

Name of the Gram Panchayat	Marwad
UTs	Daman and Diu
Theme	Health and sanitation

Gram Panchayat (GP) Marwad is awarded under **Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar -2020** as best performing panchayat for their tremendous works done in the area of Infrastructure Development and Environment Conservation. It is located 2 km from the center of Daman, 15 km from nearest railway Station and 6.50 km from the District headquarter, moreover the GP is located at beach. The area of the GP is approximate 436.13 hectare. Total households in GP Marwad are 1900 with 10904 population.

GP Marwad is well developed in terms of infrastructure like connectivity through seven link roads, schools, Co- operative society, Hospital, Panchayat Ghar, Seva Kendras, Gyms, Playground, pond and lake. The GP is inhabited by all castes and creeds. The people of the Marwad GP are religious minded, well-educated and progressive.

GP Marwad consists of 11 members including Sarpanch. The Sarpanch is Smt. Hasumathiben R. Patel, was elected in 2015 as an independent candidate, and regularly involves in all the activities of Indian Government.

There are many issues in the village which the panchayat has to face. The biggest is to educate and bring unanimity among the village and create awareness among them. The Uneven and Old roads, Drainage facilities, Toilets availability, and Solid & Liquid Waste Disposal, are few of the major problems since long time.

As a first step, the Sarpanch has started to conduct regular monthly meetings and Gram Sabhas with proper quorum and agenda on their prescribed date issued by UT government which helps in strengthening the panchayat body and all the decisions regarding the overall development of the GP are taken with the prior approval of the gram sabha. The GP could implement many development projects in the panchayat with the regular people participation in Gram Sabha & Panchayat meetings.

Secondly, the GP Marwad has also been taken under Model Gram Panchayat in which the resurfacing of existing roads with proper leveling with a pedestrian pathway, plantation and streetlights is under progress.

Apart from roads and beautification projects, the villagers have also worked on another project aimed at Rain Water Harvesting, and a Special Gram Sabha was also being conducted on the Rain Water Harvesting and lot of people reacted positively and took part in it resulting the people started rain water harvesting at their house with connecting a pipe from terrace/roof top to the nearest bore well with a filter chamber constructed in between and moreover the GP have also taken as action of storing a rain water into ponds and lakes lies under GP area by building a Bori Bandh and diverting the water to Pond.



Before



After

As a result, this pond has helped in conserving and recharging the ground water level in the village. All the elected members including Sarpanch and villagers are also working with togetherness to conserve the environment by more plantations in GP area and to increase the greenery in the village. Under Swachh Gaon Yojana, 150 Toilet blocks were constructed and a Solid Waste Management System is being developed in whole Daman District in which the dry and wet waste is collected separated at the collection point and moreover, the solid waste is also been segregated into different categories.



The villagers were also encouraged the community under Swachh Bharat Mission, a campaign was launched to make village '**Plastic Free**'. With an aim to eradicate the plastic usage from the village, and massive campaigning and Gram Sabhas were organized and special cleaning drives were also conducted at beach. Now, the primary aim of the GP is to give a sustainable life to the upcoming generation by restoring the environment.

