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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

DURING THE LAUNCH OF
THE SAANSAD ADARSH GRAM
YOJANA

11 OCTOBER 2014



“The Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, unlike other Schemes, does not look at the beneficiaries as receivers and the Government as the doer. The Yojana aims to empower the villagers to make choices and provide them with opportunities to exercise those choices. The Scheme will give direction, and I am certain that our ingenious villagers will pave their own path through their hard work and entrepreneurial skills.”







MESSAGE

The inspiration to adopt Sagada and Bhatangpadar Gram Panchayats (GPs) under the SAGY in 2020 came from the transformative vision of our **Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji**, who called upon us to reimagine rural India as the bedrock of a **Viksit Bharat** by 2047.

In the tribal heartland of Kalahandi, which is home to some of the remotest villages of our country, you can feel the pulse of a proud and resilient people. Rooted in rich culture and community spirit, yet once constrained by gaps in infrastructure, education, healthcare, and livelihoods, these GPs are now on a collective journey of transformation.

Through SAGY, we have undertaken projects at different stages – some completed, others in progress and several approved and ready to begin. From road construction, safe drinking water, and solar lighting to smart classrooms, girls' hostels, skill development initiatives, and green livelihood opportunities. Development has become a shared mission of hope and progress.

SAGY is, above all, a multi-stakeholder endeavour. I remain deeply grateful to Shri Naveen Patnaik, former Hon'ble CM of Odisha, for his unwavering support during 2020–2024, and to Shri Mohan Majhi, Hon'ble CM from 2024 onwards, for continuing to strengthen this vision. I have also been fortunate to benefit from the guidance and mentorship of Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education. The success of these efforts belongs to my dedicated team members, including my district administration, public representatives, teachers, our partners and sponsors, Kalinga Kusum Foundation, team at the MP Office and above all to the community members of the SAGY-GPs.

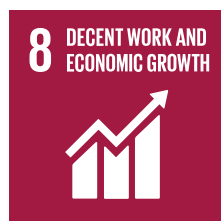
Together, responding to the clarion call of our Hon'ble Prime Minister, we are shaping model villages that embody sustainability, innovation, and inclusive growth—villages that will stand as beacons of a truly **Viksit Bharat**.

(SUJEET KUMAR)

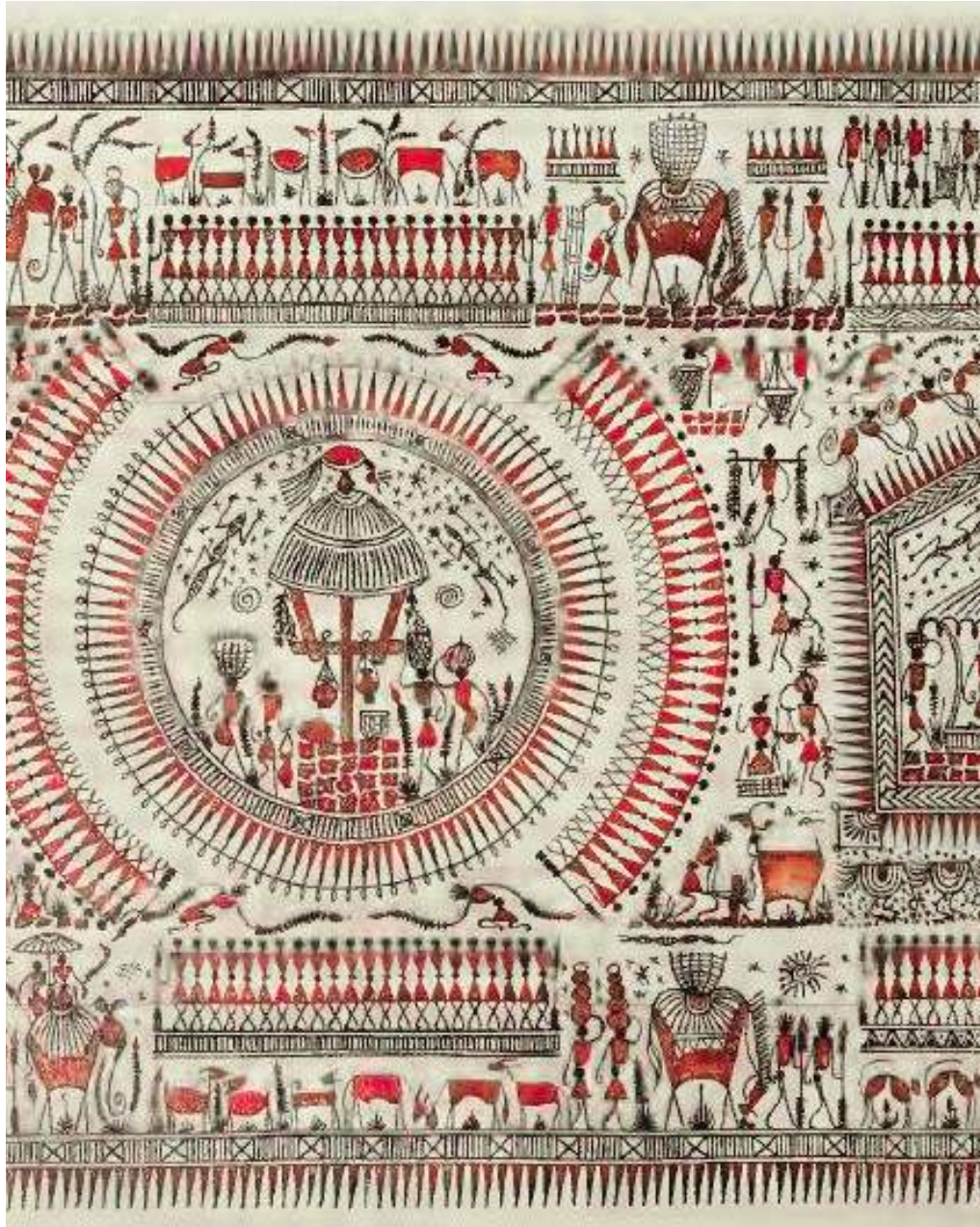


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GOALS



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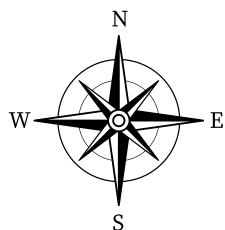
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KALAHANDI

