

The Gordhanpur Gram Panchayat of Haridwar district had one Auxilliary Nurse Midwives (ANM) sub-centre which was in dilapidated condition. There was no proper place for ANM to provide immunisation and other health services. Villagers of Gordhanpur had to travel far places like Khanpur/Laksar for basic health services. The total Immunisation was only 85 per cent.

But after the selection of GP under SAGY, the problem has been taken into consideration by the Member of Parliament. He discussed with higher officials and villagers of Gordhanpur and it has been decided to build the ANM sub-centre under District Action Plan and accordingly District Magistrate has sanctioned the budget. Meanwhile, ANM sub-centre is established at Ex-Pradhan's house with the efforts of officials and local people for providing basic health services at the village itself.

ANM sub-centre is now equipped with three rooms, electricity, water supply 24X7, furniture and other amenities. New Labour table and other equipment have been purchased from the fund provided by the district under District Action Plan. The registration and immunisation of the village Gordhanpur is 100 per cent. Sub-centre has also been converted into delivery point. The dream of villagers and officers of 100 per cent institutional delivery has come true.

Name of the MP : **Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'**
Name of the GP : Gordhanpur
Name of the District : Haridwar
Name of the Constituency : Haridwar
Name of the State : Uttarakhand



Bishunpur Gram Panchayat, Gumla district, Jharkhand was adopted by Member of Paliament Shri Sudarshan Bhagat under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. This Gram Panchayat is located at a distance of 55 km from the district headquarters in hilly and forest terrain. The Gram Panchayat is affected by Left Wing Extremism and is amongst one of the most underdeveloped areas in the district.

The Member of Parliament has initiated various developmental initiatives in the Gram Panchayat for enhancing rural livelihoods and developing human capital.

To encourage employment amongst women, training of 40 women was organised on mechanised leaf plate and bowl making in collaboration with Vikas Bharti, a reputed local Voluntary Organisation. Also, training on nursing was organised in Ranchi for 50 women candidates of the Gram Panchayat.

To promote sustainable agricultural and allied activities, the district administration under the leadership of the Member of Parliament undertook renovation of an old pond which will be used for irrigation and for initiating fishery activities. A training programme for the community members is scheduled to be organised in Ranchi for promoting fisheries as a supplementary livelihood. Also, 31 animal sheds, 14 tube wells and 4 ponds have been constructed through MGNREGS for promoting agriculture and allied activities.

Apart from the above mentioned initiatives, anti-alcohol campaigns and cleanliness drives were organised under the leadership of the Member of Parliament to promote social development. The community has participated in these initiatives in close collaboration with the block authorities.

Name of the MP	: Shri Sudarshan Bhagat
Name of the GP	: Bishunpur
Name of the Constituency	: Lohardaga
Name of the District	: Gumla
Name of the State	: Jharkhand



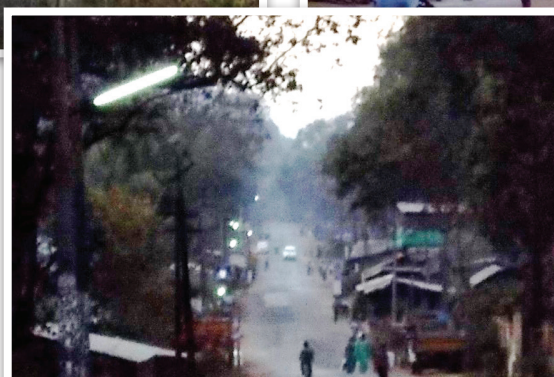
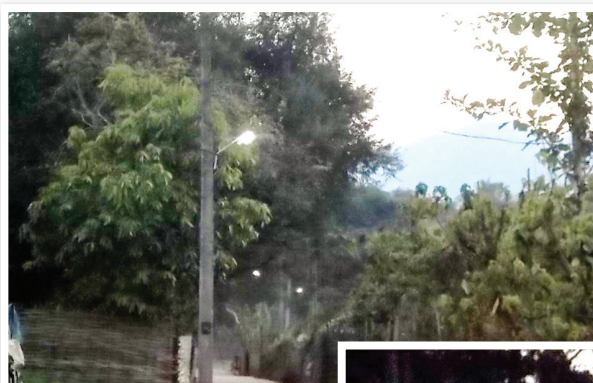
Promotion of Village Eco-Tourism, Maredumilli Village, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh - No to Darkness

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Maredumilli, a village famous for its semi-green forest resources, undulating terrains with a number of streams flowing through and rich in biodiversity, is located in the tribal areas of East Godavari district. The village is a famous tourist destination. The village is full of scenic beauty and is rich in culture.

Although the village attracts tourists during day time, the place becomes lonely during evening and night hours. In order to promote village eco-tourism, the villagers decided to install street lights in the Maredumilli and its four hamlets. The MP, Smt. Kothapalli Geeta, mobilised funds and installed street lights in the village. From a mere 20 street lights, 6 months ago, today the village has 200 functional street lights. This helped villagers to promote the village eco-tourism. Even after the evening, tourists now enjoy visiting the village and its four hamlets.

Name of the MP	: Smt. Kothapalli Geeta
Name of the GP	: Maredumilli
Name of the Constituency	: Araku
Name of the District	: East Godavari
Name of the State	: Andhra Pradesh



Khadri is a Gram Panchayat situated in the Yamunanagar district of Haryana which has been adopted by the Member of Parliament from Ambala, Shri Ratan Lal Kataria under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY).

The Member of Parliament has laid special emphasis in the area of construction of Individual Household Toilets to achieve an Open Defecation Free status for the Gram Panchayat. With increased focus on sanitation activities, the progress in construction of toilets has improved considerably in the village.

Before being selected under the SAGY, out of 785 households in the village only 477 had individual household toilets. A special campaign was organised in each of the wards for motivating the remaining households not having individual household toilets. Awareness camps were undertaken in the schools for motivating students on cleanliness, improved sanitation and hygiene. Also, the district administration organises cleanliness awareness programmes every Saturday in the Gram Panchayat. As a result, there is significant change in the mindset of the people. Out of the remaining 308 households, 204 households have completed and other 68 households have initiated the toilet construction process.

Apart from the above interventions, a project on Solid and Liquid waste management was started in the village. A shed was constructed out of the earnings. The garbage collected is being segregated for making compost, which is used in the farmlands.

The Member of Parliament with the support of the district administration is making persistent efforts for making the Gram Panchayat Open Defecation Free. It is expected that the Gram Panchayat will achieve the ODF status by 31st of August 2015.

Name of the MP	: Shri Ratan Lal Kataria
Name of the GP	: Khadri
Name of the Constituency	: Ambala
Name of the District	: Yamunanagar
Name of the State	: Haryana



During the planning of developmental initiatives in the adopted Gram Panchayat, the Member of Parliament highlighted the necessity of reaching out to the Antyodaya - poorest of the poor. Realising the significance of such an exercise, indicators were developed and accordingly, 250 families out of 947 families were identified as amongst the poorest of the poor. A convergence plan was designed for these families with clear timelines. The plan emphasises on diversifying the livelihood opportunities for these families to ensure sustainable income round the year. Each family is linked to one or more livelihood activity viz., small-scale cottage industry, backyard poultry, goatery, piggery, fishery, dairy and organic farming. Capacity building and credit linkages for the respective livelihoods are being facilitated with various stakeholders including nationalised banks. Different sectorial departments including Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Horticulture, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Forest and Khadi and Small Scale Industries are working together for greater synergy and convergence.

The vision of the Member of Parliament is to increase the average income of these poorest households from ₹ 53,000 to ₹ 1,50,000 per annum. This developmental initiative is all set to become a reality in Chhote Kapsi.

