

**Documentation of Success stories of  
Women Panchayat Representative Of Madhya Pradesh  
On  
Women's Leadership  
Zilla Panchayat - Mandala  
Teh. Mandala, Dist. Mandala (M.P.)**

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## **Breaking the Glass Ceiling**

### **THE JOURNEY OF A SARPANCH TO RAJYA SABHA**

#### **Sampatiya Uikey**

### **Introduction**

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## Purpose and Objective

- **Purpose** - The project aimed to study, identify and document success story of elected Women Panchayat representatives of Madhya Pradesh State. The present endeavour brought successful experiences of women PRI's in MP for consideration of other states in the formulation of action plan in future.
- **Objective-** SHODH documented the achievements of women as elected representative, focusing on identifying the specific factors of success. The documentation attempted some promising practices which can be maintained and replicated. The specific objectives are as follows.
  - To identify the effectiveness of PRI and bring such women PRI's on the forefront.
  - Establish such women as role models.
  - Identify the problems in their way and study the art of their beating such problems.
  - Draw lessons from their experiences for the consideration of others.
  - To disseminate the success stories among the reader and users to motivate them for a better future.

## Research Questions

- How effective is 73<sup>rd</sup> amendment of panchayat raj?
- Has this paved the way for women empowerment?
- How women have overcome hurdles & faced challenges?

## Approach

Overall approach of the study was consultative in nature, based primarily on interaction with key stake holder. As the assignment covered Elected Women Representative we observed the utmost gender sensitivity in all aspects of the documentation.

## Methodology

- SHODH team covered the necessary district of Madhya Pradesh under the study.
- To conduct the documentation of success stories of Elected Women Representatives in Madhya Pradesh an Empirical research by means of direct and indirect observation was conducted. Information was collected from key stakeholder identified at the inception of the assignment. The details of the sampling design, methodology and tools are as below;
  - In Depth Interview.
  - Structured Interview(Questionnaire)
  - Photo documentation of interaction & field activities.
  - Video recording of the interview & activities.
- Visiting the actual place of work a face to face interview was conducted. The stakeholder was asked to fill the designed questionnaire. Further their field activities were visited & verified.
- **Primary data collection:** was the core of the implementation of the study. Once the data was collected it was studied and best practice was identified.
- **Expected Outcome :** Success of such women shall establish them as role models. This will make them self confident & help others to be motivated. Such role models will be used as trainers by sharing their experiences during various training programmes. Finally nation at large shall be strengthened by empowerment of this ‘ weaker sex’ to equal status’.

## Executive Summary

This dynamic tribal women's experience has been one of struggle and hardships. Coming from a very ordinary Gond tribal family she struggled. Her main focus was providing drinking water at the door steps and livelihood for her tribal women companions. She worked on these issues and under her leadership Tikarwara was awarded as 'Best Panchayat' for holistic development. She installed handpumpus in each tola making it easier for women. Now they need not go long distances for water. Literacy was her another priority as almost 100% females were illiterate. Literacy classes were initiated for elderly women & Tikarwara was awarded as 100% literate Panchayat by Hon. President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam under Sampatiya's able leadership. Malnutrition was another alarming issue & this was tackled by special drive on nutrition awareness. It is very interesting that ascending a step higher she was elected twice as Zilla Panchayat President and that too un opposed! As a Zila Panchayat President she concentrated on SHG's formation and its number increased to 15,000+ from 7000 during her Sarpanch tenure. As a ZPP a record of 16,000 Indira Awas Houses were built & distributed to tribal community. Every Panchayat was equipped with a well constructed Anganwadi Bhawan. Women were trained in stitching and organic vegetable farming. This provided them a economic lift. She initiated her career as a sarpanch of Tikarwada Gram Panchayat. Today she is a Rajya Sabha member from BJP. She has proved that women emerging from panchayati Raj can attain the apex level of leadership. She is an exemplary role model of PRI Women in leadership role.

## INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

**Template : 1**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Social background</b>	<b>Economic background</b>	<b>Years of experience in the participation of social &amp; political institution &amp; motivating factors</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Smt. Sampatiya Uikey	51 Yrs.	A teacher is a private school	Lower middle class, Gond tribal Family	15 Yrs. in social activism as a teacher and a member of SHG.

