About us:

Satpura Research And Advocacy (SRAA) is a Indian limited liability partnership company offering transactional, regulatory, advisory, dispute resolution, research, legal and technical services. The firm advises a diverse clientele including state and national companies, banks and financial institutions, funds, promoter groups, government departments and public sector undertakings. SRAA was formed in 2020 and now has established a pool of various technical and legal specialists in forest regulations, environment, land and revenues in its two offices (Betul and Bhopal) making it one of the leading firm in the state of Madhya Pradesh which provides wide range of services to its clients.

The firm has successfully been able to establish its identity outside its origins, dealing with significant depth in complex forest, land and revenue matters. The key reason behind setting up SRAA was its founding partners' desire to bring client service into sharper focus and to provide commercially viable legal advice in all sectors of the economy.

Our Approaches:

What distinguishes the firm from its peers is the approach which is:

- High Degree of Partner Involvement and Availability – We assure to our clients, partner involvement in all deals and transactions, at all times.
- High Quality Legal Advice – We deliver services of the highest quality, which are capable of meeting the most exacting standards.
- Availability and Responsiveness – We are proactive in our approach and are available to our clients at all times.
- Legal Research and Analysis Based Advisory – While we do keep abreast of market practices applicable to legal interpretation, they are adopted and recommended only if they are supported by prevailing legal and regulatory framework.

Areas of services and expertise

Corporate Commercial:

One of SRAA's key areas is corporate and commercial, which extends to various sectors of the economy and wide array of business and transactional matters. The Firm's experience and expertise in providing advice on corporate and commercial contracts and **joint ventures**, inbound and outbound investment, **regulatory and compliance including** transition through the changes in the regulatory environment, corporate governance, operational and structuring matters across a broad range of sectors is well recognized. These sectors include manufacturing, infrastructure (including power, roads, mining, forest etc.), information technology, media, financial services and other service sectors.

Dispute Resolution - Litigation & Arbitration

SRAA's legal works are virtually in every area of dispute resolution. Our dispute resolution team regularly advises clients on a variety of contentious matters involving commercial contracts, civil disputes, shareholders' disputes, enforcement of security, recovery of debts, corporate and securities law, **competition law**, **labour and employment** matters, **real estate** issues and economic offences. With much of our work involving disputes that cutting across multiple practice areas, to develop compliance initiatives and other techniques to help our clients reduce litigation risk.
The Firm handles various corporate, civil and white collar matters before the courts, quasi-judicial authorities, and tribunals including:

The Supreme Court of India;

a. High Courts of Madhya Pradesh;
b. Lower Courts;
c. Various Tribunals

Our approach is solution-oriented and emphasizes on a practical understanding of our clients' business problems to find a legal solution to address them.

Real Estate

With growth of opportunities and investments in the real estate sector in Madhya Pradesh, the Firm's lawyers have, over the years, advised on increasingly diverse and complex matters in the real estate sector. In the process, the Firm's lawyers have acquired a thorough understanding of various aspects of the legal and commercial practices pertaining to the real estate sector.

The Firm's lawyers have the experience of advising various participants in the real estate sector, including real estate developers, financial institution, fund, lessors, lessees and buyers. Advices are included but not limited to - opporunities for real estate development, due diligence on property, drafting and negotiating conveyance deeds and other documentation, structuring, drafting and negotiating lease deeds and other tenancy arrangements, registration of documents, central and local laws, including applicable stamp laws, compliances, registration and advise under RERA for developers and agents and dispute resolution.

Tribal and Land Rights

Struggles for control over land constitute a key element in the strategies for survival of tribal communities in MP. Estimates of total land alienated from tribals in India range between forty and fifty percent. Protective legislation to prevent land alienation and to restore alienated land exists in many states in India. The major struggle currently seems to be to amend existing laws which guarantee security of land tenures to tribal communities, under the influence of non-tribal groups.

Recognizing the crucial link between poverty reduction and access to justice, rights and entitlements, SRAA's one of the senior advocate, journalist and social worker Shri Anil Garg empowers the poor and marginalized to demand and access entitlements and support justice delivery institutions to ensure the law works for the poor. To address challenges faced by institutions and individuals providing critical legal aid services to the marginalized women and men, SRAA is also supporting state legal service authorities through evidence based advocacy in improving access to services for poor.

Forest and Revenue Land Disputes:

Land problems in India continue to attract equal attention from policy-makers and academics. The renewed interest in land issues stems from the perceived impact of liberalization and opening up the economy. Tenancy, land ceiling and land administration are being revisited with a new perspective. Among the issues under renewed focus, legalizing tenancy, revising the ceiling limits, quality of land, meeting the challenge of miniscule holdings that are a consequence of marginalization and land administration are dominating the debate.

Our experts especially the senior advocate, journalist and social worker brings to discuss the critical issues pertaining to land policy in India beginning with the emergence of a post-Independence policy in a historical context, and from a viewpoint of differential provincial policies. His researches on forest and revenue lands and evidence based advocacy addresses the political and economic aspects of the policy initiatives, beginning with the various land-reform efforts and finally analysing the recent land development and administration policies. His research findings incorporate a discussion on the closely related goals of land policy, i.e. poverty elimination, conflict management, sustainable economic growth and good environmental management and highlights current issues pertaining to the relationships among land policy, poverty and the development initiatives.

Related evidence based advocacy: Task Force Tells MP Govt to Resolve Orange Areas Dispute 'Once and for All' (thewire.in)

Our Publications:

1. Yachika Jungle Ka Jaal
2. Gram Swaraj
3. Jungle Jameen Aur Sarkari Sajish
4. Abhilekh Aur Jankari
5. Jungle Aur Jamin Par Nistar Aur Vanopaj Ke Adhikar
6. Atehasik Anyay – Jimmedar Kaun
7. Bhumihinon ke liye Padyatra Ke Sandarbh
8. Van Gramon Ka Itihas Aur Bhavishya
9. Rewa Raj Darbar Banam Bhartiye Prajatantra
10. National Land Tribunal – 2007
11. Kyon Nahin Mile Samudayik Haque-2016
12. Janadesh
13. Nistar Hak Jine Ka Adhikar
14. Etihasik Anyay Banam Asli Davedari