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25 YEARS OF PEOPLE'S PLANNING A SUCCESS STORY OF DECENTRALISATION OF POWER IN INDIA

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The People's Plan Campaign is a unique initiative that has transformed the landscape of developmental politics in Kerala. This great experiment encapsulated the democratic achievements, Kerala made over the decades. It included the land reforms initiated by the first Communist government led by EMS Namputiripad, the government which was the product of larger movement for land in the pre-independent era and also included the innumerable struggles for land- rights and surplus land in the post – land reform period by the tenants across the state.

In 1996, the state launched the People's Plan Campaign, which was designed and implemented as a successful methodology for transferring fund, functions and functionary that constitutional amendments in 1992 envisaged as the necessary condition to make the devolution of power possible. The campaign and the related process empowered the local level leadership and people at large to plan and implement their own development projects, ensuring inclusive development. Potential of our decentralized government system which was nurtured by the People's Planning process got its effective manifestation during the time of 2018 flood and Covid. Along with the Kudumbashree movement, decentralisation of power through the people's planning has achieved remarkable success in enhancing the quality of life of

people of Kerala and expanding the vistas for economic wellbeing and social development.

Today, in yet another transformative moment of Nava Keralam, new responsibilities are placed confidently on the shoulders of local governments in Kerala. Government expects local governments to become the leaders of economic development by fostering the growth and employment on par with that of developed nations, as it has been in the case of human development. In the journey of creating a Nava Keralam, we also pin hope on our local self-government institutions to make Kerala waste free by clearing the waste produced in our own neighbourhoods through the sustainable systems.

The series of 25 books published by KILA is a valuable contribution to the knowledge base on decentralization, documenting the experiences of the People's Plan Campaign and capturing the essence of decentralization and the role of local governments in development. I am confident that these books will serve as a valuable resource for other states and countries that are striving to achieve sustainable development through decentralization.

I congratulate the team at KILA and the local governments of Kerala for their outstanding work and am proud of the achievements of decentralization in Kerala. I am confident that the state will continue to scale new heights in the years to come.



KOLLAM DISTRICT

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THOOVELICHAM (COMPREHENSIVE STREET LIGHT MAINTENANCE PROJECT)

Kulathupuzha Gram Panchayat



Kulathupuzha is a town in the east part of Kollam district of Kerala, India. It is one of the important pilgrim spots linked with the legend of Sabarimala. Kulathupuzha is also the birthplace of the Malayalam music legend Raveendran. Kulathupuzha is the source of the Kallada River. The Thenmala Dam is located on this river. As declared by Governor Arif Mohammad Khan, Kulathupuzha panchayat is the first in India to have achieved Constitution-literacy.

Maintenance of streetlights is one of the responsibilities of Gram Panchayats. But the Gram Panchayats of Kerala are prevented by many circumstances from carrying out this task properly. Firms or companies are committed to installing lights as per the respected government guidelines and after the lights have been installed, the firms/companies do not replace the faulty ones in time even during the warranty period or sometimes are not qualified to carry out related works. Due to the fact that it is an electric product, there have been breakdowns in the days following its installation. Even if repair is needed, one has to wait months or maybe years for the company/institution to fix it. This causes dissatisfaction among people on a wide scale and gives a bad image to



the people's representatives.

Kulathupuzha Gram Panchayat enabled a solution to this problem. According to the agreement to supply light to the Gram Panchayat, the organization has to take full responsibility for replacing the damaged lights within a maximum of 48 hours.

After this agreement, the organization operated for 10 months. According to the 2021 - 22 annual plan, 1630 new streetlights at a cost of Rs. 22,55,750 have been installed in every electric post along almost 30 km distance road from Aripa to Thenmala Gram Panchayat, from Kulathupuzha Town to Bharathipuram. The lights installed in wide areas of the Gram Panchayat have been completely converted to LED and 13,16,394 rupees have been spent for electricians, vehicles and related facilities like in the Adata model, resulting in a complete light revolution of the Gram Panchayat. Also, with the introduction of the full meter system, the electric usage charge which was paid to the Gram Panchayat in the past has been significantly decreased. With the proper implementation of this project, the flow of complaints that the streetlights are not lit has completely stopped.



BUILDING FUTURES: A PANCHAYATH'S TRIUMPH IN PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Chadayamangalam Block Panchayat

Chadayamangalam Block is a local administrative unit located in the Kollam district of Kerala, India. Comprising various panchayats and villages, Chadayamangalam Block actively engages in developmental projects, social welfare initiatives, and infrastructure improvements to enhance the lives of its residents. With a focus on sustainable growth and inclusive governance, Chadayamangalam Block strives to create a progressive and harmonious living environment for all its inhabitants. By laying emphasis on preserving its cultural heritage and natural resources, Chadayamangalam Block aspires to pave the way for a prosperous and promising future for its citizens.

Chadayamangalam Block Panchayat implemented sanitation projects worth Rs. 61,69,57 during the financial year 2021-22. More emphasis was given to the construction of sanitary toilets with modern facilities in schools and public places. Accordingly, toilet blocks were constructed in 4 schools along with public toilets with modern facilities and rest stations constructed along the broad side in 3 Gram Panchayat under the 'Take a Break' scheme. The lack of public toilets was a major difficulty in the Madathara area in Chithara Gram



Panchayat. The absence of a clean and hygienic toilet in the area causes endless misery for long-distance travelers along this route which shares a border with Tamil Nadu. Public toilets, rest stations and refreshment facilities that can be used by all travelers including women and children were a necessity.

As part of the Twelve-Point programme of Nava Kerala Karma Padhathi announced by the honourable Chief Minister of Kerala, Chadayamangalam Block Panchayat took up the 'Take a Break' project with quality amenities and refreshment facilities in the Madathara bus stand during the year 2021-22 for public and travelers. The roadside rest station also has clean and hygienic cafeterias run by Kudumbasree. The project was completed by spending Rs. 10, 42,713 from the Central Finance Commission grant allocated to Chadayamangalam Block Panchayat. It is worth mentioning that the project has paved the way for the cultural, economic and environmental progress of the area as many people including travelers and general public use this facility. Local residents also engage in livelihood activities such as tea stalls and fancy shops centered in this refreshment centre.

The lack of hygienic toilets creates a lot of health issues in school students. Considering this fact, toilet block construction was completed in Vayala Vasudevan Pillai Govt. Higher Secondary School by allocating Rs. 14,00,000. The construction of the toilet block in Chithara Gram Panchayat was completed by allocating Rs. 10,20,463. Toilet block construction in Vellooppara Govt. UP school in Gram Panchayat was completed by spending Rs. 9,49,761 from the Central Finance Commission Grant. A toilet block was constructed in Govt. Higher Secondary school, Kummil by allocating Rs. 12,50,000. During the financial year 2021-22, Chadayamangalam Block Panchayat has made a laudable intervention in the sanitation sector by enabling the construction of public toilets which is of topmost priority in this sector. The benefits of such facilities are essential for the growth of a healthy generation which makes this an ideal project.



ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT

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EMPOWERING RURAL AREAS: MGNREGA'S VERSATILITY IN UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES

Vallikkunnam Gram Panchayat



Vallikkunnam Gram Panchayat is a panchayat in Mavelikkara taluk of Alappuzha district under Bharanikavu Block Panchayat with an area of 21.37 sq. km. This panchayat is located in the southern part of the Alappuzha district. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a crucial initiative aimed at promoting rural development. Over the years, the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department has recommended various works under MGNREGA, such as constructing check dams, farm ponds, rainwater harvesting structures, and rejuvenation projects.

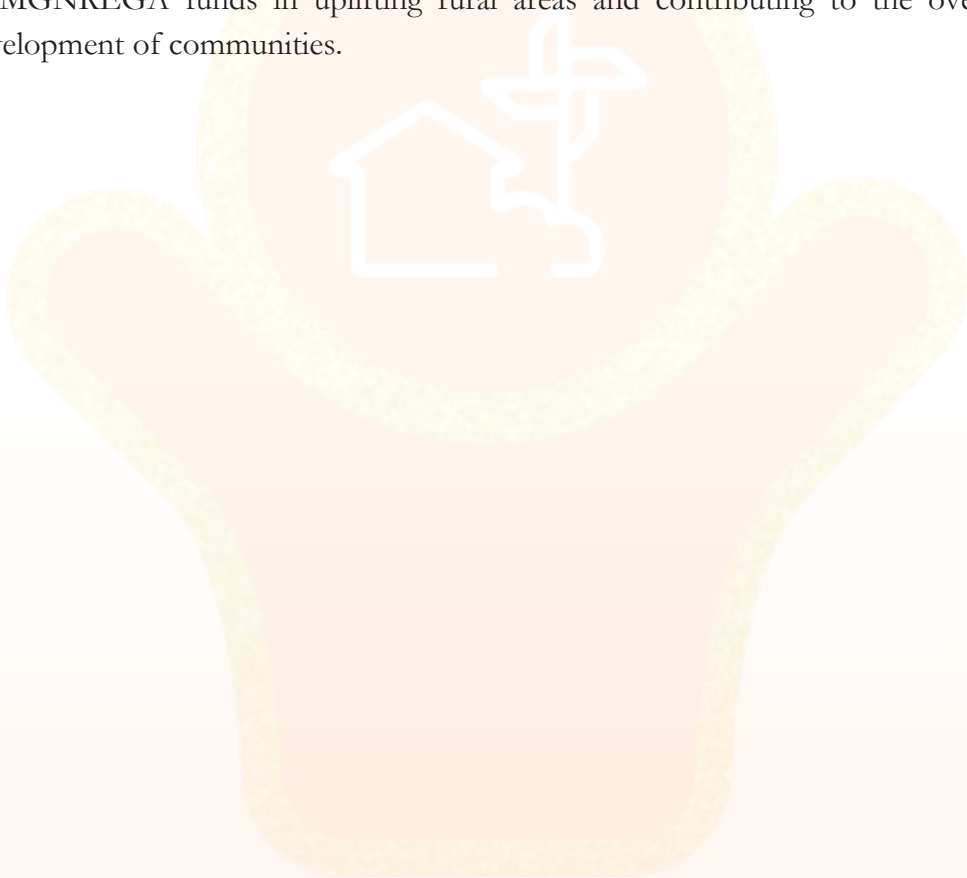
Recently, the Department proposed a new approach, suggesting that MNREGA funds could be utilized for the development of playgrounds and compound walls around government schools. Acting on this recommendation, the Elipappakulam Kampissery Karunakaran Memorial Government Vocational Higher Secondary School, the sole Government Higher Secondary School serving neighbouring village panchayats of Bharanikav, Krishnapuram, and Thamarakulam, utilized MGNREGA funds to construct its compound wall.

The construction of the 187-meter-long compound wall



was completed at a cost of approximately 10, 73,000 rupees, incorporating it into the employment guarantee scheme. The previous wall was in a dilapidated state, and the Panchayat made the decision to build a new and sturdy surrounding wall to secure the school premises. The labourers were employed for up to 356 days to complete this significant project.

With more than 1600 children currently studying at this school, the construction of the compound wall ensures enhanced safety and security for the students, faculty, and school property. This initiative demonstrates the practicality and versatility of MGNREGA funds in uplifting rural areas and contributing to the overall development of communities.





EMS COMMUNITY HALL: A VITAL HUB FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSIVITY

Punnapra North Gram Panchayat

Punnapra North Gram Panchayat is a local self-governing body under Ambalapuzha Block Panchayat in Alappuzha District.

EMS Community Hall, located in Punnapra North Gram Panchayat under the Ambalapuzha block of North Alappuzha district, Kerala, is a significant and essential auditorium owned by the local body in the Alleppey district. This picturesque region of Kuttanad serves as the backdrop for this modern and well-maintained facility that plays a crucial role in the community's social and educational development.

The Panchayat, with 17 wards covering an area of 12.12 sq. km is home to a population of 28,749 people, mostly comprising common citizens. Understanding the importance of providing accessible and high-quality spaces for various events and functions, Punnapra North Gram Panchayat has invested Rs 1.5 crores from its Annual Plan for the renovation of EMS Community Hall during the 2021-2022 financial year.

The EMS Community Hall stands out as a hub for official meetings, training programs, and various other social gatherings, primarily due to its strategic location,



easily accessible from NH 66. The Panchayat has recognized the value of creating a space that serves both official and public purposes, making it an essential asset for the entire community.

Before the renovation, the old Auditorium faced several inconveniences that hindered its optimal usage. However, after the successful renovation, the hall now boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including a beautiful stage and a spacious dining hall. Additionally, a well-equipped, built-in kitchen is available, furnished with utensils for cooking and serving food during all events and functions held at the hall.

To further enhance the aesthetic appeal of the premises, the Panchayat has adorned the auditorium with attractive tiles, creating an inviting and pleasant ambience for attendees. Moreover, ample parking facilities have been provided within the spacious yard, ensuring convenience for those attending events at the EMS Community Hall.

One of the most noteworthy aspects of EMS Community Hall is the Panchayat's commitment to affordability and inclusivity. Recognizing the diverse economic backgrounds of its residents, the Panchayat has set reasonable rental charges for utilizing the hall. For the general category, the rental fee is Rs 25,000, along with an additional 18% GST. In a laudable gesture to support the economically disadvantaged, BPL families receive a 20% discount on the rental charges, making the hall accessible to all segments of the community.

In conclusion, the EMS Community Hall in Punnapra North Gram Panchayat exemplifies a proactive and forward-thinking approach to community development. Through its investment in this essential infrastructure, the Panchayat has demonstrated its dedication to providing top-notch facilities for social, educational, and official events, fostering the overall well-being and prosperity of its residents.



ENHANCING INFRASTRUCTURE AND LIVELIHOODS IN PUNNAPRA NORTH GRAM PANCHAYAT

Punnapra North Gram Panchayat



Punnapra North Gram Panchayat is a local self-governing body under Ambalapuzha Block Panchayat in Alappuzha District

The development and renovation of roads in Punnapra North Gram Panchayat have been a significant focus, despite budgetary constraints. While not all roads can be renovated with the allocated funds, the Panchayat has successfully constructed modern roads using funds from the Public Works Department. This progress has been facilitated by the construction of JNTCP (Jointly Negotiated Third Country Projects) roads, made possible through the support of the Minister of Public Works.

To address the improvement of minor roads and ensure sustainable development, the Panchayat has integrated these projects into the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS). This programme not only guarantees 100 days of employment to workers but also empowers them to partake in developmental activities that will benefit the community in the long run.

Furthermore, the Panchayat has identified the importance of supporting individuals who are striving for self-sufficiency through initiatives like goat farming.



As a result, such self-employed individuals are being included in the employment guarantee scheme, allowing them to access additional benefits and support from the Panchayat.

Road infrastructure remains a top priority for the Panchayat, with a focus on tiling or constructing concrete roads for enhanced durability and longevity. Although the Panchayat generates revenues, the absence of sufficient land and corresponding assets has posed challenges in implementing additional projects. However, the Panchayat has managed to accommodate the needs of projects such as MCF and agricultural support initiatives through the employment guarantee scheme.

To promote water conservation, the Panchayat has taken measures to preserve water bodies by incorporating geotextiles. This environmentally conscious approach helps protect and maintain water resources for the benefit of the entire community.

The welfare of the public remains at the forefront of the Panchayat's vision, and it has demonstrated its commitment by constructing various Anganwadis across different wards. These Anganwadis, such as the ones in the 7th, 6th, and 15th Wards, provide crucial services to children and mothers, contributing to the overall well-being and development of the community.

A key factor in the Panchayat's success has been its proactive approach to understanding and addressing the needs of the public accurately. Through well-considered decisions and collaborative implementation, the Panchayat has achieved remarkable progress. This unity among the Panchayat Samiti members has laid the foundation for a strong and sustainable future.

As the Panchayat looks ahead, it aims to build upon its achievements and continue with even greater determination and strength. By aligning with the vision of serving the community and implementing future projects diligently, the Panchayat is poised to uplift the lives of its residents and create a brighter and more prosperous future for Punnapra North Gram Panchayat.



KOTTAYAM DISTRICT

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PARATHODU GRAM PANCHAYAT'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESSIBILITY

Parathodu Gram Panchayat



Parathodu is a village located in the Kanjirappally block of Kottayam district in the state of Kerala, India. It is positioned between Kanjirappally and is part of the Parathodu Panchayat, falling under the South Kerala Division. The village is situated 39 kilometers to the east of the district headquarters in Kottayam and is approximately 6 kilometers away from Kanjirappally.

The literacy rate in Parathodu is an impressive 95%, indicating the emphasis placed on education and the high level of education among its residents. The village has a population of 32,864 people, and it comprises 7,841 households.

Being nestled in the hilly areas of the Western Ghats, Parathodu is susceptible to floods, and it has experienced multiple instances of flooding in the past. During such floods, wards 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 are severely affected. To address this issue, the local panchayat has taken measures to construct and renovate roads and bridges across the region. To ensure stability in the hilly terrains, many roads have been concreted, utilizing the Panchayat's Annual Fund.

One notable project is the reconstruction of the roads in



Shanthinagar and Kuruvila colony, which were among the most challenging routes in the panchayat. The densely populated area faced difficulties, particularly for children going to schools and elderly individuals, due to the poor road conditions. To improve the situation, the panchayat allocated a fund of 6 lakh rupees specifically for the reconstruction of these roads.

In the financial year 2021-22, a substantial amount of 2 crore 30 lakh rupees was spent on various projects aimed at reconstructing and renovating roads, bridges, and other essential infrastructure facilities. This investment was made to enhance the overall welfare and quality of life for the people of Parathodu.

The efforts made by the panchayat indicate a commitment to the development and well-being of the village, especially in addressing the challenges posed by its geographical location and ensuring access to essential services for its residents.



PALA MUNICIPALITY

A BEACON OF PROGRESS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Pala Municipality



Pala Municipality has a rich history and has witnessed substantial development since its formation in 1947. Originally comprising 10 wards, it expanded to 26 wards in 1949, accommodating a growing population of 22,056 residents. Covering an area of 16.063 square kilometers, the Municipality has made notable advancements in its administrative processes, with council meetings conducted transparently through the online system Sakarma during the 2021-22 period. Additionally, the Municipal Lawyers Chamber completed construction work, investing one and a half crore rupees in the financial year 2021-22.

The Municipal Library established by Pala Municipality on July 4th, 1954, has undergone significant growth and transformation over the years. Today, it houses an extensive collection of over thirty thousand invaluable books in multiple languages, including English, Malayalam, Hindi, Tamil, and more. Located at RV Park, the library stands as a symbol of Pala town's rich cultural heritage and is fully computerized to enhance accessibility and convenience for its patrons. Pala Municipality stands as a model for efficient governance and modern infrastructure. The implementation of the



Sayam Prabha scheme demonstrates the Municipality's commitment to the welfare of the elderly.

