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For the past FOUR years PARIVAR has been an advocate and direct-action defender of queer SouthAsian lives in India and the diaspora in the U.S..

Our fundamental commitment and mission is saving trans South Asian lives, as well as supporting the broader queer community. We are proud to have a track record reflecting this mission.

As the only Trans-led Trans-centering SouthAsian LGBTQ+ organization in North America, we do this work through relentless on-the-ground activism, networking, and fundraising to serve the most marginalized South Asian communities. Working from such a specific intersectional subjectivity, we receive support from some and harsh denials from many more. Yet despite the obstacles, we have managed to grow from a starting budget of \$14K in 2018 to \$220K in 2022

Today we are writing to our extended South Asian queer, trans, and hijra community. We are also writing to those who support our organization and share our commitment to helping marginalized queer, trans, and hijra communities survive and thrive.

We want to ensure members of our incredibly diverse South Asian community have a clear understanding of who we are and what we do. Our mission and vision is:

*Mission:*

*Parivar celebrates the intersectionality of our Trans Queer and South Asian identities and builds a community of light, love, and acceptance*

*Vision:*

*Saving South Asian Trans Lives & powerfully welcoming all queer folx and allies to our collective liberation.*

As trans people, we are intimately aware of an existence defined by prejudice, hate, and scarcity. So as trans leaders, we work from a place of acceptance and engagement with all individuals and institutions, including cis and/or hetero privileged, who share our vision of collective liberation and are committed to working together in a manner that upholds our values and the dignity of all people. We do not have the luxury of debating ideas that are not rooted in the reality of starvation, ostracism, and discrimination trans people endure every day.

We understand that our small but diverse set of organizations and partners may not always align on all issues, and in some cases may even harbor deeply antagonistic views of each

other. We will not, however, allow such divisions to detract from supporting the community we serve - a community of multiple ethnic, caste, linguistic, regional, class, and religious backgrounds whose oppression is defined by their gender expansiveness and sexual diversity.

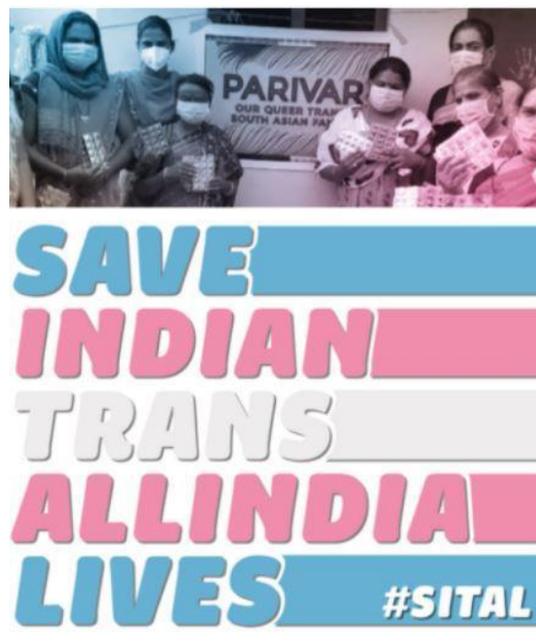
Those who exclusively focus on where our resources come from not only fail to acknowledge their own privilege, but erase the many lives and livelihoods that have been saved by such resources. Even less fortunate are those who claim they are in community with us not on the basis of their actions, but on the basis of them simply saying so and then acting in ways that perpetuate harm to trans people.

From the beginning, PARIVAR has been a secular, non-partisan, and community focused organization working across multiple South Asian intersectionalities. We welcome support from anyone genuinely interested in saving queer, trans, and hijra lives - especially registered organizations with transparent operations, resources, and relevant expertise. We do not, however, accept support if conditional on engaging in activities not aligned with, or outside the scope of our core mission, vision, and values.

We are grateful for the global South Asian community we've fostered through our work. We answer to our global South Asian Trans Hijrah Queer community alone, and will continue our work to uplift and empower them.

We welcome you to join us in building on our already extensive list of accomplishments.

**Thanks for your support and solidarity.**



**Some of PARIVAR's projects and accomplishments:**

The only Trans-led Trans-centering SouthAsian LGBT Queer Organization in North America  
The largest pan-India grassroots initiative led by Trans people across 25 states of relief and rehabilitation- SITAL: Save Indian Trans ALLINDIA Lives

- Founded by Trans and Queer leaders in 2018 with a budget of \$14,000 growing to a budget of \$220,000 by 2022.
- Established the largest coalition of LGBTQ organizations in San Francisco Bay Area of 22 to form the SF LGBTQ COVID relief coalition. Raising and supporting communities across 9 counties of close to \$200K

Running the largest covid relief campaign of SITAL with support from over 14,000 individuals' donors, 16 organizations and many more entities

- On the principles of global disaster relief, advocacy through arts and community building, we have carried out our programs in America, India and Guyana.
- Launched the SITAL livelihood program of supporting Trans entrepreneurship, with reviewing over 60 proposals and initiating 18 livelihood projects across 8 states/union territories across India, providing employment to 78 Trans Hijrah folx. Projects vary from Sewing, Hoteling, Beauty parlor, clothing store, medical clinic, and animal husbandry.

Carried out TGNC-prioritized vaccine drives in East Bay centering in Oakland, CA where no other LGBTQ organization has taken this initiative.

Hosted, programmed and showcased over 30 programs of entertainment, discussion and information inclusive of Trans artists from the SouthAsian Diaspora.

- Launched a full fledged website [parivarbazaar.com](http://parivarbazaar.com) that is a Southasian Store of products made, sourced, touched, finished or designed by Trans artists and merchants from India. Featuring over 200 SKUs on the website.
- Provided surgery scholarships to over 50 Trans non-binary Hijrah people for Trans-affirming and/or life changing medical procedures to live their full lives.
- Co-founded and led by a southasian trans woman Anjali Rimi, ParivarBayArea is the first of its kind where Trans leadership is at the center of decision making, guidance and in leading the community.
- Building a staff with two program officers in India who are both Trans people, along with a program officer for Americas in the hiring process.

