



Decentralization Community Update 83 July 2014



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Dear Members,

We are happy to share the 83rd Update on Decentralization Community of Practice!

In this update, we share highlights on: use of **bio-metric system for payment of wages** under MGNREGA in West Bengal; constitution of **5th State Finance Commission by Rajasthan government** for strengthening finances of Panchayati Raj Institutions; launch of '**Janhetu-Jansetu**' – **a mobile based grievance redressal platform** by Madhya Pradesh government and honouring of Panchayats in Punjab for resolving to close liquor shops.

We also share the **Millennium Development Goals Report 2014**, information on the launch of: **e-service record system** for government employees by DoPT; inauguration of DoPT's **Basic Leadership Skills Module and Learning Resource Centre** for Central Secretariat Services (CSS) Officers.

Besides this we also encourage members to spread the word on **e-Uttara Digital Vision Consultation 2014- The Manthan Award for Uttar Pradesh** which seeks to promote digital innovations and solutions in ICTs to impact social and development changes and connect government and other development stakeholders.

Hope you would find this edition interesting.

Regards,
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Community Activities

Consolidated Replies Issued

Using MGNREGA for Building Sustainable Livelihoods- Experiences and Referrals from Ved Arya and Stutilina Pal, SRIJAN

Available at http://in.one.un.org/img/uploads/SolEx_FTP/Decn/cr-se-decn-emp-07081401.pdf (Size: 397KB).

The e-discussion sought experiences and referrals for building scalable sustainable livelihoods for the poor by convergence of MGNRES with other programme and build capacities of PRI representatives, grassroots level staff and community members.

Role of State Finance Commission in strengthening the finances of panchayats and urban local bodies- Examples and Experiences from A.N.P Sinha, Chairman; 5th State Finance Commission, Bihar

Available at <ftp://ftp.solutionexchange.net.in/public/decn/cr/cr-se-decn-240714.pdf> (Size: 564KB)

The query sought inputs from Members to help SFC in framing its recommendation to the state government of Bihar for effective and efficient functioning of the local governance institutions.

Closed Query

Capacity Building and Training Material on Natural Resource Management for PRIs. Experiences and Examples

The query was initiated by Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) to seek inputs for a project titled "Strengthening Capacities of Panchayati Raj Institutions" (PRIs) in partnership with United Nations Development Program (UNDP). An important focus of the project is developing capacities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) for Natural Resource Management (NRM). To develop learning material on NRM, MoPR sought feedback on:

- a. Who are the potential stakeholders (institutions, consultants, NGOs, thematic experts etc) to share good practices by Panchayats on NRM?
- b. What should be the content (sub-topics) and structure of resource material for capacity building and training of PRIs on the subjects of NRM?
- c. Please share links and references to the already developed resource material on the subject.

Updates

News

From [Resource Team](#)

Payments using Biometric system under MGNREGA in West Bengal

West Bengal is introducing biometric system for payments in the 100-days job scheme under MGNREGA to do away with corruption. West Midnapore district will be the first to implement the system within two weeks and West Bengal will be the second state after undivided Andhra Pradesh to introduce it to weed out corruption in fund disbursement.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/Tz26I4>

Rajasthan to constitute 5th State Finance Commission

Government of Rajasthan has announced the formation of Fifth State Finance Commission which would be a five-member body headed by an expert on public issues as its Chairperson. Others members would include experts on financial matters. Tenure of this commission would be from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2020 and it would give recommendations towards Panchayati Raj and Local Bodies' welfare and their financial matters.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/1qWdtZS>

MP government launches 'Janhetu-Jansetu' a platform for 'M-Governance' for grievance redressal

To bring government closer to commoner and remove drudgery of maintaining huge amount of complaints related documents, Madhya Pradesh government introduced its "M-Governance" platform. This platform will initially operate as a call centre and later mobile application version will also be launched. This will not only entertain public grievances that require government intervention but also register complaints pertaining to corruption and irregularities. To register complaints on the M-Governance platform named as 'Jansetu-Janhetu' dial 181.