**CASE PRESENTATION****Template : 2**

<b>Situation which triggerd to take initiative for change(or function in certain areas)</b>	<b>Change she/ he brought in after assuming office</b>	<b>Situation before</b>	<b>Activities performed over the years</b>	<b>Supportive Agencies/ Institutions/ Individuals</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Deplorable condition of tribal women & their fight for livelihood. Walking long distances for drinking water.	Concentrated on framing of SHG's & formed 7000 SHG's	As a SHG member, striving for its success.	As a sarpanch installed 5 handpumps in the Panchayat at every tola. Starting by her own, 7000 new SGS were framed. 100% literate Panchayat through special literacy classes. 100% children enrollment in schools with minimal drop out 13 under nourished children came out of mal nutrition.	NGOs, local Doctors, SHG members.
Is ZPP housing was a issue to many tribals.	16,000 Indira Awas Houses were distributed	Women were the greatest sufferers.	Van Adhikar Adhiniyam was effectively implemented.	All the Panchs & other members of the Gram Panchayat
Women had no source of income	Trainings were organized	Women were illiterate and helpless	Women stated making Khappar (Roof Tiles), stiching clothes & growing organic vegetables	Govt. officials and DIC.

**OUTCOME****Template : 3**

<b>Problems faced by her/him</b>	<b>A daptive measures and strategies to overcome the problems</b>	<b>Outcomes of the measure &amp; strategies</b>	<b>Recognition for her/his activities</b>	<b>Future plan and vision</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Pray to male dominance	Confidently continued ignoring gossips	Elected twice as Zilla Panchayat President un opposed	Presently nominated as a Rajya Sabha member	Making women active in politics.
Illetracy among women	Adult literacy classes conducted	100% literate village declared by Zilla Saksharta	Award by Hon. President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam for literacy	
Drinking water from long distance	Handpumps was the priority	9 handpumps were installed		Conserve Narmada belt and river banks from illegal excavation

## Discussion

### **BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING THE JOURNEY OF A SARPANCH TO RAJYA SABHA**

Mandala, predominantly a tribal district, situated in the east-central part of Madhya Pradesh is nestled on the banks of river Narmada amidst thick forest. As a location it is known for its evergreen forest and Baiga & Gond tribal cultures. Historically speaking, this tribal district owes its hierarchy to valour of women and great warrior Rani Durgawati. This Queen of Gondwana hails from this place. Mandala also gains international reputation as India's one of the best Tiger reserve sanctuaries. But as a constitutional body in the post independence era, it was lesser known district demanding a torch bearer. This emptiness is very well filled by Smt Sampatiya Uikey. Sampatiya Uikey from Tikarwara Gram Panchayat of Mandala district is a former Sarpanch, a Zila Panchayat President and presently a member, Rajya Sabha. She is an ideal example of success of Panchayati Raj Institution as she initiated her leadership career as a sarpanch of Tikarwada Gram Panchayat. She has proved that women emerging from panchayati Raj can attain the apex level of leadership. She is an exemplary role model of PRI Women in leadership role. Serving at various levels of grass root and middle level institutions, very recently, Sampatiya has been elected to Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh. Like a phoenix Sampatiya emerged from grass root soaring higher and higher singing melodious tunes.

This dynamic tribal women's experience has been one of struggle and hardships. "I came from a very ordinary Gond tribal family with no hierarchy in politics. I knew nothing about politics and none of my family members ever had any political linkage. We as tribals were miles away from this field." She continued "Traditionally leadership was status bound. Jamindars and influential persons high up in social order claimed leadership. Another

important factor was that leadership was often caste oriented and its balance was always tilting in favour of the higher castes. Again, leadership always followed the traditional norms, the result that only senior members could be leaders.” But Sampatiya broke through from all these shackles! She says, “PRI has given many ordinary women like me a greater understanding about politics. I remember the first election which I contested. It was for the post of a Sarpanch of Tikarwara Panchayat. I believe that is the most difficult election that our democracy has!” “But what triggered you to contest?” I asked. “you asked my entry point, right?” She smiled & continued, “Starting as a primary school teacher in a private school I contested my first election for the post of the Sarpanch between 1999 to 2004 because I wanted to work for my people and then I learnt the importance of politics. So I decided to plunge into active politics for the betterment of the unreached sections of the society.”