KALAHANDI

Kalahandi, in southern Odisha, is a land of resilience and rich heritage. Once part of the ancient Mahakantara region, mentioned in early Indian texts, it has always been a rich centre of culture, crafts, and heritage. Today, it is among NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts, targeted for accelerated development. Spread over 7,920 sq. km with 13 blocks and 310 gram panchayats, it has a population of over 1.57 million, predominantly rural and tribal.

Kalahandi has, in recent years, made remarkable strides in education, healthcare, women's empowerment, connectivity, skill development, and sustainable agriculture. It has emerged as a high-growth district, with its Gross District Domestic Product (GDDP) expanding at over 16% annually between 2003 and 2015—more than double Odisha's state average of 6–8%—underscoring its strong economic momentum and positioning it to become one of the state's best-performing districts. Widespread access to welfare schemes, thriving women's self-help groups, digital inclusion, and strengthened market linkages reflect a strong transition toward inclusive and sustainable growth.

BHATANGPADAR

Bhatangpadar Gram Panchayat is located in the Lanjigarh Block of Kalahandi district, Odisha, about 12 km from the district headquarters at Bhawanipatna. The GP comprises 26 villages and 4 hamlets, all of which are now either electrified or powered through solar energy. The GP has 22 villages connected by road, 20 villages having network connectivity, and 15 having access to piped drinking water. The demographic profile shows a male-female population of 1259:1346, with Scheduled Castes (SC) constituting 25.9% and Scheduled Tribes (ST) consisting 74% of the population. SC and ST population is thus 99.9% of the total population.

SAGADA

Sagada GP is located in the Sadar block of Kalahandi district, Odisha. Situated 14 km away from the district headquarters, Bhawanipatna, the GP comprises of 27 villages and 4 hamlets, all of which are either electrified or powered through solar energy. The GP has 26 villages connected by road, 22 villages having network connectivity, and 13 having access to piped drinking water. The demographic profile shows a male-female population of 3102:3052, divided between 78.73% Scheduled Castes (SC) and 17.44% Scheduled Tribes (ST). SC & ST population is thus 96.17% of the total population.

Why I chose these two GPs?

Bhatangpadar and Sagada GPs have more than 95% SC and ST population. Though the GPs are proximate to the district headquarters town of Bhawanipatna, they had long been deprived of basic amenities, significantly affected by Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) and were rather at the periphery of all socio-economic development indicators. Their adoption was not merely an initiative; it was a resolute commitment, driven by deep conviction, to uplift one of the most underserved sections of our society.