Name of the MP	: Shri Vikram Usendi
Name of the GP	: Chhote Kapsi
Name of the Constituency	: Kanker
Name of the District	: Kanker
Name of the State	: Chhattisgarh



Parasi Panchayat is located in the interiors of the Tamar block in Ranchi district of Jharkhand. It is situated at a distance of about 73 km from the district headquarters and 13 km from the block headquarters. It is highly infested by Left Wing Extremism and is amongst the most underdeveloped areas in the district. Since the reach of the development programmes was limited due to the remoteness of the Gram Panchayat, it created dissatisfaction amongst the villagers and people had an indifferent attitude towards the local government institutions and maintained a safe distance from Government authorities.

The situation considerably changed after the Gram Panchayat was chosen under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana by the Member of Parliament Shri Kariya Munda. Under his leadership, the delivery of government services improved significantly and people began to participate in the activities related to the SAGY. Also, a meeting of the district level officials representing various line departments was called for at the Gram Panchayat Office, where the villagers were provided information on various Government schemes. People participated in the meeting in large numbers. This has restored the faith among local communities on the political institutions and the district administration. The persistent efforts of the Member of Parliament resulted in significant social mobilisation among the communities. The communities are now actively participating in various developmental initiatives and providing necessary support and cooperation. A positive change is observed in the Gram Panchayat participatory governance and smooth implementation of Government development schemes in a remote and forest village.

Name of the MP	: Shri Kariya Munda
Name of the GP	: Parasi
Name of the Constituency	: Khunti
Name of the District	: Ranchi
Name of the State	: Jharkhand



Yaliyuru Gram Panchayat, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District was adopted by the Member of Parliament, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu. He found that a majority of the disabled residing in the villages had limited availability and access to aids and rehabilitation services. Also, the cost-effectiveness of such service was a major issue.

Shri Naidu collaborated with the District Disabled Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) to undertake development interventions for disabled people in the villages. A Screening Camp was organised for identification and evaluation of people with disability with a clear focus on rehabilitation measures as per the needs of the people. Audiologist and Specialists examined 45 people with disability and prepared a list of beneficiaries for the Gram Panchayat. Also, with the help of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), he ensured that all the people with disability were issued aids and appliances by ALIMCO in the public programme held on 17.06.2015 at DDRC, Devanahalli.

Name of the MP	: Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu
Name of the GP	: Yaliyuru
Name of the District	: Bengaluru Rural District
Name of the State	: Karnataka



Kuttiattoor Gram Panchayat in Kerala was adopted by the Member of Parliament, Smt. P.K. Sreemathi. One of the first activities initiated as a SAGY intervention is the recital of National anthem on every working day at 5 pm in the Gram Panchayat office. Government officials, elected representatives and the general public participate in the recital of the National anthem. This is the first ever initiative by a Government office in the country. It is aimed at inspiring patriotism, national pride, unity and self-confidence. Besides, the officials re-dedicate their services to the public and Nation every day.

Name of the MP	: Smt. P.K. Sreemathi
Name of the GP	: Kuttiattoor
Name of the Constituency	: Kannur
Name of the District	: Kannur
Name of the State	: Kerala



In Khatkar Gram Panchayat, an innovative approach to cost-effective and faster toilet structure has been initiated by District Administration under the leadership of the Member of Parliament. These eco-friendly toilets are being constructed using Aerated Autoclave Concrete (A.A.C) bricks.

These bricks have many advantages. Firstly, as A.A.C. bricks are larger in size than normal baked bricks and are pre-dominantly made of fly ash, they are able to bear their own weight. Therefore, the foundation for the toilet walls does not have to be made very deep. Secondly, these A.A.C. bricks come with a special mortar that contains polymers which gives it an elastic feel. It works to bond brick to brick within a very short time. As a result, structures made through A.A.C. bricks do not need to be watered to cement the bond between mortar and brick. The construction speed increases when compared to normal baked brick constructions. Thirdly, the cost per toilet is ₹ 12,000 only as mandated by the Government scheme's guidelines.

In a much planned way, these toilets were introduced in the village. Firstly, these model toilets were set up in the Mini Secretariat and in the D.R.D.A. office. This helped in the public perception and easy acceptability. After installation of pilot toilets, more than 200 such toilets have been constructed in Khatkar since the pilot project was started.

Name of the MP : **Shri Chaudhary Birender Singh**
Name of the GP : Khatkar
Name of the District : JIND
Name of the State : Haryana



Potlod Gram Panchayat was adopted by the Member of Parliament, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan in Indore district of Madhya Pradesh. The MP facilitated various developmental initiatives in the Gram Panchayat. A Gram Sabha was organised at Potlod. In the Gram Sabha, every household participated (one female and male member) and an important decision was taken for the benefit of the community – establishment of community-owned and managed “Anaaj Kosh” (Grains repository). Accordingly, to this Anaaj Kosh, every family would donate 1 kg of grains for every Quintal harvested from both Rabi and Kharif crops. In future, profit generated from the sale of the grains would be utilised for the development of the village. It was decided that 51 well-off families in the village would provide financial assistance to the poor households for the construction of individual household toilets.

Other development initiatives facilitated by the MP included construction of a community hall through the MPLAD funds and public contributions. 3G services had been launched in Potlod. In the near future, Wi-Fi facility would also be provided. To improve the quality of school education, computer labs were made functional in the schools. Computer trainings for the students were regularly being conducted. Proper electricity facilities, sitting arrangements, furniture, sports equipment, cooking utensils and solar pump for the toilets were ensured. For keeping the school children connected with the world, a L.E.D. T.V was installed in the school. Children were also provided with pendrives. Saplings were provided to the school to undertake plantations in their campus. Tree plantations were taken up in the school premises and students have been given the responsibility for maintaining them.

Health camps were organised in Potlod. The community benefited from the services rendered by renowned doctors from Indore. Complete diagnostic facilities along with the treatment of the patients, pathology, free medicines, dental examination were provided and operations were performed free of cost through a special medical van.

All the developmental works had been carried out in Potlod under the able leadership and guidance of the MP.

Name of the MP	: Smt. Sumitra Mahajan
Name of the GP	: Potlod
Name of the Constituency	: Indore
Name of the District	: Indore
Name of the State	: Madhya Pradesh



Village Committee Takes up Charge of Water Harvesting Structures

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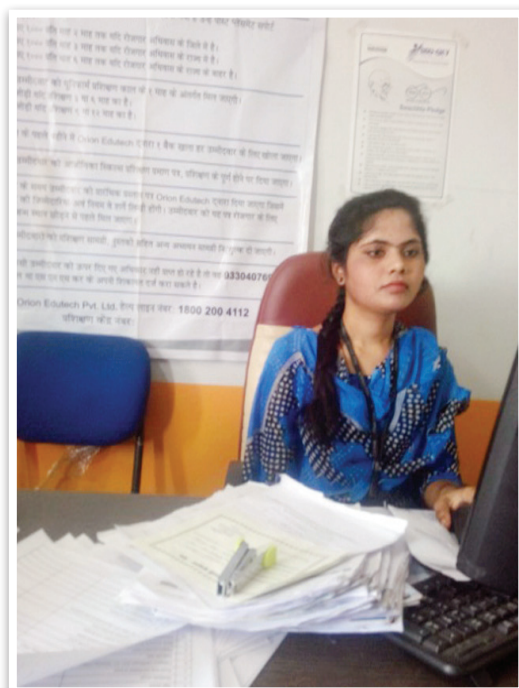
The SAGY village in Jorhat has acute problem of water both for drinking and irrigation purposes. The schemes under Village Development Plan (VDP) and estimates submitted by Government line departments require considerable investments. The need was felt to mobilise people and sensitise them to local and incremental solutions. At the Gaon Sabha, the Village Development Plan was discussed. The community was sensitised on the status of the existing small water harvesting structures in schools and other places in the village. All these structures were constructed long ago and are lying defunct due to lack of requisite maintenance on a regular basis. After the issue was brought to light, the village committee decided to take it up on a priority basis and undertake desiltation of all the small water harvesting structures in their village through Shramdaan (Voluntary labour) and ensure that all the structures are functional. The exercise has begun in one school and will continue for other such structures in the village in the future.