The fully computerized Municipal Office System ensures transparency and accessibility to public records. The presence of a certified Council Hall, air-conditioned Municipal Town Hall, and Mini-Conference Hall reflects the Municipality's dedication to providing excellent facilities for official gatherings and community events. Furthermore, Pala Municipality takes pride in its municipally-owned business hubs, including Thekkakara, Kottarmammattam market and shopping complexes. Two State Highways pass through Pala city — Athirampuzha-Poonjar Road and Punalur-Muvattupuzha Road. The Municipality also boasts the ownership of 213 tar roads across its 26 wards, ensuring well-maintained transportation infrastructure. With five drinking water projects, including the Kavikunnu drinking water project benefiting approximately 1200 individuals, and the Pulimalakunnu drinking water project expected to provide additional benefits to a thousand more beneficiaries, Pala Municipality actively prioritizes the provision of clean and accessible water resources.

Water tourism finds its hub in the Meenara Check Dam. Apart from the Municipality's 25 Anganwadis, to contribute to the holistic development of the community, the Municipal Synthetic Stadium serves as a proud venue for sports enthusiasts for district, state, and national athletic meets. It is complemented by an aquatic indoor stadium built to international standards.

Through its numerous achievements and progressive initiatives, Pala Municipality continues to enhance the quality of life for its residents while preserving its cultural heritage and fostering a spirit of community engagement.



MEENACHIL GRAM PANCHAYAT A MODEL OF TRANSPARENT AND CITIZEN-CENTRIC GOVERNANCE

Meenachil Gram Panchayat



Meenachil Gram Panchayat holds a significant role in the local governance of Kottayam district. Situated in the Lalam block, this panchayat covers an area of 15.49 square kilometers, catering to the needs of a population of around 16,863 residents. To ensure effective administration, the panchayat is divided into 14 wards, each representing a specific area within its jurisdiction. Meenachil Gram Panchayat operates under the Meenachil taluk, further contributing to the overall administrative and developmental landscape of the district. With a total of 4,046 households, the panchayat strives to address the diverse needs and aspirations of its residents, fostering growth and progress in the region.

Meenachil Gram Panchayat is committed to maintaining its reputation as a people-friendly and efficient governance body. With a strong focus on providing excellent services to every citizen, the panchayat has established well-equipped facilities in the Gram Panchayat front office. The service system operates with utmost efficiency, ensuring prompt delivery without any preferential treatment or recommendations. To ensure transparency and accessibility, the panchayat has published a Civil Rights Document that outlines the



provision of services and has been distributed free of charge to all households. It was released by the Hon'ble Minister of the Co-operative Registration Department Shri VN Vasavan. The English translation of the Civil Rights Act has been submitted to the National Library in Kolkata in accordance with the provisions of the D.B. Act. Efforts are currently underway to incorporate it into the National Bibliography of India, ensuring its widespread accessibility and reference. Furthermore, detailed information regarding the range of services provided by the Gram Panchayat can be found on the official website of the panchayat. This online platform serves as a valuable resource for residents and interested individuals seeking information about the various services offered by the Gram Panchayat in Meenachil.

Meenachil Gram Panchayat sets a high standard for good governance and citizen-centric service delivery. By providing well-equipped facilities and efficient service systems, the panchayat ensures that the needs of its residents are met promptly and without bias. As the panchayat continues its endeavors, it serves as a model for other governance bodies, showcasing the importance of citizen-centric service and transparent administration in fostering a harmonious and thriving community.



ADVANCING INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING BY VIJAYAPURAM GRAM PANCHAYAT

Vijayapuram Gram Panchayat



Vijayapuram is a village located in the Kottayam Taluk of the Pallom block in the Kottayam district of Kerala, India. The panchayat has a total population of 30,838 people, residing in approximately 7,842 households. Vijayapuram is divided into 19 wards. The panchayat covers an area of 12.61 square kilometers. In the annual plan for 2021-2022, the focus has been on implementing 22 infrastructure development projects across all 19 wards of the panchayat. Significant funds, totaling 2.85 crore rupees, have been allocated solely for background development. Furthermore, efforts have been made to enhance the infrastructure of the Panchayat office building, ensuring that all executive officers' offices are upgraded to ISO standards.

Vijayapuram Panchayat has prioritized people-friendliness by augmenting its infrastructure. The Community Hall has been equipped with modern amenities such as air conditioning, a Mic System, and a projector. These improvements have made it more accessible to the public, with lower rental rates for various functions and gatherings.

Healthcare facilities have also received attention, with renovations and infrastructure development projects at



the Primary Health Sub-Center in Manganam and the Parampuzha Primary Health Center. The construction of a new building for the Parampuzha PHC is currently underway, which is incorporated with initiatives like the ARDRAM project. In addition, solar plants have been installed at the Parampuzha PHC, Govt. LPS Parampuzha, and Govt. UPS Natasseri to ensure uninterrupted power supply and electricity.

To boost tourism and enhance the well-being of the local community, the Meenanthara tourism project has been initiated. The first phase includes the establishment of a Children's Park, aiming to improve tourism opportunities and promote mental health among the people of Vijayapuram Gram Panchayat.

Moreover, the rehabilitation and improvement of rural footpaths in all wards have been undertaken, making them more navigable for the residents. The Gram Panchayat has also implemented a robust street light maintenance system, allocating 5 lakhs rupees in this plan. This fund has been utilized to install mini high-mast lights in five wards and restore functionality to three high-mast lights.

Vijayapuram Panchayat has been actively focusing on infrastructure development and improving the well-being of its residents. The annual plan for 2021-2022 includes a wide range of projects, benefiting all 19 wards of the panchayat. Through initiatives such as upgraded Panchayat office facilities, enhanced community halls, improved healthcare infrastructure, tourism development, and better street lighting systems, Vijayapuram is steadily progressing towards becoming a thriving and people-centric community.



REVIVING HERITAGE AND TRANQUILLITY: THE KADUTHURUTHY BLOCK PANCHAYAT'S HISTORIC BRIDGE PIER RESTORATION

Kaduthuruthy Block Panchayat



Nestled amidst the captivating landscapes of the Kottayam district in Kerala, India, the Kaduthuruthy Block Panchayat stands as a vital administrative unit responsible for the comprehensive development and effective governance of the region. With its presence spanning six Gram Panchayats, this panchayat plays a crucial role in driving progress and fostering the well-being of its constituents. With a total of 13 wards under its purview, the Kaduthuruthy block panchayat oversees an expansive territory, covering 188 square kilometers of diverse landscapes and communities. With a harmonious blend of rural charm and urban vibrancy, the panchayat is committed to sustainable development while preserving the intrinsic natural beauty and cultural heritage of the region.

Kaduthuruthy Block Panchayat, with its dedicated vision and meticulous planning, the panchayat has crafted an ambitious 2021–2022 year plan, aiming to enhance various aspects of the local community. One notable project within this plan involves the restoration and beautification of a historic bridge pier near the residence of the renowned author, Vaikom Muhammad



Basheer. This initiative not only revives the pier's significance but also provides a serene spot for visitors to appreciate the area's history and natural beauty.

The 2021-2022 annual year plan of the Kaduthuruthy Block Panchayat encompasses a range of transformative projects aimed at uplifting the region and enriching the lives of its residents. Among these initiatives, particular attention has been given to the restoration and rejuvenation of a historic bridge pier located near the esteemed writer, Vaikom Muhammad Basheer's residence. In earlier times, this pier served as a bustling trade spot for the Thalayolaparamba market, facilitating the exchange of goods through boats for centuries. This pier, once illuminated by a humble kerosene lamp for the trade boats, has undergone a remarkable renovation and is now adorned with vibrant paint and equipped with a solar-powered light. An accompanying plaque has been placed, narrating the captivating history of Veluthampi Dalava.

To create an inviting space for visitors, comfortable leaning benches have been thoughtfully installed, allowing people to relax and immerse themselves in the tranquil surroundings. Additionally, the pier's beauty has been further enhanced by the addition of meticulously crafted stone steps. This picturesque spot has become a gathering place for workers from the nearby Thalayolaparamba area and those captivated by the scenic allure of the Muvattupuzha River. Visitors now come to this spot in the evenings, utilizing the pier to bathe, wash clothes, and embrace the serenity it offers. Moreover, the panchayat's commitment to cleanliness ensures that the pier remains impeccably maintained, contributing to its overall appeal.

The Kaduthuruthy Block Panchayat's 2021–2022 year plan exemplifies its unwavering dedication to the holistic development and preservation of the region. In this endeavor, the restoration of a historic bridge pier near Vaikom Muhammad Basheer's residence has stood out as a notable undertaking. Through meticulous renovation and thoughtful additions, such as solar-powered lighting, informative plaques, and comfortable benches, the pier has been transformed into a captivating spot that combines history, tranquillity, and natural beauty. The panchayat's commitment to cleanliness ensures that the pier remains a pristine



and inviting location. This initiative not only honors the historical significance of the area but also provides a serene retreat for all who venture there. It stands as a testament to the Kaduthuruthy Block Panchayat's tireless efforts in preserving heritage, promoting tourism, and enhancing the quality of life for its residents and visitors alike.





LEADING THE WAY IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BY KADAPPLAMATTAM GRAM PANCHAYAT

Kadapplamattam Gram Panchayat



Kadapplamattam Gram Panchayat, known for its exceptional development work, has been making significant strides in various sectors. Kidangoor Gram Panchayat is located in the Kottayam taluk of Uzhavoor block of Kottayam district. It has a total population of 13046. The panchayat covers an area of 22.02 square kilometers and consists of a total of 13 wards. Total number of households in the panchayat is 3186.

Kadapplamattam Gram Panchayat achieved remarkable milestones during the period of 2021-2022, showcasing their dedication and commitment to the betterment of the community. Through various projects and initiatives, they received recognition and appreciation for their outstanding performance in different sectors

Kadapplamattam Gram Panchayat's outstanding performance in successfully implementing the Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme earned them the first-place position. The award was presented by Shri M.V. Govindan Master, the Ex- Kerala LSGD & Excise Minister, to Mr. Joy Kallupura, the President of Kadapplamattam Gram Panchayat. This accolade served as a significant recognition of their hard work and remarkable achievements.



Under Prime Minister Grama Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), a 4.2 km road survey was inaugurated by Shri Thomas Chazhikadan, Member of Parliament (M.P.), on 8-7-2022. This road, with an estimated project cost of 3.5 crore, starts from Ittyeppar junction in Kadaplamattam, passes through Pradhana Bhavan Mankomb Temple, and ends at Cherpunkal Post Office junction. The ceremony witnessed the participation of representatives and the general public from Uzhavoor, Pampady Block Panchayat, and Kadaplamattam Kidangoor Gram Panchayat, emphasizing the collective efforts for improved connectivity in the region. Furthermore, the tender procedure for the construction of a bus waiting station at Vayala Junction, funded through the Asset Development Fund of Shri Thomas Chazhikadan, M.P., has been completed, and the project is set to be finalized soon.

The inauguration of the Extension Center of Kadaplamattam Krishibhavan took place at the newly built facility near Kadaplamattam Community Hall on Farmer's Day (17.08.2022). The ceremony was graced by Shri Mons Joseph, Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), and Mr. Joy Kallupura, in the presence of respected individuals such as Mr. Thomas Chazhikadan, M.P., higher officials of the agriculture department, and representatives from the agricultural sector. This initiative aimed to support and promote agricultural activities within the region.

The approximate visualization of the Njaralappuzha Tourism Project in Kadaplamattam Gram Panchayat at Meenachil Taluk has been completed, reflecting the panchayat's dedication to developing tourism opportunities and fostering economic growth in the area. The District Tourism Promotion Chairman proposed new projects on the 50-cent land, subject to approval by the District Collector from the 1 acre and 14 cents of revenue land.

Another significant achievement was the donation of 5 cents of land by Mr. Johny Padikkamali, Global Chairman of the World Malayali Council, for the construction of the Surayappadi Anganwadi building. This generous contribution was made upon the request of Mr. Joy Kallupura, the Panchayat President, and Smt. Jeena Cyriac, a Panchayat Member. The transaction documents for the land were handed over to the President of Kadaplamattam Gram Panchayat during a meeting presided over by Shri G.R. Anilkumar, the Food and Civil Supplies Minister, and Shri Mons Joseph, MLA.



Additionally, the inauguration of the construction project for the Vayala School, Thaikkattuthra-Ozukayipadi road took place, with Shri Thomas Chazhikadan, M.P., as the presiding guest. Integrated into the PM Grama Sadak Yojana project (PMGSY), the project had an estimated cost of 2 crores 31 lakhs.

The construction inauguration of a 1600 sq. ft. Mini Civil Station in Kadaplamattam was carried out by Shri V.N. Vasavan, the Cooperative Department Minister. This Mini Civil Station, funded through the Asset Development Fund of Shri Mons Joseph, MLA, marked a significant milestone as Kerala's first Mini Civil Station.

In another project, the construction inauguration of a 300-meter-long road for Vayala East LP School was conducted by Shri V.N. Vasavan, the Cooperative Minister, in a meeting presided over by Shri Mons Joseph, MLA. This road was a long-awaited improvement for the school, which had lacked proper road facilities for 106 years. The 16 cents of land for the road was acquired through the joint efforts of the local community, Kadaplamattam Gram Panchayat officials, and representatives.

Other notable achievements included the inauguration of the distribution of 1500 Vietnam super early jackfruit saplings by Shri Jose K. Mani, MP. Furthermore, Kadaplamattam Gram Panchayat organized an event to commemorate all students who achieved excellence in all subjects, with the distribution of certificates and mementos. Lastly, the Kerala government selected Kadaplamattam Gram Panchayat for the prestigious Kerala Gramam Project. The government allocated 250 acres of land in Kadaplamattam Gram Panchayat for the implementation of this project.

Kadaplamattam Gram Panchayat's achievements during the period of 2021-2022 exemplify their dedication to community development. Through the successful implementation of various projects and initiatives, they have made significant strides in infrastructure development, agriculture, education, and tourism. The recognition and appreciation received for their efforts serve as a testament to their hard work and commitment. As they move forward, Kadaplamattam Gram Panchayat continues to prioritize the welfare and progress of their community.



IDUKKI DISTRICT

- 1. Protect Forest And Home: Munnar Gram Panchayat**
- 2. Side Wall Construction of Local School – Through MGNREGA
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HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION: MUNNAR GRAM PANCHAYAT'S INSPIRING JOURNEY TOWARDS PROSPERITY

Munnar Gram Panchayat



Munnar Gram Panchayat stands as a shining example of holistic development, where the protection of nature and the well-being of its people go hand in hand. The panchayat has undertaken numerous welfare projects, fostering positive changes in the lives of the residents and transforming the face of Munnar.

One of the significant initiatives by the panchayat has been providing housing to plantation workers and those residing in rented houses without land. Fifty-one families, previously without land, were given the opportunity to own land, fulfilling their dream of having their own homes. This thoughtful approach not only addresses the housing needs of the community but also empowers them to lead more stable and secure lives.

In addition to providing housing, the panchayat has actively worked towards ensuring the safety and security of its residents and visitors. To combat the disturbance caused by anti-social elements and wild animals at night, the installation of economical high-mass lights throughout Munnar has made the area safer, encouraging both tourists and locals to feel at ease during nighttime hours.



The emphasis on environmental conservation and making Munnar plastic-free is evident through various projects. The park at the entrance of Munnar showcases creativity and environmental consciousness with life-sized elephant sculptures made from discarded bottles. This unique display not only welcomes visitors but also serves as a powerful message to protect the environment by minimizing plastic usage.

To facilitate waste management and encourage responsible disposal, around 200 waste bins have been strategically placed in various locations. This allows tourists arriving in Munnar to dispose of their waste separately, particularly plastic waste, which can be detrimental to the environment. The Gram Panchayat ensures that the garbage collected from these bins is properly disposed of, contributing to the cleanliness and beauty of the region.

Addressing the perennial issue of traffic congestion during peak hours, the panchayat has acquired two and a half acres of land for parking in two locations. This thoughtful planning has helped alleviate traffic jams and created a smoother flow of vehicles in the town, making it more convenient for both locals and tourists.

Through proper planning and efficient governance, the Gram Panchayat administration has given Munnar a new and welcoming face. The comprehensive approach to development, combining infrastructure improvements, environmental protection, and social welfare initiatives, has enhanced the overall quality of life in Munnar.

In conclusion, Munnar Gram Panchayat's dedication to the well-being of its people, protection of nature, and sustainable development is commendable. The implementation of various welfare projects, including housing schemes and traffic management solutions, reflects the panchayat's commitment to creating a thriving and harmonious community. With a focus on environmental conservation and waste management, Munnar is not only becoming more welcoming to tourists but also setting an inspiring example for responsible and eco-friendly governance. The unity between the Panchayat administration, the local community, and the public at large has played a pivotal role in bringing positive transformations and securing a promising future for Munnar.



SIDE WALL CONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL SCHOOL – THROUGH MGNREGA SCHEME

Mariyapuram Gram Panchayat



Mariyapuram Gram Panchayat, during the 2021-22 financial year, embarked on a crucial project as part of the Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to protect assets within their community. With the active involvement of Asset Protection Workers, the panchayat undertook a significant endeavor to safeguard the side wall of the local school. This initiative not only aimed at preserving the infrastructure but also contributed to creating additional benefits for the community, such as the utilization of previously unusable land for recreational purposes.

The project required meticulous planning and resource allocation. An estimated cost of Rs. 49,600 was prepared to cover the expenses involved in the project. As part of the MGNREGS, the panchayat created 274 working days, providing employment opportunities to local workers who actively participated in the asset protection work.

To execute the project effectively, 1202 square meters of rope were used. The team of dedicated workers, along with community members, worked diligently to protect the side wall of the school from the threats of unstable landslides. The strategy adopted involved securing the



soil in areas prone to landslides at the front of the school. An earthen cloth was then spread on top of the fixed soil and reinforced with stumps. Additionally, Ramacham, a type of grass, was placed on the top layer of the earthen cloth.

The combination of these protective measures had several advantageous outcomes. Firstly, the surface soil remained firm, reducing the risk of erosion. The roots of Ramacham played a vital role in preventing further soil erosion, thus fortifying the stability of the area. Most importantly, these proactive actions successfully prevented potential damage to the school building, ensuring the safety of its occupants.