Read more at: <http://bit.ly/1zzmN6w>

Panchayats honoured for resolutions to close liquor vends in Punjab

Taking a step towards curbing the increasing liquor and drug addiction among Punjabi youths, a few social organisations, honoured the gram panchayats of the district that have passed resolutions to close down liquor vends in their respective villages. The social organisations included the Scientific Awareness and Social Welfare (SASW) Forum, Red Cross Drug de-addiction centre, Samaj Bhalai Manch, Sherpur and Birdh Ashram, Badrukhan. The 11 panchayats, which were honoured on the occasion, included Hari Garh, Hareri, Khilria, Munshi wala, Natt, Kanjla, Kaheru, Jhaner, Gobindgar Jejian, Esapur and Didargar.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1pBMxe6>

Mangalore plans to re-classify the gram panchayats

A State Committee has been formed for the Re-classification and Revision of the Gram Panchayats in Mangalore. The committee thus formed has been going around the state and collecting complaints and demand applications from the people and the gram panchayat members. The committee has been formed in order to make panchayat operations more accessible and people-friendly. As per norms a gram panchayats will be formed in every area with a population of more than 3,000. Along with this, 15 new projects have been planned at the panchayat level, thus providing more facilities for the people.

Read more: <http://bit.ly/1p9yaPr>

Readings/Web links/Repositories

From [Resource Team](#)

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2014



The new Millennium Development Goals Report 2014 examines the latest progress made towards achieving the MDGs. It shows that millions of people's lives have improved due to concerted global, regional, national and local efforts to achieve the MDGs, which serve as the foundation for the next global development agenda. The Report was released in India by Najma Heptulla, the Union Minister for Minority Affairs.

Read more at <http://www.in.undp.org/content/india/en/home/library/mdg/the-millennium-development-goals-report-2014/>

DoPT launches e-service record system for government employees

With the objective to promote a paperless regime and better human resource management, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has launched an e-service record book portal for government employees. The DoPT has extended the facility to its employees to view their service-book online. Earlier documented in paper files, the service record provides information on various portfolios and posts held by a particular government employee.

Read more <http://bit.ly/1yPGHK>

From [B.B. Goel](#), Independent Consultant, Ghaziabad

Gramin Vikas Ek Prayaas

This paper in Hindi discusses development of villages with specific reference to demography, services, decentralization, poverty, access to justice, livelihood opportunities, transportation and communication services, role of youths, volunteers and information, communication and technology for the holistic development of a village as model village.

Read more at:

http://in.one.un.org/img/uploads/SolEx_FTP/Decn/Gramin_Vikas_Ekal_Prayas_B_B_Goel.pdf

Events

From [Resource Team](#)

e-Uttara Digital Vision Consultation 2014- The Manthan Award for Uttar Pradesh (11th October 2014 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)

e-Uttara seeks to promote digital innovations and solutions in ICTs to impact social and development changes and connect government and other development stakeholders with innovators and solution providers. The submit focus on: Connectivity and Access; Citizen Services Delivery; Public Schemes Information Service Delivery; Health and Environment with ICTs; Commerce, Livelihoods, Business and Social Enterprise; ICTs for NGOs, Youths, Women Empowerment; Learning, Education and Schools with ICTs. Nominations are open, to fill online nominations visit. www.euttara.org

Inauguration of DoPT's Basic Leadership Skills Module and Learning Resource Centre

Dr. S. K. Sarkar, Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) inaugurated the rollout of the Basic Leadership Skills (BLS) Module for Central Secretariat Services (CSS) Officers at the Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM). This was followed by the inauguration of the Learning Resource Center (LRC) by Dr. Sarkar at the Library Building at ISTM. Both these events are in consonance with the Result Framework Document (RFD) 2014-15 of the DoPT.

Read more at <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=107114>

From [Oliver Macwan](#), Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA)

Management Development Programme (MDP): August and September 2014 at IRMA, Anand, Gujarat

This MDP is designed specifically for employees and training of trainers, individuals and teams who aspire for incredible performance and also covers a programme on Marketing of Rural products. Request the interested members to kindly join relevant MDP. Brochure, nomination / application form and the requisite programme can be downloaded from:

http://in.one.un.org/img/uploads/SolEx_FTP/Decn/DTMETT.PDF

Announcements/Opportunities

From [Resource Team](#)

[Individual Consultant -Climate Change - \(Open to Indian Nationals Only\)](#)

13-August-2014 || New Delhi

[Chief Operating Officer \(Social Development\), National Rural Livelihood Mission, \(NRLM\) GOI-UNDP Project-Governance and Accelerated Livelihoods Support - \(Open to Indian Nationals only\)](#)

14-August-2014 || New Delhi (Placed within the Ministry of Rural Development)

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

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