Name of the MP	: Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa
Name of the GP	: Kachukhat
Name of the Constituency	: Jorhat
Name of the District	: Jorhat
Name of the State	: Assam



Ms. Taramati Nirmalkar, a 22 year differently-abled girl from Giroud village dropped out of the college while pursuing her Bachelors education due to poor financial conditions in her family resulting from the death of her father, who was the main breadwinner for the family. Being a college dropout, she was not able to get any job and was not able to support her family financially. During the visit of MP, Shri Ramesh Bais to Giroud, Taramati approached the MP and narrated the challenges faced by her family. Realising the difficulties of Taramati, Shri Bais facilitated the process for getting her enrolled in the skill training programme under the Deendayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushal Vikas Yojana (DDU-GKY). The entire cost of computer training including ₹ 100 as daily transportation cost for attending the classes was provided to her. After completing the computer training, Taramati, now works in a private company as a back office reporting staff with a remuneration of ₹ 6000 per month. Computer skill training has made a differently abled girl self-dependent. Taramati is now able to support her family. The support of MP to the limbless girl for pursuing her career, made her self-reliant.

Name of the MP	: Shri Ramesh Bais
Name of the GP	: Giroud
Name of the Constituency	: Raipur
Name of the District	: Raipur
Name of the State	: Chhattisgarh



Kolouna village situated in the Gurua block of Gaya district, is selected under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) by the Member of Parliament, Shri Gulam Rasool Balyawi. The total population of the village is 2254 and number of households is 333. Kolouna is a minority (Muslim) dominated village. The Member of Parliament initiated a Digital Literacy programme to improve the quality of education of girl children in an orphanage - "Gaya Muslim Girls Orphanage", with strength of 200 girls. During the baseline survey work undertaken under the SAGY, the District Collector, Gaya visited the orphanage and felt the need to promote Digital Literacy based on the discussions with the girl children. He found the children to be studious, meritorious but unfortunately do not possess digital literacy, as they do not have a single computer in their orphanage. Based on the inputs from the District Collector and findings of the baseline survey, the Member of Parliament, facilitated the process for approval of a Scheme for Digital Literacy for the orphanage from the funds under the Integrated Action Plan. Three computers have been provided to the orphanage with a dedicated computer room. The total cost of the project is ₹1.25 lakh. Computer literate teachers run computer classes on a regular basis in the orphanage now. This is a new area of learning for the girl children in the orphanage. The computer training programme is primarily divided into two parts. The first part is to impart practical knowledge and skills on Microsoft Office software packages like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and MS Paint and the second part is to impart the theoretical knowledge including basics of computer system. The main emphasis is to enhance the knowledge and skills of the girl children on the use and applications of computers and be updated with modern computer applications for a better future.

Name of the MP	: Shri Gulam Rasool Balyawi
Name of the GP	: Kolouna
Name of the District	: Gaya
Name of the State	: Bihar



Model Village Secretariat – Taking Decentralisation a Step Ahead

Prior to the selection of Tilkeja village as the MP Model Village, the office of Gram Panchayat was being run from a dilapidated building. During the initial visits, the MP strongly felt the need for setting up of a proper Secretariat. Under the leadership of the MP, a new state of the art Model Secretariat is being constructed with funds from the Chief Minister Janpad Empowerment Scheme and Thirteenth Finance Commission. It will have rooms for the Sarpanch, Ward members and other village level officials. It will have facilities for conducting training programmes, conference hall and internet connectivity. This Secretariat will have a common service centre, information kiosk, etc. It will be a hub for free Wi-Fi internet facility.

Name of the MP	: Shri Banshilal Mahto
Name of the GP	: Tilkeja
Name of the Constituency	: Korba
Name of the District	: Korba
Name of the State	: Chhattisgarh



Fariyadka is a small village located in Bhavnagar taluka of Bhavnagar district, Gujarat with 539 households which was adopted by the MP Dr. Bharti Dhirubhai Shiyal under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). He has initiated various developmental activities to make the village clean and green and also contributed funds from the MPLADS for acquiring garbage bins, trolleys and trucks. The village has now ample number of garbage bins and trolleys at public places. Door to door garbage collection truck is being run to collect the garbage. Now, the village is free from scattered garbage and the community members are using garbage bins to dispose their household garbage which is collected by the trolleys and trucks from their households for safe disposal. There is a positive behavioural change among the community members for ensuring cleanliness of their village.

Name of the MP	: Dr. Bharti Dhirubhai Shiyal
Name of the GP	: Fariyadka
Name of the District	: Bhavnagar
Name of the Constituency	: Bhavnagar
Name of the State	: Gujarat



Open Defecation is one of the most daunting challenges being faced by Gram Panchayat Jarkhor, Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh. A baseline survey revealed that more than 80 per cent of the households defecate in the open. After the village was adopted by the Member of Parliament, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, he collaborated with the district administration and initiated an intensive participatory programme to eradicate open defecation. The programme is a multi-stage process. In the first stage, awareness was created among villagers about sanitation and harmful effects of open defecation. It was done through street plays and focused group discussions.

Taking cue from failure of previous schemes and programmes to eradicate open defecation through construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHLs), a novel way was devised to approach the problem. In the second stage of the programme, funds for 100 toilets were devolved to the Gram Panchayats. Beneficiaries were asked to construct the toilets and were promised ₹ 12,000 after successful construction of a toilet. The beneficiaries have been given flexibility to increase expenditure and customise the toilets as per their needs. Unlike previous schemes, where the Gram Panchayat was responsible for the construction of the toilets with limited budget, Jarkhor Gram Panchayat was only responsible for monitoring, evaluation and transferring benefits to villagers. This approach has not only ushered transparency in construction of toilets, it has also resulted in participatory development process as beneficiaries are directly responsible for construction of toilets. The community now understands the ill-effects of open defecation and is taking collective actions to make Jarkhor an Open Defecation Free village.

Name of the MP	: Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey
Name of the GP	: Jarkhor Kala
Name of the Constituency	: Chandauli
Name of the District	: Chandauli
Name of the State	: Uttar Pradesh



Suposhan Tihar (Adequate Nutrition Festival) – Gotatola’s Answer to Address Malnutrition

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During “Vajan Utsav” camp in Gotatola, it was found that 64 children suffered from malnutrition. The people of the village felt it as a shame and vowed to make Gotatola malnourishment-free. They realised that community participation is key to address the challenge of malnourishment especially of the children in the village. A report card was designed to track the progress of children on their health status. This report card is updated weekly in the Vajan Utsav conducted at anganwadis. The Ayurvedic Department has developed a nutritious snack known as Suposhan Modak, which is fed to the children on a regular basis. Details of Suposhan Tihar organised in the village is mentioned in the Report Card. Suposhan Tihars have now become a part of the cultural milieu of Gotatola, where the community feeds the malnourished children before the community event (Vajan Utsav). As a result, 18 children have come out of severe malnourishment. Model anganwadis were developed in the village, where the children have conducive environment for their overall well-being.

Name of the MP	: Shri Abhishek Singh
Name of the GP	: Gotatola
Name of the Constituency	: Rajnandgaon
Name of the District	: Rajnandgaon
Name of the State	: Chhattisgarh



Ajnas is a remotely located Gram Panchayat in the Dewas district, Madhya Pradesh. It is located at a distance of about 140 km from the district headquarters. Agriculture is the mainstay of the people in the Gram Panchayat. Agriculture is dependent on climate variabilities. The district administration under the leadership of the Member of Parliament Smt. Sushma Swaraj has made several innovative interventions to improve the agricultural production and productivity by employing advanced technology and scientific farming practices.

The district administration through the Department of Horticulture provided a grant of ₹ 29.29 lakh for installing Drip Irrigation facilities in the farmlands for 21 farmers. This facility irrigates an area of around 45 hectares. This would result in conservation of water and enhance crop production and productivity. The department also provided a grant of ₹ 3.20 lakh for promoting Plastic Mulching in the farmlands of 12 farmers covering an area of 20 hectares. These innovative practices could result in increased production of about 800-1000 quintals of vegetables worth ₹ 5 lakh per hectare.

