

## Initiative of Kisanpur Amkhoriya Advocacy group to resolve its drainage problem

The road connecting to main road from Ward no. 2 and Ward no. 3 of Amkhoriya village in Kisanpur-Amkhoriya panchayat has been submerged under water for the past 5 years. Submergence of water on that road not only happens in rainy season but throughout the year. The villagers were facing a lot of problems in terms of commutation and the children were not able to access their schools.

Our FLW, Mr. Birender Kr. Singh once raised this issue in the advocacy group meeting. Advocacy group treated this as a serious issue and decided to act together on this matter. Mukhiya of the village, Rajesh Yadav, was made aware about the situation and need of making a drain was explained. Understanding the seriousness of the situation as explained by the advocacy group members, Mukhiya assured that a drain will be constructed very soon but the main cause of hindrance was absence of a water outlet. The advocacy group made him realize the gravity of the situation and finally Mukhiya agreed to use the courtyard in his house for the drain pipe outlet

The Mukhiya reshuffled his available allocated funds and put the construction of drain on priority. The advocacy group from time to time met the Mukhiya of the village to know about the progress of construction of drain. The Mukhiya also told the members of the group to monitor the process of drain construction. Hence within 2 and half months, the drain construction was completed and now there is proper channel for water exit in that village road (see the photographs on right side).

The villagers are extremely happy about this self-initiative. Credit goes to the advocacy group members who took the issue seriously and showed an extremely good example of community ownership.



*The newly construed drain in Kisanpur Amkhoriya Panchayat*

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## Scheme wise beneficiary coverage: Jun 2014-Dec 2015

Program/Scheme	Category	Total People Benefitted
Pensions (Old Age/Widow/Disabled)	Social Security	1264
Janani Suraksha Yojana	Health	695
Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan - Universalisation of Toilets	Sanitation	523

## News Feed

**'Bhartiya Krishi Bima Yojana', for farmers,** aims to cover about 50 per cent of farmers in the next two-three years. The average premium rate for farmers under the new scheme will be a maximum of 2.5 per cent of the sum insured. Assessment of farms for calamities such as hailstorm and unseasonal rains would be done to ensure that each individual farmer gets an insurance, even if the damage is highly localised. The claims have to be mandatorily settled within 30-45 days of damage assessment and pictures taken through mobiles of the crop cutting would be considered as valid proof of loss. (Source: Business Standard)

**Bihar government plans on launching student loan scheme to finalise the parameters of its Student credit card (SSC).** The scheme aims to provide up to Rs. 4 lakh loan at subsidized interest rates to pursue studies after class 12th. The government has planned to set up registration centres at district level to collect applications from students who want to be covered under the SCC scheme (Source: The Times of India, Patna city)

# VSS training on School Development Plan(SDP)

As per as the mandate of Right to Education act 2009, every school is required to have a School Management Committee (SMC) to manage, support and monitor proper functioning of the schools and to ensure that schools are meeting the standards as per the RTE guidelines. Every SMC is required to develop an annual School Development Plan (SDP), which is a comprehensive document covering each and every aspect of school related to its proper functioning, physical infrastructure,

access and coverage. In Bihar, SMC is known as Vidyalaya Shiksha Samiti (VSS). Seventy five percent of the VSS members are parents of the children attending schools and rest of the members are teachers and PRI representatives.

Through interactions and discussions with the VSS members, it was observed by the AIPAD team that VSS though formed, was not functional and members were not fully aware about their roles and responsibilities. There was a major skill gap existing within and over dependency of the VSS members on government school teachers to prepare School Development Plan (SDP) was, making it a one sided process. Therefore to address this existing skill gap within VSS members, one day training was organized by AIPAD on 13 th of December 2015 at D.I.E.T. Bhawan, Bhagalpur. The training programme was inaugurated by D.E.O. and Principal of D.I.E.T., Bhagalpur. More than 80 Principals and VSS members participated in the training.

The District Education Officer gave an introduction of SMC. He said, "School Management Committee and it's plan should be based on the four areas namely, Access & Infrastructural development, Equity, Quality and Community participation".

The Principal of D.I.E.T. pointed that "the plan should focus on the standards prescribed in the schedule of RTE Act, 2009 and lay emphasis on the gaps in school physical facilities under SSA / other Govt. Schemes and funds should be available through community participation. . He also pointed out that **-The role of SMC is to manage, monitor and support a school in its functioning**, and to ensure that it is meeting requirements as outlined under the RTE Act.

**Every School Development Plan (SDP)** has to cover the following areas:

- **School access** – Is the school within 1km (for Primary) and 3km (for Upper Primary) of all elementary-aged children in the community?
- **School coverage** – Are all children aged 6-14 in the community in school?
- **Physical infrastructure** – Does the school have appropriate infrastructure (including well-lit classrooms, a Mid-Day Meal preparation room, separate toilets for girls and boys and learning resources) to ensure it can function effectively?

