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## From the Secretary's DESK..

Gram Jyoti is a non-political, secular and professionally managed organisation based at Deoghar in Santhal Pragana region of Jharkhand state. Now, Gram Jyoti is successfully completed its 20<sup>th</sup> year life with package of development program in the area of Santhal Pragana region and Bihar. So, we are happy to present the progress for the year 2018-19 of Gram Jyoti's. This year has assumed special significance as GJ has completed 20 years of committed service to sustainable development. The journey from 1998 to 2018, has been marked with challenges, hope and determination which have finally led to success. GJ was a concept, conceived by its Founder, Mr. Pashupati Kumar, a follower of Mahatma Gandhi concept who felt that the only answer to rural poverty was development of the villages. Over the last two decades, this concept has developed into a reality and today, GJ's programmes which have been recognized as replicable models of poverty alleviation, have touched the lives of over 10000 families spread over 327 villages in 8 blocks of 4 districts. WASH Development which was the pioneering programme launched by GJ with the realisation that more than 80% of the rural families live under poor quality WASH facility. This reporting period, Gram Jyoti has encompassed with WASH, NRM, Livelihood, child right and social mobilization program in different areas of Santhal pragana region with the support of different donors like NSE, Water aid India, Integrated Tribal Development Agency, Pakur& Dumka, child line Foundation and NABARD. Without support from above mentioned agencies, GJ can't be able to stand this place to publication its achievement.

GRAM JYOTI is delivered its WASH service through six programme areas: water, sanitation, and hygiene, WASH in schools, emergency and enabling environment. The reporting period, crosscutting initiative of Gram Jyoti on WASH programming synergy with the health, nutrition and education sectors, and describes how WASH is an inherent part of GRAM JYOTI's programming to address disparity, human rights and climate resilience.

GJ has also entered into a partnership with child protection and ensuring their right, a Programme of Child line Foundation, Mumbai which is being implemented since 2012 in Deoghar as a collaborating agency. The objectives of the project are to protect the child right and check its vulnerability by proper care of missing hand and creating positive environment for rehabilitation.

Various training on capacity building and skill development on thematic issues were also imparted connected to their strategic vision. The overall status of the Gram Jyoti's program is very positive and the project team is continuously making efforts to effectively complete all the assign task on timely basis. Thus, the journey of GJ which has been a journey of rural awakening, has been possible because of the confidence expressed in the programme by over 50000 rural families. These programmes not only contribute income to a few families, but have resulted in better health, newer skills and knowledge, greater dignity and happy smiles to all these.

Your healthy suggestions and critics regarding this progress report shall be highly solicited.

With regards,

Pashupati Kumar

Secretary

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## Genesis of Gram Jyoti

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Gram Jyoti was founded in 1998 when a team of 9 social activists felt the need to have a platform to work for the poor and downtrodden under SARVODAYA and ANTYODAYA concept for improvement of their life of standards. The founder moved towards collective strength of communities to achieve a just society, which is free from exploitation, hungry and discrimination. It also believes in the economic solidarity of the whole society through working for the deprived segment for their well-being.



### Vision, Mission & Objective

#### VISION

Holistic development of the downtrodden and deprived section of the society and to bring them in main streams and enlighten them.

#### MISSION

Empowerment of the poorest of the poor to establish equity, inclusive growth & progressive society based on the pillars of decentralization, participation, social peace & universal brotherhood.

#### OBJECTIVE

- ◆ To enhance awareness level and build capacity of society so that people can identify their needs and solve the issues and facilitate rural reconstruction through the efforts of community
- ◆ To main stream deprived vulnerable excluded group of the society.
- ◆ To promote gender equity based developed society.
- ◆ To develop skills among youths for self-employment
- ◆ To promote and do advocacy for the concerns and rights of children and women
- ◆ To promote for optimal utilization of locally available resources for sustainable development
- ◆ To develop skills among youths for self-employment
- ◆ To developed people's capacity to ensure food security and sustainable livelihood.
- ◆ To encourage people to participate in local governance, not just as representatives but also accountable for the Govt. services and development schemes.
- ◆ To establish alliances between people's group, the Govt. & Development agencies with a view to rural reconstruction.