Other initiatives undertaken by the Gram Panchayat include preparation of a village action plan for agricultural development with the support of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture, exposure visit to a model village to understand advanced agricultural techniques and scientific agricultural practices, computerisation of loan accounts of farmers, etc.

The Gram Panchayat also organised initiatives like de-addiction campaigns, cleanliness drives, establishment of computer labs with internet facilities. All these initiatives have been aptly supported by the Member of Parliament for overall development of the villages.

Name of the MP	: Smt. Sushma Swaraj
Name of the GP	: Ajnas
Name of the Constituency	: Vidisha
Name of the District	: Dewas
Name of the State	: Madhya Pradesh



Kambi is a village in Ahmednagar district in the State of Maharashtra. This village has been adopted by the Member of Parliament, Shri Dilip Gandhi. All the lanes of village are covered with low cost drainage system during year 2014-15 and 2015-16 constructed under the funds of Backward Regions Grant Fund Scheme (BRGF) and 13th Finance Commission. The total length of drainage is 1200 metres. The structures were constructed with an expenditure of ₹ 4.50 lakh. If the same drainage system is prepared as open concrete gutter, it could have costed ₹ 7.00 lakh.

In addition to cost benefit, the village roads were widened, mosquitoes control interventions were undertaken to ensure a clean environment and promote better health for the residents. The maintenance of the low cost drainage system is almost nil as compared to open concrete gutter. This village Kambi is a water scarce village. All water from the drainage system is collected in common chamber and further reused for plantation.

Name of the MP	: Shri Dilip Gandhi
Name of the GP	: Kambi
Name of the Constituency	: Ahmednagar
Name of the District	: Ahmednagar
Name of the State	: Maharashtra



Chhote Kapsi is the centre point of the Gram Panchayat. It is a major market place in the area. Wholesale and retail trading takes place on a big scale. However, this Gram Panchayat has almost no solid waste management systems and facilities. Earlier, there was no mechanism or system in place to clean the streets and market of the village, which was severely affecting the health and wellbeing of the residents and was becoming a nuisance.

The Member of Parliament initiated a series of cleanliness drives through rallies to continuously mobilise the community and sensitise them on the importance of cleanliness. 40 to 45 youth of the village came forward for this noble cause and formed a collective and named it as "Paralkot Kalyan Samiti". Currently the Samiti is involved in cleaning of the community places and they have placed dustbins in important places. Every member gives ₹ 150 per month as a fee to the Samiti that is utilised for the solid waste management of the village. To take their work one step forward, they have demanded more dustbins from the district administration and have prepared a plan for solid waste management.

To make the initiative more sustainable, Panchayati Raj Representatives and members of social institutions like SHGs have been made more aware of their roles and responsibilities by the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan team.

Name of the MP	: Shri Vikram Usendi
Name of the GP	: Chhote Kapsi
Name of the Constituency	: Kanker
Name of the District	: Kanker
Name of the State	: Chhattisgarh



Sellipet village is located in Puducherry district at a distance of 20 km from the Union Territory headquarters. Agriculture is the primary occupation in the village. The village faces scarcity of water and thus cropping, predominantly during the Northeast Monsoons in the Rabi season. As a result, the farmers had low returns from agriculture and had to sell their land in case of emergencies. Also, the farmers were lured or forced to sell topsoil of their lands to brick kilns for supplementary income which was rendering the land useless for agriculture.

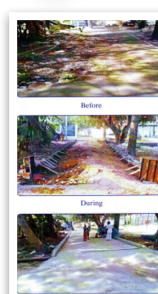
Thus, the district administration under the able guidance of the Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Shri P. Kannan, started several initiatives to improve the situation of agriculture in the Gram Panchayat. They introduced season specific crops like Thinai for Kharif season which requires less water and cauliflower, beetroot and moth bean for Rabi season.

Thus, the land which was otherwise lying idle due to scarcity of water is being gradually put to use for growing crops which need less water. This will provide additional income to farmers as a result of the increased crop intensity. Presently, horticultural plantations (fruit crops) are being done in five demonstration plots in 100 acres of land. These interventions have been done with the support of Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

Also, sixty soil samples were collected during the Sornavari season and the soil health status will be shared with the farmers in the form of soil health cards.

Apart from this, other initiatives like awareness generation on potential trades for skill development training with support from Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), construction of cement concrete road till the school, installation of dustbins in the village have been undertaken for the overall development of the Gram Panchayat.

Name of the MP	: Shri P. Kannan
Name of the GP	: Sellipet
Name of the District	: Puducherry
Name of the State	: Puducherry



The Union Cabinet Minister of Food Processing, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal adopted Maan Gram Panchayat of Muktsar district, Punjab. In order to promote entrepreneurship on food processing among the villagers of the selected Gram Panchayat, she has organised “Outreach Programmes on Food Processing” at Maan Gram Panchayat on 28/03/2015 with collaboration of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management, Sonipat. About 800 farmers participated in this programme.

Various departments of NIFTEM, PAU, GADVASU, CIPHET, KVK, progressive farmers and successful entrepreneurs from Maan Gram Panchayat exhibited their processing model and products in the exhibition. Training was imparted by the NIFTEM on preparation of jam and sauce from locally available vegetables. The training cum exhibition was very effective among the villagers especially women farmers and many of them came forward to start their own food processing units. The NIFTEM team assured their further facilitation to enable the villagers to start their entrepreneurship units.

Name of the MP	: Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal
Name of the GP	: Maan
Name of the Constituency	: Bathinda
Name of the District	: Muktsar
Name of the State	: Punjab



Toda Gram Panchayat of Udaipur district, Rajasthan has been adopted by MP Shri Arjunlal Meena under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana. During his visit to the Gram Panchayat, he observed that the villagers are finding it difficult to go to main road due to water-logging problem and bad road connectivity. Moreover, the villagers were longing for a CC (Concrete Cement) road connectivity since long time. Hence, the MP facilitated the process to get ₹ 1.16 lakh under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for the construction of CC road from the village to main road. The CC road for one km length was constructed with drainage facility. Now the village is well connected with main road and the villagers are easily moving to main road without any difficulty.

Name of the MP	: Shri Arjunlal Meena
Name of the GP	: Toda
Name of the Constituency	: Udaipur
Name of the District	: Udaipur
Name of the State	: Rajasthan



2800 Tonnes Garbage Removed through “Sampoorn Swachhata”

The Jashvantadh Gram Panchayat has been adopted by Member of Parliament Shri Dipsinh Shankarsinh. During his visit to the Gram Panchayat, one thing that caught his attention was unnecessary encroachment of the public space resulting in narrow roads. In addition, villagers tend to spoil public place and road by throwing garbage, spitting, etc., that spread epidemic in the village. School children are affected and could not attend the school due to illness. He organised a village level meeting to address the issue. He emphasised the need for people's participation for ensuring Swachhata (Cleanliness). People took a pledge to keep their village clean and green. The villagers got together and decided to take collective actions for making their village clean and green. The villagers initiated the major task by removing the unnecessary encroachments at the public place and roads, cleaned every street/mohalla/nukkad. Almost 2800 tonnes of garbage was cleared from the village during the cleanliness drive. Moreover, a committee has been formed to monitor the cleanliness and keep the village clean.

The consequence of meeting was quite impressive. It can be summarised as follows:

1. The unnecessary encroachment by the villagers at the public place and roads has been removed.
2. Now the villagers have access to wide roads.
3. Village remains always clean and green.
4. School children go to school every day.
5. A committee has been formed to look after the cleanliness issue.
6. The garbage bins, trolleys have been put at the public places and roads for garbage collection and disposal. Moreover, the door to door garbage collection truck is being run.

In this way, this is the excellent instance of people's participation in development initiatives and makes people feel proud and encourages them to continue their efforts to make a model village.