Cutting across several barriers she successfully fought against the male dominance and evolved with remarkable confidence. She succeeded both in protecting her dignity and promoting democratic values. She won and did not look back thence. Her ascend to become a Rajya Sabha member is a living symbol of women’s power and ability to rise as a leader. There is nothing short of astounding about Sampatiya’s journey to emerge as an ideal example of women in leadership role.

Being in a formal position of ‘power’ is not always being a ‘leader’. The 73<sup>rd</sup> amendment has brought many women into PRI. With 50% reservation today they outnumber in thousands in every state and thus in lakhs across the country. Some of these may be called ‘proxies’ dominated by ‘patris’ or someone else. On asking how she defined leadership, she said, “But leadership implies ‘empowerment’ and ‘empowerment’ is the capacity to challenge the existing norms and power dynamics. It is no exaggeration then to say that PRI has paved the way to allow the emergence of leadership qualities especially among women at grass root

levels. It has taught them the manner in which ‘power’ can be used to strengthen democracy and social equity. I have seen this from my own experience.”

Sampatiya dared to contest from general quota and face the male counterparts and she won. She says, “it was a general quota but still I decided to contest. This was possible because our Tikarwara SHG women members were with me. They forced me because I was a teacher that time in a private school. They assured me their support.” “ what made you to listen to their call?” I asked curiously. She replied "It is we women, who understand the pains of fetching water from huge distances, collecting fuel from forests, rearing children and also earning for livelihood. When a women is a sarpanch problems can be well understood and addressed. I thought this can be a golden opportunity to do something for our village.”

“What was your top most priority?” I asked. She replied, “ As a sarpanch I focussed on hand pumps and concentrated on various livelihood programmes for women. With a lot of efforts I could sanction only 5 hand pump first. But later I learnt the art and gave four more to my inmates as Tikarwara.” and she continued, “Then I started forming SHGs to link women with economic benefits. With my experience of my own SHG earlier I crossed the boundaries of the Panchayat and 7000 SHGs became active for the first time playing their role. Infact I agree that my career into social sector has risen out of the power as SHG.” Tikarwara was awarded as 'Best Panchayat' for holistic development works. “Did you had a smooth start?” I asked to know about the challenges she faced. “Contesting sarpanch elections was ofcourse a challenge but for a women challenges never end I believe.” said she. Her challenge was administrative knowledge and the set working pattern. Sampatiya says, "I was a new comer with vigour and readiness to work but lacking in knowledge and working techniques. I was scared to reach and visit Govt. officials but thanks to trainings at Hyderabad. They transformed my personality. Training not only gave me confidence but made me learn how

things actually work. Continuous participatory and interactive training groomed my personality as a sarpanch." On discussing about the social challenges and public reactions I frankly asked, "As a Gond tribal women how did males support you?" She did not deny the male chauvinistic approach and says "I use to go out in the morning and come back in the evening, sometimes late!. Men used to laugh at me and even gossip but I never bothered and later they got used to it. Women are soft targets & men do not accept women as leaders easily." Being a teacher herself, she focussed on women and children through school and anganwadi. 100% children were enrolled in village primary school and anganwadi. Dropout rate was ever minimal. "I knew the condition of women in my village so I convinced the elderly women about the importance of literacy and started adult literacy classes." She was honoured by the then Hon. President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam for making her Panchayat 100% literate Panchayat. I asked her if there was any change in their attitude after attending literacy classes. "I pleaded the women to attend the meetings regularly and discuss their problems openly." Earlier" she says, "women never attended any meetings as they thought it was not their work but I persuaded them to come and soon they joined me actively in my journey."

Other infrastructure issues were also given due attention. The result that all the CC roads were constructed and the village was approachable round the year. "Earlier we use to be cut off almost for three months during rains." she explained. "What were your priorities?" I enquired. " I was really nervous to see the mal nourished infants of my Panchayat so I organized special awareness camps for health, hygiene and nutrition. Today I'm happy that as good as 13 children came out of mal nutrition." "Who helped you in this drive?" my simple question. She said, "The doctors of Mandala & also some NGOS were of great help." Thus she concentrated on the holistic development of her Panchyat as a Sarpanch.

It is very interesting to find that since 2004 till 2017 Sampatiya was the President of Zilla Panchayat Mandala. All her leadership roles and skills were authenticated by the residents of Mandala when she ascended on the post of Jila Panchyat President twice and that too unopposed !