## Recognition

- Gram Jyoti is a member of several network and alliance to promote development initiative
- Working as member of Jharkhand state sanitation mission program

## Award

- NIRMAL GRAM AWARD by the Honorable president of India for the wonderful work on sanitation,
- Jal Star award by the DanikBhaskar news media team for the Noble work on water conservation
- Various endorsement letters by the commissioner, deputy commissioner and other Govt. officer for the satisfactory work on development issue

## Thematic area

Our expertise theme during the reporting year 2018-2019

Livelihood Promotion through

- Women empowerment
- Sustainable agriculture Development
- Land & water Intervention

Community Health Development Through

- Safe Drinking water,
- sanitation and Hygiene,

Non-Formal Education

Protection of child rights

Environment Development through

- Alternative source of energy development like smokeless oven, Gobar gas
- Orchard and wood plantation

Promotion of Rural Housing

## GLIMPSES OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-19

<p><b>8Nos project handled during the year and covered 634villages of Pakur, Dumka, and Deoghardistrict</b></p>
<p><b>1.The Aangan Trust</b>-Implementing Aangan's prevention model in Pakur District, Jharkhand.</p>
<p><b>2.Childline</b> - Working in Deoghar as Nodal agency to cover entire district with the support of 2 Collaborating Agency- NEEDs &amp; YAM India</p>
<p><b>3."Swachha Vidyalaya SwachhaAadat"</b> Geographical coverage-52 villages of Pakur district and 52 villages of Dumka district of Jharkhand state.</p>
<p><b>4.DWSM- Deoghar, Pakur</b> Dissemination information, education, and communication in 240 villages community on</p>

construction and use of toilet through street play, drawing competition, triggering process

**5. Tribal development** through Water harvesting, storage and land development, coverage 13 villages in Sikaripara block of Dumka district by **ITDA , Dumka**

**6. Sustainable sanitation** development through supporting individual household as a loan money for constructing IHHLs by **NABARD**

**7. Running 10 creche centers** at Deoghar and Mohanpur blocks of Deoghar District.

## HEALTH, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE PROGRAM

### DISTRICT WATER AND SANITATION MISSION-DEOGHAR

Gram Jyoti organized following key capacity building program-

- State level Menstrual Hygiene Management workshops: A 5-day MHM workshop with district level WASH, health, education and rural development practitioners and trainers. Participants include district level functionaries, as well as front line workers, teachers, Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers, and ANMs. The objective of the workshop is to develop acadre of trainers who can break the silence on menstruation in their communities.
- WASH Jhanki presented on Republic Day
- Jal Sahiya on ODF plus program for creating of ODF village with sustainable basis
- Conducted workshop at Panchayat, Block and District level official on ODF process
- Training to 100 master trainers of govt officials like Anganwadi CDPO, supervisor, Education officer on MHM
- IEC activities and awareness creation program on ODF in Sarath, Deoghar and Devipur block
- Conducted Sanitation survey
- Conducted water quality test in 104 villages and school drinking water sources
- Construction of 84 portable Hand wash unit, 104 compost pit, 104 dry solid waste pit, 20dustbins round shape,16 soak pit,5 CWSN toilets,19 water lifting device, 20 permanent Hand wash station, 20 toilet urinal repair,14 waste water management,14 hand pump platform restoration and 19 incinerators.

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ladder. The need for improved WASH in schools is being increasingly recognized by stakeholders, with SDG targets being established, and more rigorous monitoring tools being rolled out.

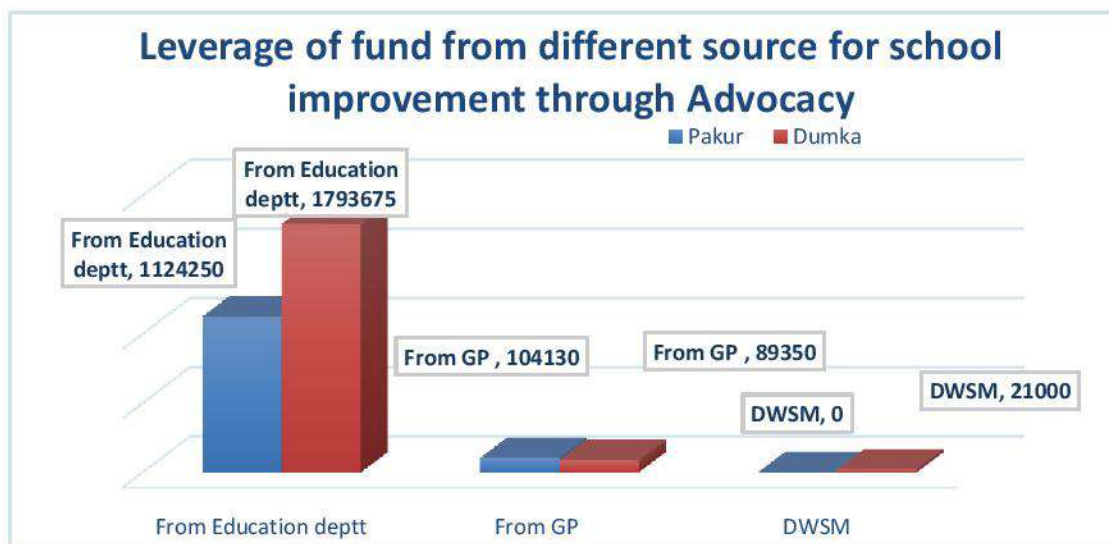
## SWACCH VIDYALAYA, SWACCH AADAT (CLEAN SCHOOL ,GOOD HABIT)

