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A Write up on Khandanga ICDS under Chandrakona II Development Block in convergence mode

The construction of ICDS was sanctioned for Chandrakona II Development Block at Khandanga (Centre No 1/124), at J.L.No 50, Plot No 252 under Bhagabantapur II Gram Panchayat, in, CONVERGENCE mode.

The ICDS houses 88 inmates, inclusive of, 40 children between age 6 months to 3 years (20 girls and 20 boys), 24 children between age 3 to 6 years (7 girls and 17 boys), and the no. Of pregnant and lactating mother stands at 10 and 14 nos respectively. Being situated in a minority concentrated area with most of the people belonging to economically weaker class, the ICDS construction was a news to rejoice.

The ICDS used to run under open sky and it was a big opportunity for building a shade over the head of the tiny children of the centre, who had to endure the burning sun and also relentless rain. Study used to suffer a lot due to vagaries of nature. Parents were also apprehensive to send their wards to the ICDS citing security concern. The criteria was fixed in convergence mode, with the Chandrakona II Panchayat Samity being the PIA. We grabbed the opportunity in both hands and after necessary entries in MGNREGS MIS and preparation of estimate, work was started in full swing.

The Provision of fund was as follows,

- 1) Rs. 4,50,000.00 (Under Social Welfare department fund).
- 2) Rs 1,04,574.00 (Under MGNREGS labour component)
--{Rs 44718/- for 257 nos of Unskilled labour} {Rs.5220/- for 20 nos of Semi skilled Labour}
{Rs. 54636/-for 157 nos of Skilled labour}
- 3) Rs. 32,682.00 (Under MGNREGS material component)
- 4) Therefore total fund stood at Rs. 5,87,256.00

We also took the opportunity of building a CRECHE alongwith this New Construction sanctioned by the social welfare department, simply for the reason that we wanted the new ICDS to be a MODEL one with all sort of facilities being attached in unison.

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Also we used 3rd Finance commission fund for fencing, gate and plantation.

The cost under this head stood at Rs. 25,000.00

Therefore to built the TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE of the ICDS, total fund stood at Rs. 7,12,256.00

It was a big challenge for us, to give justice to the project. And we devoted our whole energy into it and its good to see the end result being great. The ICDS has a classroom, kitchen room, store room, verandah, separate toilet for its students. The creche is also there for those students whose parents stay outside for work purpose. The total area is protected through birbed wire and an iron gate so as to rule out security concern. Plantation have been done and vigil is being kept by Bhagabantapur II GP so that the plants stay alive.

Future plan includes, collaboration with Gram Panchayat to install Solar Light at the centre from any schematic fund of GP, and even though there is nearby water source, still we would like to have a dedicated water source here, in the form of tubewell. And further beautification within the area through more decorative and flower bearing trees. We also plan to provide different Teaching and learning aids to make study a fun activity.

Hope the future is all rosy and we get some more opportunities like this to make a difference.


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