“Can you please relate me some experiences as a Zilla Panchayat President?” I requested her knowing that she had to go to Dehli. “As a President of ZP I constructed 16000 Indira Awas for the unreached sections of the society. Further for improving conditions of children every Panchayat was rewarded with well constructed Anganwadis. To strengthen the grass root level, 490 Gram Panchayat Bhawans were built. Now this provided a place for people to gather and discuss over the issues.” She continues, "I was disturbed to see the pitiable condition of women and their struggles for survival of themselves and their families and children in special. So I decided to continue on my efforts on SHGs.” There were 7000 active SHGs in 2008 and now the figure rose to 16000 plus in 2013.” Women were given special training in Brick making. Khappar or country tiles making and even in growing vegetables and stitching. "Today", She proudly says, "Women are growing vegetables on the banks of Narmada river and their organic products are sent to Nagpur, Bhopal and even up to Indore. Today Women are able to increase their per capita income by 20 to 25%. The women groups are also stitching school uniforms for more than 1500 students.” “Whom may you call your real strength, family or society?” I wanted to know. "These SHGs are my real strength and I am even today a active member of my initial Tikarwara SHG" she proudly declared. “What compelled you to be active in party politics. After a long pause she continued, "As a president I realized the importance of political parties in getting the works done and so I decided to plunge into active politics.” I asked Climbing a step further she contested the general assembly elections in 2013. But in vain!! She lost!!! Discussing about this defeat she said that the defeat had taught her to read and understand the meaning of the word POLITICS.

With a very heavy heart she recalled about the sad demise of her husband one month prior to elections. She admitted, “ I lost because I was broken from within due to the loss of my husband only a month ago. As a result I was unable to reach the masses during election time.” Her defeat could not deter her spirits and confidence. She stood up again with new zest and Zeal and continued to work among her people with a new enthusiasm.

Sampatiya’s story is indicative of how many women may raise from the platform of a Sarpanch to the apex leadership, finding their footing and firmly moving on to create success for themselves and inspire others like them. What makes her story more interesting is not her success but the flame of confidence and inspiration that she ignites in many a tribal and unreached sections of the society and women community at large. Today she is Rajya Sabha member & wishes to see Mandala as a smart, developed & a city of International repute.

“Can you please throw some light on your future plans?” I asked. “I dream of a smart Mandala! I want my masala to become a town of International repute! We have so many foreign tourists to Kanha and I want them to remember Mandala.” “Any action plan” I asked “Now as a Rajya Sabha member I have good funds and I will use them all in excellent infrastructure, roads and in Narmada Sewa.” “I wish you every success” I concluded.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, on behalf of SHODH extend my heartfelt gratitude to Smt. Sampatiya Uikey for sparing her valuable time on our simple request. She has been kind enough to open her heart before me and discuss both her success as well as challenges that came to her in this journey from a Sarpanch to Rajya Sabha. I also thank her office staff to provide me the desired photographs & arrange our field visit.

And finally I would like to thank Hon. DG, Dr. Rao & Dr. Pratusyna from NIRD&PR Hyderabad, for giving an opportunity & expressing faith in our institute to carry out this valuable task.

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**PERMISSION**

I (Smt. Sampatia Uikey) have given my interview to SHODH Jabalpur and here by extend my permission to use the photographs and interview for documentation purpose to NIRD&PR, Hyderabad.



**(Smt. Sampatia Uikey)**

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QUESTIONNAIRE

- आपने चुनाव लड़ा था—  
अ. अपनी इच्छा से      ब. परिवार के कहने पर      ☒ स. अन्य लोगों के कहने पर
- क्या आप पूर्व में भी चुनाव लड़ चुकी है —      ☒ अ. हां      ब. नहीं
- यदि हां तो उल्लेख करें कि किस पद के लिए— ☒ अ. उच्च      ब. समकक्ष      स. निम्न
- क्या आप भविष्य में पुनः पंचायत का चुनाव लड़ना चाहेगी — ☒ अ. हां      ब. नहीं
- क्यों रूढ़िवादी हम अपने गांव के लोगों से जुड़े हैं।
- क्या आप पंचायत की बैठकों में जाती हैं—  
☒ अ. नियमित      ब. कभी-कभी      स. कभी नहीं
- आप बैठक में जाती हैं —  
☒ अ. अकेले      ब. पति के साथ      स. अन्य के साथ
- क्या आपने पंचायत की बैठक में कोई मुद्दा उठाया था— अ. हां ☒      ब. नहीं
- यदि हां तो कौन सा महिला आर्थिक उत्थान की।
- पंचायतीराज से संबंधित नियम कानूनों की जानकारी आपको कहां से मिलती है—  
☒ अ. प्रशिक्षण से      ब. पति से ☒      ☒ स. अधिकारियों से      द. शासकीय दस्तावेजों से  
क. सहकर्मी से      ख. अन्य .....      ग. कोई जानकारी नहीं