Beyond protecting the school infrastructure, this project had an additional positive impact on the community. The previously unusable land, which was subject to soil erosion, was transformed into a safe and stable area. Thanks to the successful intervention, this land became suitable for recreational purposes, providing a new playground where children could play and engage in physical activities thus fostering overall community well-being and safety.

This project serves as an inspiring example of how grassroots initiatives, combined with governmental support, can result in meaningful transformations within local communities. The dedication of the Asset Protection Workers and the collaborative efforts of the Gram Panchayat members exemplify the spirit of community-driven development and environmental conservation. With the success of this project, Mariapuram Gram Panchayat sets an example for other regions, showcasing the positive impact of proactive asset protection and sustainable land management.



TAKE A BREAK: REVOLUTIONIZING TOURISM IN MUNNAR THROUGH INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

Pallivasal Gram Panchayat

Munnar, nestled amidst lush green hills in the picturesque Idukki district of Kerala, is a renowned tourist destination. To cater to the needs of weary travelers and enhance the overall tourist experience, the Pallivasal Gram Panchayat took a unique and innovative step by creating a rest center known as “Take a Break” at the Second Mile View Point. This project was initiated under the “Take a Break” scheme of the state government, aiming to develop infrastructure in the tourist sector, promote local cuisine, generate employment opportunities, and maintain cleanliness.

Amidst the breathtaking scenery, a Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) bus stands parked by the roadside, beckoning visitors to experience something extraordinary. Though not a functioning bus, it has been thoughtfully transformed into a rest center. The bus’s interiors have been revamped with modern facilities, including comfortable seating, well-maintained toilets, and even a sanitary pad disposer, catering to the needs of all visitors.

The “Take a Break” project at the Second Mile View Point goes beyond being just a rest stop. Travelers can indulge in the unique and delectable cuisine of Idukki at



Kudumbashree's Pink Cafe within the rest center. This initiative not only provides a space for relaxation but also showcases local culinary delights, promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region.

Prior to the construction of the "Take a Break" center, the Second Mile View Point received relatively fewer tourists. The visionary approach of the Pallivasal Gram Panchayat aimed to change that by providing state-of-the-art rest facilities and promoting the location's potential as a prominent tourist spot. As a part of this project, similar "Take a Break" centers with diverse concepts are being developed from various viewpoints in the region.

The Panchayat's endeavors extend beyond catering to tourists' needs. By developing infrastructure in the tourist sector, the "Take a Break" initiative generates employment opportunities for the local community. The project involves various stakeholders, fostering collaboration and economic growth in the region.

Furthermore, the Panchayat emphasizes cleanliness and environmental preservation. By providing well-maintained rest facilities, the project contributes to maintaining the area's pristine beauty, inviting tourists to cherish the natural wonders of Munnar responsibly.

The Pallivasal Gram Panchayat's "Take a Break" project at the Second Mile View Point is a testament to their dedication to enhancing the tourist experience and promoting sustainable development. As the "Take a Break" project progresses with more such centers in the pipeline, the Panchayat's vision to promote responsible tourism, preserve nature, and create a harmonious and vibrant tourist destination becomes a reality. The initiative stands as an inspiration for other regions, showcasing how innovative and thoughtful planning can elevate the overall tourism experience while maintaining the essence of the location's cultural heritage.



ERNAKULAM DISTRICT

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TRANSFORMATIVE ROAD PROJECTS: MANJALLOOR GRAM PANCHAYAT'S COMMITMENT TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER MGNREGS

Manjalloor Gram Panchayat



Manjalloor village, located in the Muvattupuzha taluka of Ernakulam district in Kerala, India, is a Gram Panchayat with a location code of 628024. It is situated 10 km away from the sub-district headquarters of Muvattupuzha and 45 km away from the district headquarters of Kakkanad. The village covers a total geographical area of 2304 hectares and has a population of 17,145, with 8,448 males and 8,697 females. The literacy rate in Manjalloor is commendable at 88.52%, with 88.98% of males and 88.06% of females being literate. The village comprises approximately 4,149 houses and is closely connected to Thodupuzha, which is a major town for various economic activities, situated approximately 6 km away.

As part of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for the year 2021-2022, Manjalloor Gram Panchayat has exemplified its commitment to rural development by implementing a range of innovative projects that have a transformative impact on the lives of its residents.

One of the most significant projects undertaken by the Panchayat is the construction and maintenance



of roads. Recognizing the pivotal role that well-built roads play in enhancing accessibility and connectivity, the Panchayat has taken a proactive approach in this domain. The construction and maintenance of roads are vital for rural communities as they facilitate the movement of people and goods, opening up opportunities for economic growth and social development. Through the MGNREGS, the Panchayat has engaged local laborers, empowering them with job opportunities and a chance to contribute directly to the betterment of their own communities.

Moreover, the Panchayat's innovative measures in road construction and maintenance have resulted in the establishment of durable and sustainable roads. By employing modern engineering techniques and quality materials, the roads are designed to withstand the challenges of the rural environment, including heavy monsoons and varying weather conditions. This ensures that the roads remain in good condition for an extended period, reducing the need for frequent repairs and ultimately contributing to cost savings.

Beyond the immediate benefits of enhanced connectivity, these road projects have far-reaching implications for rural development. Improved transportation networks make it easier for farmers to access markets for their produce, promoting agricultural productivity and income generation. It also encourages the growth of small businesses, as better access to markets and raw materials fosters entrepreneurship and economic activities.

Furthermore, the Panchayat's focus on sustainable development is evident in its commitment to eco-friendly road construction practices. Incorporating environmentally friendly materials and techniques not only reduces the ecological impact of these projects but also sets an example for other regions to follow suit in their development initiatives.

Overall, Manjalloor Gram Panchayat's initiatives under the MGNREGS demonstrate a forward-thinking and holistic approach to rural development and welfare. By prioritizing road construction and maintenance as part of its projects, the Panchayat addresses critical infrastructural needs, supports livelihood opportunities, and paves the way for sustainable growth and prosperity within



the region. Through the integration of local labor, sustainable practices, and a vision for inclusive development, the Panchayat sets a commendable example for other rural communities to emulate, contributing to the overall progress and well-being of rural India.



STONE BUND PROJECT: A SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION FOR SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT IN MANJALLOOR GRAM PANCHAYAT

Manjalloor Gram Panchayat



In the pursuit of rural development and environmental conservation, Manjalloor Gram Panchayat, located in the Muvattupuzha Taluk of Ernakulam district, Kerala, India, has successfully implemented innovative projects under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for the year 2021-2022. One of the notable projects that have been undertaken is the construction of stone bunds along the contours of the land.

The Stone Bund project is a crucial measure aimed at addressing the challenges of soil erosion and runoff damage that often affect downstream fields during heavy rainfall. By utilizing a combination of stones and soil, these bunds have been carefully constructed along the natural contours of the landscape to slow down and divert the flow of water. The stabilizing ditch on the upper side of the bunds plays a vital role in capturing runoff water and guiding it gently towards the bund. This prevents the bunds from eroding and ensures that the water is evenly distributed across agricultural fields, providing an effective solution for soil conservation and water management in rural areas.

The impact of this project goes beyond just mitigating



soil erosion. It also contributes significantly to sustainable land management and water resource utilization. The reduced soil erosion helps preserve the fertile topsoil, which is vital for agricultural productivity and sustenance. Moreover, the trapped runoff water gradually percolates into the soil, recharging groundwater reserves, and providing a reliable source of moisture during dry periods, which is particularly essential in regions with erratic rainfall patterns.

The successful implementation of the Stone Bund project has not only contributed to environmental conservation but also had positive socio-economic implications for the community. Under MGNREGS, the project has generated employment opportunities for local residents, enhancing their livelihoods and economic well-being. The increased agricultural productivity resulting from better soil conservation and water availability has further boosted the rural economy.

Manjalloor village, with its commendable literacy rate of 88.52%, demonstrates a community that is aware of the importance of education and sustainable development. The village's proximity to the major town of Thodupuzha, known for various economic activities, provides additional opportunities for growth and development.

In conclusion, the Stone Bund project in Manjalloor Gram Panchayat stands as a shining example of how innovative approaches to rural development can lead to significant positive impacts on both the environment and the lives of the local community. Through the construction of stone bunds, the village has taken a significant step towards enhancing soil conservation, preventing runoff damage, and promoting water management in rural areas. As the community continues to strive for sustainable development and progress, it sets a commendable precedent for other regions to follow in their pursuit of a greener and more prosperous future.

INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT: VYPIN BLOCK PANCHAYAT'S INITIATIVES FOR EMPOWERMENT AND PROGRESS

Vypin Block Panchayat



Vypin Block Panchayat, nestled amidst the picturesque group of islands that form an integral part of the vibrant city of Kochi in Kerala, India, has made commendable strides in fostering the development and well-being of its residents. This barrier island stands gracefully between the majestic Arabian Sea on the west and the serene Cochin backwaters, which are nourished by the intertwining distributaries of the Periyar River on the east. Stretching across an impressive length of approximately 27 kilometers (17 miles), Vypin Island is seamlessly connected to mainland Kochi through a network of Goshree bridges, enhancing accessibility and promoting the exchange of cultures and commerce. Despite its breathtaking natural beauty, Vypin ranks as the 58th most densely populated island globally, with Njarakkal being one of the most densely inhabited locations within its alluring expanse.

Determined to foster inclusive development, Vypin Block Panchayat has undertaken a range of initiatives and projects, with a special focus on supporting the Scheduled Caste communities. Education-related initiatives have been at the forefront of these efforts, with the provision of study rooms aiming to create conducive



environments for students' learning and academic progress. By providing students with these dedicated spaces for studying, the panchayat seeks to enhance educational opportunities and empower young minds to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

In its commitment to uplift the economic status of the community, Vypin Block Panchayat has engaged various Kudumbashree groups in vegetable cultivation and marketing. Through the establishment of weekly and monthly markets, these enterprising women and Kudumbashree groups actively contribute to the local economy, while also fostering self-sufficiency and entrepreneurship within the community.

Beyond economic empowerment, Vypin Block Panchayat has placed considerable focus on Women and Child Development programs. These initiatives are designed to enhance the overall well-being and social welfare of women and children, promoting gender equality and empowering women to play pivotal roles in the community's progress and development.

Furthermore, the panchayat has actively engaged the Haritha Karma Sena in waste collection and recycling activities, accentuating the importance of environmental conservation and waste management. These efforts not only contribute to a cleaner and greener environment but also provide employment opportunities for individuals involved in waste management activities.

By undertaking such multifaceted initiatives, Vypin Block Panchayat exemplifies its commitment to fostering holistic development and well-being in the region. As it continues to promote education, economic empowerment, and environmental sustainability, the panchayat stands as a beacon of progress and inclusivity, setting an inspiring example for other regions to follow. Through the collective efforts of its residents and local leadership, Vypin endeavors to create a brighter and more prosperous future for all its community members.



THRISSUR DISTRICT

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ENHANCING LIVING STANDARDS: PROGRESSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Poomangalam Gram Panchayat



Poomangalam Gram Panchayat is located in Vellangallur block in Thrissur district. It spreads over an area of 10.94 sq. km and supports a population of about 12,541. Poomangalam and Manavalssery are the two revenue villages in the Panchayat.

The Gram Panchayat is committed to maintaining and improving its existing assets through periodic changes, maintenance, and ensuring high-quality standards. In line with this, renovation projects were undertaken for the Panchayat office building and the meeting hall as part of the 2021-2022 annual plans, with an expenditure of Rs. 4,66,865. Additionally, the public playground in the Gram Panchayat area was renovated at a cost of Rs. 5,49,706.

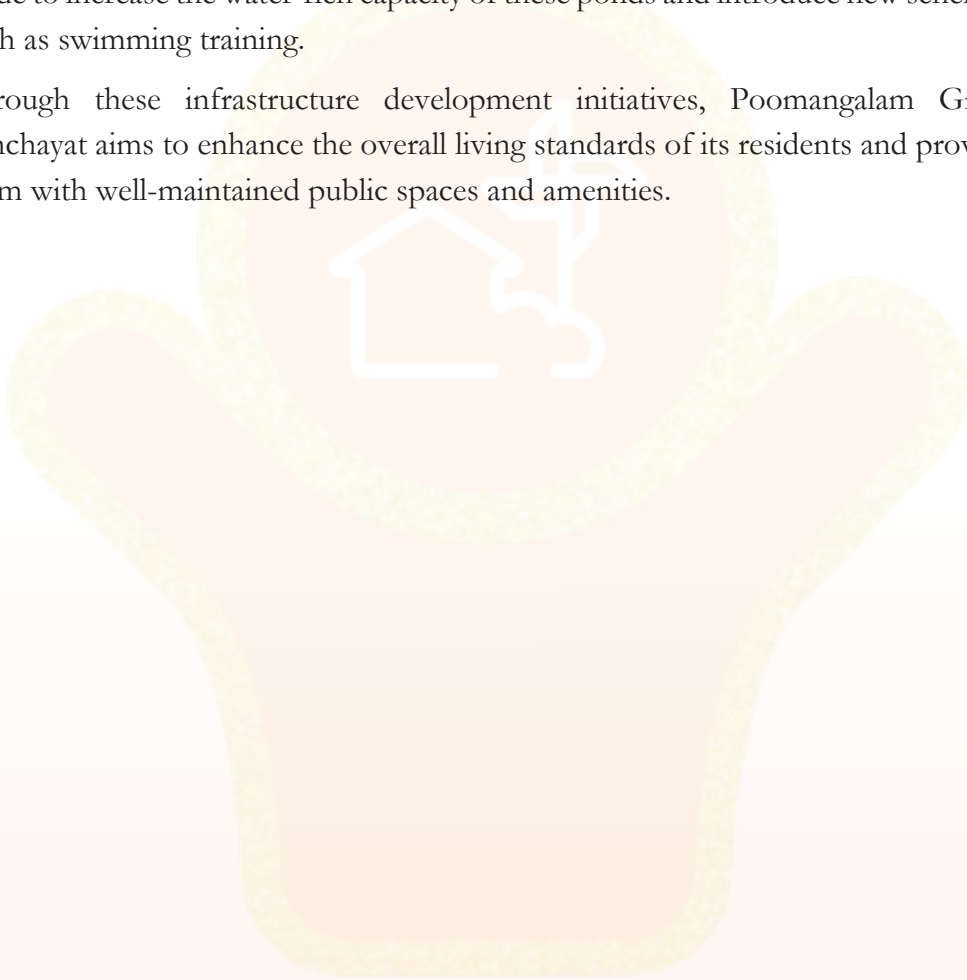
Recognizing the importance of providing quality facilities for children, Poomangalam Gram Panchayat has transformed Anganwadis into hi-tech centers with high standards. The Panchayat aims to devise and implement projects that enhance the efficiency and artistic development of the younger generation.

Infrastructure development includes the maintenance



of public roads, wells, water beds, and ponds throughout the Panchayat. This encompasses the protection and maintenance of roads like Aryankode Bridge and Njaleli Road. In response to changing climatic conditions and drought, the Neelankulam small pond, Aryankot pond, and Tampuran pond have been renovated and stocked with new types of fish. An expenditure of 659,381 rupees was incurred for the renovation of public ponds. Furthermore, efforts are being made to increase the water-rich capacity of these ponds and introduce new schemes such as swimming training.

Through these infrastructure development initiatives, Poomangalam Gram Panchayat aims to enhance the overall living standards of its residents and provide them with well-maintained public spaces and amenities.





BRIGHTENING LIVES: REMARKABLE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Mattathur Gram Panchayat



Mattathoor Gram Panchayat comes under Kodakara block Panchayat. With a span of 103.11 sq. km, it contains 3 revenue villages - Mattathur, Vellikulangara and Kodassery and a population of about 47,875.

Mattathoor Gram Panchayat, which is mostly comprised of hill and forest areas along with a tribal section, recognizes the importance of street lights for the welfare of its people. In the previous year, the Panchayat successfully installed and extended street lights to meet this crucial need.

A total of 2000 meters of street lights were installed in the Shatambhum area, which is predominantly inhabited by the tribal community. Furthermore, street lights were established in 23 wards, covering a distance of 23,000 meters. The Panchayat takes pride in being able to provide street lights to areas such as Shasthampooam, Talupadam, Nayattukund, Chokana, and Pathanamkund, which are adjacent to forest areas and often face disturbances from wild animals.

Mattathoor Gram Panchayat has also implemented several schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST). One of the significant



schemes is the provision of free electricity connections.

There is a tribal colony at Shasthampooam, which is occupied by a rare tribal community. The colony is located about 8 km from the Vellikulangara side of the Panchayat. Due to the lack of facilities and access to news in this area, children faced difficulties in accessing digital education during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Panchayat promptly addressed this issue and ensured that the children completed their academic year without disruption. They provided a high-speed BSNL internet connection, costing around four and a half lakh rupees from the Panchayat and tribal funds. This not only facilitated a Wi-Fi digital system for school children but also provided phone connections to the area, enabling them to stay informed about weather emergencies and other external information while also being able to communicate with the outside world.

Mattathoor Gram Panchayat's infrastructure development initiatives have significantly improved the living conditions of its residents. With the successful installation and extension of street lights in tribal and forest areas, the Panchayat has ensured safety and security for its people. The provision of free electricity connections and high-speed internet access in remote areas further demonstrates the Panchayat's commitment to the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, enabling access to education and vital information during challenging times like the COVID-19 pandemic.



EMPOWERING GOVERNANCE: INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Mullurkkara Gram Panchayat



Mullurkkara Gram Panchayat is located in Wadakkanchery Block Panchayat in Thalappilly Taluk of Thrissur District. The Panchayat has an area of 44.28 sq. km and a population of 20100. The revenue villages coming under the Panchayat are Mullurkkara and Attoor.

The Mullurkkara Gram Panchayat Office Building stands out with its modern architectural style, unlike other government office buildings. The existing building was renovated in the financial year 2015-16 and has now been transformed into a modern facility equipped with solar power systems. An expenditure of Rs. 1,25,00,000 has been incurred to date, and the renovation activities were completed in the year 2021-22.

To enhance public service, a front office system has been established, along with a touch screen system in the front office for public file tracking using the public portal in the ILGMS system. Additionally, an LCD display system has been implemented to notify important announcements. Newspapers, magazines, and TV are available for the public visiting the front office. A feeding room is also provided for convenience.

