

# PUKAR

PUKAR is an independent research collective and urban knowledge producing institution, based in Mumbai that conducts multi-sectoral, cross-disciplinary, community based,

VISION: PUKAR aims to create a world class incubator for producing knowledge, ideas, and innovations about global cities and communities through the lens of marginalized youth. It recognizes the centrality of space of reflection, conversation and activism for transforming developmental paradigm of urbanizing inter-dependent world to make it equitable, just and harmonious.

MISSION: It aims to democratize research among disenfranchised youth and communities, who will use research as a tool for empowering themselves and creating knowledge that contributes towards making their communities inclusive and sustainable.

THEORY OF CHANGE: Empowered Barefoot Researcher who create evidence-based knowledge and use it to engage with relevant stakeholder for creating inclusive, equitable, and sustainable communities.

PUKAR's GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

We are guided by the principle of right to research and democratization of research. We work through the lens of youth and recognize the importance of indigenous knowledge within the communities created by the Youth. We are committed to respecting diversity, plurality, electoral democracy and foster through our work, equitable and just societies. We value dignity of labour and decentralization of power in operational strategies of the organization. We believe in participatory decision-making process at every level in the organization and foster the same in all our projects and communities. We believe in creating mutually enriching partnerships, respectful collaborations with organizations, institutions and individuals who support our vision. We believe that the new paradigm of knowledge creation is a unique experiment that puts us in a leadership position. Therefore, we aim to be the best in that sphere. We strive for excellence, accountability, transparency, honesty and professionalism.

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