BHATANGPADAR



1259:1346 | MALE:FEMALE

Scheduled Caste - 25.9% & Scheduled Tribe 74%



14 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES

1 High Secondary School | 6 Primary Schools |
7 Anganwadi Centres



26 VILLAGES & 4 HAMLETS



**19 ELECTRIFIED VILLAGES
26 SOLAR POWERED**



15 VILLAGES
with Clean Water



22 VILLAGES
connected through Roads



20 VILLAGES
with network access

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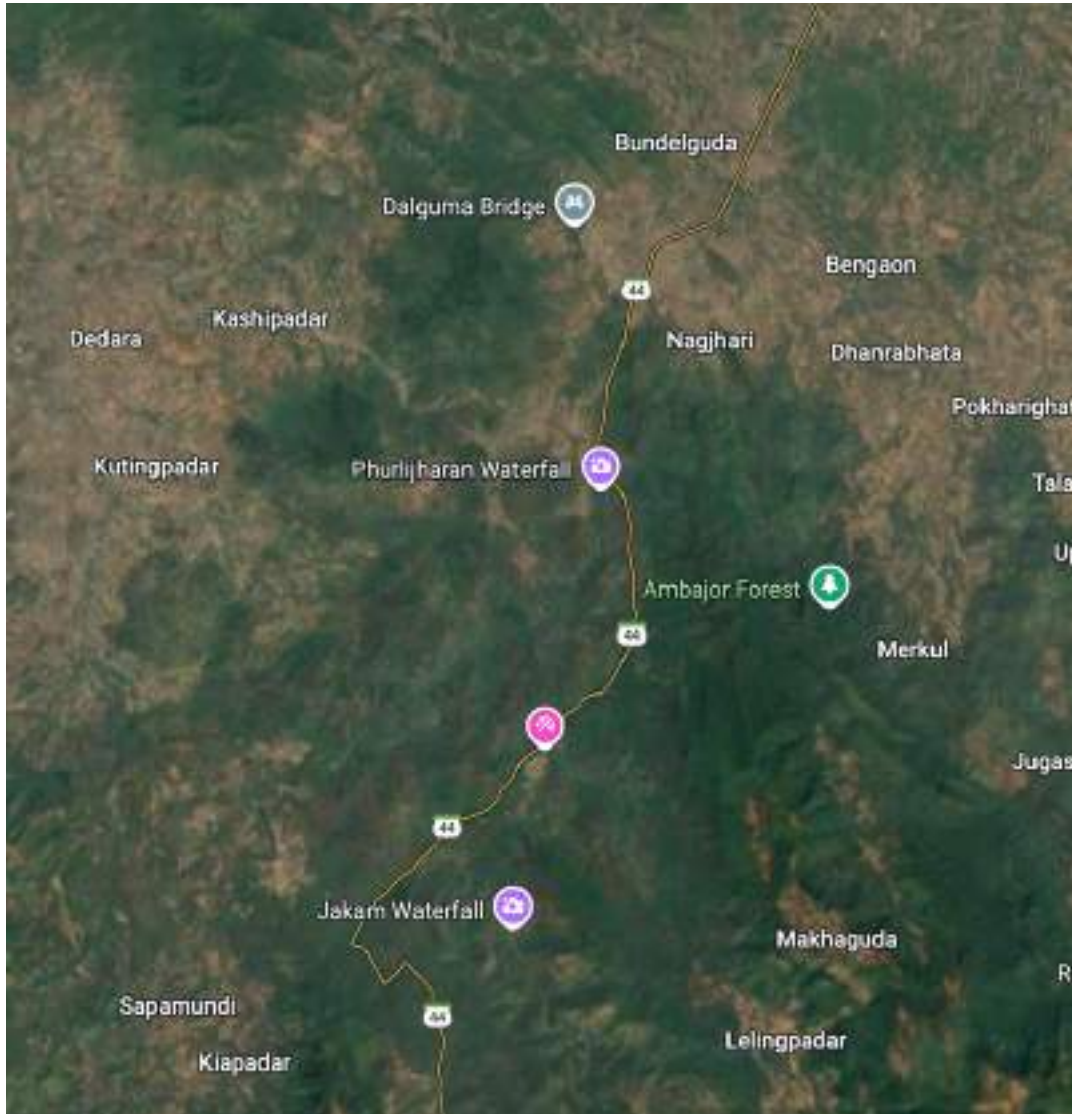
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Our Bhatangpadar Gram Panchayat, situated in the tribal-dominated Lanjigarh block, was once a backward village. Since the Hon'ble MP adopted our Panchayat as his model village, much development has taken place here. He personally reviews all developmental works and, like a family member, engages with government officials, school teachers, elected representatives, and women of self-help groups to discuss various schemes and the overall development of the Panchayat. We sincerely thank the Hon'ble MP for giving special attention to our Panchayat and for his constant efforts towards its development.

SMT. DASHMI MAJHI
SARPANCH, BHATANGPADAR



SAGADA



3102:3052 | MALE:FEMALE

Scheduled Caste - 78.73% & Scheduled Tribe - 17.44%



33 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES

1 Higher Secondary School | 14 Primary Schools |
3 Upper Primary Schools | 15 Anganwadi Centres



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Sagada Gram Panchayat is a tribal-dominated area. Since the Hon'ble Rajya Sabha MP adopted our Panchayat as his model Panchayat, our region has been placed on the path of development. In the fields of education, connectivity, and drinking water, many programmes have been initiated and successfully completed. All government schemes are being effectively implemented. The women of self-help groups have become empowered. We express our gratitude to the Hon'ble MP and, together with him, we will accelerate the development of our Panchayat in the days ahead

SHRI GOBINDA NAIK
SARPANCH, SAGADA



BASELINE SURVEY



Immediately after the adoption of the SAGY GPs, a door-to-door survey was conducted in every village, hamlet & household, listening to voices often unheard. Each conversation revealed the realities of daily life - the challenges, the aspirations and the untapped potential of the people. These insights became the foundation for a well-defined roadmap, charting the path from present struggles to a future of opportunity and growth.





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For a long time, priority has been given to spreading education. This was necessary. But today, more than expanding education, what is necessary is to improve the quality of education. We will have to shift our priority from the literacy campaign to good education. From now onward, more than schooling, we will have to lay stress on learning.

(During the 19th episode of Mann Baat on 24 April 2016.)

Shri Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister

A large, intricate orange mandala graphic is centered on the page. It features a complex, symmetrical pattern of stylized leaves and floral motifs. The mandala is partially obscured by a solid orange horizontal band that spans the width of the page. The word "EDUCATION" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters across this band.

EDUCATION

#EK DIN BACCHON KE NAAM





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Inspired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister's call to engage with students, I pledged to spend one day each month in the Government High Schools of my adopted SAGY GPs.

On those days, I enter not as an MP, but as a mentor, listener, and cheerleader. Students speak in their local dialect (Kalahandia), in Odia/ Hindi/ English, and we celebrate every voice. The classroom transforms into a place where curiosity feels at home, no question is too small, and learning flows both ways.

I began this 'Ek Din Bacchon Ke Naam' initiative to show every child in our villages that their voice matters, their dreams are worthy, and their future is limitless. This humble initiative has begun to sow the seeds of confidence that they will grow into leaders and change-makers of tomorrow's Bharat.



BEFORE



GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL, **BHATANGPADAR**

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GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL, BHATANGPADAR

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QUALITY
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AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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REDUCED
INEQUALITIES

BEFORE



GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL, **SAGADA**

AFTER



GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL, SAGADA



ADOPTED FOUR DAUGHTERS FROM TURKA VILLAGE

In the Turka Village of Lanjigarh block, no girl child had ever attended school since our independence. When it came to my notice, I was deeply moved. Determined to change this story, I personally adopted four daughters from the village: Padma Majhi, Daimati Majhi, Gita Majhi and Janati Majhi, all currently studying in Standard 4; committing to fund their education and other expenses as required, until they secure meaningful employment. Today, they study at Bhatangpadar High School, our adopted SAGY school, walking a path no other girl in their village had walked before, carrying with them the hopes of their families and the promise of a brighter future.



