

**Ministry of Panchayati Raj**  
**Major Achievements, Significant Developments and Important Events**  
**for the month of April, 2018**

1. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj celebrates 24<sup>th</sup> April of every year as National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD). **This year the National Programme of NPRD was organised at Ramnagar, Mandla, and Madhya Pradesh as a part of Gram Swaraj Abhiyan which was addressed by Hon'ble Prime Minister. His address was live telecast to Gram Sabhas and other stakeholders across the country by Doordarshan. Many other dignitaries from the States and Central Government including Governor and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Union Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Mines, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Panchayati Raj also participated in the event.** Further, the event was also participated by large number of elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions from across the country apart from a massive gathering of rural masses, especially tribal people from the entire State of Madhya Pradesh. The celebration assumed greater significance as the occasion marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the historic enactment of the Constitution 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment Act, 1992. In his address, the Hon'ble Prime Minister recalled Mahatma Gandhi's call for Gramoday to Rashtroday, and Gram Swaraj. He called upon everyone to reaffirm the commitment to serving our villages.
2. **The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India dedicated the Local Government Directory (LGD) application to the Nation** during the National Panchayati Raj Day celebration on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Mandla, Madhya Pradesh. **Ministry was able to update LGD.** Video Conferences were held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 with the Nodal Officers of Panchayati Raj Department from States/ UTs to review the progress made by them on various action items related to LGD application. Furthermore, another review meeting through Video Conference was held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 with State Urban Development Departments to discuss the issues related to ULBs in their respective State.
3. **Unmapping of villages to Block was serious limitation in using LGD for developmental works.** This matter was highlighted as an obstacle in implementing Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana. With continuous follow-up with States/UTs, all 655096 villages in India has been mapped with respective Block. Further, mapping of the villages with Gram Panchayat were also completed 100%.
4. On the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day 2018, 191 Panchayats (25 District Panchayats, 38 Intermediate Panchayats and 128 Gram Panchayats) in 25 States/UT were conferred with **DeenDayalUpadhyay Panchayat**

**Sashaktikaran Puraskar** in recognition of their exemplary work for improving delivery of services and public goods. **Out of 128 awards to Gram Panchayats, 39 Thematic Awards were given in the category of Sanitation (21), Revenue Generation (9), e-Governance (4), Community Based Organisations (1), Marginalised Sections Improvement (2), Social Sector Development (1) and Civic Services (1). Twenty one Gram Panchayats were conferred with Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar** for outstanding performance through effective Gram Sabhas. Six States viz. Sikkim, Odisha, Maharashtra, Telangana, Tripura and Karnataka were conferred **e-Panchayat Puraskar** for effective adoption, usage and encouragement of Panchayats in e-enablement.

- 5. For the first time a new award namely, Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) Award has been introduced** during the year 2017-18 to be awarded to three best GPs across the country. This has been done with a view to encourage GPs which have developed their Gram Panchayat Development Plans according to the State/UT specific guidelines prepared in line with the models guidelines issued by MoPR (or adopted as such). **During the NPRD 2018, GPDP Award was given to Digambarpur GP of West Bengal (Rank-1), Malangi GP of Karnataka (Rank-2) and Maniram Phalidara GP Unit of Sikkim (Rank-3).**
- 6. One National Workshop on Transforming Rural Areas by Panchayat was organized by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018.** The workshop was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj & Mines. Five parallel Groups discussed the issues relevant to Panchayats such as (i) Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) & Economic Development and Planning at Panchayat, (ii) Social Development at Panchayats & Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (iii) Yuva Panchayat – *Naya Bharat Nayi Soch*, (iv) Rural Transformation through Digital Panchayats, and (v) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. **The issues and recommendations which came up during the detailed discussions were presented before the joint session in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj & Mines.**
- 7. On this historic occasion of NPRD, the Hon'ble Prime Minister launched the restructured scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).** The Government approved the proposal for implementation of restructured centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) during the period from 01.04.2018 to 31.03.2022. The scheme, which will extend to all States and Union Territories of the country where Panchayats or institutions of rural local Government exist, will help such institutions to develop governance capabilities to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals through inclusive local governance which focus on optimal utilization of available resources. The scheme of RGSA

will be implemented during the period from 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2022 at the total cost of Rs. 7255.50 Crore with the central share of Rs. 4500 crore and that of State share of Rs. 2755.50 Crore. **The scheme will cover with phased saturation approach with priorities for the Panchayats coming under Antyodaya Mission and Aspirational Districts.**

8. Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances has instituted an Award Scheme for recognizing meritorious performance by the Ministries/Departments for effective redress of public grievances received on CPGRAMs. Certificate of Recognition is awarded to Ministries/Departments who are found to have done outstanding work. **Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been awarded on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 a Certificate of Appreciation for the commendable work during the quarter (July-September, 2017) for redress of public grievances received on pg portal.**
9. The total release of Basic grant under FFC for the year 2016-17 is Rs. 28600.45 crore against the allocation of Rs. 29942.87 crore and during 2017-18 it is Rs. 31299.03 crore against the allocation of Rs. 34596.26 crore. Release of Performance Grant is Rs. 3499.45 crore against the allocation of Rs. 3927.65 crore for 2016-17 and Rs. 902.82 crore against allocation of Rs. 4444.71 crore, for the year 2017-18.
10. During the month, the Ministry has recommended to Ministry of Finance (MoF) for release of 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of Basic Grant under Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) of Rs.17.795 crore to Manipur for 2017-18.
11. During the month, the Ministry has imparted training on ToT basis for State Panchayati Raj officials and State Institutes of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj on use of Public Financial Management System for transfer and monitoring of FFC Grants to GPs. 85 Participants form 22 States and NIRD&PR have attended the training Programmes.

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