

GDC Pulwama organized Gram Panchayat in adopted villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
(UBA)

Programme Date: 16-08-2024

Programme Name: Gram Panchayat (on Independence Day)

Programme Venue: Adopted villages under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, as listed below

1. *Inder*
2. *Badibagh*
3. *Gudoora*
4. *Chinarbagh*
5. *Berpora*

Programme Participants: Faculty of GDC Pulwama, locals and Panchayat members of adopted villages.

Report:

In response to communication received from Regional Coordinating Institutions (NIT Srinagar), GDC Pulwama organized Gram Sabha in adopted villages on 17-08-2024.

The programme was led by Prof. Meer Inayatullah, Coordinator Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, along with the following faculty members.

1. Prof. Masood Majaz, HoD Botany
2. Prof. Syed Fida Hussain, HoD Political Science
3. Prof. Dilgeer Mahdi, Associate Professor Zoology
4. Prof. Seema Rashid, Associate Professor Zoology
5. Prof. Rukhsana, Assistant Professor Chemistry
6. Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad Tantray, Assistant Professor Chemistry
7. Prof. Showkat Hussain Itoo, Assistant Professor English
8. Prof. Zeeshan Shafi, Assistant Professor English
9. Prof. Parvez Ahmad Dar, Assistant Professor Biochemistry.
10. Ms. Nargis, Laboratory Bearer

The aim for the Gram Panchayat was to interact with locals and listen their issues, highlight the role of Panchayati Raj institutions in uplifting the life standards of Villagers. As on the eve of Independence Day, Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan was central theme, the ill effects of drugs and other substance use was highlighted. Locals actively participated in the programme and appreciated the role of GDC Pulwama for frequently visiting and highlighting the issues with concerned quarters for their disposal.

Besides, locals were urged to avoid single use plastics, appropriate disposal of garbage, and judicious use of electricity. Use of alternate and renewable energy was also highlighted.

While locals overwhelmingly applauded the work done by Panchayats, they also listed various issues which they wish to get resolved. It is pertinent to mention that all the issues highlighted by locals were related to education and healthcare, infrastructure and road networks. Some other issues like treated drinking water supply, electricity, and waste management were also brought into discussion. Key issues of individual villages are as under;

1. *Barpora:*

- a) *Drinking water:* Villagers of locality complained about irregular supply of tap water which supplied untreated and irregularly. They complained that supply is taken from a local nalla and is supplied without proper treatment.
- b) *Irrigation:* the newly approved under construction NH – 444 has blocked local irrigation Nalla known as Hafiz Nallah, which has caused severe irrigation problem to the local farmers.
- c) *Playground:* In order to engage local youth in health and wellbeing activities and protect them from being involved in substance use, need of fitness infrastructure, especially playground cannot be ignored. Local were high in demanding playground for which, as per their statement, land is available.
- d) *Healthcare:* Locals claimed that they are forced to travel many Kilometers for the very basic and as well as emergency healthcare issues. They demanded establishment of PHC in the locality.
- e) *Primary school:* locals were concerned about the unavailability of primary school due to which children have to walk several kilometers to Karimabad for Early Child Education. This is at the cost of their security when wild animal attacks are common.

2. Gadoora:

- a) *Drinking water:* Locals are demanding high elevation overhead tank as the present tank is at low elevation which doesn't provide sufficient gradient to water for supply to whole habitation.
- b) *Drainage improvement/ Upgradation:* The present drainage in village is in dilapidated condition that needs upgradation as proper discharge.
- c) *Establishment of Public Park:* Locality is ready for donation of land for Public Park and playground.
- d) *Separate Primary School.* Locals claimed that previously established primary school was merged with High school which should be separated.
- e) *Upgradation of PHC and posting of doctor in PHC.*

3. Chinar Bagh:

- a) *Unavailability of school:* Students made to travel several kilometers to Wagam for Primary education.
- b) *Untreated water supply:*
- c) *No irrigation facility:* Local irrigation canal namely Wan Wan Lad canal blocked at Sports Stadium.
- d) *Drainage system poor/ Blocked*

4. Badibagh:

- a) *Unavailability of School:* Children walk to nearby village for primary education.
- b) *Untreated Water Supply:*
- c) *Healthcare facility:*
- d) *Poor transport & road network facility:* Locals demand a bridge over Romshoo Nalla for easy access to District Headquarter.
- e) *Unavailability of Animal Husbandry:* Locals are aggrieved by unavailability of Animal Husbandry due to which they have to walk several kilometers for the treatment of domestic animals.

5. Inder:

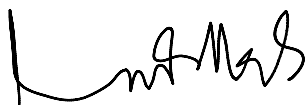
- a) *Unavailability of Health Centre:*
- b) *Unavailability of Playground:* Locals demand a playground for recreational and fitness purposes for which land is available.
- c) *Maintenance of Springs:* Locality is bestowed by availability of Springs however their maintenance is required for their longer life and cleanliness.

d) *Irrigation facility.*

e) *Upgradation and maintenance of drainage system.*

At the end, locals pledged to take more active part in development and upliftment of the social setup and educational wellbeing of the villages. They pledged to make their societies free from substance use, keep their localities neat and clean, avoid use of polythene, save water bodies from contamination and use alternate and renewable sources of energy.




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