

<b>Name of the Gram Panchayat</b>	<b>Asarpur</b>
<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Punjab</b>
<b>Theme</b>	<b>(Women and child development) Child Friendly</b>

Once Mahatma Gandhi had said "If we are to teach real peace in this world shall have to begin with the children." This quote underlines the importance of children in any nation. In real sense, they are the foundation and asset for the future of nation. Keeping that in view, the Child Friendly Gram Panchayat Award 2020 has been given to the Gram Panchayat Asarpur of Block Sanour, District Patiala (Punjab).

Gram Panchayat Asarpur is 12 km away from district headquarter Patiala and 5 km from Sanaur Block. The village has Government High School, Government Elementary School, two Anganwadi Centers, Panchayat Ghar, Punjab Gramin Bank, Sports Stadium, Cooperative Society, two Dharamshalas, Gurudwara Sahib and two temples. There are 7 Panches and a Sarpanch in the GP Panchayat. It has total population of 1315.

Keeping in mind the overall development, priority is given to provide quality education and good health for the children. The Gram Panchayat in collaboration with all the Line Departments took various initiatives to provide all necessary facilities for the maintenance of the hygiene among the Children. The facility of free Education, free Uniforms and Mid-day meal is provided by the Department of Education.

Free health check-up facilities are provided by the Health Department such as DPT, TT Vaccination, Calcium and Iron supplement, polio drops etc. the Anganwadi Centers is providing nutritional diet to the Pregnant women and children. The pre-natal and post-natal services are provided to Pregnant Women and 100% Institutional birth is ensured through ASHA Workers at the nearest Government Health Center. The



facility of Audio-Visual aids in Schools is provided by the Social Welfare and Education Department. In addition to this, the Gram Panchayat with the help of NRIs and donors had given the vacant building of "Swargiya Rikhi Dev Gram Sabha Hall" to the Elementary School. The Gram Panchayat with the help of donors/NRIs has constructed a New Elementary School building. To provide clean/non-contaminated water, submersible pumps have been installed. Separate washrooms for girls and boys have been constructed. Mr. Prem Singh,

Sarpanch of the village, who is a painter himself, has painted the school.

The art works such as cartoons, fruit trees, and slogans have been painted on the walls of the classrooms and boundary wall. Under MGNREGA scheme, plantation of tree saplings has been undertaken in the school premises. As a result of untiring efforts of the Gram Panchayat and the villagers, the number of children enrolled in schools and Anganwadi Centers has increased. Due to the



availability of good health facilities and children's access to nutritious food, malnutrition and mortality rate has been reduced. With the initiative of the Panchayat, various development works like construction of Streets and drains etc. have been undertaken in the village.

Gram Panchayat has realized that participation of all in the village is a prerequisite for the success of any endeavor made towards developing the village. The Gram Panchayat is thankful to the stakeholders for the efforts made to complete the work with the limited resources.

The Child Friendly Gram Panchayat Award has encouraged and motivated the Gram Panchayat and each member of the village to work with more vigor and enthusiasm. Future planning and strategy has been delineated in coordination with all the departments to make Asarpur a "**Beacon Panchayat**". New concepts and options for education are being visualized. To provide all the necessary facilities, plans have been incorporated in the **Gram Panchayat Development Plan**. It would be ensured that proper health facilities are available to everyone such as clean environment, clean drinking water etc. Smart Classes will be introduced in the schools which will help in making education more interesting. Experience sharing workshops are being conducted by State Institute of Rural Development, Punjab to discuss and disseminate innovative approaches and good practices among other Gram Panchayats.

Vision of Panchayat is to provide Social Justice to all villagers and eradicate the social evils such as untouchability, female feticide, drug addiction, dowry etc.