

Name of the Gram Panchayat	Illambazar
Name of the State	West Bengal
Theme	(Women and child development) Child Friendly

Illambazar Gram Panchayat has taken many initiatives for ensuring safeguard of their GP children. As a local Government, GP Illambazar has played a key role to develop and protect children in every sphere. The GP has ensured community participation including child participation

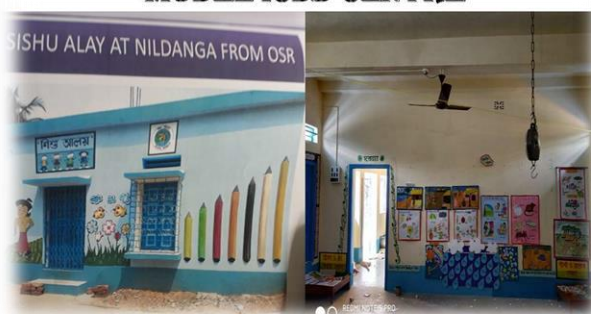


through vibrant Para Baithak, Gram Sansad Sabhas and Gram Sabha meetings. In FY 2018-19 Illambazar undertook many effective steps based on local situation and in tune with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). GP Illambazar belongs to Illambazar block of Birbhum district. It has area of 18 Sq. kilometres and 32142 population. It consists of 23 Gram Sansads (wards), 38 villages including 3 backward villages. Total Households in the GP Illambazar are 7635.

For social, political, environmental, technological growth & development issues, GP Illambazar prepares every year Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) through participatory process. The GP conducts the planning process by engaging local people participation for holistic rural development approaches, brings out people needs & priorities and incorporates them in to plans by converging all the available schemes and resources effectively. Provide for convergence and integration of different schemes /departments/ sectors. Other than sub-committee, all the committee like SHG, VHSNCs, VLCPC are functional.

Illambazar GP has set up model ICDS centre name as **SishuAloy** for better improvement of Child Health. Food, pre-school education, primary healthcare, immunization, health check-up and referral services to children under 6 years of age and their mothers are being provided under

MODEL ICDS CENTRE



Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme. GP Illambazar constructed **Children parks** at the school grounds **as well as in the panchayat area** to ensure their healthy life of the children.

Different types of **health awareness camps** have been organised for children, adolescent boys and girls as per requirements of their age group during **Gram Sabha**. GP has been capable of sensitize 92% of schoolgirls on the use of hygienic sanitary pads during menstruation.

To **protect the child rights**, all child rights related awareness camps have been organised at the panchayat office and schools. Discussion on child rights issues have been conducted at Gram Sabhas and Gram Sansads. Ensuring child rights and protection is a major agenda of discussion in all panchayat meetings. Rallies have been organised by the children on health, sanitation, child rights, nutrition and to stop child marriage and child trafficking etc. issues. The Child Protection Committee and Children groups of GP Illambazar have managed to end the social evil of child marriage.

GP Illambazar has initiated several sports events and recreational events like Yoga days so as to hold a certain degree of fitness within the youngsters of GPs. Football team of boys and girls have been made to bring equality and reduce gender based discriminates etc. Activities in school premises and related to improvement of sports is always being recommended by these groups.



Special Gram Sabha meetings for child friendly activity were organised in October 2019. Child Development activity list was Published & discussed in Gram Sabha meeting in December 2019 at the time of implementation priority for Child Development activities. 718 SHGs (SGSY Groups-682 & SHGs run through NGO-36) were involved in Gram Panchayat development planning process SHG Members distributed leaflets for reducing children dropout. Food & Nutrition providing nutritious food for children suffering from mal-nutrition and TB Patient. Better quality of food in Mid-day meal in ICDS centres and demand for vocational training for rural youth. Gram Panchayat prepares proper child development plan as part of GPDP. Block Administration monitoring every month for child development activity properly maintained.

People also involve own fund plan preparation stage and try to incorporate their demand or needs. They also evaluate the own fund expenses such as: distribution of books to poor students, distribution of nutritious food to children suffering for malnutrition, and TB patients. Arrangement of lights and fans in health centres Monitoring registration of pregnant women in Health Sub Centre. Significant Support & participation received from local Clubs, NGO, Renowned person to motivate people in giving support for child friendly activity within area & support for decrease dropout rate.

To **ensure nutrition security** of the children, mid-day meal programmes in the schools have been observed. All children born inside the Gram Panchayat jurisdiction were immunized. All 47 Anganwari Centres had been open on mandated number of days with all infrastructure required **Child friendly corner** has also been made in the panchayat office where any child can enjoy their own time. GP office itself is a model for creating child friendly environment in office infrastructure. GP office has separate room for lactating mothers and their child, which is being used by the GP members and visitors.

Education is powerful for child development. 100% enrolment is every year targeted by panchayat and they achieve this target every year. Essential books have been distributed from panchayats every year to needy poor students. There has been no case of school students who have dropped



out throughout the duration 2018-19. Maximum of children under GP Illam bazar has effectively migrated from lower primary to upper primary.

Special emphasis given by the panchayat **to stop school dropout and child labour** cases in the panchayat areas. Gram Panchayat also constructed separate **free coaching centre** for needed children. Gram Panchayat has various initiatives (mike announcements, poster, leaflet Distribution etc) for awareness generation among the citizens. Government schools were facing decrease in child enrolment due to recent trend to child enrolment in English medium school. Elected members discussed this matter in the gram sabha meetings and motivated parents. The GP was not able to rejuvenate the old structure of some anganwadi centres and schools due to non-availability of funds. Gram panchayat prepared an effective plan to improve this infrastructure by using own fund.

GP Illam bazar realized that continuous efforts of the elected representatives & employees for improvement of child development is a necessary requisite People participation including child participation and awareness programme are best techniques to achieve the goal in this direction.

Gram Panchayat is determined to progress in developing model ICDS Centres and child Friendly Park, Eco- Park, Free Coaching Centre, Solar Light in every Roads, Running Pipeline Water system through utilization of its Own Fund (OSR).