11. आपको कार्यों में सर्वाधिक मदद किससे मिलती है—

अ. पति/ परिवार    ☒ ब. सहकर्मी    स. सरकारी आफिसर    द. अन्य.....

12. क्या अन्य पुरुष साथियों के तालमेल से आपके कार्यों/प्रस्तावों में सहायता प्राप्त होती है—

☒ अ. हाँ    ☐ ब. नहीं  
(पर थोड़ी मुश्किल के साथ)

13. आपने अपने कार्य क्षेत्र में किन कार्यों को वरियता दी —

अ. रोजगार    ☒ ब. स्वास्थ्य    स. शिक्षा ☒    द. पेयजल ☒  
क. महिला-बाल विकास    ख. सड़क    ग. अन्य.....

14. आपने द्वारा सबसे उल्लेखनीय कार्य कौन सा किया गया कृपया विवरण दीजिये—SHG गठन महिला  
सहायता

15. योजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन में आपको क्या-क्या अवरोध आते हैं—धुंध में आये।

16. क्या चुनने के पश्चात आपने स्वयं में कोई परिवर्तन पाया ?

☒ अ. हाँ    ☐ ब. नहीं    स. पता नहीं/कोई राय नहीं

17. यदि हाँ तो क्या —

☒ अ. आत्म विश्वास बढ़ा    ☒ ब. अकेले निर्णय लेने की क्षमता बढ़ी

स. आने-जाने की क्षमता बढ़ी    द. सार्वजनिक तौर पर अभिव्यक्ति

क. अन्य .....

18. क्या आपको महिला होने के कारण कार्य में कोई अवरोध आते हैं— ☒ हाँ/ ☐ नहीं

19. यदि हाँ तो किस प्रकार के—समाज सेवा/रिप्ली करता है। अवरोध भी  
उत्पन्न करते हैं।