The office complex of Mullurkkara Gram Panchayat is



equipped with various facilities similar to a mini civil station. Alongside the Gram Panchayat Office, it houses the offices of the Assistant Engineer, Village Extension Officers, Krishi Bhavan, Homeo Dispensary, Kudumbashree Office, Village Office, Veterinary Office, 'Pakalveedu,' Vanitha Gym, and KSEB's Extension Counter to cater to the needs of the people. The Kudumbashree Janakiya Hotel is also operational in the complex. An EMS HALL has been prepared for meetings, and there is a marriage hall nearby with ample parking facilities. For public convenience, furniture and utensils can be rented at affordable rates, along with generator facilities. These provisions have been established to meet the requirements of the public and can serve as a model for other government organizations.

In conclusion, the Mullurkara Gram Panchayat Office Building has been transformed into a modern facility, showcasing the Panchayat's commitment to improving public service and convenience. The implementation of a front office system, touch screen tracking, and LCD displays reflects the Panchayat's innovative approach to governance. The comprehensive complex, housing various government offices and additional facilities, highlights the Panchayat's efforts to meet the diverse needs of its residents. It serves as a model for other government organizations, demonstrating the Panchayat's dedication to providing efficient and citizen-centric services for the community's welfare.



REVITALIZING INFRASTRUCTURE: NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Mullassery Block Panchayat



Mullassery Block Panchayat, nestled in the picturesque district of Thrissur, Kerala, encompasses four vibrant Gram Panchayats – Elavally, Mullassery, Pavaratty, and Venkitangu. Blessed with natural beauty and a rich cultural heritage, the Panchayat is committed to fostering growth, development, and prosperity for its residents. With a focus on inclusive governance and sustainable progress, Mullassery Block Panchayat has embarked on various infrastructure development initiatives to elevate the living standards of its communities and create a thriving environment for all.

Mullassery Block Panchayat has been at the forefront of implementing a multitude of initiatives aimed at achieving self-sufficient infrastructure. Kannothe Pulla Road, Open Gym, Rest Center and Drinking Water Facility are significant achievements of Mullassery Block Panchayat in the financial year 2021-22.

Kannothe Pulla Road, known for its seamless connectivity to Thrissur from the Mullassery – Manalur region without any traffic disruptions, has emerged as a prominent destination for domestic tourism. However, there was a lack of rest areas, washrooms, and facilities for travelers along this road. To address this issue, Mullassery Block



Panchayat President Mrs. Lathi Venugopal, Development Standing Committee Chairman Mr. Prabhish, and the governing body took the initiative to bring about a change.

For the establishment of the Rest Center, a contribution of INR 500,000/- was made from the Development Fund (Finance Commission). The Rest Center has been set up on one side of the Road. Furthermore, the Development Fund (Finance Commission) allocated INR 4,99,990/- for the Take a Break-Toilet Project, INR 200,000/- for the Water Kiosk, and INR 244,000/- for the Open Gym. The inauguration of Kannoth Pulla Road, Rest Center, Take a Break, Kudivellam Orukkal and Open Gym took place on Saturday, October 15th, 2022, with the presence of the honorable MLA of Manalur Constituency, Mr. Murali Perunelli. The completion of this project is expected to attract more people to this route and contribute to an increased number of individuals engaging in evening jogging activities, thus making the area even more popular.

These initiatives not only address travel convenience and amenities but also contribute to the promotion of domestic tourism and community well-being. The Panchayat's commitment to self-sufficiency and thoughtful development sets a positive example for other regions, ensuring a brighter and more prosperous future for its residents.



TRANSFORMATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Koratty Gram Panchayat



Koratty Gram Panchayat comes under Chalakkudy block Panchayat in Thrissur. It spreads over an area of 23.42 sq. km , including 2 revenue villages - Koizhakkumuri and Muringoor Thekkumuri. The population of the Panchayat is around 32,523.

Koratty Panchayat, located on the southern border of the district has been actively engaged in various initiatives to establish self-sufficient infrastructure. One of the key challenges addressed by the new governing body was the deteriorating condition of the Lakhshamveed houses in the area.

To tackle this issue, Koratty Panchayat embarked on an integrated housing project, which has now become a model for the entire state. In the initial phase, out of the 64 houses, 37 were acquired by the Panchayat in 2021 and 2022. The project follows a structured plan where the Housing Board provides 2 lakhs, the Panchayat contributes 1 lakh, the Chiramel Trust contributes 1 lakh, and the beneficiaries themselves contribute 1 lakh, totaling 5 lakhs.

The Honorable Kerala Housing and Revenue Department Minister, Shri. K Rajan commended this initiative as a



model for the state and expressed his intention to implement it statewide. The integrated housing project ensures that residents of Koratty Panchayat no longer have to dream of owning a closed house in their lifetime. The construction of these houses includes amenities such as a public hall, two rooms, a kitchen, and a toilet, providing a dignified living space for the residents.

Another noteworthy accomplishment of Koratty Panchayat is the establishment of a roadside rest center called “Take a Break.” This clean and modern rest center, located near the national highway, has been a long-standing aspiration of the people of Koratty. Through the combined support of the State Sanitation Fund, MLA fund, and Panchayat funds, the rest center has now become a reality. It features separate toilet blocks for men and women, a recreation center, a public hotel, and a sanitary disposal system.

Furthermore, Koratty Panchayat LP School has undergone a remarkable transformation, thanks to the utilization of MLA funds, CSR funds and funds from Koratty Village, Block, District tri-level Panchayat. With an investment of 1 crore 30 lakhs, the school has been equipped with eight smart classrooms, a modern kitchen, a children’s park, child-friendly classrooms, and a library. These facilities have helped elevate Koratty Panchayat LP School into a model school, catering to approximately 250 students.

Koratty Panchayat’s integrated projects demonstrate its commitment to comprehensive development and its ability to leverage various funds for the betterment of the community.



EMPOWERING RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE: ROAD CONNECTIVITY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES

Elavally Gram Panchayat



Elavally Gram Panchayat is situated in Mullassery block Panchayat in Thrissur district. The Panchayat has an area of 16.28 sq. km and a population of 27209. Brahmakulam and Elavally are the revenue villages here.

The Gram Panchayat is actively focusing on the development of rural infrastructure, particularly in the area of road connectivity. Given the presence of numerous streams and paddy fields, the construction of bridges and culverts has been prioritized to improve transportation links. In line with this, digitalization initiatives have been implemented to accurately measure and document all assets of the Gram Panchayat. This comprehensive annual plan serves as a foundation for future development activities.

The renovation of the Poovathur bus stand within the Gram Panchayat is another notable project. Upgrades have been made to the bus stand, including the addition of a toilet complex, a waiting area with high mast lighting, and improved facilities, ensuring a better experience for commuters.

In the realm of child development, significant efforts have been made to enhance the quality of Anganwadi



centres. Seven Anganwadis have been transformed into Smart Anganwadis, benefiting from the funds received by winning the Swaraj Trophy for the best Gram Panchayat in the state in the previous year. These upgraded facilities provide improved amenities and services to support the holistic development of children.

To foster a public-friendly Gram Panchayat office, the front office has been equipped with modern facilities. Specifically, refrigerated toilets for women, sanitary napkins, and specially designed toilets for differently-abled individuals have been provided, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility.

Under the Chief Minister's Local Road Rehabilitation Scheme, Janashakthi Road in Ward 10 and Post Office Road in Ward 2 have been rehabilitated at a cost of 5 lakhs, allowing the Ayurvedic Dispensary, which was previously blocked, to be demarcated. Additionally, a beautiful enclosure has been constructed using the Property Development Fund of the Manalur MLA.

In an effort to improve the efficiency of Gram Panchayat services, a vision document preparation project is underway, involving a GIS-based comprehensive development plan. As part of this initiative, data collection of household buildings and other structures within the Gram Panchayat has been digitized. Furthermore, a well-equipped record room has been established to facilitate the storage and retrieval of files, ensuring effective public service delivery.

The Gram Panchayat is actively developing rural infrastructure, focusing on road connectivity and constructing bridges and culverts. They have also implemented digitalization initiatives to document and manage assets effectively. Additionally, notable projects include renovating the Poovathur bus stand, upgrading Anganwadi centers, and improving the Gram Panchayat office's front office facilities for public convenience.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROMOTING TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL SPACES

Thanniyam Gram Panchayat



Thanniyam Gram Panchayat comes under Anthikkad Block Panchayat in Thrissur district. It spreads over an area of 12.99 sq. km with a population of 21,449. Anthikkad and Padiyam are the revenue villages in this Gram Panchayat.

SARAYU THEERAM

Sarayu Theeram, located on the western border of Thanniyam Gram Panchayat, has been included in the tourism scheme of the Panchayat. The lack of recreational spaces has been a major concern for the local residents, prompting the authorities to propose the development of Sarayu Theeram. Positioned on the banks of Canoli Canal, facing Sri Rama Temple, the park has recently undergone renovations with limited funds, making it a popular attraction for the community.

The park not only serves as a leisure spot for the locals but also draws devotees visiting the temple and individuals from distant places who seek a place to spend their free time. Its picturesque location has even made it a preferred filming location for music albums and photo shoots. The park's ambience and surroundings have significantly improved due to the renovation works. To



further enhance the facilities, construction of a toilet block, snack bar, cloakroom, and open stage is currently underway. Once these ongoing renovations are completed, Sarayu Theeram is expected to attract even more visitors, surpassing its current popularity.

In consideration of long-distance travellers, a ‘Take-a-Break’ facility has been established at Sarayu Theeram. Additionally, the management committee of the Panchayat is planning to acquire additional areas along the banks of Sarayu for future projects. Extensive development plans are in place to maximize the potential of the park and its surroundings, ensuring it remains a prominent feature in the Panchayat’s development initiatives.

CHEMMAPPILLY HANGING BRIDGE

Thanniyam Panchayat is undertaking a tourism project known as Chemmappilly Hanging Bridge, which serves as a link between the areas located along the western border of the Gram Panchayat and the nearby Sarayu coast. Presently, these areas attract a significant number of visitors, both with and without families. A private individual currently operates a pedal boat service under the Chemmappilly suspension bridge. Additionally, a 20-passenger solar boat is available, and with the potential of tourism fully realized, the Panchayat can achieve substantial growth.

To further develop coastal tourism in the region, the Panchayat is planning to establish a rest area, two shops, and toilet facilities under the Chemmappilly hanging bridge. The necessary funds for setting up these tourism promotion systems are allocated for the project, with a total budget of Rs 50 lakh. This includes Rs 30 lakh from the Tourism Department and Rs 20 lakh from local bodies. The Panchayat envisions a system where an annual income of up to Rs 1 lakh will be generated through license fees and employment taxes from renting shop sheds, conducting business activities, and operating private boat services.

By investing in the development of the Chemmappilly Hanging Bridge area, the Panchayat aims to enhance tourism opportunities, attract more visitors, and create sustainable income sources for the local community.

Thanniyam Gram Panchayat’s Sarayu Theeram and Chemmappilly Hanging Bridge projects demonstrate their commitment to enhancing tourism and recreational



spaces in the region. The renovated Sarayu Theeram Park attracts both locals and temple devotees, with further developments planned to increase its popularity. The Chemmappilly Hanging Bridge project aims to connect areas along the western border, promoting coastal tourism and creating sustainable income sources for the local community.





PRESERVING HERITAGE AND EMBRACING SUSTAINABILITY: A REMARKABLE JOURNEY

Vallathol Nagar Gram Panchayat



Vallathol Nagar Gram Panchayat, located to the north of Thrissur district, is situated near the serene river Nila (Bharathapuzha). This picturesque village holds a special place in Kerala's cultural heritage. It is blessed by the birth of the great poet Vallathol Narayana Menon, making Vallathol Nagar Gram Panchayat a place of cultural significance and ancestral pride. The Panchayat covers an area of 2045 hectares and is rich in natural beauty and cultural heritage.

In this Panchayat, located on the banks of River Nila, a beautiful and modern Guest House (Tourist House) was constructed during the financial year 2021-22. This facility caters to the needs of tourists and travelers visiting the region, providing them with modern amenities and comforts. The Guest House stands as a testament to the Panchayat's commitment to enhancing tourism and promoting its rich cultural heritage. In the district's entrance gate, there is a beautiful structure, along with artistic designs based on Vastu Vidya, to welcome guests in a traditional manner. The vast R. Nayar Library, equipped with thousands of books and reference materials, is a valuable resource for students and book lovers. It provides useful information and



knowledge to those who seek it. In addition, the construction of a large vehicle shed with modern facilities by the Panchayat in the 2021-22 financial year serves as an example of their active initiatives. This shed caters to the needs of the general public as well as Panchayat vehicles, offering a well-organized and spacious place for them. Furthermore, the local community benefits from the Janakeeya Hotel (public canteen) where affordable and nutritious meals are available, ensuring fair prices for all. As part of the Clean Cherthuruthi project, a 16-membered Haritha Karma Sena was established in the wards of the Panchayat to collect non-biodegradable waste. They collected and sorted various types of plastic waste, which were later handed over to the Clean Kerala Company for proper disposal. The Panchayats provided fair prices to these units for the plastic waste collected, enabling them to generate the necessary funds.

The funds obtained, amounting to INR 14,58,999, were utilized to purchase an electric vehicle for waste collection and management in the wards. This initiative, undertaken by the Panchayat during the 2021-22 financial year, resulted in significant achievements and commendable contributions towards waste management. The Panchayat's initiatives, such as the modern Guest House, well-equipped library, and waste management efforts, showcase their commitment to promoting tourism and preserving their rich cultural heritage.



PALAKKAD DISTRICT

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EMPOWERING CITIZEN-CENTRIC GOVERNANCE: VELLINEZHI GRAM PANCHAYAT'S TRANSFORMATIVE INITIATIVES

Vellinezhi Gram Panchayat



In Vellinezhi Gram Panchayat, the Kudumbashree Help Desk operates daily, providing valuable assistance to the public. Supported by the Kudumbashree unit, equipped with a photocopier and laptop, the help desk proves to be a vital resource for visitors to the Gram Panchayat office.

Notably, Vellinezhi stands out as one of the pioneering 140 Gram Panchayats in the state to embrace the ILGMS platform. This transformative move enables the provision of all services online, ensuring timely and transparent file disposal and service delivery. Regular revision and publication of civil rights documents have reached a maximum number of people, fostering inclusivity and awareness.

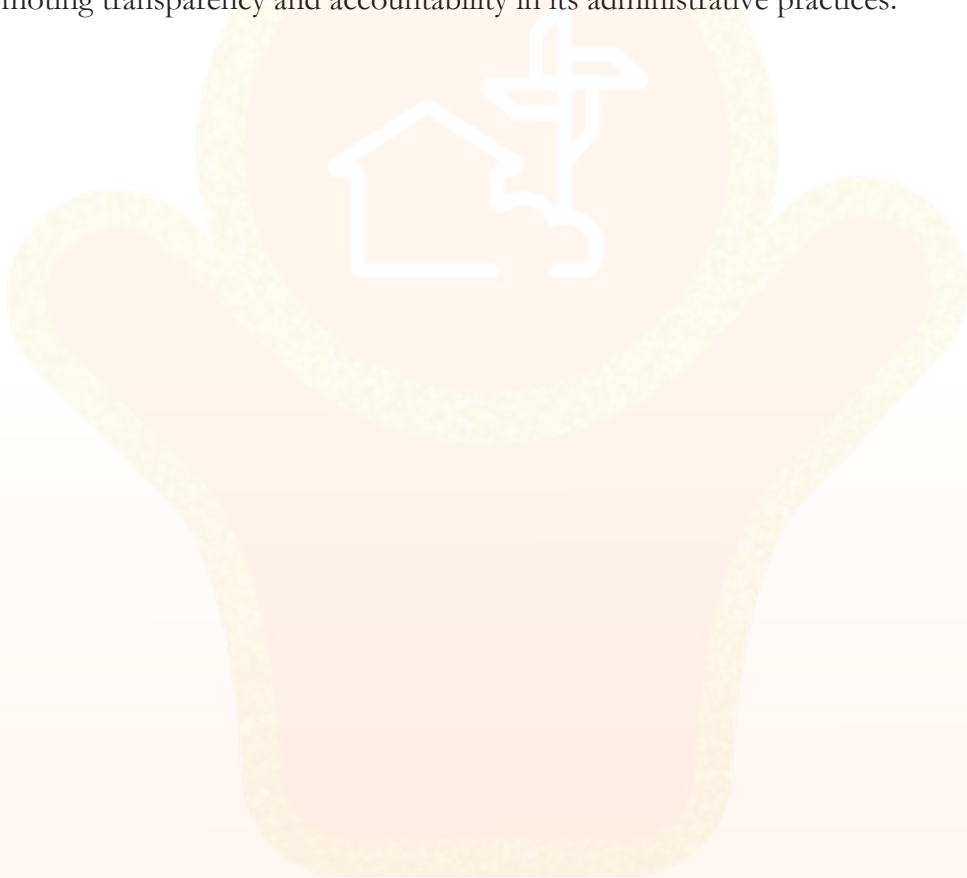
A quality circle comprising employees from all categories has been formed, prioritizing services and optimizing service delivery. To accommodate the evolving needs, the Gram Panchayat has invested in a modern office building, a well-organized record room, and an efficient front office.

What sets Vellinezhi apart is its dedication to addressing grievances effectively. It avails the services of the Legal



Services Authority, ensuring accessible grievance redressal. With the Legal Services Authority available on the first and third Wednesday of every month, the Gram Panchayat has diligently prepared the office and related facilities to facilitate its establishment.

By embracing modern technology and fostering a proactive approach to service delivery, Vellinezhi Gram Panchayat sets a commendable example for efficient and citizen-centric governance. The integration of various initiatives and services underscores the panchayat's commitment to empowering its community and promoting transparency and accountability in its administrative practices.





TRANSFORMATIVE INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT: SHUTTLE COURT PROJECT AT CHURAKKOD SCHOOL

Vallapuzha Gram Panchayat



The construction of the shuttle court at Churakkod School is a significant initiative led by the employment guarantee chief of Vallapuzha Gram Panchayat, focusing on infrastructural development and asset management. This endeavour marks a pivotal starting point in mainstreaming the next generation of students, enhancing their overall educational experience. Notably, this project received full support from all stakeholders right from the beginning, demonstrating the collective commitment to its success. Under the guidance of the school's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), the project was meticulously planned and executed.

During the first phase of implementation, the project encountered some obstacles due to the limited space available for the playing ground. However, with perseverance and determination, the labour guarantee was utilized effectively to ensure the completion of the shuttle court construction. The total expenditure for this phase amounted to one lakh ten thousand rupees, making it a cost-effective and impactful investment in the school's infrastructure.

