

National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (Ministry of Rural Development, Govt.of.India) Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad - 500030 CENTRE FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE AND POLICY ANALYSIS

Online Training on "GOOD GOVERNANCE PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY DURING PANDEMIC CRISIS." 26-30 July 2021 (Five Days Training)

Background

In recent time, governments all over the world are taking various initiatives to make administration more transparent and people oriented. In India, it has been realised transparency and accountability are essential elements for achieving Good Governance. Understanding the location advantages, the Gram Panchayats are given unique responsibilities of making preparatory, regulatory and preventive strategies to fight against the pandemic crisis. The elected representatives of the PRIs are having much more responsibilities than the state and central government due to location advantages and proximity with the people. The GPs are directed to utilise the FFC grant on the activities related to protection of people in their respective gram panchayats. They have to work very closely with many institutions at the grassroots, like primary health center, ASHA workers, health volunteers, block and district officials to coordinate health and sanitation works along with the routine works of fulfilling basic needs of human beings. There are many state governments have already given extra powers to gram panchayats to make quick decisions to act on need based strategies and considered as responsive governing institutions. Gram panchayats services are considered as vital because of the present COVID -19 situation. The responsive efforts against the crisis include consultations with stakeholders and participatory decision-making and act according to the decisions at the local-level. The importance of participatory governance and public discussion in times of crisis can be understood from the words of reputed economist Amartya Sen, "Tackling a social calamity is not like fighting a war which works best when a leader can use top-down power to order everyone to do what the leader wants—with no need for consultation. In contrast, what is needed for dealing with a social calamity is participatory governance and alert public discussion." Therefore, strengthening of the GPs will yield better results especially during the periods of disasters. Proper guidance, appropriate capacity building is need of the hour to tackle to reduce the negative effects of the COVID and reduce the consequences of the pandemic with prompt strategies and activities. It is one such attempt, to build the capacity of the elected as well as the official mechanism working close to the people.

This training programme is going to sensitise the stakeholders of development and associated institutions with prime focus on Gram Panchayats. It also aimed to enhance the planning skills to chalk out strategies to fight against COVID. The training revolves around the following objectives.

OBJECTIVES

- To familiarize the trainees on the procedures, practices followed and documents maintained for transparent and accountable administration under Good governance
- To equip the participants to acquire knowledge on good governance practices to act in the battle of COVID-19 crisis.
- To enable the participants to understand the approaches and to play proactive role towards achieving Good Governance through responsive actions during disasters.

PARTICIPANTS LEVEL

• The programme is designed for Elected representatives, officials of Rural Development & PRIs and Research Organisations , NGOs.

COURSE CONTENTS

- > Concept, principles and Approaches of Good Governance
- **Effective Strategies for Transparency and Accountability**
- **▶** Understanding the importance Responsive Governance
- Practices of Good Governance during the period of disasters (COVID-19)
- **Effective Service Delivery Thorough Gram Panchayats**
- ➤ Social Accountability : Concept , Approaches and Tools

TRAINING METHOD

The training contents will be delivered through online platform by using WEBEX connectivity. The sessions will be dynamic and include introductory presentations, interactive sessions, documentary presentations, chat mode discussions.

DURATION: 5 days - 3 hours every day 25-29 July 2021

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