VISIT OF SHRI ARJUN MUNDA the then **Union Minister of Tribal Affairs** to Government High School, Bhatangpadar

13th June 2022



SCHOOL RENOVATION

This transformation was never about buildings alone; it was about creating a strong, nurturing environment where young minds could learn, grow, and take flight towards their dreams. By converging funds from different sources, including MPLAD funds and by leveraging various government schemes, the main school building, boundary walls, toilets, library, science lab, and computer lab were renovated and upgraded.

In both the adopted schools, classrooms were refurbished, and two smart classrooms were introduced for students of Classes 9 and 10, bringing modern learning tools to their doorstep. The campus was beautified with green spaces, artistic walls, and activity areas - making it a vibrant space where education thrives, skills grow, and aspirations take shape.





SMART CLASSROOMS, COMPUTER LABS & E-LIBRARY

In the once isolated villages of Bhatangpadar and Sagada, where many children had never held more than a few books, eyes now gleam with hope and ambition. A quiet digital revolution has arrived, bringing well-equipped smart classrooms and computer labs into their world. The imagination of these young minds, once bound by the limits of their village, now travels far and wide. With each click of the keyboard and glide of the mouse, they explore knowledge beyond textbooks. The newly opened e-library places a universe of books just a click away, nurturing a deep love for reading. This digital transformation has not only expanded their learning horizons but also ignited the belief that their dreams are valid and the sky is truly within reach.





DRONE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

In the remotest SAGY GPs, where technology once felt like a distant dream, a quiet revolution has taken flight. The establishment of two Drone Centres of Excellence, in partnership with IG Drones, India's first-of-its-kind in any Government school, has transformed ordinary high schools into hubs of cutting-edge learning. Here, teachers are trained in drone technology and, in turn, equip students with vital 21st-century skills. For these inquisitive young minds, drones are more than machines; they are wings to new possibilities. As they learn to navigate the skies, they also envision futures in innovation, agriculture, and beyond. And when these drones rise over the fields, easing the toil of farmers, the villages see not just machines in motion, but the promise of a brighter, more sustainable tomorrow.



HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT (IN THE SPIRIT OF NEP)

In both high schools, change now hums through every corridor. Guided by the vision of **NEP 2020**, these schools have been transformed into spaces where learning extends far beyond textbooks and examinations. New facilities, fresh initiatives, and creative interventions now nurture the all-round growth of every child. Lessons are balanced with the joy of discovery – students paint vivid scenes, sketch from imagination, recite poems with pride, and express themselves through essays and debates. Mornings often begin with yoga under the open sky, while afternoons come alive with laughter, creativity in the art corners, and focused practice sessions. These are no longer just schools; they are vibrant spaces where curiosity, creativity, and confidence grow, shaping young minds for bright, limitless futures.



SCIENCE LABS

The curiosity of children has always been boundless, even when resources were few. For years, lessons lived only on chalkboards and in worn textbooks. Today, with the establishment of fully equipped science labs, curiosity finally has room to grow. Here, beakers, circuits, and microscopes are no longer distant images from a book but tools in their own hands. Each experiment sparks wonder, each discovery deepens learning, and each smile tells us that science has found a home in their hearts. This is more than an investment in education; it is the planting of seeds of innovation and confidence, proving that the brightest ideas can emerge from even the most remote corners of our country.



Newly Built 100 Seated ST Girls' Hostel, Bhatangpadar



100 Seated ST Girls Hostel, Sagada



100 Seated existing
ST Girl's Hostel,
Bhatangpadar

GIRLS HOSTELS

In many homes of Bhatangpadar, girls once saw their dreams quietly set aside. Instead of classrooms, their days were spent helping with household chores, caring for siblings, and supporting their mothers. Long distances to school and the absence of safe accommodation led to high dropout rates, cutting short countless aspirations. Today, two girls' hostels, each with a capacity of 100, have begun rewriting that story. No longer burdened by exhausting travel or unsafe journeys, girls now live and learn in a secure environment that nurtures their ambitions. They attend classes regularly, participate in activities, and focus on building their future. These hostels are more than just buildings—they are gateways to opportunity, affirming that education is a right for every girl, not a privilege for a few.



DEDICATED ART GALLERY

Giving wings to the art and skills of the bright students with the resources, guidance and a dedicated gallery for art.





STUDENT ART CORNER



Why you love to come to School.

The name of my school is Govt High School, Bhatang padam.

Our School is located in Langigosh block.

Our School is very beautiful.

My School is a big School.

There are sixteen teachers in our school.

Four hundred students learn here.

We have a beautiful mathematics park and beautiful garden.

Our School has facilities like Science laboratory to do experiments, library and e-library to read important books.

We get free uniforms and free mid-day meal.

We love to read here. I love my School.

I love to come to my School. everyday.

Nandini Majhi

FROM THE PEN OF A CLASS X STUDENT





TEAM BHATANGPADAR

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MUKHYAMANTRI SHIKHYA PURASKAR AWARD

Bhatangpadar Government High School, nestled in one of the remotest tribal regions of Odisha, has been honoured with the prestigious *Mukhyamantri Shiksha Puraskar* under the School & Mass Education Department's High School Transformation Program. This recognition celebrates the school's remarkable progress in creating a world-class learning environment with smart classrooms, a modern science laboratory, an e-library, improved drinking water and sanitation facilities, and a vibrant, student-friendly ambience. The award reflects the collective efforts of teachers, students, elected representatives, SMC, alumni, and local bodies and stands as a beacon of inspiration for the region, marking a new chapter of aspiration, innovation, and leadership in education for the tribal heartland.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION (ECCE)





Anganwadi Centre, Kashipadar

ANGANWADIS

In the villages of Bhatangpadar and Sagada, Anganwadi centres were once viewed simply as places to leave young children for a few hours. After our intervention, eight centres have been upgraded with clean drinking water, reliable electricity, and proper kitchens to prepare safe, nutritious meals. Now, children arrive with laughter and curiosity, stepping into child-friendly, welcoming spaces that mark the beginning of their learning journey. But the transformation runs deeper than walls and facilities — it shines in the eyes of the women who run these centres. Through their involvement in Self-Help Groups, they are not only earning a livelihood but also reclaiming pride, independence, and a renewed sense of purpose in their community.