Name of the MP	: Shri Dipsinh Shankarsinh
Name of the GP	: Jashvantadh
Name of the Constituency	: Sabarkantha
Name of the District	: Sabarkantha
Name of the State	: Gujarat



Awareness Generation Camp for Family Planning

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The Member of Parliament Shri Kiren Rijiju who has adopted Yigi Kaum Gram Panchayat of West Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh led the awareness generation camps organised on the use of different modern contraception methods such as condoms and contraceptive pills in Yigi Kaum GP. The initiatives were undertaken to address the issues of family planning as well as spacing between children. This exercise also ensured the smooth and effective functioning of a Distribution Centre managed by State Health Department and ensured availability of sufficient contraceptives at the centre. Women were sensitised on personal hygiene issue and contraception measures. Apart from this, school students and children at anganwadi centres were 100 per cent immunised in the health camps. Malaria and Japanese encephalitis check-up camps were organised simultaneously.

Name of the MP : **Shri Kiren Rijiju**
Name of the GP : Yigi Kaum-1
Name of the Constituency : West Siang
Name of the District : West Siang
Name of the State : Arunachal Pradesh



A major portion of the revenue of Dwarapudi Gram Panchayat was being spent on the electricity bills for the conventional street lights installed throughout the villages. This Gram Panchayat was adopted by Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, who initiated steps to replace these conventional street lights.

Accordingly, all the street lights in the Gram Panchayat were replaced with energy efficient LED street lights. This resulted in better lighting and saving precious panchayat finances. In the first month the Gram Panchayat saved more than 57 units of electricity. The Gram Panchayat now plans to utilise the savings in other welfare projects. There are plans to promote usage of LED lights in the houses so as to reduce energy consumption and make the Gram Panchayat a green and better place to live.

Name of the MP	: Shri P. Ashok Gajapathi Raju
Name of the GP	: Dwarapudi
Name of the Constituency	: Vizianagaram
Name of the District	: Vizianagaram
Name of the State	: Andhra Pradesh



The Member of Parliament, Jashpur and district administration have put in special efforts to showcase Bataikela as a model village under the SAGY. People's participation has been given the prime focus in the entire process of transformation. Almost all roads of the Gram Panchayat had kutcha roads. Projects worth more than ₹ 60 lakh have been taken up under MPLADS to convert these kutcha roads into cement concrete roads connecting all the SAGY villages. Constructions of 50 individual household toilets were completed in first phase under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). Under the initiative, construction of a community hall with extra classroom and one community toilet is in progress.

To control soil erosion and improve water conservation in the village, experts on watershed management visited the village and prepared a comprehensive plan for water conservation and management. Under the umbrella of Chief Minister Baal Sandarbh Yojana, every Wednesday is celebrated as "Health Wednesday." Since December, 2014, 45 children have come out of malnourishment and now efforts are on to treat another 112 malnourished children. Further, 20 SHGs have been provided with institutional credit linkages for taking up micro-entrepreneurial activities leading to sustainable livelihoods.

Name of the MP	: Shri Ranvijay Singh Judev
Name of the GP	: Bataikela
Name of the District	: Jashpur
Name of the State	: Chhattisgarh



Nagaon Panchayat is situated at a distance of 20 km from the Thane district headquarters and falls on the Kalyan-Shil road which is connected to express way of Mumbai-Pune and Mumbai-Agra. The Gram Panchayat suffered from scarcity of water for agriculture and drinking. Agricultural practices in the area are seasonal and a large number of people migrate to the cities for better employment opportunities.

The Member of Parliament Dr. Shrikant Shinde has been working persistently to address these issues. After selecting Nagaon as an Adarsh Gram under the SAGY, he has been doing regular departmental reviews and field visits to ensure timely and effective delivery of Government services. To improve the situation of agriculture in the villages and ensure high post-monsoon yields, several initiatives like distribution of high-yielding varieties of rice and vegetable seeds, Gliricidia (a multipurpose legume tree) plantation and various training programmes on latest techniques in agriculture have been organised with the help of the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) under the State Agriculture Extension Department.

Safe drinking water for the villagers has been ensured with the support of the Water Supply and Sanitation Department through the Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran scheme. A water quality control cum testing training programme and awareness workshop was also organised in the Gram Panchayat Headquarters. Also, major efforts have been made in the area of sanitation for making the Gram Panchayat Open Defecation Free (ODF) under the leadership of the Member of Parliament. A special training for up-skilling the capacities of construction workers was organised which has resulted in the construction of more than 150 toilets in the village. The village is expected to be declared ODF within a month.

Name of the MP	: Dr. Shrikant Shinde
Name of the GP	: Nagaon
Name of the Constituency	: Kalyan
Name of the District	: Thane
Name of the State	: Maharashtra



No. 2 Sootea Adarsh Gram Panchayat of Sonitpur district is adopted by the Member of Parliament of Tezpur constituency under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). The village economy is mostly agrarian with paddy as their major agricultural crop. However, low productivity of the crop and effect of floods in the village was a major concern for the community.

With the intervention of the Member of Parliament, the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) has come forward to help the farmers in providing locally-suited flood resistant varieties of paddy seeds and disseminated the recommended package of practices to farmers in the village. Trainings were imparted to farmers on scientific crop production of paddy including, seed treatment, transplanting, weeding, crop protection, manure/fertiliser application, post-harvest technologies and marketing. Being a flood prone area, paddy varieties having tolerance to floods were promoted in the area. For flood-free areas, the popular varieties of paddy with high yield potential were suggested for cultivation. These interventions will help farmers adapt to climate risks and variabilities and ensure sustainable paddy production in their farmlands.

Name of the MP	: Shri Ram Prasad Sarmah
Name of the GP	: No. 2 Sootea
Name of the Constituency	: Tezpur
Name of the District	: Sonitpur
Name of the State	: Assam



Massive Tree Plantation for Greening the Village

The MP Shri Neiphiu Rio has adopted Selouphe Gram Panchayat. During his initial visits he observed the loss of greenery in the village. He motivated the villagers to adopt a massive tree plantation exercise in the area. Apart from the common lands, people also planted trees on their private lands. The entire saplings were of fruit bearing trees. More than 2000 saplings (monkey beans, mango and guava) were planted before the starting of the monsoons. A youth group under the Village Development Council was formed for ensuring the care and sustenance of the plantation. The owners of the private lands where the trees were planted have promised to ensure the survival of the saplings.

Name of the MP	: Shri Neiphiu Rio
Name of the GP	: Selouphe
Name of the Constituency	: Nagaland
Name of the District	: Dimapur
Name of the State	: Nagaland



Charra village is situated 25 km from the district headquarters, Dhamtari and 5 km away from Kurud, block headquarters. According to 2011 Census, there are 655 families living in the village with a population of 3404.

There are four anganwadi centres in the village. The Member of Parliament realised the need for renovating the anganwadi centres, as they being an institution for early child care and education. They play a pivotal role in shaping the future of the children. Each of these anganwadi centres was given a fresh coat of paint in bright colours. Cartoons were painted in the walls to make them more attractive for the children. The children do relate these cartoons with the stories and lessons imparted to them. Due to the sustained efforts, there has been an improvement in the overall attendance of the anganwadi centres and children happily go to these centres.

According to a survey conducted by the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), out of 332 children in the village, a total of 71 children were identified as malnourished. Efforts were undertaken to supply additional nutritious food to these anganwadi centres. Additional milk is provided by the Gram Panchayat. With consistent efforts and follow-up with the children and timely supply of nutritious food, 29 children were brought out of malnourishment.

With a view to instilling discipline and to promoting a feeling of equality at an early age, attractive uniforms and shoes were distributed to all the anganwadi children. Apart from this, the community also donated toys, sports items, slides and a small cycle to the anganwadi centres for the physical and psychological development of the children.

