Hello Readers!

April was a month of many firsts and exciting new endeavours for us at Indus Action. We hosted our Annual Gathering in New Delhi, where the Samaaj, Sarkaar, and Bazaar came together to celebrate welfare delivery systems across India and to gain new perspectives on improving them. We were thrilled to have eminent guests from all walks of life join us to shed light on the role of Samaaj, Sarkaar, and Bazaar in the lastmile delivery of welfare.

<u>Here's a snapshot</u> of some of the most engaging activities undertaken during the event:



Visualisation Activities

Undertaken to view the Samaaj-Sarkaar-Bazaar as a tree and its elements; to help the group see the system and themselves. The objective was to create a group mirror to gain new perspectives on their work and role.



Panel Discussion

An insightful discussion between stakeholders representing each category, with questions from the participants to get a better understanding of the role and duties of each of these components of a society or a community.



Building Prototypes

For understanding issues that could be tested in a week based on problem-identifying statements. In return, exchanging ideas, perspectives, and experiences to show the strength of the knowledge exchanging ecosystem.

Perspectives



The key highlight of our annual gathering "Samaaj, Sarkaar & Bazaar" was the participation of noteworthy guests like <u>Mahua</u> <u>Moitra, Member of Parliament -</u> <u>West Bengal, Palanivel</u> <u>Thiagarajan, Finance Minister -</u> <u>Tamil Nadu, and Rohini Nilekeni,</u> <u>Author and Philanthropist, who</u> deliberated on the ways to uplift the vulnerable people of India through collaborative measures.

This discussion was covered by 100+ media including prominent publications like <u>The Week</u>, <u>The Hans India</u>, <u>Business Standard</u> and <u>The Print</u>. Representatives from partners and like-minded organisations like <u>Reap</u> <u>Benefit</u>, <u>The TAP Foundation</u>, <u>Indian School of Democracy</u>, <u>Dream A Dream</u>, <u>Bhumi</u>, and <u>Michael & Susan Dell Foundation</u> also attended the event, along with other influential people like <u>Femina Miss India 2020 Manasa Varanasi</u>.

Watch the full panel discussion



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Day 1 Learnings

On Day 1, we learned how to:

- Energise ourselves by understanding each other's stories
- Visualise the position of the Samaaj, Sarkaar & Bazaar in welfare delivery
- Listen to others, to the system & to the emerging future self for exploring the potential of cycles of rapid action



Day 2 Learnings

On Day 2, we learned how to:

- Bring the Samaaj, Sarkaar & bazaar together for re-thinking last mile delivery of welfare and hear different perspectives
- Build successful prototypes of welfare systems to uplift the lives of the vulnerable
- Review the learnings from these discussions to chart out future plans



Indus Action recognises that citizens have a fundamental desire to be seen and heard. We also strive every day to build a good society and an active Samaaj that actualizes the value promises enshrined in the constitutions, policies and social contracts of our country. Through this collaborative initiative, Indus Action hoped to introduce the concept of building communities that foster solidarity, create a sense of belonging, and prioritise that which unites us as Indians.



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