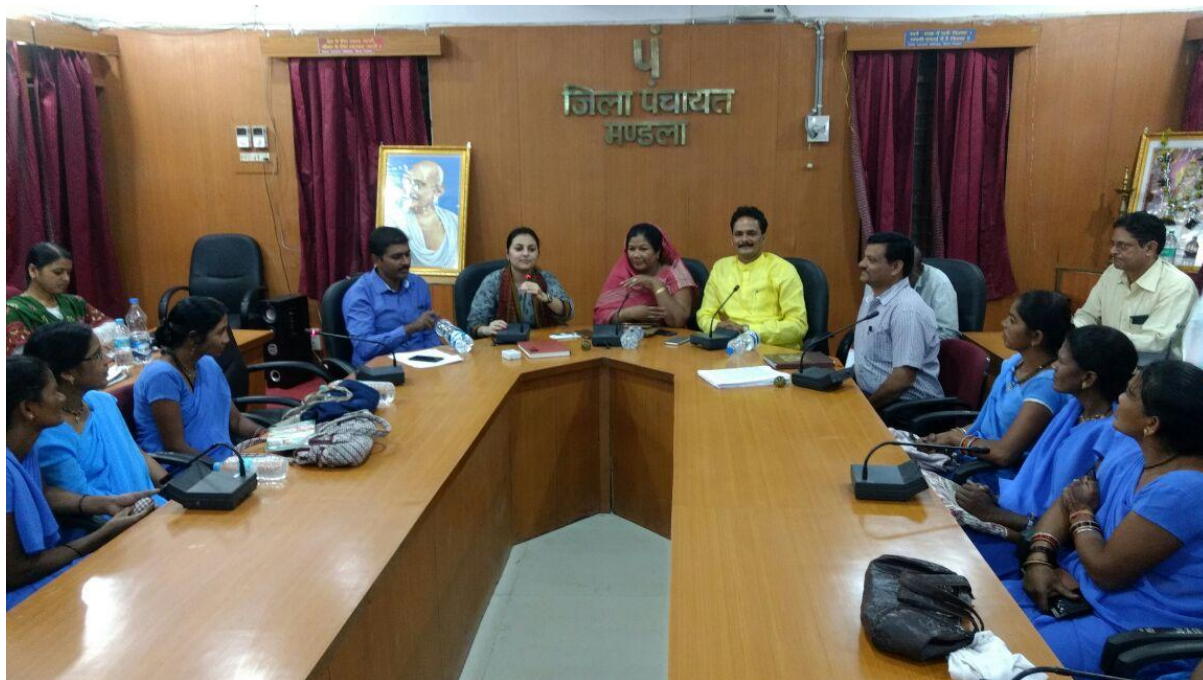
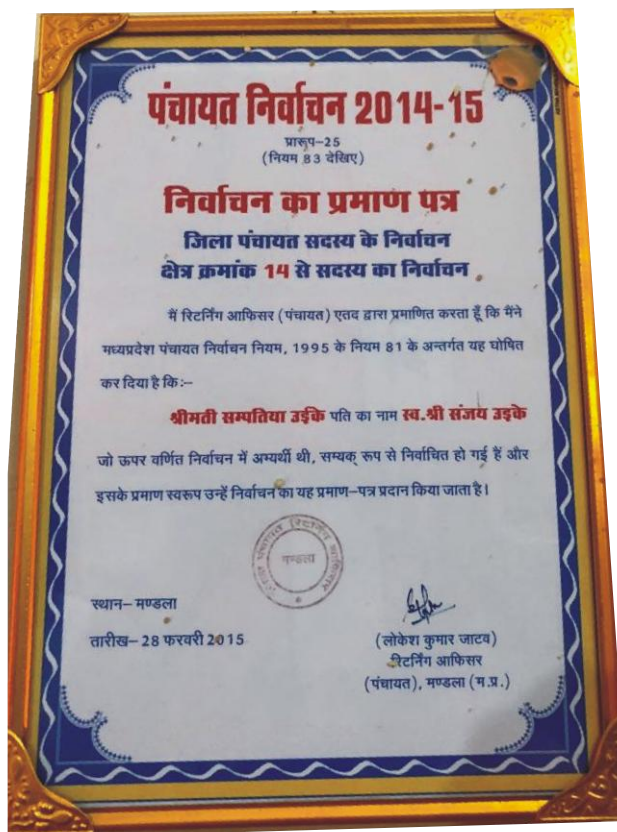
20. आपके कार्यकाल का सर्वाधिक सुखद/अच्छा अनुभव क्या रहा—लोगों ने मुझ पर विश्वास किया  
और वो बार मुझे विविध कार्य करने का अवसर मिला।

21. आपके कार्यकाल का सर्वाधिक दुखद/बुरा अनुभव क्या रहा —महिला होने पर पुरुषों के साथ  
विवाद।

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

(Sampatiga Wikey)

## PHOTO GALLERY



Addressing a meeting as Zilla Panchayat



In a public function



Encouraging girls for Empowerment & Education



With SHG Members



Encouraging tribals



With girls students distribution phones



In a gramsabha meeting



Monitoring development works



During visit to safe delivery in hospital



Bhumi Pujan of Development work



Resolving local women issues



With Hon. Prime Minister



Addressing sanitation workshop



Plantation programme



Respection the rituals



Motivating the Youths



Caring the mal nourished infant



Addressing the local meeting



Caring the mal nourished



In a Bhumi Pujan



In a livelihood programme



With adolescent girls



Cheers to Panchayati Raj

## IN THE PRINT MEDIA

### समय के साथ चलने से हासिल होती हैं उपलब्धियां-सम्पतिया



मण्डल एक्सप्रेस- उच्चशिक्षा विभाग म०प्र० शासन के निर्देश पर नगर के शासकीय जगन्नाथ मुन्नालाल चौधरी महिला महाविद्यालय में गुरुवार को श्रीमति संपत्तिया बाई उर्फ, जिला पंचायत अध्यक्ष के मुख्यातिथि, जय दत्त झा के विशिष्ट अतिथि व डॉ० कल्पना शास्त्री प्राचार्य की अध्यक्षता में प्रो० शरदनारायण खरे वरिष्ठ पाठ्यापक के संचालन तथा डॉ० के० रोहितस कार्यक्रम प्रभारी

