

Background

Article 243G of the Constitution of India envisages Panchayats to be functioning as institutions of self-government and to implement activities centering on 29 matters mentioned in the 11th Schedule, aiming at economic development and social justice. But, even after 28 years of the Constitutional amendment leading to establishment of Panchayati Raj system in rural India, a majority of Gram Panchayats (GP) across India are yet to achieve the goal. In view of this, NIRDPR initiated in 2019 an Action Research Project, mainly with corporate support, to create Model GP Clusters to motivate other GPs – to reach up to 100+ Clusters covering 500+ GPs in 55 districts across 11 States. In June 2020, to expand the scope of creating Model GP Clusters, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), Government of India approved in favour of NIRDPR a **Project for Creating 250 Model GP Clusters** to cover another 1103 GPs. Thus, the two Phases of the Project were expected to develop around 350 Model GP Clusters having around 1600 GPs across India. The MoPR accorded final approval to the Project in a meeting of the Central Empowered Committee for RGSA held on 23.06.2020. But some unforeseen complications related to recruitment of Project Staff delayed the process of implementation of the Project.

Objectives of the Training Programme

- To develop understanding of the participants about various components of Capacity and Training & Non-Training interventions to enable them to develop in turn capacity of Elected Representatives (ER) and functionaries of GPs.
- To enhance their understanding about Good Governance & Service Delivery through GPs.
- To help them understand the necessity, scope and areas of interventions for strengthening of GPs as institutions of self-government, as mandated by the Constitution.
- To develop their understanding about the important schemes for Rural Development, Social Welfare, Economic Development and Social Justice.
- To enhance their understanding about the approach, steps and methodology of preparation of environment-friendly, child-friendly and gender-just GP Development Plan (GPDP) in a qualitative manner.
- To develop their understanding about localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the strategy for achieving them through quality GPDP.
- To enhance their understanding about the Project for Creating Model GP Clusters, Project Implementation Plan, Activities, Tasks & Deliverables, Monitoring & Reporting.
- To enhance their understanding about the responsibilities of various partner organizations`/ stakeholders in effective implementation and monitoring of the Project.
- To enhance their understanding about their specific roles & responsibilities including Handholding Support to the Project GPs and challenges of making the Project successful.

Methodology: The programme will use lecture, case study analysis, best practices and presentations.

Level of Participants: State Programme Coordinators (SPCs) and Young Fellows (YFs) of Project for creating model GP Clusters (PCMGPCs)

Duration: 5 Days (From 22nd to 26th November 2021)

“Training of State Programme Coordinators (SPCs) and Young Fellows (YFs) on the Project for Creating Model GP Clusters (PCMGPCs): Batch-1” (22nd to 26th November 2021)

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