

National Panchayat Awards 2019
Best Practices

**1. RAHATABLOCK PANCHAYAT (AHMEDNAGARDISTRICT,
MAHARASHTRA)**

(DDUPSP-Award Year 2019)

Similar to any other good Panchayat, Rahata Block Panchayat is also admirable for its well-established standing committee and timely conduct of its meetings, maintenance of audit and other Panchayat records, holding discussions on various issues including livelihood generation and Sanitation with active participation from all Panchayat members. Notably, this Panchayat has received State level Yashvant Panchayat Raj Abhiyan Award in the year 2013-14,2014-15, 2016-17 e in 2017-18 in Nashik division of Maharashtra.

The other achievements of this Panchayat are highlighted as follows:

- Ensuring community/stakeholders participation in the meetings and developmental activities
- 100 % ER's participation in panchayat meetings
- 100% vaccination in all villages.
- 100% enrolment percentage of Children in Anganwadi & primary Schools
- Panchayat has Open Defecation status.
- 100% Soil Health Card target achievement in 2017-18.
- 100 % GPDP preparation in all 50 GPs
- Increase in OSR year-by-year
- SHG mela organised at Loni Block where around 200 SHG took part and achieved a turnover of about Rs. 75 lakhs.
- Scented sticks (Agarbatti) manufactured from the flowers rendered (Nirmalya) by the devotees of Sai Baba by SHG from Loni Block.
- Panchayat samiti has its own website.
- Panchayat samiti has its own solar energy project.
- Regular workshops related to Health, women empowerment, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and other issues at Block level conducted.

2. RAJANAKUNTEGRAM PANCHAYAT (BENGALURU NORTH BLOCK, BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT, KARNATAKA)

(CFGPA-Award Year 2019)

“Adopting child friendly practices”

Rajanakunte Gram Panchayat, while acknowledging that child development is one of the basic components of social development, has created a conducive atmosphere for the healthy growth and development of children. Protecting the rights of the children and ensuring their development by ensuring access to all necessary entitlements and facilities has been ensured by this Panchayat. As per the performance during the appraisal year 2017-18, the following achievements by this GP are remarkable in nature and to be highlighted:

- 100 percent vaccination of eligible children
- 100 percent enrolment of eligible children and their retention in schools (including private ones)
- Ensuring full attendance of teachers in the schools
- Holding ODF status thus ensuring hygienic environment for children
- Ensuring usage of sanitary pads by all the adolescent girls of the GP
- Ensuring 100 percent serving of meals under Mid-Day Meal Scheme
- Demarcated playground for children
- Full nutritional supplement supply to all the eligible children

3. JETHIPURAGRAM PANCHAYAT (BLOCK IDAR, DISTRICT SABAR KANTHA, GUJARAT)

(NDRGGSP-AWARD YEAR 2019)

“Development through people’s participation”

The Gram Sabha is the fulcrum of the Panchayati Raj and village development. People use the forum of the Gram Sabha to discuss local governance and development, and make need-based plans for the village. Gram Sabha is the primary body of the Panchayati Raj system and



by far the largest and this body has been defined in the Constitution of India under Article 243(b). Gram Panchayats of the country have depicted outstanding performance through effective Gram Sabha meetings especially in respect of improvements in the social & economic structure of the village. These GPs act as role models to strengthen the institution of Gram Sabha and to highlight it as institution of decision making and auditing. Gram Sabha is the vibrant forum for presenting planned economic & social development of villages in a transparent way through participative democracy offering equal opportunity to all citizens including the poor, women & other marginalized sections of society.

Catapulting the role of Gram Sabha, Jethipura Gram Panchayat of Gujarat has shown exemplary performance in this course. Not only has it ensured effective conduct of Gram Sabhas and maintenance of its records properly but took a step ahead by conducting Special Gram Sabhas. The importance of highlighting this GP's achievement in this area is all the more important since the GP is in the District which falls under "The Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996" popularly termed as "PESA". Gram Sabhas of PESA areas are bestowed with special provisions for Dispute resolution, Ownership and management of natural resources as per traditional laws and customs and development (consultation before land acquisition, prevent land alienation, power to enforce prohibition).

Summarizing its initiatives/performance, following additional achievements are highlighted:

- Ensuring adequate quorum in the Gram Sabhas with participation across various marginalized sections of society (SC/ST/Women) as well
- Taking appropriate and timely actions on the decisions taken during the Gram Sabhas relating to various themes/areas such as education, women & child, sanitation etc.
- Conducting Ward/Mahila Sabhas
- Approving GPDP and ensuring coverage of wide variety of subjects
- Conducting social audit
- Etc.