Name of the MP	: Shri Chandu Lal Sahu
Name of the GP	: Charra
Name of the Constituency	: Mahasamund
Name of the District	: Dhamtari
Name of the State	: Chhattisgarh



To continuously monitor the health and hygiene and reduce Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) and Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) indicators in the Panchayat, an innovative and exceptional technological intervention is being taken up in Kaandinagar under the leadership of Shri Sunil Kumar Singh, Member of Parliament. As a unique initiative, self-learning digital content has been developed for the use of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) workers to disseminate information on maternal and child health.

This e-material comprises information about preventable epidemic diseases and the measures to address them. In addition, it has provisions to register household sanitation data and monitor the use of toilets in villages. The idea is to ensure an Open Defecation Free village. The content has been created and the tablets have been provided to the Sahiyaas.

Name of the MP	: Shri Sunil Kumar Singh
Name of the GP	: Kaandinagar
Name of the Constituency	: Chatra
Name of the District	: Chatra
Name of the State	: Jharkhand



Kambi village has mainly deep Black Cotton Soils. Groundwater Total Dynamic Head (TDH) is high and it is not suitable for drinking purposes. Hence the idea of water purifier came out. With the help of Axis Water Solution Company and contributions from the community, a water purifier unit is installed in the village. An agreement worth ₹ 7.00 lakh is made with Axis Water Solutions and the community has already contributed ₹ 1.00 lakh. The Axis Water Solutions Company provided 2 jars of 20 litres capacity to each household. The water charges of ₹ 5.00 for 20 litres are currently charged. The Company provided a swipe card to the village availing of supply of water. The community is getting reverse osmosis (R.O) water any time with the help of swipe card. 2500 villagers are availing the benefit from the project. Now, the community is getting pure potable water and living a healthy life. The hospital expenses have tremendously reduced due the pure water usage. This work was done under the guidance and inspiration from the Member of Parliament, Ahmednagar, Shri Dilip Gandhi under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY).

Name of the MP	: Shri Dilip Gandhi
Name of the GP	: Kambi
Name of the Constituency	: Ahmednagar
Name of the District	: Ahmednagar
Name of the State	: Maharashtra

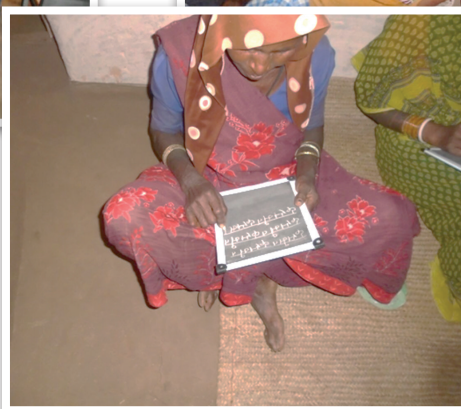


Literacy is the first and possibly the greatest step to fight ignorance. Keeping this in mind, the community in Karamha village has taken significant steps to fight illiteracy. A survey carried out by Sakshar Bharat, identified 514 illiterate persons in the village.

With the help of two Preraks and twenty five volunteers, literacy sessions were held every day and during the night for twenty seven days. Illiterates were taught to read time on the clock, read date on the calendar, read things which are of great everyday significance to them including muster rolls, bank passbook, read bus routes and to read daily local newspaper.

These sessions were received with great curiosity by the village community. They enthusiastically took the initiative to read the literature provided by Sakshar Bharat and actively participated in literacy programmes. Self-learning is what they were most comfortable with. Today most of the people in the village are literate. They are eagerly awaiting the Maha Pariksha Abhiyan 2015 where they will be tested for their literacy skills.

Name of the MP	: Shri Kamalbhan Singh Marabi
Name of the GP	: Karamha
Name of the Constituency	: Ambikapur
Name of the District	: Surguja
Name of the State	: Chhattisgarh



Chikhli is a village in Navsari district in the State of Gujarat. This village has been adopted by the Member of Parliament Shri C.R. Patil. To keep surveillance on the village, and to assist in prevention and detection of crime, the following initiatives were initiated:

- Provision of evidence to relevant Law enforcement agencies
- Maintaining public Law and Order
- Prevent anti-social behaviour and nuisance
- Provide reassurance to general public
- Promote economic well-being

The Member of Parliament Shri C.R. Patil has contributed ₹ 7 lakh for the installation of CCTV cameras across the main road and bazar, through collaboration and sponsorship of the project by the Jewellers' Association, Chikhli, Hotel Association, Chikhli, Quarry Association, Chikhli and the Merchant Association, Chikhli. The project has taken off well and now, significant improvements can be seen in the village to ensure a crime free village.

Name of the MP	: Shri C.R. Patil
Name of the GP	: Chikhli
Name of the Constituency	: Navsari
Name of the District	: Navsari
Name of the State	: Gujarat



Tundi is a village in Dhanbad district of Jharkhand. Under the guidance and strong leadership of the Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), several developmental activities like sanitation campaigns in schools, anganwadi centres and primary health centres were undertaken. Also, cleanliness campaigns have been organised in the village, where the community has participated in large numbers. Also, health camps were organised in the village, where vaccination services were imparted to the children. A health camp for the livestock was organised in the village as part of the SAGY activities. All the households in the village have benefited from the SAGY activities. Social mobilisation process was initiated in the village to ensure cleanliness and construct toilets. As a result, people have started constructing individual household toilets.

Name of the MP	: Shri Sanjiv Kumar
Name of the GP	: Tundi
Name of the District	: Dhanbad
Name of the State	: Jharkhand



Shri Thokchom Meinya, the Member of Parliament, Imphal West adopted Ngairangbam Gram Panchayat under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY).

It was felt that organic farming is the best and most cost-effective farming method which is beneficial to growers as well as the consumers. The organic farm products are more delicious in taste and healthy for consumption. Organic manures are being promoted vis-à-vis chemical fertilisers and insecticide which have harmful effects on consumers, plants, soil, water and the environment.

For speeding up the process of transformation of the village, Dr. Meinya facilitated a day-long training programme on 'Organic Farming' for selected 50 progressive farmers at Koloiphah high school in Khumbong village. The technical training popularised the organic farming practices and techniques among farmers. A farmer was then selected, who will demonstrate the organic practices to other farmers in his village and disseminate information on the advantages and numerous benefits of organic farm products. The demonstration will be undertaken in a farmland measuring around one acre, in which half of the land will be planted crops through organic techniques and the remaining half of land through inorganic methods to understand the differences in crop production adopting organic farming practices vis-à-vis inorganic methods.

Name of the MP	: Shri Thokchom Meinya
Name of the GP	: Ngairangbam
Name of the Constituency	: Inner Manipur
Name of the District	: Imphal West
Name of the State	: Manipur



Bio-Digester Toilets for a Clean Village, Nongbah Myrdon

The Member of Parliament Shri K.T.S. Tulsi adopted Gram Panchayat Myrdon Mawtari under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). The MP initiated a programme for popularising innovative rural technologies. Encouraged by the MP, the villagers donated five acres of land free of cost for the construction of a 'Rural Technology and Livelihood Promotion Centre' at Nongbah Myrdon village. The village will be benefited from the technology demonstrations from the Centre. Investments of more than ₹ 9 crore are expected for the Centre. As a beginning, the village was provided with seven Bio-Digester Toilet Tanks, each one catering to 30-40 households. This development initiative is funded under the State Government's Infrastructure Development Initiative, the first one started functioning successfully in the village school.

Name of the MP	: Shri K.T.S. Tulsi
Name of the GP	: Myrdon Mawtari
Name of the District	: Ri Bhoi
Name of the State	: Meghalaya



Bus Station: Facilitating Rural Mobility, Opening up New Avenues

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Tribal dominated Gram Panchayat, Gurundia, adopted by the Member of Parliament Shri Jual Oram is located around 170 km from the district headquarters. Public Transport and communication continues to be a major challenge for the people of the Gram Panchayat. The absence of adequate infrastructure has been a crucial factor for the limited public transport service. The Member of Parliament has initiated a number of steps to improve the public transport related infrastructure. Primary infrastructural requirements were a bus station, market complex, street lighting and public toilets with a total estimated cost of around one crore rupees. With the concerted efforts of the Member of Parliament, few corporate and mining houses like Rungta Mines operating in the vicinity were mobilised. They agreed to fund some of the components as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity. Remaining funds were roped in from the Periphery Development Fund and MPLAD. Encouraged by the efforts of the MP and the district administration, the Gram Panchayat has come forward to contribute around ₹ 8 lakh, a part of which would be used for beautification of the area.

