

Name of the Gram Panchayat	Sunara
States/UTs	Rajasthan
Theme	Education, including primary and secondary schools

In Gram Panchayat Sunara, an effort has been made for all-round development by adopting different resources from diverse subject areas such as: social, economic, political, environmental and technical.

As a result of which, environment has been created overall development of children and due to that, GP Sunara is selected to be conferred with Child Friendly Gram Panchayat Award - 2020 at the

national level for their remarkable work done for rights of children such as Survival, Development, and Protection.



Gram Panchayat Sunara is located 18 km from Panchayat Samiti Niwai, 45 km from district headquarters Tonk and 13 km from railway station Vanasthali. It has 11 wards whose members have been elected as ward member by the villagers. The GP has 1 higher secondary school to get higher education, 1 Primary Health Centre for medical



facilities, Anganwadi centres for child development activities at GP level, and primary schools in all revenue villages. For marketing of agriculture produce, the Agricultural Produce Market is available at distance of 18 kilometres from the Gram Panchayat Headquarters. Agricultural Service Centre is also available for revenue works. The basic source of income of the Gram Panchayat is the Central and State grant.

The GP has many social, political and economic issues such as: social malpractices like - child marriage, child labor, and female feticide which affect the social status of the GP. These social issues and problems originate from religious and cultural practices.

There are many political aspects that obstruct the development of Gram Panchayat. In villages, parties become factions on the basis of competition with each other, they deviating from the definition of development and are filled with negative feelings.

To address these issues in real sense, the following strategy has adopted by the Gram Panchayat:

- As a first step, awareness programs were organized with the help of Elected Representatives (ERs) and officials of line departments.
- Created awareness through pamphlets, posters and banners regarding social problems and social evils.
- Open discussions were conducted at public places where anyone can participate whether they are Women/Children/Men to generate awareness and breakdown the myths among villagers about social malpractices like - child marriage, child labour, and female feticide etc.
- Disseminated the information among the rural women with the help of health workers regarding their health through women meetings, women ward meetings etc., the women were informed about Vaccination and Institutional delivery etc.
- Awareness programme were organised to improve the condition of environment, and discussed the bad effects of environmental imbalance.
- Computer education was emphasized to some extent in schools and gram panchayat area to overcome the difficulties faced by technical problems or issues.
- Cleanliness was conveyed to the villagers through Swachh Bharat Mission.
- Collaborated with the line departments for awareness generation in the gram sabhas about their schemes and programmes by involving local level functionaries.
- Child development has been included in the primary goal by the Gram Panchayat and the secondary goal has included the development of women.

Various activities were conducted in the Gram Panchayat area which results increase of the vaccination rate. Apart from this, cases like infant mortality, feticide decreased, and the rate of Institutional delivery increased. The people of Gram Panchayat area became aware about environmental issues and worked to plant trees to keep the environment green. Keeping the overall development of children in mind, all activities are being conducted effectively on the lines of Gram Panchayat



Sunara in other Gram Panchayats of Panchayat Samiti as well, with unexpected results being achieved in the area.

In duration of working towards the development of GP, many problems were faced including lack of finance, lack of financial inclusion, illiteracy, social behavioral problems, lack of villagers' participation, lack of awareness, lack of knowledge about e-governance, lack of technical education, coordination issues and negative mindset have to face continuously.

While dealing with these problems, it was learned that to develop any subject, it is very important to work from the grassroots level while adopting the concept of complete development and incorporating new changes. So while preparing action plan for the future by Gram Panchayat Sunara, it is being ensured that every person is connected to the mainstreams of the society by incorporating all the aspects of development like economic, social, political, environmental etc. Composite, Sustainable Inclusive Development should be done at "Micro" and "Macro" both Level.