Integrated
Child
Development
Scheme



BEFORE



AFTER

ANGANWADI CENTRE **AMJORE, SAGADA**



BEFORE



AFTER

ANGANWADI CENTRE **DAKIBANDEL, SAGADA**



BEFORE



AFTER

ANGANWADI CENTRE DALGUMA, SAGADA



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ANGANWADI CENTRE KITPADAR, SAGADA

ମୁଁ ଆମ ସ୍କୁଲରେ ପାଠ ପଢ଼ିବାକୁ ଗର୍ବିତ ଅନୁଭବ କରେ। ସୁଜୀତ ସାରଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଆଜି ଆମ ସ୍କୁଲରେ କ୍ଲାସରୁମ୍, ବିଜ୍ଞାନାଗାର, ଇ-ଲାଇବ୍ରେରୀ, ଡ୍ରୋନ୍ ସେଣ୍ଟର ସବୁ ହେଇପାରିଛି ଯାହା ଦ୍ଵାରା ଆମକୁ ନୂଆ ନୂଆ ଜ୍ଞାନ ଏବଂ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ବିଷୟରେ ଜାଣିବାରେ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରୁଛି। ସାର ନିଜେ ଆସିକି ଆମ ସହ କଥା ହେଉଛନ୍ତି ଆଉ ଆମକୁ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଜିନିଷ ଶିଖାଉଛନ୍ତି। ଏବେ ଆମକୁ ସ୍କୁଲକୁ ଆସିବାକୁ ଏବଂ ପାଠ ପଢ଼ିବାକୁ ବହୁତ ଭଲ ଲାଗୁଛି।

**translated version*

I feel proud to study in our school. Today, thanks to Sujeet Sir, our school has classrooms, a library, an e-library, and a drone centre, which helps us learn new knowledge and various things. Sir himself comes and talks to us and teaches us various things. Now we really enjoy coming to school and studying.

Nandani Majhi

Student Class X, Bhatangpadar High School



ମୁଁ ଭଟାଙ୍ଗପଦର ଭଜ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଦୀର୍ଘ ୧୩ ବର୍ଷ ହେଲା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟରତ ଅଛି ଏବଂ ଏବେ ଭାରପ୍ରାପ୍ତ ପ୍ରଧାନ ଶିକ୍ଷୟିତ୍ରୀ ଭାବେ ଦାୟିତ୍ଵ ତୁଲାଇଛି। ଆଗରୁ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟର ଅବସ୍ଥା ଅତ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଶୋଚନୀୟ ଥିଲା। ମାନ୍ୟବର ରାଜ୍ୟସଭା ସାଂସଦ ଆମ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ନିଜର ପୋଷ୍ୟ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଭାବେ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିବା ପରେ ଏଠାରେ ଭିତ୍ତିଭୂମିର ବିକାଶ ହେବା ସହିତ ଓ ଶିକ୍ଷାର ଗୁଣାତ୍ମକ ମାନରେ ମଧ୍ୟ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଆସିଛି। ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ସ୍ଥାର୍ତ୍ତ ଶ୍ରେଣୀଗୃହ, ଇ-ଲାଇବ୍ରେରୀ, ଉନ୍ନତ ମାନର ବିଜ୍ଞାନ ପରୀକ୍ଷାଗାର ହେବା ସହିତ ଛାତ୍ରୀ ମାନଙ୍କର ରହିବା ପାଇଁ ଏକ ନୂତନ ୧୦୦ ଶଯ୍ୟା ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ ଆଦିବାସୀ ଛାତ୍ରୀ ନିବାସର ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରାଯାଇଛି। ମାନ୍ୟବର ସାଂସଦ ନିଜେ ମାସକୁ ଗୋଟି ଦିନ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ସହ ସମୟ ଅତିବାହିତ କରୁଛନ୍ତି ଏବଂ ଡ୍ରୋନ୍ ଭଳି ନୂତନ ଜ୍ଞାନକୌଶଳ ବିଷୟରେ ପିଲାମାନେ ଜାଣିବାକୁ ପାଉଛନ୍ତି। ଏଥିପାଇଁ ଏବେ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ଉପସ୍ଥାନରେ ଉନ୍ନତି ଆସିବା ସହିତ ଅଧିକରୁ ଅଧିକ ଛାତ୍ରଛାତ୍ରୀ ଆମ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ନାମ ଲେଖାଇବା ପାଇଁ ଇଚ୍ଛୁକ ହେଉଛନ୍ତି।

**translated version*

I have been working in Bhatangpada High School for 13 years and am now taking charge as the acting Principal. Earlier, the condition of the school was very poor. After the Honorable Rajya Sabha Member accepted our school as his adopted school, the infrastructure and quality of education have also improved here. The school has smart classrooms, e-library, state-of-the-art science laboratories and a new 100-bed tribal hostel has been arranged for the accommodation of the students. The Hon'ble Member himself spends time with the students once a month and the children are learning about new technologies like drones. Due to this, the attendance of the students in the school has improved and more and more students are interested in enrolling in our school.