This initiative will not only improve the access of the villagers to the nearby markets and other places of interest but will also lead to new employment generation and economic development of the Gram Panchayat.

Name of the MP	: Shri Jual Oram
Name of the GP	: Gurundia
Name of the Constituency	: Sundargarh
Name of the District	: Sundargarh
Name of the State	: Odisha



Village Development Plan (VDP) for developing Karayamputhur as a model village under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) has been finalised at an outlay of ₹14.12 crore and approved by the District level committee, which met under the chairmanship of the Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha Shri R. Radhakrishnan.

The plan prepared through convergence of 16 schemes of Central and State government is set to go on stream shortly and executed within a year. Karayamputhur is a village which is situated around 40 km from Puducherry. The village has a population of 4,518, with the Scheduled Caste population being 1,191.

An expert committee comprising officials from all the Government line departments, bank officials and the Karayamputhur village Gram Panchayat representatives conducted a survey for needs assessment to find out from the people, their requirements for village development. Based on the feedback from the people a detailed plan execution report was prepared and the Member of Parliament, Shri Radhakrishnan released it in a review meeting. The report contains the list of developmental activities, approximate time to implement, estimated costs, department which would implement it and the existing central government scheme for implementation.

As per the Village Development Plan prepared by the community, the village which is predominantly agriculture based, priority interventions included de-silting and widening of a major irrigation canal - the Bangaru canal and construction of a bridge over it has been planned at ₹1.5 crore by availing of funding from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

Detailed plans for soil reclamation, soil testing and need for agro-advisories, season-wise for specific crops based on farmers' needs in village were developed through participatory processes. The soil will be monitored periodically and farmers would be guided on the type of crops to be cultivated and agro-advisories for better crop production, productivity, yields and profits will be issued.

Name of the MP	: Shri R. Radhakrishnan
Name of the GP	: Karayamputhur
Name of the Constituency	: Puducherry
Name of the District	: Puducherry
Name of the State	: Puducherry



The present democratic system of governance is changing gradually and slowly. The concept of 'Good Governance' is the latest buzzword. Its main focus is on citizen-centric entitlements.

Keeping in view this objective, the Member of Parliament along with district administration Sirsa implemented various Government development schemes and initiatives in the adopted village Gudia Khera. The Citizen Service Centre (CSC) is one of those initiatives, inaugurated on 2 May, 2015. The Citizen Service Centre, by and large, is a citizen centric initiative, whereby the governance reaches the citizens to deliver Government services including Caste certificate, Birth and Death certificate, Income certificate, Domicile certificate, PAN card, Passport, Online filling of forms and school results checking, Aadhaar card, LIC payments, etc. The Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana got a feather in its cap, when the National Informatics Centre (NIC) in its report rated this initiative 2nd rank just behind e-Disha at district level. The CSC, so far, delivered the following services to the citizens:

1. Caste certificates- 553
2. Domicile certificates- 370
3. Income certificates- 158
4. Aadhaar cards- 180
5. PAN card - 07

The CSC is not only catering to the public services of the citizens of Gudia Khera but also to the neighbouring villagers. Citizens are fully satisfied with this good governance initiative. This initiative has been successful to instill a sense of confidence in the citizens of the villages. This also bridged the geographical and ideological gaps between citizens and administration. Besides, the Good Governance mission to promote transparency, accountability and responsiveness are translated into a reality.

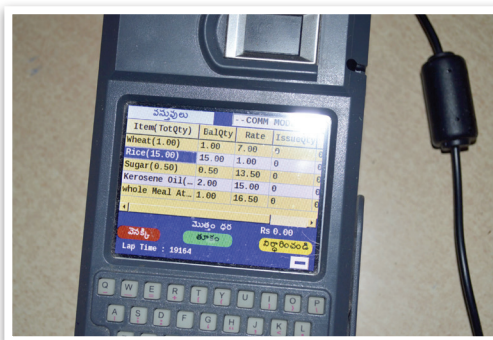
Name of the MP	: Shri Charanjeet Singh Rori
Name of the GP	: Gudia Khera
Name of the Constituency	: Sirsa
Name of the District	: Sirsa
Name of the State	: Haryana



With the intervention of the Member of Parliament, Shri Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar, the Food and Civil Supplies Department extended the E-PDS management system to the Nernoor Gram Panchayat. Under this initiative, all ration card holders entitled for foodgrains from different fair price shops were re-registered with biometric information. The Aadhaar numbers of the beneficiaries were also tagged with the ration card number.

This helped in maintaining the records of transaction of foodgrains for each of the households. After every transaction, the stock of foodgrain entitled for the family is automatically updated in the “Balance food table”. Foodgrain balance reduces with every transaction and the receipt of transaction is provided to the ration card holder after every transaction. Using Fingerprint based authentication ensured that the right beneficiaries are able to offtake the foodgrains under the Public Distribution System (PDS). This reduced leakages and the probability of manual error during the distribution of rations in the system.

Name of the MP : **Shri Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar**
 Name of the GP : Nernoor
 Name of the District : Nellore
 Name of the State : Andhra Pradesh



First Open Defecation Free Village, Dhamtari District

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Saansad Adarsh Gram Charra does not stop at dreaming. It is determined to take definite, firm steps towards a better future. It does so by availing of the government schemes to establish the provision of basic facilities in the villages. Sanitation has been the recent such addition to its initiatives.

Under MGNREGS and convergence of schemes of other departments, many developmental works were carried out in Charra. One day, a film was screened in the village as a part of IEC activity of the Swachh Bharat Mission. People, inspired by this movie, collectively resolved not to defecate in the open. Ward-wise monitoring committees were formed which would inspect the status of the construction of toilets and their use in the village. There are 20 Wards in Charra.

The Member of Parliament along with the Sarpanchs, women SHGs and youth conducted an exercise and identified 405 eligible families for availing of the benefits under various Government Schemes and programmes. A sum of ₹ 48.6 lakh was accessed by the eligible families.

It was decided that anyone found defecating in the open would be required to pay an amount of 500 rupees as a fine and anyone who reports open defecation would be paid a reward of 200 rupees. A total of 385 individual household toilets have been constructed in the village. Charra village was declared open defecation free by the district administration. This is the first such village in the entire district.

Name of the MP	: Shri Chandu Lal Sahu
Name of the GP	: Charra
Name of the Constituency	: Mahasamund
Name of the District	: Dhamtari
Name of the State	: Chhattisgarh



Jawalagiri Gram Panchayat, Thally block, a socio-economically backward drought-prone area, was identified under SAGY by the Member of Parliament, Krishnagiri, Shri K. Ashok Kumar. The Mass Contact programme was initiated by the MP with the support from the District Collector and MLA, Thally.

The following were the benefits received by poor people under the various Government development schemes:

- Under the social security schemes, 247 women and 163 men beneficiaries belonging to the weaker sections benefited including destitute widows, physically / visually challenged people, elders, destitutes, agricultural labourers and spinsters, who received pensions amounting to ₹ 4,09,000. Also, 19 new destitute elders received old age pension.
- Under the free patta scheme, 19 beneficiaries belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Backward Classes (BC) and Most Backward Classes (MBC) categories received free house pattas (house titles). Also, 64 beneficiaries received transfer pattas and another 36 beneficiaries received house pattas by partitions.
- Ten beneficiaries received new family ration cards.
- Eight poor women received free sewing machines, each worth ₹ 3,465 and two men beneficiaries received iron boxes worth ₹ 4,245.
- Twenty women SHG members received loan assistance of ₹ 10,000 each.
- Four farmers received crop loan of ₹ 1,34,750 and another seven farmers received compensation for crop loss.
- Twenty farmers received assistance to raise fodder crops on rainfed lands and nine farmers received assistance to cultivate cut flowers.
- Ten beneficiaries received amount for the construction of individual household latrines fully subsidised to the tune of ₹ 1,11,000.