### Achievements

1. The project leveraged Rs. 3132405.00 in the reporting year to plug essential infrastructure gaps in WASH in schools in both the districts.
2. WaterAid identified as an expert in WASH sector. WaterAid's partner identified by Government of Jharkhand as training resource organization for training of SMC on WASH in Dumka and Pakur
3. SMC federations constituted at cluster and block levels were effectively involved in advocating for WASH needs in intervention schools.
4. Nutrition garden developed in intervention schools as a way to use waste water from hand washing units.
5. 634 teachers trained on WASH from Y-2 Schools. 221 teachers from Y-1 Schools provided refresher training.
6. 2127 student leaders and child cabinet members trained on WASH aspects
7. 420 infrastructure units completed during Y2 (206 units in Dumka and 214 in Pakur)
8. 7479 students received complete six key hygiene messages in schools.
9. MHM sessions benefited 2271 adolescent girls, who gained knowledge on safe hygiene practices during menstruation and its safe disposal.
10. 104 WASH improvement plans are prepared and will submit to state education with details estimation for renovation and new WASH infrastructure.
11. 722 SMC were trained on their role and responsibility and on preparation of school development plan incorporating WASH.

### Engagement with Government

In the reporting period, Gram Jyoti made efforts to reach out to the government top-brass advocating for collaborative efforts to identify and address gaps in school WASH infrastructure in the intervention districts, Dumka and Pakur.



## CAPACITY BUILDING AND CHANGE IN HYGIENE BEHAVIOR

Conducted a series of capacity building programs on WASH cutting across of all stakeholders (Teachers, Students, PRIs, & Community). All these trainings sensitized the participants and brought massive changes.



As an impact no. of sanitation users increased by 16680, 9588 individuals got access to safe drinking water, and 24821 individuals change their behavior towards WASH in-terms of Hand Washing at critical times, MHM etc.



Models have been constructed which brought a revaluation in the mindset of Teacher, Community and Govt. in-terms of WASH. New structures have come up through leveraging and advocacy.



Now, teachers have become ambassadors for promotion of WASH messages. Unlike previous scenario now, they take hygiene classes regularly using a specific module book on WASH.



Apart from this various special day's celebrated also heightened awareness on WASH issues both among children and adults. Through these special programs, communities become aware on the WASH related issue. There were conducted many events among the community through children i.e.

A 7-day campaign, from Children Day (14 November) to World Toilet Day (19 November), in both Dumka and Pakur was conducted in the reporting period. In this campaign students in every intervention school participated in drawing, speech, debate and slogan competitions on WASH and hygiene theme. The project volunteers and teachers facilitated student led songs, plays, games and hygiene demonstrations in schools. Other activities included student oath on improved hygiene practices, a signature campaign, "Mobile SwachhataRath & Exhibition" to improve awareness among students and community members on WASH.



World Water Day: On 22nd March "World Water Day" was celebrated in Pakur district. There were more than 20 community level observation meetings conducted in 20 villages of 4 GPs. The students were sensitized to keep the water source clean and sustainable, importance of water, judicious use and safe handling of water etc.





On 5 June 2018, World Environment Day was observed at Raneshawar and Maheshpur blocks where school children took part in rally, meetings and plantation programme, etc. During the occasion students were sensitized on best utilization of water and managing wastewater for watering the plants inside the campus and encouraged to develop nutritional garden in the schools.



Global Hand WASH Day: On Global Hand WASH Day, WASH Ambassador members and Child cabinet members conducted special hand wash sessions in schools and among community members. This event was facilitated by SMC Members and Teachers. There was an impact as the students oriented the community people on importance of hand WASH by demonstrating steps of hand washing. A collective hand washing exercise was conducted in the community. Large number of people participated in this event.



World Disability Day On 3rd December, on the eve of world disability Day, student and SMC led a campaign in Pakur and Dumka. In this campaign a number of Children with Special Needs participated. The discussion was held on the problem that a person with disability or a child with disability generally suffers while accessing the WASH facilities. Also people discussed on the scope and opportunities available in terms of different schemes and programmes for these targeted people. The events were observed in two places at Pakuriya Block Resource Centre & at Maheshpur Block Resource Centers.



## PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHT



**Movement of rescued children** -42 children were rescued from railway stations and other different parts received from field NGOs (64 children), other local NGO shelter homes (50 children) and Govt. Children Homes (108 children). 156 children were handed over to family at the platform at which the children were found. The total rescued children included 58 girls. Many activities have been done during the year for success of the program i.e. CAB meeting 01, Coordinator Meeting 08, Director Meeting 02, Resource organization meeting 01, Training collab 01, Outreach 5388 in (Hrs.), Open house 12, School visit 220 etc.



Other than Govt. authorities, vendors, coolies and general public also help GJ at the platform. GJ remains grateful to each one of them for their support in helping the needy children.

GJ shelters- GJ shelters are temporary in nature only for 24 hours. The shelter in-charges ensure that the shelters are clean, have a healthy atmosphere and exhibit patience to deal with unruly children who have been in difficult situations

90% of children stayed at GJ shelter for a maximum of 24 hours. 7% children stayed for 1 to 4 days, 2% stayed for 5-7 days, 1% for 8-20 days.

### Guidance, Motivation and Counselling of Children

Among the rescued runaway children, major reasons for children to leave their homes include,

- Work related - ran away from workplace,
- City Attraction - ran away to explore new cities,
- Family issues - dysfunctional families, separated parents, etc.,
- Education related problems - disinterested in studies, attending tuitions.
- Trafficking

### Child Right Protection through community safety group activities at Maheshpur of Pakur district



Approximately 40% of the total population i.e. around 440 million is children in India with some of the dazzling realities like the highest rate of neo-natal deaths (around 35%) in the world, 40% of child malnutrition, 50% of the child mortality and reducing number of girls in 0-6 age group, 46% children from ST and 38% SC out of school, high rate of child marriage and a large number of child laborers. It has large number of sexually abused children.

**Target Group-** out of school/unsupervised, high risk of marriage /married, working children, at risk of trafficking, missing/runaway/kidnapped/lost, neglect, abuse, violence children of Maheshpur block of Pakur District

In this regard, following **keyresults** have been recorded in the project area

# of safety hub established in schools: <b>236</b>
# of community volunteers trained on child protection work: <b>658</b>
# of children attending safety session: <b>9720</b>
# of families identified: <b>5673</b>
# of Officials attended meetings on child protection: <b>297</b>
# of Families accessed schemes and services to strengthen child safety: <b>1086</b>
# of Children reached through family strengthening: <b>2957</b>



## ADVOCACY, NETWORKING & GOVERNANCE

Childline 1098, covers all children need of help, support and caring through countrywide emergency toll free helpline 1098- Empowered community to safe their ward from abuse and exploitation, domestic violence, end of child marriage andrescue – children



Advocacy on child protection, improved sanitation, sexual reproductive health, and people with disabilities were undertaken at state level for improving their status in the community.

GRAM JYOTI continued to provide support for community water safety planning, the mitigation of water contamination, and the development of systems to help communities and institutions reach the new 'safely managed drinking water' rung of the SDG water ladder. The need for improved WASH in schools is being increasingly recognized by stakeholders, with SDG targets being established, and more rigorous monitoring tools being rolled out. An increasing number of schools have adopted policies and programmes for menstrual hygiene management (MHM) in schools, as well as promoting more effective ways to encourage handwashing with soap. In addition to improving water and sanitation, and promoting better hygiene in mid-day meal facilities and installed Mini Water Supply System (MWSS).