Smt. Lilima Manjari Sunani

Principal, Bhatangpadar High School



ଶଗଡ଼ା ଭଳି ଏକ ଆଦିବାସୀ ବହୁଳ ଏବଂ ବନ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ଘେରା ପଞ୍ଚାୟତରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ ଆମ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟକୁ ମାନ୍ୟବର ସାଂସଦ ଶ୍ରୀ ସୁଜିତ କୁମାର ପୋଷ୍ୟ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଭାବେ ଗ୍ରହଣ କଲା ପରେ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ବୈପ୍ଳବିକ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ ଆସିଛି। ସ୍କୁଲରେ ସ୍ମାର୍ଟ ଶ୍ରେଣୀଗୃହ, ଅତ୍ୟାଧୁନିକ ବିଜ୍ଞାନାଗାର, ପୁଅ ଝିଅଙ୍କପାଇଁ ସ୍ୱତନ୍ତ୍ର ଶୌଚାଳୟ, ୧୦୦ ଶଯ୍ୟା ବିଶିଷ୍ଟ ଆଦିବାସୀ ଛାତ୍ରୀ ନିବାସ, ମିନି ସାଇନ୍ସ ସେଣ୍ଟର ଇତ୍ୟାଦିର ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରାଯାଇଛି। ଛାତ୍ର ଛାତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ ସୁରକ୍ଷା ପାଇଁ ମାନ୍ୟବର ସାଂସଦଙ୍କ ଉଦ୍ୟମରେ ସୋଲାର ଲାଇଟ, ସୋଲାର ବ୍ୟାକଅପ ସିଷ୍ଟମ, ସିସିଟିଭି କ୍ୟାମେରା ଲଗାଯାଇଛି। ପିଲାମାନେ ଆଜି ଡ୍ରୋନ୍ ବିଷୟରେ ଜାଣିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ପାଉଛନ୍ତି। ଏହା ଅତ୍ୟନ୍ତ ଖୁସିର କଥା ଯେ ଆମ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଭଜ ମାଧ୍ୟମିକ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଭାବରେ ରୂପାନ୍ତରିତ ହୋଇଛି ଏବଂ ଏବେ ଦ୍ୱାଦଶ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ ପିଲାମାନେ ପଢ଼ିପାରିବେ। ମାନ୍ୟବର ସାଂସଦଙ୍କ ଉଦ୍ୟମରେ ଆଜି ଆମ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ଏକ ସ୍ୱୟଂସମ୍ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟରେ ପରିଣତ ହୋଇଛି।

***translated version**

After Hon'ble MP Shri Sujeet Kumar adopted our school in Sagada, a predominantly tribal and forest-surrounded Panchayat, the institution has witnessed a revolutionary transformation. The school is now equipped with smart classrooms, a modern science laboratory, separate toilets for boys and girls, a 100-bed tribal girls' hostel, and a mini science center. For the safety of students, solar lights, a solar backup system, and CCTV cameras have been installed through the MP's efforts. Children today even have the opportunity to learn about drones. It is a matter of great joy that our school has been upgraded to a Higher Secondary School, enabling students to study up to Class 12. Thanks to the initiative of Hon'ble MP Shri Sujeet Kumar, our school has today become a self-sufficient institution.

Shri Sukant Kumar Sahu

Headmaster, Government High School, Sagada



**ଟଙ୍କପ୍ରଭା ପୂଜାରୀ
ଦଶମ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ଛାତ୍ରୀ, ସରକାରୀ ଉଚ୍ଚ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ, ଶଗଡ଼ା**

ଆମର ପ୍ରିୟ ସାଂସଦ ସୁଜିତ ସାରଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ଆଜି ଆମ ସ୍କୁଲରେ ସ୍ମାର୍ଟ କ୍ଲାସରୁମ୍, ବିଜ୍ଞାନାଗାର, ଇ-ଲାଇବ୍ରେରୀ, ଡ୍ରୋନ୍ ସେଣ୍ଟର ସବୁ ହେଇପାରିଛି ଯାହା ଦ୍ୱାରା ଆମକୁ ନୂଆ ନୂଆ ଜ୍ଞାନ ଏବଂ ବିଭିନ୍ନ ବିଷୟରେ ଜାଣିବାରେ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରୁଛି। ଆମ ହଷ୍ଟେଲ ଯୋଗୁଁ ଆମରୁ ବନ୍ଦ ହୋଇକି ଥିଲା ସେଥିରେ ଏବେ ଆମେ ରହିକି ପାଠ ପଢ଼ିବାର ସୁଯୋଗ ପାଉଛୁ। ଆମ ସ୍କୁଲରେ ଏବେ ଏକାଦଶ ଏବଂ ଦ୍ୱାଦଶ ଶ୍ରେଣୀ ଆରମ୍ଭ ହେଉଛି ଯାହା ଆମକୁ ଉଚ୍ଚ ଶିକ୍ଷା ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିବାରେ ସହାୟକ ହେବ।

***translated version**

Because of our beloved MP, Sujeet Sir, today our school has a Smart Classroom, Science Laboratory, E-Library, and Drone Center. These are helping us gain new knowledge and learn about different subjects. The hostel, which was earlier closed, has now reopened, giving us the opportunity to stay there and continue our studies. In our school, Classes 11 and 12 have also started, which will help us pursue higher education.