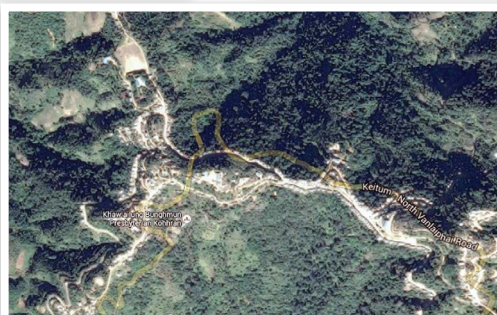
Altogether, 638 beneficiaries benefited from the mass contact programme. The people vowed to participate fully in SAGY and make it a successful programme.

Name of the MP	: Shri K. Ashok Kumar
Name of the GP	: Jawalagiri
Name of the Constituency	: Krishnagiri
Name of the District	: Krishnagiri
Name of the State	: Tamil Nadu



Khawlailung village is adopted by the MP, Shri C.L. Ruala under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY). The village is divided into two distinct zones by the Mat river. There are uplands and lowlands in the village. The lowland areas are irrigated by gravity flow. However, due to the lack of assured power supply, the uplands remain unirrigated and there is little cultivation in the uplands. To address the scenario, the MP, Shri C.L. Ruala initiated the process for the installation of a solar powered lift irrigation system in the Gram Panchayat. Through this system, it is expected that more than 100 acres of additional land will be irrigated and brought under cultivation. Considering the good quality of soil, not affected by chemical fertilisers, the MP is encouraging the farmers to stick to organic farming. Plans are also being made to market the produce as "organic" for realising better market prices.

Name of the MP	: Shri C.L. Ruala
Name of the GP	: Khawlailung
Name of the Constituency	: Mizoram
Name of the District	: Serchhip
Name of the State	: Mizoram



Capitalising on the location of the village close to Nagaland Zoological Garden, the MP Shri Neiphiu Rio initiated a multipurpose project. A large pond of around one acre extent was renovated through MGNREGS to be used for the fish farming. The vicinity is being converted into a park with a few shops and resting facilities. Apart from the villagers, the park will cater to the tourists. The park will serve as a cultural hub for the villagers besides providing new livelihood opportunities.

Name of the MP	: Shri Neiphiu Rio
Name of the GP	: Selouphe
Name of the Constituency	: Nagaland
Name of the District	: Dimapur
Name of the State	: Nagaland



Yoga Shows the Way to Healthy Development of Dhauli Village

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The Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Shri Pyari Mohan Mahapatra adopted Dhauli village as a Saansad Adarsh Gram. The first and foremost work initiated by him was a yoga camp to create a joyous environment for creative freedom and promote community yoga practice. It was an attempt to help the community open up to discuss new ideas, understand Indian culture and ensure physical, mental and emotional well-being of citizens. Through Yoga sessions, the Member of Parliament established a good rapport within the village community towards setting up a model village. A sensitisation programme was launched to sensitise the community in the areas of health, hygiene and sanitation. It is envisioned to make the village open defecation free. Mothers committees have been formed to build awareness on the importance of breast feeding, institutional delivery and post-delivery care.

Name of the MP	: Shri Pyari Mohan Mahapatra
Name of the GP	: Dhauli
Name of the District	: Khurda
Name of the State	: Odisha



The Member of Parliament organised a Financial Inclusion Camp in the adopted village under SAGY in close collaboration with the District Administration and the AGM, NABARD and other bankers. Awareness programmes were conducted on Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima and Jeevan Jyoti Yojana. Under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, the enrolment was 2.2 per cent but after the awareness camp, it was 15.5 per cent. Similarly, under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, the enrolment was nil but after the camp, the enrolment raised up to 1.4 per cent.

Name of the MP	: Shri Nagarajan P.
Name of the GP	: Agraharasamakulam
Name of the Constituency	: Coimbatore
Name of the District	: Coimbatore
Name of the State	: Tamil Nadu



Yoga has a special place in the Indian tradition and is known to have salubrious effects on human health. Under the guidance of MP Shri Kamalbhan Singh Marabi, the Village Development Committee decided to promote yoga to improve the health and fitness of the youth and villagers.

The Patanjali Yoga Peeth in Ambikapur was roped in to hold an awareness campaign in Karamha village, where they explained the benefits of yoga to the community by practising yoga. The Peeth also contributed an amount of ₹ 1 lakh towards the development of village.

A batch of 50 people from the village, which included both members of the village development committee and youth, have undergone a one-week yoga practice session in Patanjali group headquarters at Haridwar.

After returning to the village, the community members started training other people on yoga. This has attracted big crowds. On 21 June, World Yoga Day, villagers along with people from nearby villages and Member of Parliament, Shri Kamalbhan Singh Marabi performed yoga and encouraged the youth and villagers.

Name of the MP	: Shri Kamalbhan Singh Marabi
Name of the GP	: Karamha
Name of the Constituency	: Ambikapur
Name of the District	: Surguja
Name of the State	: Chhattisgarh



Shri Kesineni Srinivas (Nani), Member of Parliament adopted Gollamandala Gram Panchayat in A.Konduru Mandal in Vijayawada Parliamentary constituency. During the initial days, he observed that many villagers were suffering from various ailments regularly for which treatment is readily available in the Government hospitals. However, in the absence of proper diagnosis of the ailments and poor record keeping, it was getting difficult for any medical intervention.

In order to overcome this, a mega health camp was organised under the leadership of the MP, where each and every villager was screened for various ailments. Further, an individual portfolio was created for each villager containing his/her medical records. This has been hosted online under the E-Vaidya programme.

Name of the MP	: Shri Kesineni Srinivas (Nani)
Name of the GP	: Gollamandala
Name of the Constituency	: Vijayawada
Name of the District	: Krishna
Name of the State	: Andhra Pradesh



Enkul is a remote Gram Panchayat situated at a distance of 70 km from the Satara district headquarters. It falls in the drought prone zone of the district. Thus, the agricultural practices in the village are seasonal and a large number of people migrate from the village for better employment opportunities.

The Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Shri Sharad Chandraji Govindrao Pawar believes that proper education and livelihoods interventions are key to address the issue of distress migration and made persistent efforts to improve the situation.

For improving the quality of education in the villages, Shri Sharad Pawar promoted several initiatives through his charitable trust like construction of school buildings, porch, wall compound, renovation of old buildings and installation of LCD projectors in the local schools through the Ryat Shikshan Sanstha.

There is a huge scarcity of irrigation and drinking water in the villages. People are mainly dependent on groundwater sources for irrigation. Water tankers are the main source for drinking water for a majority of households in the area. Based on these ground realities, Enkul Gram Panchayat was selected under SAGY by the Member of Parliament.

After the selection process, a thorough review of the Government line departments was undertaken by the Member of Parliament. In the light of the scarcity of water, specific instructions were given to the Drinking Water, Agriculture and Minor Irrigation departments to initiate various works for developing small water harvesting structures and desilting the water bodies in the area. Consequently, various works were completed in the village within a period of six months through schemes like Mahatma Phule Jal Bhumi Abhiyan, National Rural Drinking Water Programme and MGNREGS. The situation of irrigation water and safe drinking water for the communities has shown a marked improvement due to the concerted efforts of multi-stakeholders including Government, elected people's representative and the communities.

Name of the MP : **Shri Sharad Chandraji Govindrao Pawar**
Name of the GP : Enkul
Name of the District : Satara
Name of the State : Maharashtra