## Stakeholder's Speak

“ I m Sunaina Devi, a resident of Salehpur village. I m 40 years old and have 4 children. My husband died of heart attack and was a labour. After his death, my family faced a lot of financial problems. I was compelled to withdraw my children from school. I got to know about Rashtriya Parivarik Labh Yojana by attending AIPAD awareness meeting and that I was eligible to avail this scheme. With the help of AIPAD team, I was able to submit my documents at the RTGS counter and within 30 days, I got 20,000, the allocated money in my bank account. I m using this amount for educating my children and providing them food and basic needs.”

- Rashtriya Parivarikh Labh Yojana

“ I m Savita Devi, a resident of village Jhukusiya. My family is very poor. And we were not having any information about the government schemes. Once I attended the community meeting organised by the AIPAD team in my village, there I got to know that I can even avail the benefit of Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vikas Yojana. This scheme is for married women from BPL families and provides monetary assistance. Knowing this, I took full information about how to avail this scheme from the AIPAD team. They helped me in opening a bank account and within 6 months, I got 5000 rupees as part of the scheme.”

- Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah yojana



Principal of DIET addressing the VSS members

- **Teachers** – Are there enough teachers to meet the RTE ratio of 1:30-35 and have the teachers received training?

At the end of the session, all participants were divided in four groups to present their views on the role and function of S.M.C.



**Main Conclusions :****Role and functions of School Management Committee**

- SMC shall consist of 15 members out of which 11 shall be from among parents, guardian of children; provided that 50 % of members shall be women. 4 members shall be Ward members, ANM, Lekhpal and Head Master of school
- SMC shall meet once in a month and minutes to be recorded and made available to the public
- SMC shall monitor the functioning of school, prepare and recommend School Development Plan
- Monitor the utilization of grants received from State Government or local authority
- Ensure the enrolment and continued attendance of all the children from the neighbourhood
- Bring to the notice of the local authorities any deviation from the rights of the child, in particular mental and physical harassment of children, denial of admission, and timely provision of free entitlement
- Where a child above of six years has not been admitted in any school, for his/her age appropriate learning level, identify the needs, prepare a plan, and monitor the implementation of the special training
- Monitor the implementation of the Mid Day Meal programme in the school and ensure its enrichment
- Monitor the receipts and expenditure of the school
- Monitor the identification and enrolment of and facilities for education of children with disabilities, and ensure completion of elementary education
- The school management committee shall prepare a school development plan at least three months before the end of the financial year
- The school development plan shall be a three year plan comprising three year sub plans
- The school development plan shall be signed by the Chairperson or the Vice-chairperson and Member secretary of the school management committee and submit to the authorities concerned before the end of the financial year in which it is to be prepared.

## Energy access survey for piloting renewable energy in Bhagalpur

The Climate Group and Khemka Foundation & Nidan collaborated and entered in to a partnership in order to achieve the objective of piloting a renewable energy access program for productive use of energy. The motto behind the tie up was to conduct base line assessment and develop appropriate program design towards a comprehensive renewable energy access program of commercial scale that will enhance local productivity and thus quality of life in Bhagalpur district, Bihar. Our understanding during the course of AIPAD work also brought forth the problem faced by the weaver community and farmers, as the quality of energy being supplied to them was directly affecting their livelihood. Therefore, a team from the climate Group came down to do a baseline survey for a project called "Renewable energy". They surveyed the operating panchayats of Shakhkund, namely Kisanpur-Amkhoriya, Sajour, Jagariya and Kasba Kerahi. It was found out that shortage of electricity is a persistent problem hampering the development of these panchayats. All these 4 panchayats are agriculture areas and shortage of water is affecting their agricultural productivity to a great extent. Those who are rich, they manage to do irrigation by diesel motors, but it costs them a huge amount of money. There is no provision for electric motors as supply of electricity is less than 8 hours a day. Earlier these panchayats were having ice making plants, milk dairies, timber factories etc. but now many of them got shut down due to shortage of electricity. Kisanpur-Amkhoriya and Sajour panchayats are famous for weaving of Bhagalpuri silk. Therefore, Livelihood of people in these panchayats is based on weaving. But unfortunately these weavers still use handloom for weaving instead of power looms and the reason for this is shortage of electricity. Hence electricity shortage is one of the major reasons affecting the livelihood growth of the people residing in these panchayats.

