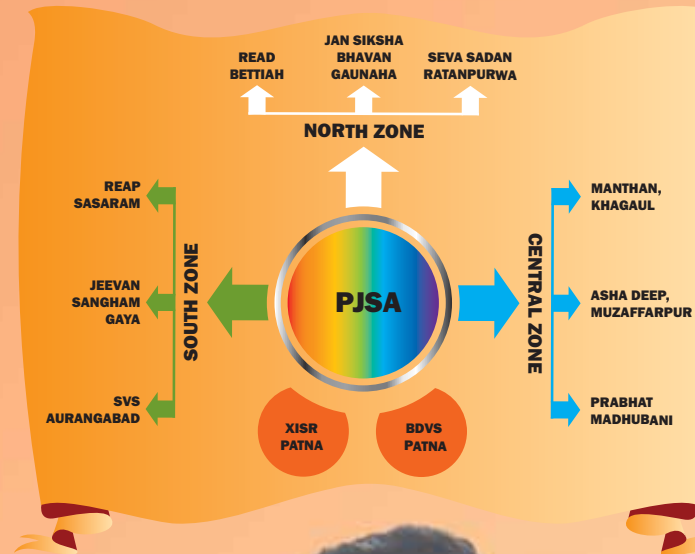


## Future dreams

The challenges facing us are numerous and complex. However, we have identified the severe dearth of human capital among the most disadvantaged sections of society, such as, Musahars, Doms, Dhankads & Bhuiyas that hampers their socio-political empowerment and perpetuate their social exclusion, as the immediate task that deserves our complete attention. Hence, *PJSA* has identified the need for building up human resources within these communities to initiate the process of self sustained social and economic empowerment. The following are the major components of this focused intervention in all our social service centers for coming 10 years:

- **Expanding the Educational Base of the Focused Communities**
- **Creating a diversified talent pool within these communities**
- **Developing conscientious women leaders as community builders and agents of social transformation**
- **Gathering and preserving the fading cultural memories, myths etc, for a renewed identity**

## PJSA Zones & Social Service Centers



## Patna Jesuit Social Action Policy

**“The essential dimension of social action is its well-designed actions that will have a bearing on the transformation of social structures within which the vast majority of our people come to be poor, powerless, marginalized and excluded. Direct contact with the victims of unjust social structures, direct participation in their struggle for more egalitarian and just social structures are the distinguishing features of Patna Jesuit Social Action.”**

*Be a partner with us in building the lives of the poor.....*

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# PATNA JESUIT SOCIAL ACTION

*Human Touch... Empowering People... Building Communities*





## Who we are

Patna Jesuit Society (PJS) is a charitable organization, registered under society's registration act 1860. PJS has a large network of educational institutions and social service centers across different districts of Bihar. Patna Jesuit Social Action (PJSA) is a wing of PJS that coordinates the manifold activities of socio-economic and political empowerment of the Dalit communities in Bihar. PJSA is comprised of 9 social service centers organized at three zones. Xavier Institute of Social Research (XISR), Patna provides much needed research and documentation assistance to our grass root centers. These centers are managed by a group of diversely and professionally qualified social scientists, social workers, activists and managers.

Thus PJSA was launched to work with the marginalized landless, Dalits, and Tribals, with particular emphasis on children's education and women empowerment.

## Vision

We envision an egalitarian and self-reliant society founded on human values by developing self-confidence and leadership among the underprivileged sections of our society

## Mission

In solidarity with the struggling masses, we commit ourselves to accompany and empower, the most excluded sections in society by enabling them to affirm and uphold their dignity and rights through a process of sensitization and organization.

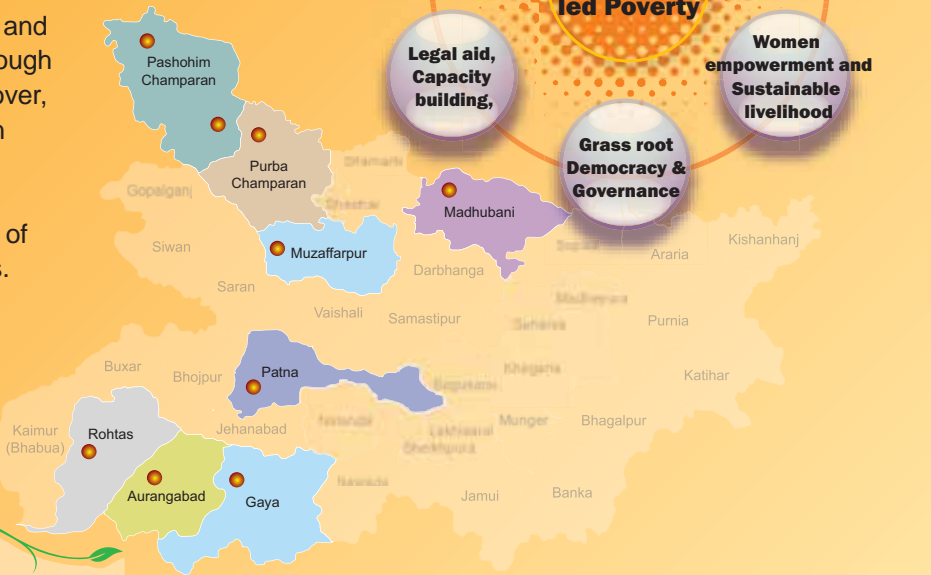
## Priority groups

People whose basic rights and entitlements are being denied and unmet; who live under chronic poverty, oppression and livelihood insecurity, like Dalits, Tribals, Women, Unorganized youth & Children Victims of natural calamities, disasters etc.



## Where we work

PJSA undertakes its developmental and organizational works in the state of Bihar, one of the most backward states in India. Presently, we are operating in seven districts, namely, West Champaran, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur, Patna, Rohtas, Gaya, and Aurangabad under three zones through nine Social Service Centers. Moreover, Bihar Dalit Vikas Samiti (BDVS), an independent dalit organisation founded and supported by PJSA personnel, is working in 11 districts of the state exclusively for dalit issues.



## Thrust areas

- Socio – economic and political empowerment
- Promotion of quality education
- Promotion and protection of human rights & gender equity
- Expansion of people's access to entitlements
- Strengthening of good local governance
- Enhancement of human, social and cultural capital
- Protection of natural resources



## Glimpse of our present involvements...

*Our present day activities are revolving around the realization of*

**Child Rights • Women's Rights • Human & Dalit Rights**

- Enhancement of human capital & community mobilization among mahadalit communities through community specific, innovative educational models of accelerated learning
- We educate nearly 6000 Bhuiya-Musahar children
- Organize nearly 13000 women through empowerment action and micro-financing enterprises.
- Community Based Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDP & DRR) in flood affected and disaster prone areas
- Legal aid and human rights advocacy
- Networking with government agencies and other NGOs
- Rehabilitation of migrant child laborers
- Grassroots advocacy
- NIOS residential programme for girl children
- Prevention and alternatives of child labour
- Mainstreaming stone quarry child labourers to schools
- Promoting good governance

## Values

- Integrity
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Solidarity with the poor
- Gender equity
- Social justice
- Democracy

## Approach

- Right based perspective on equitable access to rights, resources, services and entitlements
- Participatory approach to awaken ownership & responsibility among the poor
- Meaningful partnership, collaboration and networking with other agencies having similar vision and values.
- Advocacy from the grass root level that capacitates and enables the poor to fight for their rights & entitlements