## CASE STUDY

### BEHAVIOR CHANGE COMMUNICATION MAY PAVE THE PATH TOWARDS "MUKHYA MANTRI SWACHH VIDYALYAPURASKAR"

This is from Rajakiya Madhya Vidyalaya Ranibahal of Dumka Block in Dumka district. In all 327 students are enrolled in this institution. According to Mr. Ratan Ozha, HM- Rajakiya Madhya Vidyalaya Ranibahal, till 2017-18 the institution was deprived of many basic facilities. As a result, the many boys were used to urinate outside, hardly any student were used to access toilets, a sizeable number of students were not used to wash hands at critical times. Lack of awareness amongst the students on WASH was one of the reasons for this severe situation on WASH. During 2018-19 "Swachh Vidyalaya, Swachh Aadat" entered in the school. At first, they trained Child Cabinet Members & WASH Ambassadors on WASH using a Hygiene Module. The teachers also have been oriented on WASH. All these have brought a remarkable change in behavioral pattern amongst the students. Now, teachers as well as students do not wait for Program Staff to come. Using Hygiene Module, they take classes regularly following a schedule. The Hygiene Module has become so popular that the students sometimes read the module even during recess time in small groups. According to Mr. Samir Pal, President – SMC, Ranibahal school is totally changed now. Here now, all wash hands at critical times with soap. If any student fail to wash hands at critical times with soap and get caught, as punishment he has to bring two soaps next day and those soaps become asset of "Soap Bank" which is maintained by the students. This rule has been laid by the Child Cabinet itself. Proud Mrs. Babita Singh, a teacher of the school, also added that Rajakiya Madhya Vidyalaya Ranibahal is fully WASH secured now. "Swachh Vidyalaya, Swachh Aadat" program along with new constructions like Incinerator, CWSN Toilet etc. also could orient students towards good practices on WASH. She is confident enough that next year Rajakiya Madhya Vidyalaya Ranibahal will get "MukhyaMantry Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar".



## JHARKHAND GOVT. HONORED U.M.S. ENGLISHPARA



If you are determined, you can. U.M.S. Englishpara of Maheshpur Block in Pakur district proves it. On 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 Govt. of Jharkhand awarded “MukhyaMantry Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar” to U.M.S. Englishpara of Maheshpur Block in Pakur district. The dream comes true when Mr. Suraj Shekh, President- SMC-U.M.S. Englishpara, received award from Mrs. Nira Yadav, Minister of Education – Govt. of Jharkhand.

The path was not so easy. Mr. Suraj Shek recalls his school days when he was a student. Mr. AbbuBakkar, the then Head Master of the school, was used give his full effort. Still as a whole the school was in a horrible state. Since then a lot of changes have come. By a special effort in last 2-3 years a number of structures especially on WASH have come up. With the efforts of government as well as non-government initiatives (like “Swachh Vidyalaya, Swachh Aaddatt “- a joint initiative of NSE, WAI & Gram Jyoti) the facilities for quality toilets & urinals, incinerators, hand wash unit, CWSN toilet, Force & Lift Pump for safe drinking water etc. have been renovated or constructed.

Even after these key achievements the management failed to create a WASH Secure Environment in school campus. U.M.S. Englishpara does not have a boundary wall as a result a handful of troublemakers often break the taps of hand wash or make toilets & urinals dirty during non school hours, interfere during academic sessions etc. At that junction SMC could realize that the need of the hour would be to construct a boundary wall.

SMC of Englishpara did not sit idle. In the month of June,2017 the issue of boundary wall was discussed and the meeting resolved that they would meet Gram Panchayat Chief and request her to construct a boundary wall of the school from her fund especially the fund received from 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission. They approached Gram Panchayat Chief. However, the path was not so rosy and as usual she did not respond properly. Even after this SMC Englishpara did not lose heart and began initial measurement & planning exercise with community support.



Along with this they also approached Village Panchayat Chief & SSA repeatedly and tried to convince the key decision makers, moved application to B.D.O., organized community meetings etc. As an outcome initially an amount of Rs. 20000 was approved by SSA for the purpose. With this limited resource only courageous SMC began construction work.

Then the collective pressure of SMC & community compelled GP Mukhiya to include this discussion point in agenda of open meeting at Gram Sabha. Ultimately an amount Rs. 64000 has been granted from 14<sup>th</sup> Finance for this purpose. Using this finance, a boundary wall and an iron gate at the front have been constructed.

In



the words of Ms. Sababa Khatun, Prime Minister – Child cabinet - Englishpara “We have CWSN Toilet, Incinerator, WASH Unit, Force & Lift Pump connected to Hand Wash Unit, dustbins for garbage disposal, and separate dustbins for dry & wet wastes in our school. All these assets are now protected by a boundary wall. So, we feel that we are number one in Maheshpur Block.

In the words of Mr. Arvind Yadav, HM-Englishpara, “Now, I am assured that WASH structures like toilets, incinerator, CWSN toilet, Hand wash units are protected in my school. Now, 447 students can use these properly. Thanks to Mr. Suraj and SMC who have been taken initiative and constructed boundary wall. I feel in Maheshpur except KastubaVidyallaya no other education institution has such a well-protected environment from all angle. This success could be achieved mainly because of strong will power and commitment of SMC.”

Mr. Suraj does not want to stop here. He and like-minded other SMC Members of Maheshpur has formed a SMC Federation (i.e. a collective forum of SMCs from where SMCs would be able to put their voice to the authorities in a more effective fashion). This type off federation is a unique one at least in Santhal Pargana Region.