

## Ministry Panchayati Raj

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is responsible for the work of advocacy, monitoring and implementation of Constitution 73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment. The role of the MoPR involves strengthening the administrative infrastructure, basic services etc. by leveraging technology and capacity building of the functionaries of Rural Local Body (RLB). Ministry's roadmap to realise the above objective is through three pillars:

- Provision of basic services through the Finance Commission Funding,
- Capacity building of RLBs through Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) and
- Convergent & holistic planning through inclusive & participatory process through Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) and advocacy work

### Summary on Major achievements, significant developments and important events of MoPR for the month of November, 2019

1. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is mandated to recommend release of Fourteenth Finance Commission (FFC) grants to Rural Local Bodies, as per decision taken by Ministry of Finance (MoF). Accordingly, during the month, MoPR has recommended to MoF for release of 1st instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.707.945 crore to Chhattisgarh and 2nd instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.254.155 crore to Uttarkhand for FY 2019-20 and 2nd instalment of Basic Grant of Rs.1165.665 crore to Gujarat, Rs.2029.775 crore to Maharashtra and Rs.20.045 crore to Sikkim for FY 2019-20.

2. The total allocation and release of Basic Grant and Performance Grant under the FFC award as on 30.11.2019 is detailed below:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Year	Basic Grant		Performance Grant	
		Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release
1.	2015-16	21624.46	21510.46	--	--
2.	2016-17	29942.87	29718.76	3927.65	3499.45
3.	2017-18	34596.26	33575.12	4444.71	1943.55
4.	2018-19	40021.63	37897.41	5047.53	--
5.	2019-20	54077.80	43736.08	6609.33	--
	<b>Total</b>	<b>180263.02</b>	<b>166437.83</b>	<b>20029.22</b>	<b>5443.00</b>

3. During the month, the Ministry has formulated guidelines for conducting social audits of activities/ works undertaken with FFC Grants. A brochure on the same was released by the Hon'ble Minister of State, Rural Development during the National Seminar on Social Audit of Rural Development Programmes held at Vigyan Bhawan on 13th -14th November, 2019.

4. Under the scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA), funds to the tune of Rs.212.33 crore were released to the States of Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, J&K, Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh as per the Annual Action Plan (AAP) approved by Central Empowered Committee (CEC) for the year 2019-20 in the month of November, 2019.

5. A two days workshop on "Economic & Social Transformation through GPDP in PESA States" was organized at Raipur on 22nd & 23rd November, 2019. The main objective of the

workshop was preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) in PESA areas of various States on convergence and collective action.

6. The meeting of CEC under the chairmanship of Secretary, MoPR was held on 27th November, 2019 to consider Supplementary proposals in respect of 22 States/UTs and other issues under the scheme of RGSA. The Committee considered the proposals and approved them with certain modifications.

7. During the National Panchayat Awards 2019 function held on 23.10.2019 at New Delhi, awards to 246 Panchayats/States/UTs were conferred under the Incentivization of Panchayats (a Central Component of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan scheme). As on period ending November 2019, an expenditure of Rs.5.52 crore has been incurred towards the release of award money to Panchayats and other related activities.

8. As a measure towards augmenting transparency and accountability in management of finances available to Panchayats from various sources, MoPR has been rigorously pursuing the States for adoption of Public Financial Management System (PFMS). In this regard, the Ministry has been pursuing the States for closure of account on PRIASoft as well as for GP registration on PFMS. For the year 2018-19, 87% of Gram Panchayats have closed day book and month books and around 82% of Gram Panchayats have closed their year books. 98% of the Gram Panchayats have been mapped with LGD codes on PFMS. Furthermore, 1,04,973 Gram Panchayats have onboarded PRIASoft-PFMS interface.

9. The Fit India Movement has been launched nationwide to inculcate physical activity/sports into daily life of citizens. The States/UTs Panchayati Raj Departments were requested to organize the ‘Plogging’ runs in all the Panchayats on 2nd October, 2019. The States have also been requested to include the following activities in the Plan of Fit India Movement.

- Designation of a Ward member/ Panch of Gram Panchayats as “Grameen Sports & Fitness Coordinator”.
- Discussion of the “Fit India Movement” in Gram Sabha meetings.
- Inclusion of activities/ annual plan pertaining to Fit India Movement in the Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDPs) so that these are implemented and monitored.
- Conducting the Village Runs under the banner of “Great Village Run or Grameen Maha Daur”.
- Identification of Suitable playing fields in the Gram Panchayats and taking up their maintenance/ development through the Fourteenth Finance Commission funding available with Gram Panchayats.

10. People’s Plan Campaign (PPC) was rolled out from 2nd October, 2019 to 31st December, 2019 for preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for the next financial year i.e. 2020-21 in structured Gram Sabhas. The Consolidated Status of PPC as on December 17, 2019 was as under:

S. No.	Items	Number
	Total GPS/Traditional bodies (Source: LGD)	269118
<b>A</b>	<b>Facilitators Data</b>	
	GPs with Facilitators appointed (N)	245415

	% of GPs with Facilitators appointed/assigned (N/L)	91%
<b>B</b>	<b>Mission Antyodaya Data</b>	
	GPs that have uploaded MA data - Total (P)	200832
	% uploaded (P/L)	74.6
<b>C</b>	<b>Gram Sabha Data</b>	
	GS Scheduled	222527
	GS Scheduled %	82.7
	GS Held	212478
	GS Held %	79
<b>D</b>	<b>facilitator's feedback report</b>	108865
	facilitator's feedback report %	40.5
E	GPDP Approved as per facilitator's feedback	104207
	GPDP Approved as per facilitator's feedback*%	38.7
F	GPDP uploaded on PlanPlus*	51833
	GPDP uploaded on PlanPlus* %	19.3
G	GPs with PIB images*	111974
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11. A nationwide campaign on Constitution and Fundamental Duties was launched from 26th November 2019 to 14th April 2020 for giving wide publicity to Fundamental Duties to every rural Indian. It was decided that the 31 Lakh elected representatives of Panchayats and 6.3 Crore women under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) would provide leadership for a mass Campaign on making citizens aware of their Fundamental Duties. In this context, Ministry of Panchayati Raj is facilitating the publicity and awareness campaign through short films on fundamental duties. These are to be shared with all the elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), members of DAY-NRLM etc. The films are now ready to be shared with the States.

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