Tankaprabha Pujari

Student Class X, Government High School, Sagada

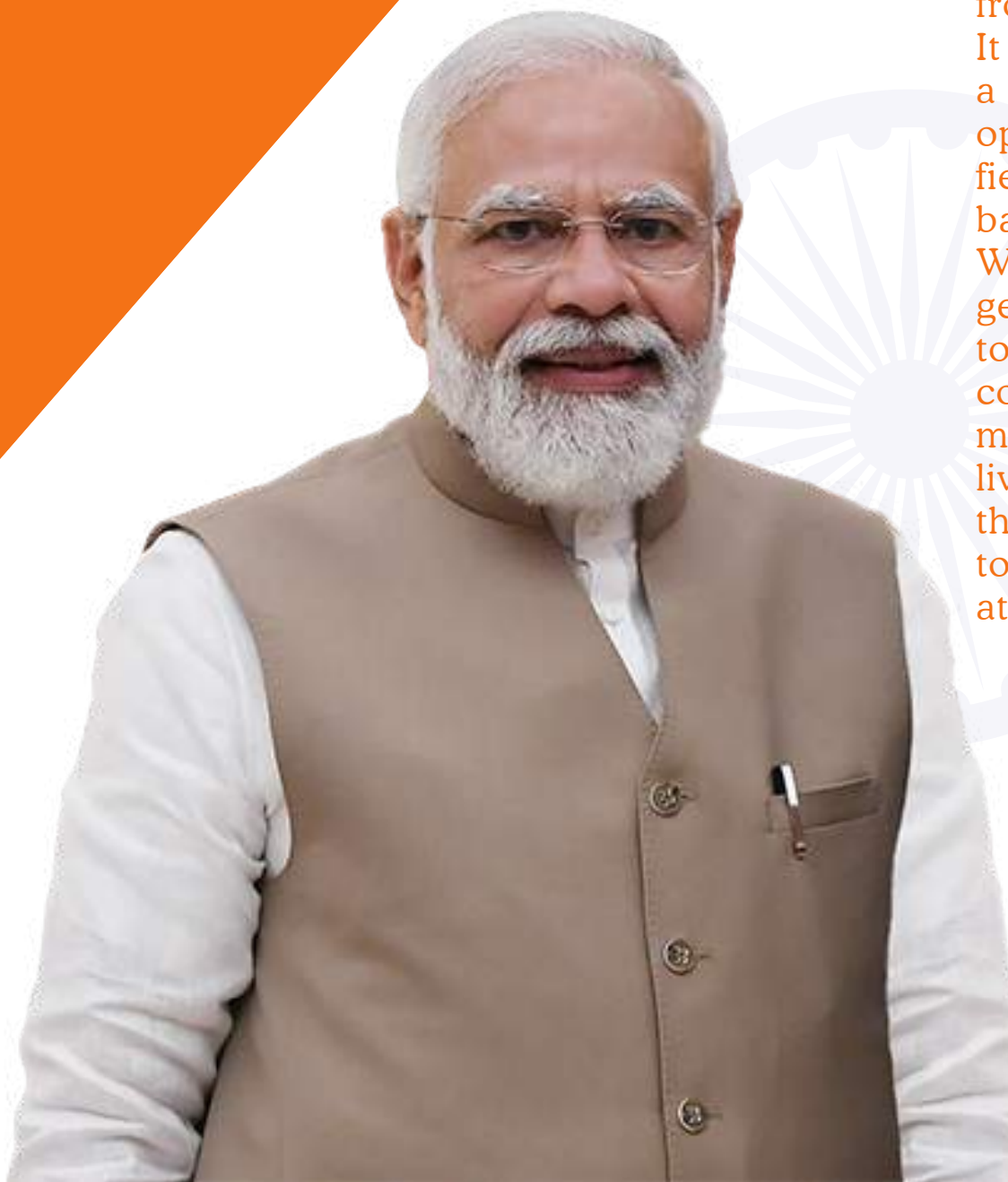


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The tourism sector gets the most benefit from better connectivity and infrastructure. It has always been my belief that tourism is a sector where there are income opportunities available for everyone. It is a field in which people from different backgrounds can find means of earning. With minimum investment, it is possible to generate maximum income through tourism. This is why I have always considered tourism to be a powerful medium for economic growth and livelihood creation. With this very mindset, the country is becoming vocal for local tourism, and efforts are being carried out at multiple levels to support this vision.

Shri Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister



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TOURISM



RABANDHARA WATERFALL





RABANDHARA WATERFALL

In Bhatangpadar, the sound of the Rabandara waterfall once echoed through empty spaces, wild, distant, and unreachable. Its beauty was known, but only from afar. The path was uneven, the edges unsafe, and the joy it held remained hidden behind caution. But now, the waterfall sings a different song.

Strong yet graceful barricades now trace their edges, allowing visitors to walk closer, feel the mist on their faces, and stand still to breathe in the wonder. What was once a risky journey is now a safe passage to nature's heart. Tourists arrive not with fear, but with curiosity. Children lean forward with wide eyes. Elders sit nearby, watching the water flow like time itself.

And just beyond, where there was once only open land, a children's park rises in colour and sound. Swings sway gently, laughter ripples through the trees, and little footprints chase the winds of freedom. The same soil that once echoed with silence now hums with life.

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RABANDARA ECO-TOURISM CENTRE

BHATANGPADAR SAGY GP

Nestled in the hills, the Rabandara Eco-Tourism Centre offers travellers a unique and immersive stay in nature. Operated entirely by local SHGs, without any outside agency, it offers unmatched hospitality and pristine beauty to tourists. Nearly half - 48% - of the profit from each booking goes directly to the community.

This initiative is more than just tourism; it is a steady source of livelihood, built with local hands, sustained by local pride, and rooted in the vision of empowering families while preserving the natural beauty of the region.



