

Ensuring Women Friendly Village and **Child Friendly Village** through Addressing the Needs Of **The Women & Children** Mahila Sabha & Bal/Balika Sabha

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Presentation Structure

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Women Related Legal Framework



- The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956
- The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961
- The Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986
- The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987
- The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005
- The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006
- The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition And Redressal) Act, 2013
- NARI ADALAT constituted of committed and socially respected women providing an alternate Grievance Redressal Mechanism for resolving cases of petty nature(harassment, subversion, curtailment of rights or entitlements) faced by women at Gram Panchayat level.

Child Related Legislation & Schemes



The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015

The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Act, 2021

The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016 and its amendment

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and its amendment

The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Rules, 2020

Mission Vatsalya, PM CARES for Children Scheme

Saksham Anganwadi Poshan 2.0



Key Features of women & child friendly villages



- Women & Children of the GP as a whole feel happy, healthy and secured
- Women & Children are aware of elected members of Gram Panchayat and Elected Members and functionaries of the GP are aware of problems and challenges faced by the women & children
- PRI has notified Child Welfare, Care & Protection and Women's welfare and protection as subjects
 of their Committees
- Bal-Balika Sabha, Mahila Sabha are held and ensures active participation of Women & children in Gram Panchayat Development Plan preparation, and village level decision making.
- The GP has addressed problems like malnourishment, incomplete immunization, school dropout, discrimination against girl child, and child marriage
- GP employees are sensitive, responsible and accountable towards the interests of the women & children

Bal Panchayat Sabha



- Organise Bal Panchayat Sabha in the Village to identify problems faced by children in the GP
- Participants will include all children of the GP (especially 10-18 years old children)
 Bal Mitra, GP Members and GP Secretary
- Invitees -Teachers, Members of the Village Child Protection Committee, School Management
 Committee, beneficiaries of Poshan Abhiyan, ICDS representative, representative of the Education
 department, Anganwadi worker, Asha, ANM, Parents of the children, Police personnel of the nearest
 police station etc.
- The Bal Panchayat to record the recommendations and submit proceedings to the GP for needful action.
- Hold special campaigns and awareness drives on child rights, child protection and Child Participation
- Ensure support to DCPUs, CWCs, JJBs and SJPUs in carrying out their roles under Juvenile Justice Act/Rules.

<u>Mahila Sabha</u>



- Mahila Sabha is envisaged to be a GP/village level meeting/forum for all women Gram Sabha members of the GP.
- To provide an organised meeting platform/forum for women where they could collectivise, identify, discuss, prioritise and present their problems to the Gram Sabha and Gram Panchayat for taking suitable actions.
- To create an enabling environment for women where women could recognise their rights and participate actively in local governance processes.
- To provide equal opportunity to all women of the GP including SC, ST, minority, differently abled and women from other marginalized sections to participate meaningfully in local planning and decision-making process

Suggestive Village Planning & Budget Items



Women

- Safe public spaces- street lights and proper internal roads, drains and pathways
- Identify school dropouts and bring them back to school
- Creche Facility for working mothers
- Health & Nutrition education to create individual health care plan for each anemic woman
- Mission Shakti Nari Adalat for Alternate Grievance Redressal Mechanism to resolve petty cases of harassment/subversion/curtailment of rights/entitlements
- Climate Smart agriculture

Child

- Anganwadi infrastructure needswater/sanitation, SNP & ECE
- School Infrastructure needs
- Playgrounds and public garden
- Plan for Children in Need of Care & Protection – orphan/abandoned/street situation/surrendered/disabled
- Convergence activities career counselling, skill training, apprenticeship in industrial units, Sports clubs, sports talent search camps, Library and book club
- Digital Literacy camp, Financial Literacy camps & Cyber safety awareness

Way Forward



- Under Mission Vatsalya, competent authority in state/UT to issue notification assigning
 the function of child welfare and protection issues to the existing committee of the urban
 local body/Panchayati Raj Institution/Gram Panchayat which deals with issues of social
 justice/welfare of women and children.
- 2. Issue Government order/circular for conduct of Bal-Balika Sabha and formation of Bal-Balika Panchayat with the Gram Sabha and GPDP cycle for this year, if not done so far
- Hold Mahila Sabha, and Bal Panchayat Sabha before the Gram Sabha so that their points are part of the Gram Sabha agenda
- 4. Inclusion of the theme- Women Friendly & Child Friendly Panchayat as an integral part of the State PRI capacity building programme (Module) by SIRDs.
- 5. Planning & Budgeting for Women Friendly Panchayat
- 6. Planning & Budgeting for Child Friendly Panchayat



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