As part of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Project, Vallapuzha, the shuttle court became a valuable



addition to Churakkod school's facilities. The court not only enables the children to engage in correct play during the Physical Training (PT) period but also provides them with the opportunity to practice and hone their skills in the evenings. This facility has been particularly beneficial for nurturing the talents of gifted children, offering them specialized practice sessions.

The establishment of the shuttle court reflects the panchayat's commitment to promoting sports and physical activity among the students. It not only fosters a culture of healthy competition and teamwork but also encourages a well-rounded approach to education, encompassing both academic and co-curricular aspects.

The success of this project exemplifies the power of community-driven initiatives and the fruitful collaboration between the Gram Panchayat, school authorities, and other stakeholders. By investing in the development of essential facilities like the shuttle court, Vallapuzha Gram Panchayat is empowering the next generation, creating a conducive environment for their growth, and contributing to the overall advancement of the region.



ANGANWADI NO. 118: A MILESTONE IN EDUCATION-FOCUSED DEVELOPMENT

Vallapuzha Gram Panchayat



The completion of Anganwadi No. 118 in Pannikunnu is a significant achievement under the Vallapuzha Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, with a specific focus on the education sector. Notably, this Anganwadi holds the distinction of being the first one built under the employment guarantee scheme within the Ottapalam Block Panchayat.

Before 2007, there were no Anganwadis in the area, and the residents had to rely on Anganwadis located far away. However, the challenges of long-distance travel for babies made it essential to establish an Anganwadi in Pannikunnu. At that time, Kunjabdulla, who served as the Panchayat Vice President, took the initiative and transformed his own shop into an Anganwadi. This marked the beginning of Pannikunnu Anganwadi, serving 20 children from 2007.

However, the number of children attending the Anganwadi decreased significantly due to safety concerns and the risk of accidents near roadside shops. Responding to the constant demand from parents and local residents, the panchayat decided to construct a dedicated Anganwadi for Pannikunnu. The first challenge faced was finding a suitable location for the new facility, and thanks to the



generous gesture of Mulathur Thodi Viswanathan, who offered his land for the Anganwadi, a suitable site was secured.

To fund the construction, the Mahatma Gandhi National Employment Guarantee Scheme provided the necessary funds as part of the 2020-21 Action Plan. With these funds in place, the construction of the Anganwadi commenced and was successfully completed, providing a safe and nurturing environment for the children of Pannikunnu.

This development not only fulfils the need for an accessible Anganwadi but also showcases the proactive approach and commitment of Vallapuzha Gram Panchayat to the welfare and education of its young population. The establishment of Anganwadi No. 118 in Pannikunnu will undoubtedly contribute to the holistic development of children in the region, fostering their physical, cognitive, and social growth. The efforts and cooperation of various stakeholders in making this project a reality exemplify the power of community-driven initiatives in bringing about positive change and development.



MALAPPURAM DISTRICT

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EMPOWERING VATTAMKULAM GRAM PANCHAYAT: ROAD DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT

Vattamkulam Gram Panchayat



Vattamkulam Gram Panchayat is located in Ponnani Block of Malappuram District. Previously, the Gram Panchayat had limited powers and responsibilities, operating primarily on the small income generated from taxes. It relied on making applications and petitions to various departments for development and welfare activities.

However, with the introduction of the KPPR (Kerala Panchayat Raj) Act, several departments such as Agriculture, Animal Protection, Village Services, Schools, Anganwadis, Primary Health Centers, Ayurveda, Homeo dispensaries, and Engineering departments were transferred to the panchayats. Additionally, a certain percentage of the taxes paid by the central and state governments were allocated for development and investment activities.

After India gained independence, substantial plans were formulated for transportation development through the Five Year Plans. However, the focus was primarily on connecting major cities with other states for trade purposes, while the needs of the rural areas were often neglected. Many villages still lack proper road connectivity, and even the existing roads may not be



well-developed enough to meet modern demands.

Vattamkulam Gram Panchayat is traversed by important roads like State Highway 69 and 59, including Tippusultan Road. These roads play a crucial role in connecting the area with other regions.

In the past, during the reign of the king, pedestrians were provided with resting places along the waysides, shaded by trees, and with wells for their convenience. Over time, the alleys, footpaths, and ways have transformed into today's roads. However, these roads also require further development and maintenance to cater to the present needs.

In the financial year 2021-2022, around 47 lakhs and 25 thousand rupees were allocated for the background area, with approximately 56 lakhs and 923 rupees spent on road construction and restoration through road maintenance projects.



DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN MELATTUR GRAM PANCHAYAT

Melattur Gram Panchayat



Melattur Gram Panchayat, situated in the Perinthalmanna block, covers an area of 27.24 sq km and is home to a population of 34,520. In an endeavor to enhance the infrastructure and amenities for its residents, the Gram Panchayat initiated several development projects.

The construction of the Gram Panchayat bus stand, shopping complex building, and government offices commenced in 2017-18 and were successfully completed in 2021-22. This complex encompasses 80 shop rooms and government offices, funded by the KURTSC loan and the Panchayat Development Fund. One of the primary objectives was to uplift the area inhabited by around thirty families engaged in pottery making. With this aim in mind, a stadium, an Anganwadi, and a road near the Panchayat border were constructed to bring about much-needed development in the area.

Furthermore, the Panchayat focused on providing better facilities for Anganwadis. Through the completion of Putankulam Pullikkuth Anganwadi, Parokode Anganwadi, Melatoor Model Anganwadi, and Chemmanyod Anganwadi, all 21 Anganwadis now have their own buildings, fully equipped with necessary amenities. The development efforts also extended to



education and healthcare. The Chemmaniod GLPS School building underwent renovation with modern facilities, courtesy of the Education Department Fund and the Gram Panchayat Roadside Maintenance Fund. The Melattur Ayurvedic Hospital was revitalized using the Roadside Maintenance Fund to transform it into a Wellness Center, catering to the healthcare needs of the community. To address agricultural irrigation requirements, the Melattur Panchayat collaborated with the Pulian Thotil Block Panchayat to establish Kizhakkumbadam Chira and Pulianthode Chira, both funded through development funds.

In a bid to support the aspirations of the youth, Melattur Gram Panchayat successfully renovated the Mini Stadium, realizing one of their sports dreams. This renovation project was funded with an expenditure of 15 lakh rupees from the Panchayat's own funds. These initiatives reflect the Gram Panchayat's commitment to comprehensive development, improving the living conditions of its residents, and nurturing a sustainable and progressive community.



ELEVATING EXCELLENCE: ACHIEVEMENTS OF EDAPAL GRAM PANCHAYAT

Edapal Gram Panchayat



Edapal Gram Panchayat has been diligently working under ISO standards since the year 2019-2020, and their commitment to quality and excellence is evident as they successfully renewed their ISO certification in 2022. The front office and help desk at the Panchayat office are meticulously organized, providing a welcoming and efficient environment for visitors.

Of the 33 Anganwadis under the Gram Panchayat's control, an impressive 28 have their own buildings, demonstrating the Panchayat's focus on child-friendly infrastructure. In the year 2021-2022, the Porookkara Anganwadi was funded by MGNREGA, while the Pookarathara Anganwadi was constructed with funds from the National Urban Mission. Every Anganwadi is designed to be child-friendly, equipped with vibrant murals, colorful surroundings, playgrounds, and various play equipment, including televisions to captivate the children's attention. Modern study materials are provided to ensure an innovative and engaging learning experience for young minds.

The Panchayat has also made significant strides in the modernization of schools. All schools handed over to the Panchayat have undergone renovations and



upgrades. Moreover, four new schools have been constructed at a cost of one and a half crore rupees, each equipped with modern amenities to foster a conducive learning environment. Pre-primary schools have been thoughtfully named “Varnakkodaram,” showcasing the Panchayat’s attention to detail. Additionally, a science park has been established at GMUPS School, an initiative that cost Rs. 14 lakhs to provide students with hands-on scientific exploration.

Infrastructure development has been a key focus for the Panchayat, as evident in the construction and renovation of sub-centers, schools, and the ongoing renovation of Edapal Krishi Bhavan, funded through National Funds. In the agricultural sector, the Panchayat has actively constructed bunds and ramps to facilitate irrigation, and other efforts are underway to modernize infrastructure, including electricity. The Gram Panchayat is also keen on maintaining a clean and well-maintained environment. Regular cleaning and renovation of wells, ponds, and roads are carried out, ensuring a pleasant living experience for the public. Haritha Karma Sena’s responsible activities have played a vital role in waste management, with efficient collection, segregation, and disposal of non-organic waste from all wards. This initiative has not only contributed to a cleaner environment but also resulted in a good income for the members of Haritha Karma Sena.

Healthcare remains a priority for the Gram Panchayat. All Ayurvedic homeo dispensaries and health centers have undergone renovations and are now equipped with necessary facilities for the well-being of patients. Edapal Gram Panchayat has successfully demonstrated its commitment to serving the public and addressing their needs, making significant progress in various fields, and setting an example in the region.



PROMOTING SPORTS SECTOR: INITIATIVES BY THE PANCHAYAT GOVERNING BODY

Edavanna Gram Panchayat



Edavanna is a historic village situated in the Areekode Block of Malappuram district, and it has been a vibrant community even before India's independence. This picturesque village falls under the Areekode block and is part of the North Kerala Division. Spanning an area of 2754 hectares, Edavanna is home to a total population of 26,432, residing in 5,271 houses, as per the 2011 Census. Remarkably, the female population constitutes 51.7% of the total residents, reflecting gender equality.

Edavanna takes pride in its high literacy rate of 81.3%, a testament to the importance the village places on education. Besides excelling in academics, Edavanna is also known for its abundance of sporting talent. Recognizing this potential, the new Panchayat governing body has initiated various activities focused on enhancing the sports sector, making it a prominent part of the annual plan.

To facilitate the development of sports in the area, the Panchayat has identified suitable lands in each ward for the construction of sports grounds, and work on building these grounds is already underway as part of the project. Special funds have been allocated in the previous year's budget for schemes targeting the youth, with sports kits



distributed to clubs in the Panchayat, and football training provided to cooperative students through the Wakeup Academy.

The primary objective of these efforts is to nurture and develop budding athletes. For this purpose, significant emphasis has been placed on enhancing and preparing playgrounds. To support this initiative, an allocation of Rs. 40 lakhs has been made to purchase new playground equipment in two wards. Additionally, funds have been earmarked for the renovation of existing stadiums and play areas.

The Panchayat governing body remains committed to the promotion of sports and has already planned for future allocations to sustain this development in the upcoming years. Through these collective efforts, Edavanna aims to flourish as a hub of sports talent and uphold its rich legacy as a historic village with a strong focus on sports and community growth.



KOZHIKODE DISTRICT

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LAKSHAM VEEDU AS BEST MODEL TO STATE INITIATIVE BY KODIYATHUR GRAM PANCHAYAT

Kodiyathur Gram Panchayat



Kodiyathur is a Gram Panchayat under Kunnumangalam Block Panchayat in Kozhikode district in the state of Kerala, India. Kodiyathur Panchayat is implementing various activities in the service sector. Kodiyathur, one of the Gram Panchayat that implemented the first door-to-door services by the state Government. Kodiyathur Gram Panchayat has been able to show a unique example of providing basic government services to those who are suffering from age disease, physical and mental challenges, poverty, and those who cannot get Government service due to lack of knowledge.

In Kodiyathur Gram Panchayat, poverty alleviation activities are being carried out with great importance. Various projects have been started for this purpose. The most important of these is the renovation of Laksham veedu colonies. The governing body aims to change the face of all Laksham veedu colonies in the panchayat and bring a new look and feel by changing the name of Laksham veedu.

By preparing basic facilities for all the houses and completing the entire work, ensuring their drinking water, sanitation, health, and education, raising their quality of life, and providing an environment to live



with dignity, a big project has been started. In the first phase, 2 lakh houses were selected, Karakooti Colony with 14 families and Alungal Colony with 26 families. These two colonists, who have not known what development is for years, are very happy today. Uninhabitable houses and impassable roads are becoming a myth here.

The comprehensive renovation works that will change the face of the colonies have now reached their final stage. 26,00,000 rupees are included in the Gram Panchayat project and the necessary materials found through sponsorship from the public are being used to modernize the colonies and for house repairs, plastering, painting, wall construction, and gate installation in the colony.

Most of these works have been completed now. It is also a great achievement, to get 100% pattayam in the colonies of the Panchayat. The beautification work has also been completed by erecting the perimeter wall and gate. The management committee is trying to present the colonies in a new form by changing the name of the colonies. Residents of the colony say that they did not expect such a change.

The goal of the governing body is to convert the Laksham veedu into the best model in the state. The governing body was not ready to stop these activities. The Gram Panchayat started the activities to provide the pattayam to all the colonists by conducting a survey thus, 76 people within the Panchayat limits were able to get the pattayam.

In the last month of April, taluk authorities granted pattayam to 88 people and 76 have been given to Kodyathur panchayat residents. 23 people in Kunthanikau Colony, 26 people in Alungal and Mattumuri Colonies, and one person in Karakutty Colony also received pattayam. The procedure was made easier by taking the help of the Taluk and Village authorities, surveying the land, preparing all the necessary documents, and submitting them to the village. It is being planned to convert Kodyathur into a Panchayat where 100 percent of pattayams are available by taking necessary steps to provide them to all families who do not have pattayam. In Mattumuri, the third ward of the Panchayat, Sneha veedu was built by the people's association and on behalf of the intervention of the governing body. The 'Sneha veedu Yojna' was devised to make the dream of a house come true for families who



have been waiting for years without being included in the Government's housing assistance schemes. Through the scheme, 4 families have received this assistance. Another initiative is prizes delivered to the homes of differently-abled children who passed 12th and 10th standards.

Poverty reduction, poverty relief, or poverty eradication, is a set of measures, both economic and humanitarian, that are intended to permanently lift people out of poverty. Kodyathur Panchayat has taken many initiatives such as the above for poverty eradication.





PROGRESSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE BY KUNNAMANGALAM BLOCK PANCHAYAT

Kunnamangalam Block Panchayat



Kunnamangalam Block Panchayat, located close to the city in Kozhikode district, has witnessed the successful completion of several notable projects. Under the 2021-22 Annual Plan, the Block Panchayat embarked on various initiatives to enhance the well-being of the community. One of the significant achievements was the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) scheme, which resulted in the construction of a beautiful house on a 3.5-cent plot at a cost of Rs. 4 lakhs. This project aimed to provide affordable housing to the residents, ensuring that they have a decent and comfortable living space.

Addressing the pressing issue of potable water, the Block Panchayat undertook a project worth Rs. 48 lakhs in Edakkad, Chathamangalam panchayat. This initiative successfully solved the drinking water problem, benefiting the local population and contributing to their overall well-being. Another notable accomplishment in the area of women and child development was the construction of a new building for Kanjathingal Anganwadi. The Block Panchayat allocated Rs. 89,000 for this project, creating a dedicated space to cater to the needs of women and children in the community.



Focusing on water conservation, the Block Panchayat also initiated the construction of a magnificent pool at Mundakkal Puthan Kulam, near the road, at a cost of Rs. 11 lakhs. This project not only added to the aesthetic appeal of the area but also included swimming training facilities, providing recreational opportunities for the residents. Recognizing the importance of energy conservation, the Block Panchayat installed 15 KW solar panels at a cost of Rs. 15 lakhs. This initiative aimed to meet the growing energy needs of the community in an environmentally sustainable manner.

Kunnamangalam Block Panchayat, through its diligent efforts and strategic planning, has successfully completed various projects that have significantly contributed to the overall development of the region. These initiatives, ranging from affordable housing and drinking water solutions to improved childcare facilities and energy conservation measures, have had a positive impact on the lives of the residents, making Kunnamangalam a model for progressive development and sustainable growth.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT TO BSF CENTER (BORDER SECURITY FORCE) INITIATIVE BY CHEKKIAD GRAM PANCHAYAT

Chekkiad Gram Panchayat



Chekkiad Gram Panchayat is located under Tuneri Block Panchayat on the northern border of Kozhikode district in the state of Kerala, India. It was originally part of the Parakkadav Panchayat, which included the areas of Parakkadav, Ummatur, Thanakottoor, and Valakottoor. After the village reunification in 1962, Parakkadavu and Chekkiad villages were united, and Puliayavu and Jathieri lands were added. Today, Chekkiad Gram Panchayat encompasses all the places within the limits of Chekkiad village.

Chekkiad village is well-connected to other parts of India through Vatakara city on the west and Kuttiady town on the east. National Highway No.66 passes through Vatakara, with the northern stretch connecting to Mangalore, Goa, and Mumbai, while the southern stretch connects to Cochin and Trivandrum. The eastern highway passing through Kuttiady connects to Mananthavady, Mysore, and Bangalore. The nearest airports are in Kannur and Kozhikode, and the nearest railway station is in Vatakara.

In terms of infrastructure development, it is important to note that approximately one billion people globally have limited access to road infrastructure. This lack



of access not only hinders their mobility but also restricts their ability to benefit from development initiatives, disproportionately affecting the most disadvantaged individuals. Improved rural infrastructure, particularly roads, plays a crucial role in rural development. It is a vital pathway for poverty alleviation as it provides safe, affordable, accessible, and sustainable transport systems for those in need. While the majority of Kerala's roads are in good condition, there are still issues with some roads.

The BSF (Border Security Force) center situated at Arikara Hill is a nationally significant location in Chekkiad Gram Panchayat. The Jawans guarding the borders face a lack of basic facilities in this Panchayat. One of the main issues was the poor condition of the road leading to the BSF center, making it difficult for them to travel. In response, the Chekkiad Gram Panchayat has taken steps to address this issue.

A noteworthy and prestigious activity undertaken by the Panchayat was the construction of a road to the BSF camp. The challenging and uphill road to the Border Security Force camp located in Chekkiad Gram Panchayat Ward 3 has been concreted, resolving the traffic congestion. This road construction project was included in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, creating 252 working days for the activity in the year 2021-22. An allocation of Rs. 8,32,500 was made for this purpose, with Rs. 73,956 spent on wages and Rs. 7,19,088 spent on goods. BSF officials have also confirmed that the improved road has been beneficial for the BSF camp.

The road construction project was inaugurated by the Gram Panchayat president, Naseema Kottarath, on September 28, 2022. The function was presided over by K P Kumaran, the Vice President of Chekkiad Panchayat. BSF Commandant Prakar Trivedi and C H. Sameera, the Chairperson of the Development Affairs Standing Committee, also participated in the inaugural session. Apart from the road construction, the Panchayat has decided to construct a pond to address the drinking water shortage.

