

Telangana has 22 ODF Plus villages



Mukra K Village in Adilabad District of Telangana has set up a 15-member special sanitation committee to examine challenges faced by the community and explore best possible solutions. “We visit every household in the Gram Panchayat (GP) every Sunday to take feedback on the current process and to resolve problems if any,” explained Sarpanch of the GP, Ms. Gadge Meenakshi. Further, they stay updated on newly emerging households and their need for sanitation works.

On the other hand, in Adivarampet Village in Peddapalli District, a Self-Help Group (SHG) member – a Sakhi (friend) has been allotted for every 20 households. The Sakhi visits the households she is assigned to twice a week to explain the importance of safe sanitation, toilet usage, segregation of waste at source and personal hygiene. Additionally, every household is responsible for taking care of 6 saplings that have been gifted to them by the district administration. “The Sakhi maintains a register where she reports every visit made,” said the Sarpanch, Maidem Kumar.

Both these villages were declared open defecation free (ODF) Plus recently along with 20 other villages that had fulfilled all the criteria stipulated in the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase II Guidelines. They were declared so through a Gram Panchayat resolution stating that they have established the necessary solid and liquid waste management (SLWM) infrastructure required as on date, ensuring that the process will be carried out efficiently.

The villages that were declared ODF Plus were:

#	District	Mandal	Gram Panchayat	Village
1	Adilabad	Ichoda	Mukra (K)	Mukra K
2	Jagtial	Kodimial	Himmathraopeta	Himmathraopeta
3	Jagtial	Mallial	Muthyampet	Muthyampet
4	Jagtial	Metpalli	Kondrikarla	Kondrikarla
5	Jagtial	Metpalli	Metlachittapur	Metlachittapur
6	Jagtial	Metpalli	Vittampet	Vittampet
7	Peddapalli	Dharmaram	Khanampalli	Khanampalli
8	Peddapalli	Dharmaram	Narasimhlapalli	Botlavanaparthi
9	Peddapalli	Dharmaram	Pathipaka	Pathipaka
10	Peddapalli	Eligaid	Sulthanpur	Sulthanpur
11	Peddapalli	Odel	Madka	Madka
12	Peddapalli	Peddapalli	Kasulapalli	Palthem
13	Peddapalli	Ramagiri	Adivarampet	Adivarampet
14	Peddapalli	Ramagiri	Lonkakesaram	Lonka Kesaram
15	Peddapalli	Ramagiri	Ratnapoor	Ratnapoor
16	Peddapalli	Srirampur	Kistampet	Kistampet
17	Peddapalli	Srirampur	Mallial	Mallial
18	Peddapalli	Sulthanabad	Sambaiahpalli	Garrepalli
19	Peddapalli	Sulthanabad	Suddala	Suddala
20	Warangal	Bheemdevarapalli	Mulkanoor	Mulkanur
21	Warangal	Dharmasagar	Kyathampalle	Kyathampalle
22	Warangal	Kamalapur	Kannur	Kannur



On its part, the district administration has verified that the villages had fulfilled the criteria before they were declared ODF Plus.

Across the State, SLWM activities are being regularly monitored through Palle Pragathi (a programme that ensures integrated development of the village) where a monthly budget is being released for its operation and maintenance. The State Administration has thus ensured that the GP has enough funds to maintain ODF sustainability and visible cleanliness, giving authority to the GP in the process.

Regular monitoring will also be done during the quarterly Palle Pragathi campaign. Any emerging households without individual household latrines will be targeted for IHHLs and be brought under the system to manage solid and liquid waste.

The State has another 14178 villages yet to be declared ODF plus. Plans are underway to provide SWM facilities for all of them in the financial year 2020-21 itself.

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