The survey was basically done in 3 different ways. A special agency named "Seventh Even" was assigned to carry out the quantitative data collection from all these 4 panchayats. A sample population was set to do the data collection. In

another phase, team from Climate change group and experts from Kolkata carried out the qualitative phase in form of FGDs in all 4 panchayats with the major stakeholders, who will get involved in this project, to check the feasibility of the project. Detail FGDs were done with the Weavers (in KisanpurAmkhoriya and Sajour panchayats), farmers using motors pumps in agriculture lands, small entrepreneurs in the villages like persons having rice mills and ice factories, Mukhiyas, Ward members, Pramukh of Shakhkund, Circle Officer (CO) of Shakhkund and BDO of Shakhkund. GIS mapping of these 4 panchayats was done to check the geographical feasibility to construct power grid in the respective panchayats.

The thrust of this project was to provide electricity in form of renewable energy to those areas where normal power supply is very short and less than 8 hours. But this electricity will not be given on charity basis, instead on commercial basis with an idea of initiating this project in PPP mode. In PPP mode, a private investor will set up a renewable energy power grid in the panchayat and panchayat will monitor the whole process in form of cost of per unit of electricity like how much electricity will be provided to households etc. Thus, with the help of Climate Change Group, a sound and viable approach to harness energy could be implemented impacting the lives of Bhagalpur people.





## AIPAD Through The Lens



सतर्कता अनुश्रवण समिति की बैठक में आए पांच मामले

## कमेटी बनाकर निपटाएं सभी मामले :डीएम

डीएम ने किया योजना कैलेंडर का विमोचन

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विज्ञान एवं खेलकूद फाउंडेशन की ओर से बुधवार को डीएम कार्यालय में योजना कैलेंडर का विमोचन किया गया। डीएम आदेश तितरमारे के समक्ष 13 तरह से स्वास्थ्य जांच के बारे में बताया गया। इस मौके पर डीडीसी अमित कुमार, श्रीमती सुवर्ण सिंह, अजुज त्रिपाठी, रत्नेश वर्मा, मार्टिन सिंह, वैरुज कुमार आदि मौजूद थे।

डीएम कार्यालय में बुधवार की शाम पांच बजे सतर्कता अनुश्रवण समिति की बैठक की गयी। इस मौके पर सांसद बुल्लो मंडल के प्रतिनिधि दीपक कुमार सिन्हा ने दो मामले को उठाया। जिसमें जगदीशपुर अंचलाधिकारी के नाम विहार सरकार गैर मजदूरी जमीन बंदोबस्ती करने व पचां देने के संबंध में आवेदन दिया गया। इसके अलावा वैजलपुर पंचायत के अमडाड़ में जमीन कब्जा करने की बात कही गयी। विहपुर विधायक वर्षा रानी के प्रतिनिधि विनोद यादव ने कहा कि बैनाडीह में हरिजन की जमीन पर दबंगों द्वारा कब्जा कर फसल काट लिया जाता है। खरीक अनुमंडल के फौजदारी पासवान को भू-हदबंदी कानून के तहत 1976 में जमीन पर कब्जा दिलाया गया था पर अबतक जमीन नहीं मिल सकी है। इस डीएम ने आश्वासन दिया है कि मामले की जांच के लिए टीम गठन कर निष्पादन कराया जाये बैठक में डीडीसी अमित कुमार अपर समाहर्ता, कल्याण पदाधिक अरुण कुमार, सदस्य गोपी दा चुलू जी, एसपी की ओर से डीएसपी, नवगछिया डीएसपी स अन्य अधिकारी मौजूद थे।

बंधुआ मजदूरों को चार सौ रुपये प्रति माह दें पेंशन : बंधुआ मजदूर निगम समिति की बैठक बुधवार को डीएम कार्यालय में की गयी। इस मौके पर डीएम आदेश तितरमारे ने श्रम अधीक्षक को निर्देश दिया है कि वे चार सौ रुपये प्रति माह की दर से पेंशन का भुगतान करें।



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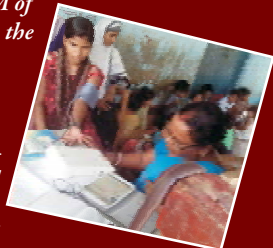
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ANM Anuradha  
Kumari conducting  
ANC in Shabbkund  
Block with the help  
of Swasthya Slate



District Health Society, Bhagalpur organized a workshop on Mother and Child care on 16th January 2016 at Sandis Compound Bhagalpur. The workshop was organized for ASHA, ANMs, AWWs, Health & ICDS officials of district and block level. The core idea behind this workshop was to improve maternal and child health care system/services in Bhagalpur and reduce IMR from 45 to 25 & MMR from 218 to 100 by end of December. DM of Bhagalpur Mr. Aadesh T., DDC of Bhagalpur Mr. Amit Kumar, RAD Health Dr. Omprakash, Civil Surgeon of Bhagalpur district Hospital Dr. Vijay Kumar, SDM Bhagalpur Mr. Kumar Anuj etc. were present in that workshop AIPD team also participated in the workshop on DM's invitation.



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