



Ministry of Panchayati Raj



Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil graced the inaugural session of National Conference on Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Prayas – Way forward for 2047

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Commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj organized five-day celebrations of National Panchayat Awards Week 2023 from the 17th of April to 21st April, 2023. Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil graced the inaugural session of **National Conference on Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Prayas – Way forward for 2047** held on 21st April, 2023 with his august presence.

Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil delivered keynote address at the National Conference on Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Prayas – Way forward for 2047 whereas the opening remarks were given by Shri Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil, Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj encouraged the representatives of Gram Panchayats participating from different States/UTs of the country to undertake development work under the 9 themes of Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).



Addressing the Gram Panchayats, Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj said that the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat can make the village clean by adopting solid waste management system. 'The day is not far when our country, India will be recognized from the well-performing villages on the world map', quoted Hon'ble Minister of State for Panchayati Raj Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil.

In his address, Shri Patil motivated the Gram Panchayats to enhance the income of Gram Panchayats and said that the use of green energy in the village will increase the source of income.



‘Ensuring sustainable development in Panchayats with the progressive mindset of the villagers, the country has to be made more empowered and the best Panchayat has to make a happy journey to the best India’, quoted Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil, Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj.

The first technical session of **National Conference on Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Prayas – Way forward for 2047** on ‘Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar’ was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Dinesh Dayanand Jagdale, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India alongwith Shri W. R. Reddy, former Director General, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.



Smt. Anjali Swain, President of Ganjam Zilla Parishad, Odisha highlighted the important role of Ankuli Gram Panchayat in making the panchayat eligible for 'Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Award' by providing adequate energy to the villagers.



'Mukra-K Gram Panchayat is unstoppable', said Smt. Gadge Meenakshi, Sarpanch, Mukra (K) Gram Panchayat, District Adilabad, Telangana highlighting on how the GP paved its way from scarcity to abundance.

Shri Santosh Dagadu Thikekar, Sarpanch of Thikekarwadi Gram Panchayat, District Pune of Maharashtra, spoke on ensuring the participation of all in the development of the country by providing basic facilities to Thikekarwadi village and villagers.

Shri Randhir Sharma, Sarpanch of Palli Gram Panchayat of Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir stated that Palli has achieved the goal of Gram Urja Swaraj through technology.



Later, Ms. Simrin Chhachhi, representative from “SELCO Foundation” spoke on holistic sustainable energy led solutions and presented the model for livelihood developments that can be followed in Gram Panchayats.

Shri W. R. Reddy, former Director General, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj requested the Gram Panchayats across the country to ensure the development of rural India by implementing the innovations in the field of sustainable energy in their Panchayats.

Shri Sharath Kumar Pallerla, Advisor, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India chaired the Technical Session II-Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar on the occasion of National Conference on Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Prayas – Way forward for 2047.

Shri Bijesh A.M., elected representative from Meenangadi, District Wayanad of Kerala addressed the state delegates. Meenangadi, Kerala had won the first prize at NPAW2023 under 'Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar' LSDG.

Smt. Challagulla Sarita, Kanha Gram Panchayat, District Rangareddi, Telangana expressed her sincere thanks to MoPR for organizing NPAW2023 and further highlighted the best practices of the Gram Panchayat.

Mrs. Namita Nag, Sarpanch of Bonaigarh Gram Panchayat of Sundargarh district of Odisha, has made her village clean and beautiful through single use plastic.

'We are striving constantly to build a stronger and better India', said Smt. Rakhi, Block Advisory Committee Chairperson, Baghmara Gram Panchayat, Tripura.

Further Shri Satyendra Kumar, Director, Hazardous Substances Management informed about the

plans of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to make the whole of India clean and beautiful, including rural India.



Smt. Ulka Kelkar, Director, Climate Program spoke about the plans of World Resources Institute to make India clean. He said that the use of solar energy can save more water and by increasing the height of the solar panels installed in the fields, farming and animal husbandry can be promoted.

'IUCN is working towards community-based mangrove forest restorations on 55 ha in coastal villages in Gujrat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha', says Smt. Archana Chatterjee, Programme Manager & Interim Head of Office, IUCN.



Dr. G. Narendra Kumar, Director General, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Government of India chaired the Technical Session III on Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar on the occasion of National Conference on Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Efforts-Way Forward for 2047.



Smt. Anjali Swain, Chairperson, District Ganjam, of Odisha, spoke about city-like facilities provided

to the villagers through development works in her area and revolutionary work in the field of education.



Mrs. Saraswati Sethi, Hinjilicut Block Panchayat President of Ganjam district of Odisha spoke on receiving the Nanaji Deshmukh Best Panchayat Sustainable Development Award. She highlighted various initiatives including education, health, road construction under the 9 themes of LSDGs.



Shri K. Lalremsiama, elected representative Gram Panchayat Ngopa, Mizoram, addressed the delegates from the States on how the Gram Panchayat worked relentlessly on the 9 Themes under LSDGs and won the Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar at NPAW2023, New Delhi.



Shri Gourav Kumar, Gram Panchayat Secretary, Milak Amavati Gram Panchayat of Dilari block of Moradabad district, Uttar Pradesh discussed the development works of his area. Many facilities like education, employment, free health center, nutritious food, Mahila Sabha and Gram Sabha are available in this Gram Panchayat.

Shri Mukesh Yadav, Sarpanch of Kapilo Gram Panchayat of Giridih District, Jharkhand, is setting a benchmark by achieving all the goals under LSDGs by providing facilities like better education, employment opportunities, free health centers, nutritious food to the villagers in his area.



Dr. Joy Elamon, Director General, Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Thrissur addressed on Service Quality Standards certification of Gram Panchayat. He highlighted the procedure adopted in the State of Kerala in Service Quality Standards certification of Panchayats.



Concluding the 5 days' celebration of the National Panchayat Awards Week, Shri Sunil Kumar,

Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj provided appropriate solutions and suggestions to the queries of Panchayat representatives. The closing ceremony was chaired by Shri Sunil Kumar wherein he summed up all the points and observations. He also shared his review for different states working on the all the themes under LSDGs. He praised the best practices and initiatives of the Panchayats but also requested all the delegates to ensure the continuity of good work and development within their Panchayats.



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