

# FLAGSHIP PROGRAMME ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PRIs



Venue : Nalanda Open University, Patna

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011

*Organized by:*



**National Institute of Rural Development(NIRD),Hyderabad**

*In Collaboration with:*



**GPSCDMRD**

**Prof. G.P.Sinha Centre For Disaster Management & Rural Development  
Rajendra Nagar, Patna**

## **REPORT ON TRAINING PROGRAMME**

The two organizations – National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad & Prof. G.P.Sinha Centre for Disaster Management & Rural Development, Patna jointly organized the 5-Day training programme in the spacious hall of Nalanda Open University, Biscomaun Bhawan, Patna. The hall has modern sitting arrangement (U shape) with three LCD for viewing of power point presentation for trainees sitting on any side. The tea and lunch were provided to the participants with a view to utilizing maximum time. All the sessions were from 10 am to 5pm. One day was devoted to the field (panchayat) visit.

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011**



### **Speakers:**

**Dr.(Prof.) K. Jayalakshmi, Prof. & Head, Panchayati Raj Centre, NIRD, Hyderabad**

**Mr. Tej Narain Singh, Expert, responsible as advisor to the State Govt. on Panchayati Raj.**

**Dr. (Prof.) R. P. Singh Rahi, Expert, Local Self Govt., & Course Coordinator, Rural Development, Nalanda Open University, Patna**

**Mr. A. K. Sinha, Ex-Executive Director, Inst. of entrepreneurship Development (IED), Bihar**

**Dr. Rajan Sinha, Expert on Disaster Management**

**Mr. Sudhakar Jha, Expert on Rural Development**

Bihar has got the three-tier election completed in May-June itself. A large number of persons have got elected for the first time. It was therefore, the participants were briefed about the development in the Pachayati raj system and arrangement in Bihar. They were also told about the constitutional provisions of local self government concept, 73 & 74<sup>th</sup> amendment and schedule for Panchayats and ULBs. They were also trained to develop entrepreneurial approach in managing the Zila Parishad, Panchayat Samiti or Panchayat. In the concluding session they were briefed about Panchayat' role in Disaster Management.

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November,2011**



**Speakers:**

**Dr. (Prof.) K.Jayalakshmi, Prof. & Head, Panchayati Raj Centre, NIRD, Hyderabad**

**Mr. Ramnandan Prasad, Ex-IAS and Expert on RTI Act. Faculty, BIPARD,GoB.**

**Mr. Upendra Kumar Sinha, Ex-Joint Secretary and DDC, Bihar Government**

**Dr. Rajan Sinha, Expert on Disaster Management**

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The second day's programme started with a slide show on Nirmal Gram brought by NIRD.Each participant was motivated to make such a place in their respective panchayat. They liked it and placed before the participants fact about it. It was a long session. The Panchayats got the feeling of RTI Act and they were told about the different forms and acknowledgements to be followed in course of seeking information from Public Information Officer (PIO),Appellate Authority and State Commission. This day also participants were briefed about social auditing. The Panchayati Raj members were informed that by the amendment in Bihar Panchayati Raj Act the members of PRIs have been declared "PUBLIC SERVANT" and therefore, they are responsible to the public. In the debate that ensued after the lecture several new things surfaced including the necessity of preserving papers due to RTI Act.

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011



**Speakers:**

**Dr. (Prof.) K.Jayalakshmi, Prof. & Head, Panchayati Raj Centre, NIRD, Hyderabad**

**Mr. Tilak Raj Gouri, Financial advisor to Govt. of Bihar**

**Mr. Sashi Bhushan Rai, State Programme Officer, Bihar Education Council**

**Mr. Shargun Prasad, Ex- DDC & Guest Faculty, BIPARD, Govt of Bihar**

**Mr. Surojeet Chandan, Asst. Manager, HRD, Govt. of Bihar**

**Dr. Rajan Sinha, Expert on Disaster Management**

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The participants were briefed on Financial management and accounting in Panchayat. They were told about the latest provisions made ny State Finance Commission.

Then came a long session on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA).The participants very keenly sought information and aptly replied by the official concern. The participants were of the view that involvement of teachers in mid-day meal programme is telling on the quality of education. The MNREGA session was equally popular. The speaker gave out the finer points of this legislation; the participants hotly discussed on it and shared the impediments coming in the way of smooth functioning. The possibility of convergence was also hotly debated in favour of the issue. The last subject to discuss in the concluding session was about "process of decentralized preparation of planning in participatory manner". The participants admitted they were greatly benefited by the presentation.

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2011



**Speakers:**

**Dr. (Prof.) K.Jayalakshmi, Prof. & Head, Panchayati Raj Centre, NIRD, Hyderabad**

**Mr. Jayaprakash Chaudhary, Chairman, Zila Parishad, Vaishali.**

**Mr. Sudhakar Jha, Expert on Rural Development**

**Mr. B.K.Poddar, Expert in Rural Development**

We organized field visit at Mohammadabad Panchayat in Bhagwanpur block in Vaishali district . This panchayat is helped by UNICEF in community planning so their representative besides the Mukhia, Mr Sunil Kumar Singh and Programme Officer. It was a great learning exercise as mukhia informed the convergence of scheme in different programmes,during visit showed the sapplings of fruit bearing plants and functioning of Anganwadi Kendra. He also threw light how he overcome the difficulties in MNREGA and PDS functioning. The participants very much liked that all the information including the physical resources available in panchayat was documented. The participants assured that they would also have similar booklets in their panchayat. The way mukhiya handled entire programme, he amply demonstrated his leadership quality. And therefore, it is not without reason that he is the recipient of President's Medal.

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November,2011



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**Dr. (Prof.) K.Jayalakshmi**, Prof. & Head, Panchayati Raj Centre, NIRD, Hyderabad

**Mr. Tej Narain Singh**, Expert, responsible as advisor to the State Govt. on Panchayati Raj.

**Mr. Raghubansh Kumar Sinha**, Ex- Dy. Director Panchayati Raj & State Election Authority

**Mr. A.K.Sinha**, Ex-Executive Director, Inst. of Entrepreneurship Development (IED), Bihar

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The success of the training programme was seen to be believed from the faces of participants. They spoke high about the experts called to deliberate on the issues as well as their stay and refreshments care taken by the collaborating centre-GPSCDMRD of the programme. On the last day, the guest speaker talked about the practicability in undertaking the programme. He threw light on the expectation of the public from them. They were also asked to be soft towards while dealing with public grievances. The last day had a busy session because the members of PRIs had to do a lot of writing work. They were divided in four groups of —

- (a) Implementation of MNREGA,
- (b) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan,
- (c) Indira Awas, Sanitation & drinking water.
- (d) Rural Health Programme.

Each group identified the subject and jotted down their recommendations. One of them from each group was asked to present the outcome of the subject given to them. Soon after the lecture series was over and group findings noted in paper, the participants were provided another set of papers asking them to evaluate the whole training programme and also point out the programmes that they would like to get training in future.

From our own experience of training programme it was satisfactory that attendance remained almost equal on all five days without dropping.

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