ENHANCED PUBLIC AMENITIES ACTIVITIES BY PERAMBRA GRAM PANCHAYAT

Perambra Gram Panchayat



Perampra Gram Panchayat is situated under Perambra Block panchayat in Kozhikode District, Kerala. They have experienced remarkable development in the years 2021-2022, surpassing any other Gram Panchayat in the state. One notable achievement is the construction of the V V Dakshinamurthy Town Hall, a prominent landmark in the center of Perampra City. This state-of-the-art facility, built at a cost of 10 crore rupees, can accommodate up to 1000 people. It serves as a venue for both public and private events, catering to the growing needs of the Panchayat.

With the increasing number of representatives and officials, the existing office building of the Gram Panchayat became inadequate to accommodate the growing workforce. To address this issue, the Swaraj Bhavan was dedicated as an annexe to the Gram Panchayat. This extension provides additional space to meet the administrative requirements and support the efficient functioning of the Panchayat.

Perampra has a long-standing reputation as a hub for fish trade, both in retail and wholesale. Recognizing the significance of this industry, the Panchayat embarked on the construction of a modern fish market. This market,



constructed at a cost of Rs. 70 lakhs, offers a conducive environment for 42 traders to engage in their business activities. Additionally, it provides livelihood opportunities for over a hundred workers, contributing to the economic growth of the region. To accommodate the increasing traffic in the area, the Perampra bus stand underwent renovations. The bus stand now features a roof and interlocking flooring, providing protection to bus passengers and auto-taxi users from sun and rain. This upgrade enhances the convenience and safety of commuters, reflecting the Panchayat's commitment to improving transportation infrastructure.

Perampra Gram Panchayat has witnessed significant development in various sectors during the period of 2021-2022. From the construction of the V V Dakshinamurthy Town Hall to the establishment of a modern fish market and the renovation of the bus stand, the Panchayat has demonstrated its dedication to enhancing public amenities and supporting economic growth. These initiatives not only contribute to the overall progress of the region but also improve the quality of life for the residents of Perambra.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE OF MARUTHONKARA GRAM PANCHAYAT

Maruthonkara Gram Panchayat



Maruthonkara is a village and Gram Panchayat under Kunnumal Block Panchayat in Kozhikode district. The famous Janakikkad tourist centre of Kozhikode district is located in this panchayat. Major tourist attractions such as Peruvannamuzhi Dam and Kuttiyadi Dam are situated near this panchayat. Surrounded by greenery and water, this village is also known as Mullankunnu.

The development of infrastructure is vital for the growth of sectors and the overall economy of a village. The infrastructure sector encompasses various components such as electricity, roads, telecommunications, railways, irrigation, water supply and sanitation, ports and airports, storage facilities, and oil and gas pipelines.

Maruthonkara panchayat, characterized by hills, mountains, forests, and rocks, faces challenges in maintaining accessible roads, especially during adverse weather conditions. Insufficient facilities at the panchayat office, which serves as a point of contact for the public, hindered the delivery of improved services. To address this, a new panchayat office construction project was initiated, with an allocation of Rs. 22,60,040/- . Additionally, Rs. 29,89,960/- was collected from the public, and initial steps were taken to purchase 35 cents



of land for the building's construction.

To enhance street lighting and address complaints of inadequate lighting, Rs. 16,53,418/- was spent on street lights. High-mast lights were installed in Maruthonkara, Pashukadavu, Thoovattapoyil, and Adukkath using MLA funds. The Muppattakuzhi Anganwadi was transformed into a smart Anganwadi with an expenditure of Rs. 3,49,709/-. The Kanjirakkandi playground owned by the panchayat was secured with a wire fence at a cost of Rs. 3,51,098/-. Construction work has commenced, with the assistance of voluntary organization workers, for the playground at Thoovattapoyil. The first phase of the Kothodu school building was completed with MLA funds. Mannur Government LP School spent Rs. 12,26,628/- to upgrade classrooms and purchase furniture. The maintenance fund was fully utilized to ensure passable roads. Under the Employment Guarantee Scheme, 125 roads worth Rs. 32,30,000/- were constructed. Two roads were constructed using MLA funds at a cost of Rs. 10,00,000/-. In the second ward of the Gram Panchayat, a building worth Rs. 5,00,000/- was constructed for the Thanima Self-Help Group, also under the Employment Guarantee Scheme. Mini Material Recovery Facilities (Mini-MCFs) have been established in all wards of the Gram Panchayat.

The Panchayat's work in the field of infrastructure development is indispensable. Maruthonkara Panchayat serves as a role model for other panchayats in various areas of activity. Their efforts contribute to the overall progress and development of the village, ensuring better amenities and improved quality of life for its residents.

BUILDING INFORMATION COLLECTION CAMPAIGN 2021 IN MANIYUR GRAM PANCHAYAT

Maniyur Gram Panchayat



Maniyur Gram Panchayat is situated in the Thodannur Block of Kozhikode district. The Building Information Collection Campaign in Maniyur Gram Panchayat was a proactive initiative taken by the local authorities to address the issue of unregulated and unauthorized building constructions. Until 2007, building regulations were not applicable in the area, leading to unchecked expansions and alterations in structures. Consequently, this resulted in a significant loss of revenue for the Gram Panchayat due to uncollected taxes on such constructions.

In response to this challenge, the Gram Panchayat Standing Committee and the Administrative Committee joined forces to devise a comprehensive action plan in November 2021. The primary objective was to collect data on all buildings within the Gram Panchayat's jurisdiction and regularize the existing constructions. This initiative aimed to not only increase tax revenues but also ensure that building owners were well-informed about tax payment procedures without having to visit the Gram Panchayat office.

To execute the campaign successfully, a specialized survey team was formed, consisting of qualified civil engineering personnel. The team was assigned the



responsibility of conducting a thorough survey of all buildings within the area. Additionally, two team members were appointed to each ward to ensure efficient data collection and analysis. Moreover, the Gram Panchayat made a concerted effort to educate building owners about the importance of adhering to building regulations and obtaining proper permissions for any future construction. This measure was taken to prevent any further unauthorized additions to existing structures and ensure compliance with the newly revised building regulations.

During the survey, it was discovered that a considerable number of buildings, approximately 10.6% of the total identified buildings (6069 out of 14673), were found to have unauthorized excess constructions. Out of these, the tax of 3763 buildings was revised based on the statutory notice issued by the authorities. Through this regularization process, the Gram Panchayat is expected to generate additional revenue of 20 lakh rupees. The increased revenue would contribute significantly to the overall development and welfare initiatives undertaken by the Panchayat for the benefit of its residents.

For the successful execution of the campaign, the Gram Panchayat allocated a budget of Rs. 8,04,905. This amount was utilized to cover various activities related to data collection, survey implementation, public awareness campaigns, and administrative expenses.

The Building Information Collection Campaign in Maniyur Gram Panchayat stands as a testament to the local authority's commitment to rectifying past oversights and ensuring a more organized and regulated urban landscape. By taking appropriate actions and regularizing unauthorized constructions, the Gram Panchayat not only aims to bolster its revenue but also prioritizes the safety and compliance of its residents' dwellings. This campaign serves as a model for other local bodies in tackling similar challenges and promoting sustainable urban development.



WAYANAD DISTRICT

1. **Modernizing Tourism: ‘Take a Break’ Toilet Blocks in Meppadi**
2. **Investing in Infrastructure: Enhancing Learning Environment in Vythiri’s Schools**



MODERNIZING TOURISM: 'TAKE A BREAK' TOILET BLOCKS IN MEPPADI

Meppadi Gram Panchayat



Meppadi Gram Panchayat, situated in the picturesque Wayanad district, boasts a vast geographical area and a diverse population, predominantly comprising plantation workers, farmers, agricultural labourers, and scheduled tribes. Over the years, the region has witnessed a gradual but significant surge in its tourism sector, with an increasing number of tourists choosing Meppadi as their destination of choice in Wayanad.

As tourism flourished, the panchayat recognized the pressing need to enhance its infrastructure to cater to the growing number of visitors. Among the crucial requirements identified was the provision of modernized and well-maintained toilet facilities in Meppadi town. Responding to this need, the panchayat embarked on an ambitious project to construct contemporary toilet blocks aptly named "Take a Break." To realize this endeavour, the panchayat allocated its own funds, alongside the Nirmal Puraskar amount and the sanitation mission fund, as part of its commitment to improve amenities and foster tourism growth. The construction of the modern toilet blocks was designed to cater to both men and women, and a total of more than eight units were planned. Emphasizing the importance of cleanliness and



hygiene, the panchayat ensured that every aspect of the construction adhered to the highest standards. The toilet blocks were envisioned to not only meet the basic needs of tourists but also to offer a comfortable and pleasant experience during their visit to Meppadi town.

The modern toilet blocks are strategically located at various tourist hotspots in Meppadi, catering to the convenience of visitors exploring the natural beauty, cultural heritage, and unique attractions of the region. From the lush tea and coffee plantations to the enchanting hills and serene lakes, tourists can now venture into these beautiful landscapes with the assurance of finding well-maintained facilities to refresh and rejuvenate. With the estimated cost of 25 lakhs for the construction of these modern facilities, the panchayat aimed to ensure that Meppadi Gram Panchayat would leave a lasting impression on tourists as a destination that cares for their comfort and well-being.

As the construction nears completion, the anticipation among locals and tourists alike continues to build. The new modern toilet blocks will undoubtedly add value to the tourism experience in Meppadi, encouraging more visitors to explore the wonders of this stunning region. Through these initiatives, Meppadi Gram Panchayat not only seeks to enrich the lives of its residents but also strives to create a memorable and enjoyable experience for every traveller who chooses to take a break in the scenic beauty of Wayanad's Meppadi.



INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE: ENHANCING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN VYTHIRI'S SCHOOLS

Vythiri Gram Panchayat

In the financial year 2021-22, Vythiri Gram Panchayat's commitment to advancing the field of education yielded significant positive outcomes. One of the prominent achievements during this period was the comprehensive transformation of Lakidi Government LP School. With a budget allocation of Rs. 268,406, the school's infrastructure underwent significant improvements, creating a more conducive and engaging learning environment for both students and educators. Upgrading the office conditions of the school further facilitated administrative processes and enhanced the overall efficiency of the institution.

A key aspect of the panchayat's education-focused initiatives was its dedication to providing equal opportunities to students from marginalized communities. To support the educational aspirations of SC (Scheduled Caste) students, a substantial sum of 3 lakh rupees was allocated. This financial aid played a pivotal role in addressing the financial constraints faced by underprivileged students, allowing them to access better learning resources and amenities. Furthermore, in a heartening effort to promote equal access to quality education, 60 deserving children received desks and



chairs, significantly improving their learning experience and overall educational outcomes.

Beyond the boundaries of the Lakidi Government LP School, Vythiri Gram Panchayat extended its impact on the wider community by investing in early childhood education. Recognizing the critical role of Anganwadis in shaping the foundation of young learners, the panchayat dedicated an expenditure of Rs. 4,32,345 to provide play equipment to all 20 Anganwadis within its jurisdiction. This thoughtful investment had a profound impact on the mental and physical growth of children, fostering a nurturing and stimulating environment that promotes early learning and development.

The financial year 2021-22 witnessed the panchayat's unwavering commitment to prioritizing education. With an expenditure of Rs. 9,07,032 dedicated to the education sector, Vythiri Gram Panchayat demonstrated its belief in the transformative power of education. This investment spanned various aspects of educational development, including infrastructure enhancement, financial support for deserving students, and early childhood education initiatives. The comprehensive approach taken by the panchayat ensures that education remains a cornerstone of progress and empowerment within the community.

Through these tireless efforts, Vythiri Gram Panchayat is fostering a culture of learning, inclusivity, and opportunity for all. By investing in the educational aspirations of its residents, especially the young minds that hold the future, the panchayat envisions a brighter and more prosperous future for the entire community. This steadfast commitment to education is laying the foundation for a knowledgeable, skilled, and empowered populace, enabling them to take on the challenges of the modern world with confidence and resilience. As Vythiri Gram Panchayat continues to make strides in the field of education, it emerges as a shining example of a community that prioritizes the transformative power of learning and embraces the path of progress and prosperity.



KANNUR DISTRICT

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ASSET CREATION AND UPGRADES IN KUNHIMANGALAM GRAM PANCHAYAT ANNUAL PLAN 2021-22

Kunhimangalam Gram Panchayat



Kunhimangalam Gram Panchayat located in Payyannur block, Kannur district. Gram Panchayat has taken significant strides in asset creation and maintenance during the 2021-22 annual plan, with a strong focus on improving infrastructure and facilities across various sectors. The Panchayat office underwent a much-needed renovation, with an investment of Rs. 2,36,601, aimed at enhancing the facilities and services it offers to the public.

To bolster administrative capabilities, the Panchayat procured 5 computers and a scanner for both the panchayat office and the office of the Assistant Engineer, incurring an expenditure of Rs. 2,62,087. This technological upgrade is expected to streamline operations and enhance efficiency in these vital offices.

In the education sector, Kunhimangalam Panchayat allocated a substantial sum of Rs. 4,89,720 for the infrastructure upgrade of the Central UP School. This investment aims to provide better educational facilities and create a conducive learning environment for students, promoting academic excellence in the region.

Prioritizing healthcare, the Kunhimangalam Family



Health Center was expanded with an expenditure of Rs. 10,29,137. This expansion ensures that the health center can cater to the growing needs of the community and deliver quality healthcare services to its residents.

Recognizing the significance of Animal Husbandry, the panchayat invested Rs. 1,66,417 in the expansion of the Animal Hospital building. This expansion aims to improve animal healthcare services, benefitting local farmers and the overall livestock industry.

Demonstrating their commitment to the welfare of the elderly, the Kandamkulangara Old Age Retirement Center underwent renovation, with an expenditure of Rs. 1,28,487. The upgraded facilities now provide a more comfortable and supportive living environment for elderly residents.

Moreover, in the realm of Child Welfare, 9 Anganwadis were renovated at a cost of Rs. 7,84,585, while 19 Anganwadis received a fresh coat of paint, incurring an expense of Rs. 5,00,536. Additionally, baby-friendly toilets were installed in 2 Anganwadis at a cost of Rs. 85,822, promoting better sanitation for young children.

Water conservation efforts were not overlooked, as a total of Rs. 10,18,826 was invested in upgrading 3 ponds, namely Puthukulam, Toranikulam, and Panavayal Mapilakulam. The Material Collection Facility (MCF) in Kunhimangalam Panchayat also underwent an upgrade to become waste-free, with an investment of Rs. 742,451. This upgrade included the installation of a baling machine at a cost of Rs. 457,250 and a weighing machine at Rs. 9,950, promoting efficient waste management practices. The panchayat further spent Rs. 241,592 on the renovation of drinking water schemes, enhancing access to clean and safe drinking water for the residents.

To improve transportation infrastructure, 8 new roads were constructed at a cost of Rs. 35,03,485, while 23 existing roads were renovated with an expenditure of Rs. 89,41,377. These efforts aim to improve connectivity and ease of transportation within the panchayat. Finally, under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, 1,176 meters of rural roads were concreted and made trafficable, providing employment opportunities while enhancing local road networks. For the upgrading of public toilets, the panchayat allocated Rs. 121,887,



ensuring better sanitation facilities for the public.

Overall, Kunhimangalam Gram Panchayat's 2021-22 annual plan showcases a proactive approach towards improving various aspects of the community, promoting sustainable development and overall well-being for its residents.





MAYYIL GRAM PANCHAYAT TAKES STEPS TO PROTECT ENCROACHED LANDS AND PROMOTE TOURISM

Mayyil Gram Panchayat



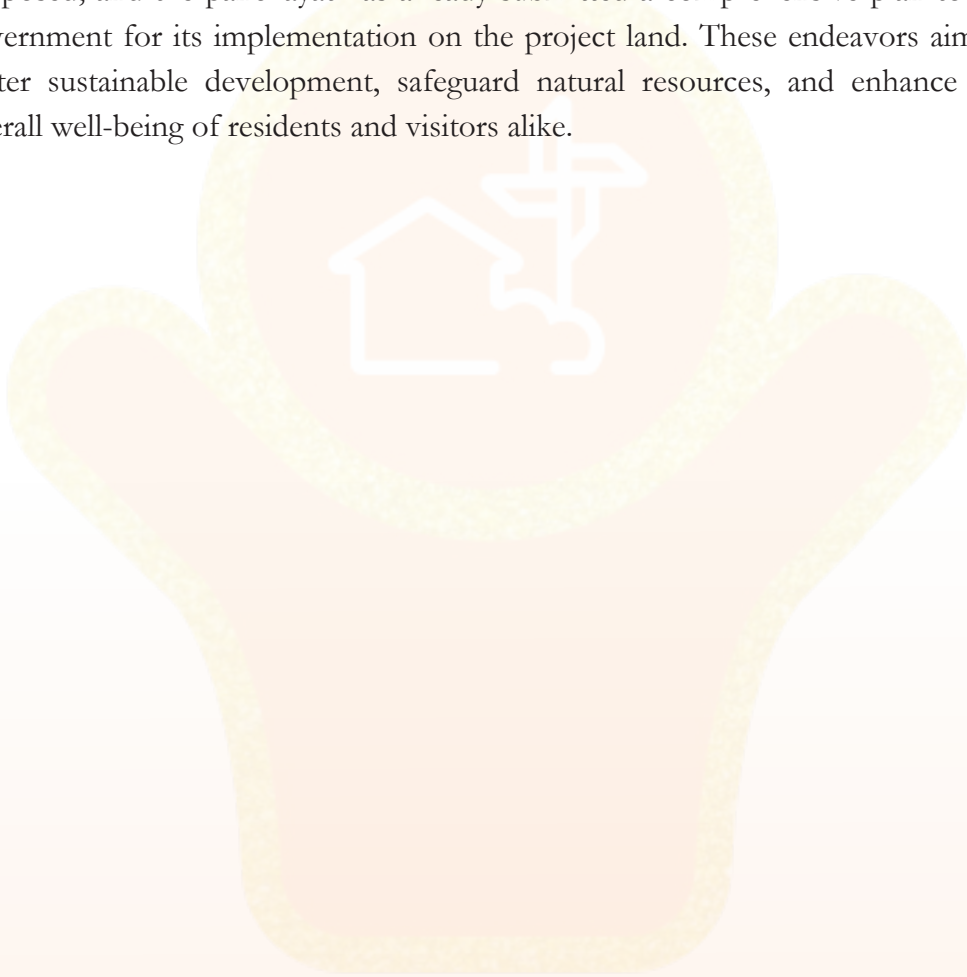
Mayyil Gram Panchayat, spanning an area of 33.08 square kilometers, is making significant strides in its efforts to protect its lands from illegal encroachment. The Valapattanam River, flowing through the northern part of the panchayat, serves as a natural boundary, stretching over 16 kilometers, making it the largest river in Kannur district. The panchayat consists of two villages, Kayaralam and Mayyil, with the river passing through seven locations in Kayaralam.