के संयोजन में सम्पन्न हुआ। प्रो० शरदनारायण खरे ने संचालन करते हुये बताया कि महाविद्यालय में अध्ययनरत छात्राओं के शैक्षणिक उन्नयन व गुणवत्ता विस्तार के उद्देश्य से ही उन्हें शासन द्वारा स्मार्ट फोन दिये जाते हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि कार्यक्रम में 9७८ चतुर्थ सेमेस्टर में अध्ययनरत छात्राओं के नाम दर्ज हैं। ये वे ही छात्राएँ हैं जिनकी उपस्थिति ७५ प्रतिशत से अधिक है।

उन्होंने अपेक्षा की कि छात्राएँ इस मोबाईल का उपयोग अपने ज्ञानवृद्धि में अवश्य करेंगी। जय दत्त झा ने महाविद्यालय के स्तर पर गुणवत्ता की प्रशंसा करते हुये इसे एक श्रेष्ठ शिक्षा संस्था निरूपित किया। मुख्य अतिथि श्रीमति संपत्तिया बाई उर्फ ने छात्राओं को मार्गदर्शन देते हुये कहा कि समय के साथ आगे चलने से ही उपलब्धियां हासिल होती हैं, इसी लिए सरकार ने विद्यार्थियों

को मोबाईल उपलब्ध करके उन्हें नैलिज की दृष्टि से परिपूर्ण बनाकर सफलता की ओर बढ़ाने का जो सराहनीय प्रयास किया जा रहा है, उसके लिए मुख्यमंत्री महोदय अभिनंदन के पात्र हैं। डॉ० कल्पना शास्त्री प्राचार्य ने कहा कि हर चीज का सकारात्मक प्रयोग ही सार्थकता प्रदान करता है। तो स्मार्ट फोन का सार्थक उपयोग ही उसके महत्व को स्थापित करता है। उन्होंने स्मार्ट फोन

की अध्ययन में महत्ता को रेखांकित किया। छात्राओं को फोन वितरण का कार्य अतिथियों ने अपने कार्यक्रमों से सम्पन्न किया। प्रो० शरदनारायण खरे, ब्रजेश श्रीवास्तव, डॉ० आराधना दुबे, डॉ० अंजली पण्डित, डॉ० के० रोहितस, डॉ० अंजु सिंह, रूपेश भादे सहित समस्त कार्यवाहीन स्टाफ का सहयोग प्रशंसनीय रहा। छात्राओं की व्यापक उपस्थिति सराहनीय रही।

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विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में गणमान्य नागरिक होमीलाल साह, जनपद पंचायत के मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी आरकेएस चौहान, सहायक यंत्री सुनील असाटी उपस्थित थे। मुख्य अतिथि सम्पत्तिया उर्फ ने महिलाओं से अपील की कि वे अपनी बेटियों की उचित देखभाल, उनके सुपोषण पर विशेष ध्यान दें, ताकि वे रक्त अल्पता से बच सकें। उन्होंने कहा कि भारत सरकार चुस्त तंदुरुस्त बनाने हर सप्ताह किशोर बालिकाओं को आयुर्वेद फोलिक एसिड की गोली दे रही है, किन्तु बच्चे इस गोली का सेवन नहीं करते। उन्होंने कहा कि मंडला जिले में टीकाकरण का प्रतिशत कम देखा गया है। अतः हम सब जागरुकता बढ़ाकर शत-प्रतिशत टीकाकरण का लक्ष्य हासिल करने के लिए मिशन इंद्रधनुष से जुड़ें। जनपद पंचायत नारायण गंज के मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी आरकेएस चौहान ने अपने उद्गार व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि दूरस्थ ग्रामीण अंचल में स्वास्थ्य जागरुकता बढ़ाने के लिए और अधिक प्रयास करने की आवश्यकता है। विभिन्न विभाग आपसी समन्वय से इस दिशा में बेहतर कार्य कर सकते हैं।

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पंचायत सदस्य नीरज मरकाम ने कहा कि बच्चों की नियमित उपस्थिति से ही शिक्षा की गुणवत्ता संभव है इसलिए शत प्रतिशत उपस्थिति का प्रयास किया जाना चाहिए। इस अवसर पर अतिथियों ने एक करोड़ पांच लाख रुपए की लागत से बनने वाले हार्ड स्कूल भवन का भूमिपूजन किया गया। समारोह में छात्र-छात्राओं द्वारा कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किए गए।

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