

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Panchayati Raj**

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**Monthly Summary for the month of November, 2021**

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is responsible for the work of advocacy, monitoring and implementation of Constitution 73rd Amendment. The role of the MoPR involves strengthening the administrative infrastructure, basic services etc. by leveraging technology and capacity building of the functionaries of Rural Local Body (RLB). Ministry's roadmap to realize the above objective is through three pillars:

- Provision of basic services through the Finance Commission Funding,
- Capacity building of RLBs through Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) and
- Convergent & holistic planning through inclusive & participatory process through Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) and advocacy work.

The following were the main activities during the month:

1. The Ministry of Finance (MoF) has released Rs. 18.40 Crore as 1st installment of XV FC Untied Grants meant for Rural Local Bodies for FY 2021-22 to the State of Nagaland. As on date, XV FC grants to the tune of Rs. 22,327.90crore for F.Y. 2021-22 has been released by Ministry of Finance to the States for Rural Local Bodies/Traditional Local Bodies for improving basic services including supply of drinking water, rain water harvesting, water recycling, sanitation & maintenance of ODF status including management and treatment of household waste, human excreta and faecal sludge management, etc. MoPR has recommended to MoF for release of 2nd installment of XV FC Basic (Untied) Grants for FY 2021-22 for the States of Bihar, (Rs. 741.8 Crores), Odisha (Rs.333.80 Crore), Tamil Nadu (Rs.533.20 Crore) and Tripura (Rs. 28.20 Crore). MoPR has also recommended to MoF for release of 2nd installment of XV FC Basic (Untied) and Tied Grants for FY 2020-21 for the States of Meghalaya (45.50 crore each).

2. Under the SVAMITVA Scheme, with the aim to provide the 'Record of Rights' to village household owners possessing houses in inhabited rural areas in villages and issuance of Property cards to the Property owners, 29 States/UTs have signed a memorandum of understanding with the Survey of India for the implementation of Scheme and discussions are on-going with other States for signing of MoU. MoU between State of Tamil Nadu and Survey of India signed on 2-Nov-21. In the November, drone flying has also commenced in Kerala, Lakshadweep with drone flying saturation in the Durg district of Chhattisgarh and Leparada district of Arunachal

Pradesh. States/ UTs are in process of passing GP Resolution in the Gram Panchayats where property cards are distributed satisfactorily. Till now, drone flying has been completed in 81,000 villages and drone-survey completed in all villages of 72 districts.

3. For management of finances available to Panchayats from various sources, the Ministry has been rigorously pursuing the States for adoption of Public Financial Management System (PFMS). In this regard, the Ministry has been pursuing States for closure of account on eGramSwaraj as well as for Gram Panchayat (GP) registration on PFMS. For the year 2020-21, 94% of the GPs have closed their month books and 92% of the GPs have closed their year books. In the current year i.e. 2021-22, 82% GPs have closed their month books.
4. Till 30th November, 2021, 2,31,217 PRIs have on-boarded eGramSwaraj-PFMS Interface (eGSPI). In the month of November 2021- 1,66,630 PRIs have transacted online using eGSPI for the expenditure incurred XV Finance Commission Grant.
5. Further, strengthening the accountability and transparency at the PRI level; MoPR is in the process of 'Reverse Integration of State Treasury system with PFMS' to capture the receipt entries automatically in eGramSwaraj. 23 States have completed this exercise of reverse integration of State treasury system.
6. Also, for strengthening the transparency and accountability at grassroots level; the Ministry has rolled out an application - AuditOnline under e-panchayat Mission Mode Project (MMP). It allows for online audit of Panchayat accounts and records detailed information about internal and external audit. For the year 2019-20, 27 States (including Kerala) have already registered 7,621 Auditors, 2,43,486 Auditees and prepared Audit Plans of 1,26,296 GPs for Auditing 14th Finance Commission accounts. 26 States have also recorded 10,55,916 observations on the application and 25 States have generated audit reports (96,580 Reports). For the year 2020-21, audit plans have been prepared by 90,244 GPs in 21 States. Out of this 16 States have recorded observations (5,20,503 observation) and 32,371 audit reports have been generated by 16 States. Also, the States have been informed to commence the audit of ZPs and BPs for the audit period 2020-21 for XV FC.
7. Funds to the tune of Rs.33.64 crore has been released under the scheme of RGSA towards the approved Annual Action Plan of the states of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Manipur, Punjab and Odisha.
8. Two-Days Regional Workshop on Economic & Social Transformation through Panchayat Development Plans under Peoples Plan Campaign (PPC) 2021 was organized during 11th-12th November, 2021 at Mangalore for Costal States, during 22nd -23rd November, 2021 at Jaipur for PESA States and during 29th -30th November, 2021 at Deharadun for Himalayan States. Senior Officers and some Elected Representatives from these States participated in the workshop.
9. Ministry of Panchayati Raj has organized a one day National level Conference on 18.11.2021 in New Delhi to celebrate the 25th year of promulgation of the PESA Act. The conference was addressed by Hon'ble Ministers of Panchayati Raj and Ministers of Tribal Affairs. Representatives of Panchayati Raj Departments as well as Tribal



Development Departments of ten PESA States; Central Ministries/Departments, NITI Aayog, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR) and selected Non-Government Organisations had also attended the Conference and expressed their views/suggestions/issues.

10. Ministry of Panchayat Raj in association with National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad and Abdul Nazir Sab State Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (ANS-SIRD&PR), Mysuru organised one-day National Consultative Workshop on Citizen Charter and Delivery of Services by Panchayats on 22nd November, 2021 as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Participants from 16 States signed the Mysuru Declaration and resolved to roll out the Common Minimum Service delivery by Panchayats across the country from April 1, 2022.

11. Constitution Day-2022 was observed in the Ministry as all officers and staff read the Preamble to the Constitution at the time reading of the same by the Hon'ble President. Necessary advisory was issued to the PRIs through the States to take part in Preamble reading with the Hon'ble President on this day.

12. There were 55 grievances/petitions pending with Ministry as on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 and 557 (i.e. 546 online + 11 physical) grievances/ petitions were received during the month of November. Out of total 612 (557 received in November + 55 carried forward from last month), 494 grievances/petitions were disposed in November and 118 were carried forward as on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021

13. During November 2021, 129 e-files were opened in e-office system which constitutes 100% of the total files opened during the month.

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