Recently, the Panchayat Committee took a firm decision to safeguard approximately 150 acres of land along the riverbank, which had fallen prey to unauthorized occupation. An Asset Protection Project was initiated for this purpose, and an Administrative Sanction of 500,000 was secured for the year 2021-22, gaining approval from the District panchayat Committee. With the cooperation of the Taliprampa Taluk Surveyor, the boundary of the land in Mullakkodi area was demarcated, and yellow-coloured concrete stones with the initials “MGP” were installed to mark the panchayat’s possession of these lands.

Additionally, the Panchayat demonstrated its commitment



to community development by implementing the Child-Friendly Village Project (Project No. 102/22) on the protected land mentioned earlier. This initiative aligns with Mayyil Gram Panchayat's longstanding vision to promote community welfare. Furthermore, the panchayat aspires to boost tourism in the region, focusing on the Mullakkodi area near the famous Parassinikkadavumuthappan temple—a prominent pilgrimage center in Malabar. To this end, a tourism project has been proposed, and the panchayat has already submitted a comprehensive plan to the government for its implementation on the project land. These endeavors aim to foster sustainable development, safeguard natural resources, and enhance the overall well-being of residents and visitors alike.





IRIKKUR BLOCK PANCHAYAT REMARKABLE INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Irikkur Block Panchayath

The Irikkur Block panchayat located in the Kannur district, demonstrated outstanding commitment to infrastructural development during the 2021-21 year plan, resulting in significant improvements to the region's assets and tourism centers. As a part of expanding the Block Panchayat's assets, a momentous achievement was securing 10 cents of land at no cost for the Kanjirakkolli Sasippara Tourist Center. The construction of the "Take A Break" facility commenced at the Kanjirakkolli tourist spot, with the block panchayat investing Rs 20 lakh in the first stage of development. Moreover, the panchayat furthered tourism development in the prominent "Paithal Mala" Tourism Center by acquiring 50 cents of land from a private individual without any charges. Additionally, the panchayat took a proactive approach to promote women empowerment and employment by initiating the Women's Apparel Park. To facilitate this, they purchased 60 cents of land for Rs 20 lakh. These efforts have undoubtedly contributed to the overall asset development of the Block Panchayat.

The Panchayat's commitment to infrastructural development was evident in the completion of the "Take A Break" construction in Kuttiaoor Gram



Panchayat during the 2021-22 financial year. Furthermore, a notable achievement was the successful completion of 18 roads within a single year (2021-22), enhancing connectivity and accessibility in the region. Remarkably, the Panchayat also accomplished drinking water projects in all panchayats, a commendable feat that ensured access to clean water for all residents.

An important milestone was the construction of the 'Karimpamkandi' bridge, providing vital connectivity to the Karimpamkandi Scheduled Tribe colony. Despite challenges faced during the project execution, the Panchayat's resolution and dedication enabled the completion of the bridge construction at a cost of Rs 90 lakh. These achievements stand as a testament to the Panchayat's commitment to improving the lives of its constituents through strategic and impactful infrastructural development initiatives.



“PATHAYORAM MANOHARAM” A SUCCESSFUL RURAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Kankol Alappadamba Gram Panchayat



Kankol Alappadamba Gram Panchayat is located in the Payyannur block of Kannur district. In the fiscal year 2021-2022, the project “Pathayoram Manoharam” proved to be a commendable initiative undertaken by the Gram Panchayat. Thanks to the support from various projects, including Kudumbashree and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Development Guarantee Scheme, this project achieved successful implementation. Notably, on World Environment Day, June 5th, the Social Forestry Department collaborated with their team to distribute saplings of various species, such as tamarind, teak, guava, golden shower tree, gooseberry, and neem.

As part of this endeavor, the Mathil Govt. Hospital contributed to the cause by establishing a nursery within its compound, allocating a sum of Rs. 3,19,860. Furthermore, the Panchayat of Kankol Alappadamba, with support from the Minor Irrigation Department, organized a community sanitation program called “Samrudhiyude Neeruravakal” to rejuvenate water resources in the Karinkuzhi fields.

Significant expenses were also incurred to enhance agricultural productivity. A total of 1,55,664 rupees was invested in purchasing coconut control in the Chooral



Kruvely plot, while 4,02,793 rupees and 2,00,278 rupees were respectively utilized for the Padanthoor and Kannangadu Karinguzhi plots. Besides, funds amounting to 49,780 rupees were allocated to improve the dining hall facilities at Chooral Govt. School, and an additional 2,44,540 rupees were invested in upgrading the toilet facilities at Mathil Govt. School. These expenses were carried out as part of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

Overall, “Pathayoram Manoharam” demonstrated the significance of community-driven projects in fostering rural development, sustainability, and environmental conservation. The positive impact of this initiative resonates through the collective efforts of various governmental departments and local communities in transforming the region for the better.





EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT

Panoor Block Panchayat



Panoor Block Panchayat is located in Kannur district. Established on October 1st, 2010, the Panoor Block Panchayat has navigated various challenges and emerged as a shining example of progress and development in Kerala. A significant milestone was achieved in 2018 when the Panoor Block Panchayat successfully constructed its headquarters, now renowned as one of Kerala's most splendid Block Panchayat office buildings. Boasting an auditorium on its top floor, the complex serves as a hub for community gatherings and events. Not being content with just architectural achievements, the Panchayat has actively implemented projects that positively impact its residents' lives. Among these endeavors include a hostel for ST students, essential infrastructure for a public hotel, recreational centers for the elderly, and multiple Anganwadis established under the employment guarantee scheme. Additionally, during the 2021-22 period, the panchayat focused on infrastructure development, creating new roads, footpaths, and the remarkable Madathumkara drinking water project. This water project has proved to be a lifesaver for the Madathumkara region, significantly alleviating severe



drinking water shortages that plagued the area for years. The Panoor Block Panchayat's unwavering commitment to improving the lives of its citizens has earned it well-deserved praise and admiration from communities across the region.





A MODEL OF PROGRESS AND MODERNITY IN RURAL KANNUR- CHEMBILODE GRAM PANCHAYAT

Chembilode Gram Panchayat



Nestled 15 km south-east of the district headquarters in Kannur, Chembilode Gram Panchayat is a picturesque agricultural village, known for its fertile lands and thriving culture of “thari and thira.” Encompassing an area of 99 square kilometers, spread across two revenue villages, this panchayat primarily thrives on a vast expanse of golden paddy fields yielding abundant rice. The people of Chembilode are not only culturally rich but also forward-thinking, making strides towards prosperity and embracing diverse talents. With a profound appreciation for the environment, the panchayat is dedicated to becoming a sanitation protection panchayat.

The panchayat boasts an impressive network of road transport, spanning 125 kilometers, which includes National Highways, State Highways, and rural roads. To ensure the safety of these roads, drainage systems have been thoughtfully constructed in the 19 wards at regular intervals. Bridges elegantly connect different areas, enhancing accessibility. Remarkably, 90% of households have access to well-maintained rural roads, facilitating smooth connectivity.

Safety and convenience are further emphasized through an extensive street lighting system, ensuring secure



movement for pedestrians and vehicles during the night. In a significant stride towards energy efficiency, the panchayat, under the Rurban Mission Project, has successfully pulled street lines and installed 1550 new lights in 2021-22.

The welfare of farmers is diligently looked after with the Krishi Bhavan providing various agricultural services. Additionally, there are veterinary hospitals and sub-centers to support animal husbandry and dairy development. The health sector is well-addressed with a community health center, ayurvedic hospital, and homeopathy dispensary catering to the healthcare needs of the community. In the education domain, Chembilode Gram Panchayat is equipped with 25 LP, UP, High School, and Higher Secondary Schools, offering modern facilities and promoting education for all. Not to forget, the presence of public and private playgrounds and swimming pools adds recreational opportunities for residents.

Chembilode Gram Panchayat prides itself on being an ISO-certified entity since 2015, a testament to its commitment to excellence and continuous improvement. The panchayat has introduced a front office system for public convenience, token-based queuing to manage crowds, and checklists to simplify document submissions. With a focus on employee well-being, facilities like ample seating, a help desk, and provisions for meals have been provided.

Indeed, Chembilode Gram Panchayat stands as a prime example of progress, equipped with modern facilities, and dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for its residents.



KANICHAR GRAM PANCHAYAT SETS NEW STANDARDS OF SERVICE AND GOVERNANCE WITH MODERNIZED OFFICE BUILDING

Kanichar Gram Panchayat



Kanichar Gram Panchayat, situated in Kannur district, has placed good governance and efficient service delivery as its top priorities. To achieve this, the panchayat recognized the need for a well-equipped office building to cater to the needs of the local populace promptly. With the completion of this ambitious project, essential services have become readily accessible to the residents of the panchayat. Previously, common people faced various limitations while accessing services at the Panchayat office, but the new building has successfully addressed these issues. The two-story structure features eye-catching murals adorning the front and side, enhancing the overall aesthetic appeal. The ground floor hosts a shopping complex with six rooms, while the first floor accommodates the Panchayat office. Additionally, the second floor boasts the E.K Nayanar Memorial Hall, capable of accommodating 200 people, along with a well-facilitated meeting hall for the panchayat. Notably, the panchayat's efforts to acquire a spacious record room have been instrumental in achieving ISO certification in 2022-23, a remarkable achievement for the entire block. The new office building stands as a proud symbol of progress and development, raising the standards of service and administration within the region.

KALLIASSERI BLOCK PANCHAYAT IN KERALA LEADS IN DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

Kalliasseri Block Panchayat



Kalliasseri Block Panchayat, located in the Kannur district of the Indian state of Kerala, comprises eight Panchayats - Cheruthazham, Ezhom, Cherukunnu, Madayi, Mattool, Kannapuram, Kalliasseri, and Narath. Additionally, it includes the assembly constituencies of Kalliasseri and Azhikkode. Renowned for its rich history and unique development plans, Kalliasseri has become a key contributor to the growth of the state.

With a focus on promoting growth and development, Kalliasseri Block Panchayat has been actively involved in planning and implementing initiatives in various sectors. Special attention has been given to the raw material sector, manufacturing sector, and the creation of new employment opportunities. This proactive approach has led to an increase in the Block Panchayat's own income and has accelerated overall growth.

Amidst the progress, Kalliasseri Block Panchayat remains committed to uplifting the weaker sections of society. Empowering women, differently-abled individuals, senior citizens, and socially and economically backward communities is the top priority. By providing equal opportunities and support to these groups, the Block Panchayat aims



to create an inclusive and thriving community. Recognizing the importance of infrastructure in propelling development activities, Kalliasseri Block Panchayat has invested in improving leisure facilities. This ensures that the residents have access to enriching leisure activities during their free time.

With its well-rounded and progressive approach to development, Kalliasseri Block Panchayat stands as an exemplary model for growth and empowerment in the region.

LIBRARY

In a bid to foster a scholarly society and provide a refreshing break from their busy work schedules, the Kalliasseri Block Panchayat office has established a new library for its employees. Located on the ground floor of the Pazhayangadithavath Block Panchayat office, the Library was set up as part of the 2021-22 annual plan, with an investment of Rs. 75,000 in infrastructure. The library boasts a collection of around 300 books, encompassing various genres like stories, poems, novels, and articles. The initiative aims to promote a reading culture among employees, allowing them to unwind and reduce stress during work while gaining valuable knowledge through newspapers and periodicals. The library's collection began with contributions from public representatives and staff, who generously donated books, and employees continue to add books on special occasions. To manage the library, K Geetha, a literacy promoter, has taken on the role of the librarian, making books available to employees on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Looking forward, the management plans to expand the library's collection by purchasing more books and eventually transforming it into a digitalized reference library to further support the pursuit of knowledge among the office community.

THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED CANTEEN PROVIDES QUALITY FOOD FACILITIES TO EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC AT THE BLOCK OFFICE

In the financial year 2021-2022, a much-needed canteen was launched at the block office, aimed at offering food services to both employees and the general public. The initiative was funded by a development grant of Rs 8,68,747, which was utilized to create an excellent infrastructure to support the canteen's operations. To accommodate visitors, 10 tables and 32 chairs were purchased at a cost of 2,82,000



rupees. The management of the canteen was entrusted to the “We Help” unit, an activity group affiliated with Haritha Karma Sena in Cherukunnu GP.

Adding to its self-sufficiency, the block panchayat generates income through canteen rent amounting to 2,600 rupees per month. With the canteen now operational, it serves as a crucial resource during meetings and events held at the block panchayat, providing affordable, quality food options to attendees. This positive development has been warmly received by the employees and the public alike, enhancing the overall experience and functionality of the block office.

BLOCK PANCHAYAT INSTALLS 5 GW SOLAR PLANT IN OFFICE TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENSURE UNINTERRUPTED OPERATIONS

In a commendable effort to combat climate change and promote renewable energy usage, Block Panchayat has partnered with the Agency For Non-Conventional Energy And Rural Technology (ANERT) to install a state-of-the-art solar plant in their office premises. Utilizing a sum of rupees 7,15,000 from the Development Fund for 2021-2022, the solar plant has a remarkable capacity of 5 GW, with 15 high-efficiency solar panels expertly integrated into the infrastructure. An additional 35,000 rupees from the Development Fund was allocated to set up the necessary infrastructure for the solar plant.

This significant initiative reflects the Block Panchayat’s strong commitment to sustainability and reducing carbon emissions. By harnessing solar power, they aim to not only save money on monthly electricity charges but also contribute to a greener and cleaner environment. The solar plant’s capacity and efficient design ensure that the office’s operations remain uninterrupted even during power outages, enhancing its overall resilience and reliability. This move sets an inspiring example for other institutions and communities to embrace renewable energy solutions and play an active role in the global fight against climate change.

KALLIASSERI BLOCK PANCHAYAT INSTALLS LIFT FOR ENHANCED ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVITY

In pursuit of infrastructure development and the vision of creating a more inclusive and differently-abled friendly environment, the Kalliasseri Block Panchayat took a significant step by installing a lift during the financial year 2021-2022. The



initiative, funded with 11,90,635 rupees from the Development Fund, focused on constructing a lift to facilitate various activities. The newly installed lift has proven to be immensely beneficial for disabled individuals visiting the office of the Child Development Project Officer on the first floor, as well as elderly people attending meetings at the second-floor meeting hall. This thoughtful and practical addition enhances accessibility within the premises and exemplifies the panchayat's commitment to promoting inclusivity and ensuring that everyone can participate in community affairs without hindrance.

BLOCK PANCHAYAT INSTALLS DIGITAL NOTICE BOARD TO ENHANCE SERVICE QUALITY AND COMMUNICATION

In the financial year 2021-2022, Block Panchayat took a significant step towards leveraging advanced Information Technology to improve service quality by introducing a digital notice board. A total of rupees 2,93,500 from the Development fund was invested to implement this project. The Digital Notice Board serves as a central platform for disseminating essential information about various schemes initiated by the block panchayat and its constituent offices. Additionally, it plays a crucial role in sharing announcements of programs held within the block panchayat, facilitating effective communication with the public. This digital medium not only enhances the accessibility of information but also serves as an efficient means of issuing notices to the community, streamlining administrative processes and fostering transparency. With this technology-driven initiative, the block panchayat aims to better serve the residents and create a more informed and engaged community.

LEADING THE WAY IN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Kadannapally Panapuzha Gram Panchayat



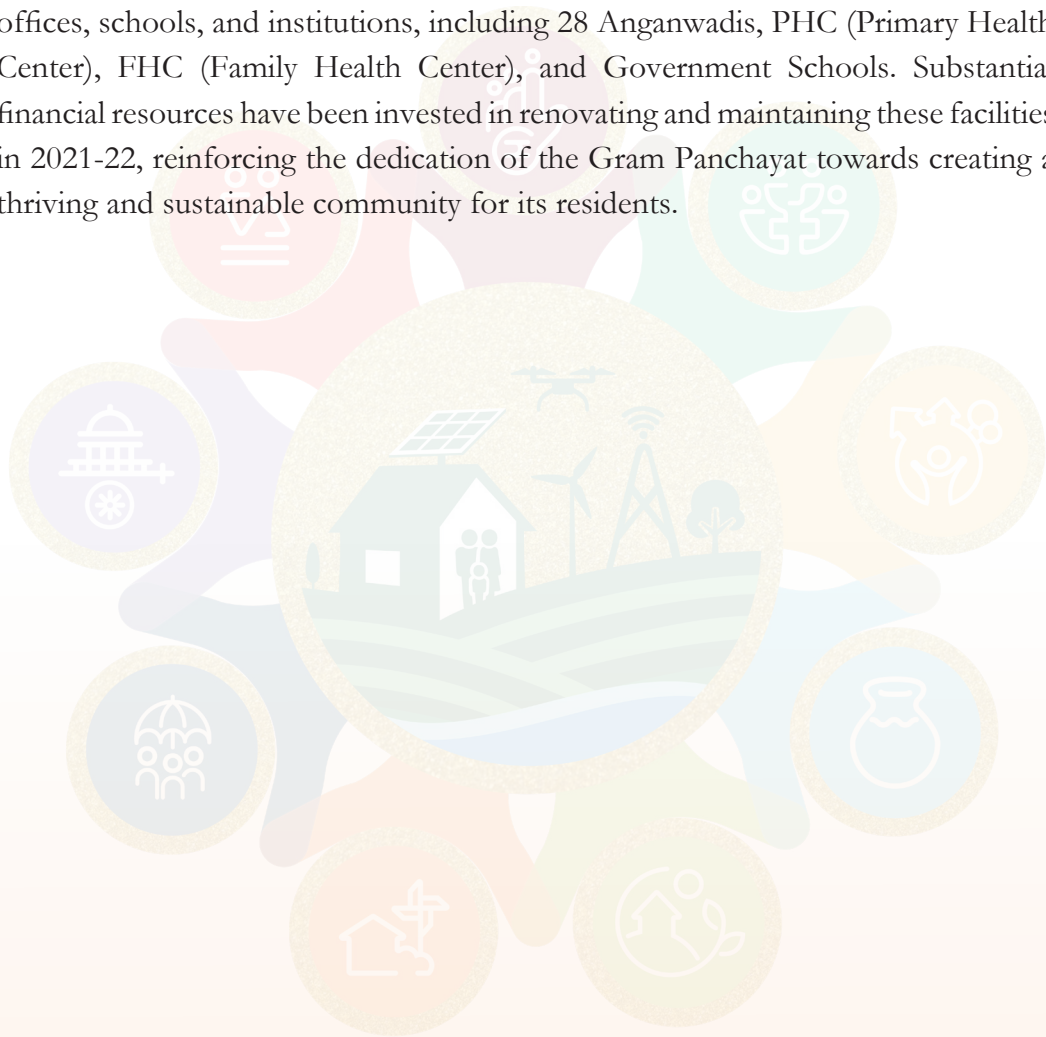
Kadannapally Panapuzha Gram Panchayat, located in Payyannur taluk, is a picturesque area covering 53.75 square kilometers. Remarkably, the Gram Panchayat has spearheaded a series of infrastructure development projects that are set to transform the region in the years 2021-22. The pride of the locals lies in the magnificent three-story Gram Panchayat office building at the heart of the area, housing various offices and a stunning auditorium. It serves as a vital center providing essential services to the residents, equipped with modern facilities like a front office token system, continuous solar-powered electricity, water supply, and well-maintained computer equipment.

Road construction and maintenance have been given the utmost priority in the development endeavors of the Gram Panchayat. With a total of 180 roads, including important routes like Pilathara Mathamangalam PW Road, Chantapura Medical College PW Road, and Panapuzha Area PW Road, significant funds have been allocated for road development, tarring, and renovation under the Employment Guarantee Scheme, amounting to over Two Crore rupees in 2021-22. Focusing on sustainability, the Gram Panchayat has actively installed



energy-efficient LED street lights throughout the area and ensures their regular maintenance. Furthermore, high-mast and mini-mast lights, funded through the Local Development Funds of MP and MLA, illuminate various centers in the Gram Panchayat.

The commitment to providing quality infrastructure extends to government offices, schools, and institutions, including 28 Anganwadis, PHC (Primary Health Center), FHC (Family Health Center), and Government Schools. Substantial financial resources have been invested in renovating and maintaining these facilities in 2021-22, reinforcing the dedication of the Gram Panchayat towards creating a thriving and sustainable community for its residents.



LIBRARY DIGITALIZATION PROJECT

Payyannur Block Panchayat



The Payyannur Block Panchayat in Kannur district has achieved remarkable success with its library digitalization project, which harnesses the power of social media and modern technology to transform library services according to the demands of the new era. This project, conceived during the COVID-19 lockdown, aims to facilitate quick access to books and information, making it a valuable resource for the community. With a budget of Rs. 2 lakhs for the year 2021-2022, the project was implemented using Libcat software, enabling users to search for books and their availability in 10 selected libraries with a plus grade within the block panchayat. The user-friendly website libcat.payyannur.in allows smartphone users to find books and obtain details, including the librarian's contact information, with just a few clicks. The project has not only simplified book distribution but also enhanced the overall efficiency of library operations.

The success of the library digitalization project can be attributed to the comprehensive training provided to librarians. They received practical instruction on software installation, barcode reader usage, data entry, book classification, and other essential aspects. Feedback from



the librarians was actively sought to fine-tune the software and tailor it to their specific needs. The Head of the Computer Engineering Department at Vanitha Polytechnic oversaw the installation process, ensuring its seamless integration with library functions. Thanks to this digitalization effort, the system now generates about 15 types of reports, providing crucial information on book distribution, return timings, and the status of books remaining in the libraries. The project has received widespread acclaim for its ease of use and practical benefits, making it an invaluable asset to library functionaries and users alike. The Payyannur Block Panchayat's library digitalization project serves as a model for leveraging technology to revolutionize traditional library services and adapt them to the ever-changing needs of the community.



INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HYGIENE

New Mahe Gram Panchayat



New Mahe, a quaint village located in Thalasseri taluk, Kannur district, Kerala, India, made significant strides in its development during the 2021-22 annual plan under the leadership of the Gram Panchayat. The primary focus of the plan was on improving the village's infrastructure and promoting hygiene in the community.

One of the key achievements during the year was the construction of new roads and footpaths, enhancing connectivity and accessibility for the residents. The Gram Panchayat also prioritized maintenance work on existing roads, ensuring smoother travel for everyone. Not only were physical infrastructures taken care of, but the Gram Panchayat also paid attention to the overall well-being of its inhabitants. Maintenance works for essential facilities like Anganwadis, FHC, Homeo dispensaries, etc., were completed, ensuring that vital services were readily available to the community. In a bid to enhance cleanliness and hygiene, road cleaning initiatives were undertaken, contributing to the village's overall appearance and health. Additionally, the construction of a Mini-Material Recovery Facility (Mini-MRF) was successfully executed using the tied



fund. Moreover, plans to construct a dedicated MRF building were set in motion, demonstrating the Gram Panchayat's commitment to waste management and environmental preservation.

As part of ensuring the safety and convenience of residents and visitors alike, proper signboards were strategically placed throughout New Mahe, making navigation and location identification easier for everyone. The 2021-22 annual plan of New Mahe Gram Panchayat showcased the administration's dedication to holistic development, focusing on both infrastructural growth and maintaining a clean and hygienic environment. The villagers eagerly anticipate the positive impact of these initiatives, looking forward to a brighter and healthier future for their beloved village.





KUTIATTUR GRAM PANCHAYAT IMPLEMENTS ILGMS AND EXPANDS PUBLIC FACILITIES

Kutiattur Gram Panchayat



The Kutiattur Gram Panchayat in the Irikkur block of Kannur district has achieved a significant milestone with the successful implementation of the Integrated Local Government Management System (ILGMS). This system aims to enhance public service delivery and improve the overall efficiency of the panchayat office. As part of this initiative, several facilities have been introduced to better serve the public. To streamline the process for visitors, the panchayat office now features an automatic token system, ensuring a more organized and efficient approach to handling queries and requests. Additionally, a comfortable seating area and a designated reading corner have been set up to offer a pleasant experience to those who visit the office.

Recognizing the importance of accessibility, a ramp system has been installed throughout the office premises, making it easier for differently-abled individuals to access all areas. CCTV cameras have been strategically placed within the panchayat limits to ensure security, and monitoring is done from the panchayat office. To promote the health and well-being of the public, drinking water facilities are available, and hygienic toilet facilities, including women-friendly options, are provided in the



panchayat complex. Moreover, the introduction of a help desk system further assists individuals with their inquiries and concerns.

Efforts to improve education are evident with 24 Anganwadis operating within the panchayat, offering early childhood education. Additionally, the presence of a well-functioning Buds School has been established, with special vehicle facilities arranged for the students' convenience. Furthermore, all schools within the panchayat have their own playgrounds, emphasizing the importance of recreational spaces for students' growth and development.

The panchayat is committed to providing healthcare access to its residents. With Allopathic, Homeo, Ayurvedic, and Veterinary hospitals, as well as five sub-centers in operation, the healthcare needs of the community are well catered to. Apart from public service facilities, the panchayat also boasts 24 libraries, encouraging a culture of reading and learning within the community. The Panchayat complex houses various administrative offices, including the Assistant Engineer's office, ICDS, VEOs, and offices related to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Scheme and Community Development Society (CDS). With these progressive steps, Kutiattur Gram Panchayat is demonstrating its commitment to enhancing public services and overall well-being, setting an example for other local governing bodies to follow suit.



PAYYAVOOR GRAM PANCHAYAT IMPLEMENTS INNOVATIVE SOLAR HANGING FENCE TO PROTECT CROPS AND LIVES FROM ELEPHANT MENACE

Payyavoor Gram Panchayat



Payyavoor Gram Panchayat in Kerala has successfully pioneered an ingenious solution to combat the longstanding issue of human-wildlife conflict. In their 2021-2022 annual plan, the Gram Panchayat conceived and executed the groundbreaking project of a solar hanging fence, the first of its kind in India. Spanning 14 kilometers, this fence secures the shared border between Payyavoor Gram Panchayat and Karnataka state forest, which has been a major hotspot for conflicts between farmers and forest animals for the past seventy years. The project cost approximately ₹80,00,000 and was executed with remarkable efficiency by the public corporation in just a single day.

The area's farmers, consisting of 650 individuals, along with around 2000 agricultural families and 200 Scheduled Tribe families from wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 16 of Payyavoor Gram Panchayat, joined forces to clear three meters of the forest collectively. Once the solar fence was activated, the menace of wild elephants was entirely thwarted, effectively preventing them from entering the Gram Panchayat from the neighboring Karnataka forest. This innovative approach has already shown positive results, and any remaining wild elephants are



being safely directed back into the forest when the fence's electricity is momentarily disconnected. With the successful implementation of this project, the community believes that they will finally be able to put an end to the longstanding nuisance caused by wild elephants and protect both their crops and human lives.



A BEACON OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT KADIRUR PANCHAYAT

Kadirur Panchayat



Kadirur Panchayat, nestled in the Panoor block of Kannur district, is a small village that has thrived in diverse fields like handloom, agriculture, kalari, and painting. The remarkable progress achieved by the Panchayat is a result of the relentless hard work and support from not only the governing body but also the efficient office system and the villagers from all walks of life.

One of the notable features of Kadirur Panchayat is its efficient help desk facility, which extends a helping hand to villagers in every possible way. The Panchayat boasts a spacious Conference Hall that serves as the venue for various cultural activities within the village. Moreover, it houses an art gallery, initiated in 2003 during the “People’s Plan Campaign,” where the works of local and external artists are displayed, inspiring the young talents in the community. Additionally, an attached library aims to cultivate reading habits, particularly among the youth.

Addressing the welfare of its residents, the Panchayat operates a community kitchen under Kudumbashree, providing 300 subsidized Mid-Day Meals daily, with 10% of the total food supply offered free of cost to the underprivileged. This kitchen, run by a dedicated 7-member unit, also serves as a means of livelihood for



women.

Education receives paramount importance in Kadirur Panchayat, which boasts 23 schools, including 2 Government Higher Secondary Schools. The Panchayat allocates funds for infrastructural facilities, such as school toilets and waste bins, and maintains a Buds Special School for Differently-Abled Children, providing them with physiotherapy and speech therapy. The panchayat enables a disabled-friendly environment by ensuring ramps at various locations.

For waste management, the panchayat has a well-organized system comprising 35 Mini Material Recovery Facilities (Mini-MRFs), 50 Bottle Booths, 1 Resource Recovery Facility (RRF), And 1 Material Collection Facility (MCF). Volunteers from Haritha Karma Sena collect cleaned plastic waste from households and shops, generating revenue to support their initiatives. In its commitment to senior citizens' well-being, Kadirur Panchayat has established two "Daytime Relaxation Centers," equipped with fitness equipment and caregivers to promote a healthy lifestyle. Moreover, the panchayat organizes old movie screenings at the village's historic movie theater, 'Jyothi Talkies,' providing them with a delightful experience and fostering meaningful relationships among them.

The Panchayat is mindful of environmental preservation, with public toilets, comfort stations, an eco-friendly gas crematorium, and environment-friendly practices in place. Proper street lights, water treatment plants, drinking water projects, and water connections for households further enhance the quality of life in the village. Looking ahead, Kadirur Panchayat aims to embrace technological advancements and innovative ideas while actively involving the community in its journey towards continuous growth and progress.



PAYAM GRAM PANCHAYAT PIONEERING PROGRESS AND HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT

Payam Gram Panchayat

The Payam Gram Panchayat stands as a shining example of visionary leadership and dedicated efforts towards comprehensive development. Committed to uplifting the lives of its people, the governing body has successfully undertaken various initiatives to foster growth in multiple domains. During the devastating 2018 floods, the panchayat ensured the construction and inauguration of a modern FHC (Family Hazard Centre) with a sanctioned fund of 2 crores 20 lakhs, catering to over 250 patients daily.

Healthcare excellence extends further with the Kolikadav Ayurveda Hospital, which has earned a reputation for serving not only the locals but also visitors from neighboring panchayats. In line with its commitment to infrastructure, 90 percent of the roads within the panchayat have been tarred or concreted, enhancing accessibility for all. With an eye on bolstering revenue and promoting tourism, the panchayat completed a state-of-the-art multiplex theater and shopping complex worth Rs. 8 crores, now managed by the Kerala State Development Corporation. Focusing on nurturing sporting talent, plans for a new stadium in Madathil are underway, emphasizing the importance of sports in the



Iriti Taluk region.

Education also remains a priority, with 13 private educational institutions thriving within the panchayat. Ensuring the well-being of its citizens, the panchayat has designed steps to transform all Anganwadis into Smart Anganwadis, embracing technological advancements for better early childhood development.

Water security is being pursued earnestly through the Jal Jeevan Mission, with the acquisition of a site for tank construction and efforts to provide water to every household in the panchayat by 2024. To promote sustainable livelihoods, initiatives like financial assistance for agricultural activities, distribution of goats to differently-abled persons and Kudumbashree women, and the promotion of fish farming have been successfully implemented. In a significant move towards environmental consciousness, a modern gas crematorium was built and made accessible to the public, highlighting the panchayat's commitment to ecological concerns. With a clear focus on progress, self-sufficiency, and welfare, Payam Gram Panchayat continues to pave the way for a prosperous and thriving community.



KASARAGOD DISTRICT

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BUILDING FOR PROGRESS ENHANCING INFRASTRUCTURE IN OUR VILLAGE

Delampady Gram Panchayat



Delampady is a village and Gram Panchayat in Kasaragod district in the state of Kerala, India. As of the 2011 Census, Delampady Village had a population of 7,291 with 3,693 males and 3,598 females. Delampady village has an area of 15.68 km² (6.05 sq mi) with 1,314 families residing in it. The average female sex ratio was 974 lower than the state average of 1084. In Delampady, 10.8% of the population was under 6 years of age. Delampady had an average literacy of 84.93% lower than the state average of 94%; male literacy was 89.55% and female literacy was 80.16%. Delampady Gram Panchayat had a total population of 22,773 with 11,360 males and 11,413 females. The total number of families residing in the Rural Panchayat limit was 4,371. Delampady Panchayat has administration over the villages of Delampady and Adoor.

In the realm of a nation's development, basic infrastructure plays a crucial role, and at the forefront of such initiatives stands the Pandi Balavanthedka Road. This road holds immense significance as it traverses through an area surrounded by protected forests on three sides, with the Pazhassini River meandering through a part of it. Prior to its construction, local residents faced arduous



journeys, trekking through dense forests for kilometers to reach the bustling and densely populated areas. Essential tasks like delivering agricultural crops to markets as well as accessing hospitals, schools, ration shops, and government offices became formidable challenges. However, Delampadi Gram Panchayat rose to the occasion, spearheading efforts to obtain permission from the Forest Department to construct this much-needed road. Today, the road stands as a testament to progress and connectivity, providing immeasurable benefits to the local populace. It has significantly improved accessibility, bridging the gap between remote areas and bustling communities. Farmers can now transport their agricultural produce with ease, fostering economic growth and improving livelihoods.

In the heart of Delampadi Gram Panchayat, the newly constructed VCB Cum Bridge, nestled beside a stream in Matta, holds immense significance for the agricultural community. It serves as a lifeline for farmers cultivating a variety of crops, including courgettes, coconuts, and other vegetables. Irrigation is a critical aspect of their farming endeavors, and this bridge project has provided much-needed relief and support to the area's farmers. The bridge facilitates efficient irrigation practices, optimizing water usage, and ensuring sustainable agriculture. It has become a symbol of progress, fostering agricultural prosperity, and bolstering the economic backbone of the region. The farmers' hard work and dedication are now met with the essential resources they need to thrive and contribute to the nation's food security. Soil water conservation using Coir geotextile is a remarkable work undertaken by Gram Panchayat through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Scheme. The present work has been undertaken and implemented in Mallampara and Bellakana wards and it has been decided to undertake it in other wards in the following years. Estimated amount: 409000. Working days: 849 and Material cost: 152250.



MODERNIZING OUR VILLAGE ADVANCING WITH IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE

Chemmanad Gram Panchayat



Chemmanad is a town in Kasaragod district in the Indian state of Kerala, under Kasaragod Block and consists of 23 wards. It is located to the east of and across the Payaswini River from Thalangara, the southern part of Kasaragod, and covers 8.3 square kilometres (3.2 sq mi) of land. As of 2011, it had a population of 14,323 people, of which 6,662 were male and 7,661 were female. 2,029 residents, or about 14.2% of the population, were at or below the age of 6. The census reported a total of 2,747 households in Chemnad.

Under the visionary Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Chemmanad Gram Panchayat embarked on a crucial project to fortify and protect the sides of the main stream at Kalanad. Recognizing the importance of preserving the natural environment and mitigating the impact of heavy rains, the panchayat took a proactive approach to strengthen the stream's embankment. The project involved laying approximately 1600 square meters of coir geotextile on the stream's embankment, forming a robust barrier against soil erosion during periods of intense rainfall. The use of coir geotextile, a sustainable and eco-friendly material, ensures that the stream's side slope remains



intact, preventing potential damage and safeguarding the surrounding environment. The process began by laying mud on the side slopes and skillfully compacting it to achieve a hardened base.

With the foundation ready, the coir geotextile was carefully laid in sections and firmly secured by inserting bamboo nails. This meticulous process ensures the geotextile's stability and reinforces the embankment against the force of water flow. To bring this transformative project to fruition, the panchayat engaged a dedicated team of 38 laborers who worked tirelessly to implement the renovation and side protection measures using coir geotextiles. Their hard work and commitment resulted in a total of 662 unskilled person-days, providing valuable employment opportunities for the local workforce. The overall expenditure incurred for this significant undertaking amounted to a sum of Rs. 3,51,288, a testament to the panchayat's investment in sustainable infrastructure and environmental conservation. Beyond its immediate impact on soil erosion prevention, this initiative underscores Chemmanad Gram Panchayat's commitment to responsible development and ecological preservation.

By utilizing indigenous materials and employing local labor, the project fosters a sense of ownership and community involvement, creating a lasting positive impact on both the environment and the people it serves. The successful implementation of the Aramanaganam Kalanad stream renovation and side protection project stands as a testament to the potential of NREGS in advancing rural development while preserving the natural heritage of the region. It exemplifies how small steps towards environmental stewardship can culminate in substantial progress and resilience for generations to come. As the coir geotextile shields the stream's sides, so too does this initiative protect and strengthen the bonds between the community and its precious natural resources.



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