ଆମେ, ମା ସନ୍ତୋଷୀ ସ୍ୱୟଂ ସହାୟକ ଗୋଷ୍ଠୀର ସଦସ୍ୟମାନେ, ଭଟାଙ୍ଗପଦର ଗ୍ରାମ ପଞ୍ଚାୟତରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ ରାବଣଦର ଇକୋ-ଟୁରିଜିମ୍ ସେଣ୍ଟରକୁ ବିକଶିତ କରିବାରେ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ମାନ୍ୟବର ସାଂସଦ ଶ୍ରୀ ସୁଜିତ କୁମାରଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତି କୃତଜ୍ଞ। ଆମେ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଏହି ସେଣ୍ଟରରେ ଅତିଥିମାନଙ୍କୁ ସ୍ୱାଗତ କରିବା ଏବଂ ଖାଦ୍ୟ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରିବା ଠାରୁ ଆରମ୍ଭ କରି ଦୈନନ୍ଦିନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ତଦାରଖ ଏବଂ ପରିଚାଳନା କରୁଛୁ। ଏହା ଦ୍ୱାରା ଆମକୁ ଜୀବିକା ନିର୍ବାହ କରିବାର ରାସ୍ତା ମିଳିବା ସହିତ ଆମେ ରୋଜଗାରକ୍ଷମ ହୋଇପାରିଛୁ। ଆଜି, ରାବଣଦର ଆମ ଜିଲ୍ଲାର ସବୁଠାରୁ ଆକର୍ଷଣୀୟ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟଟନ ସ୍ଥଳୀ ମଧ୍ୟରୁ ଗୋଟିଏ ପାଲଟିଛି, ଏବଂ ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ଆମ ପରିବାରକୁ ସମର୍ଥନ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଆମକୁ ସକ୍ଷମ କରିଥିବାରୁ ଆମେ ସୁଜିତ ସାରଙ୍କୁ ଧନ୍ୟବାଦ ଦେଉଛୁ।

**translated version*

We, the members of Maa Santoshi Self-Help Group, are grateful to Hon'ble MP Shri Sujeet Kumar for helping develop the Rabandhar Eco-Tourism Center located in Bhatangpadar Gram Panchayat. We now manage the day-to-day activities of the center, from welcoming guests and preparing food to overseeing its operations. This has not only given us a means of livelihood but has also made us self-reliant and employable. Today, Rabandhara has become one of the most attractive tourist destinations in our district, and we thank Sujeet Sir for empowering us to support our families through this work.

Smt. Madhuri Chhatra

Principal, Bhatangpadar High School



ଆଗରୁ ଆମେ କେବଳ ସ୍ୱୟଂ ସହାୟକ ଗୋଷ୍ଠୀ ଗଠନ କରି ବ୍ୟାଙ୍କରୁ ଲୋନ ନେଇକରି ଘର ଖର୍ଚ୍ଚ କରୁଥିଲୁ ଏବଂ ସେହି ଲୋନ ପରିଶୋଧ କରିବା ସମୟରେ ବହୁ ଅସୁବିଧାର ସାମ୍ନା କରୁଥିଲୁ। ମାନ୍ୟବର ସାଂସଦ ସୁଜିତ କୁମାର ସାର ଯେବେ ଆମ ପଞ୍ଚାୟତ କୁ ଆସିଥିଲେ ସେ ଆମ ସହ ଆଲୋଚନା କରିଥିଲେ ଏବଂ ଆମକୁ ରୋଜଗାର ଯୋଗାଇଦେବା ପାଇଁ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ। ଆମ ଗ୍ରାମରେ ଇକୋ-ଟୁରିଜିମ୍ ସେଣ୍ଟର ହେବା ପରେ ଅଧିକାରୀ ମାନଙ୍କ ସହିତ ଆଲୋଚନା କରି ଆମକୁ ଏହି ସେଣ୍ଟରର ରକ୍ଷଣାବେକ୍ଷଣ ଏବଂ ପରିଚାଳନା ଦାୟିତ୍ୱ ଦିଆଯାଇଥିଲା। ଏବେ ଆମେ ଏହି ସେଣ୍ଟରରେ ଅତିଥି ମାନଙ୍କର ସେବା କରିବା ସହିତ, ସଫେଇ, ରୋଷେଇ ଏବଂ ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରୁଛୁ ଏବଂ ଭଲ ରୋଜଗାର କରିପାରୁଛୁ।

**translated version*

Earlier, we had formed a Self-Help Group mainly to take loans from the bank for household expenses, but repaying those loans was always difficult and stressful. When Hon'ble MP Shri Sujeet Kumar visited our Panchayat, he interacted with us and assured us that he would create livelihood opportunities for us. After the Eco-Tourism Centre was established in our village, and through discussions with the officials, we were entrusted with its management and maintenance. Today, we look after the centre, serve the guests, and manage activities such as cleaning, cooking, and other services. This has given us a steady source of livelihood, and we are able to earn with dignity while supporting our families.

Smt. Bharati Meher

Member, Maa Santoshi SHG



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JAKAM NATURE CAMP

SAGADA SAGY GP

Tucked away in the serene hills, Jakam Nature Camp offers travellers a peaceful and authentic stay close to nature. Managed entirely by local SHGs, without the involvement of outside agencies, it's a paradise waiting to welcome everyone. Nearly half of the profit from every booking flows directly back to the community.

More than a tourism initiative, it is a sustainable livelihood model providing steady income for local families, strengthening community bonds, and showcasing the beauty of Sagada GP with pride and care.



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Since Hon'ble MP Shri Sujeet Kumar adopted Sagada Panchayat, his contribution to this Gram Panchayat has been remarkable. He constantly thinks about how best to support the youth and women of our tribal community. His efforts have also strengthened the Phurlijharan Waterfall and the Jakam Nature Camp, where six eco-cottages now welcome visitors. Tourists enjoy their stay with basic facilities like drinking water and overnight accommodation. These initiatives have created new sources of income for local youth and women self-help groups, bringing both livelihood and pride to our community.

SHRI JOGENDRA MAJHI
FORESTER, SAGADA





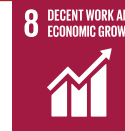
PHURLIJHARAN WATERFALL

SAGADA SAGY GP

At the picturesque Phurlijharan Waterfall, safety and accessibility now go hand in hand. New railings make it secure for children to enjoy the view, while shaded parks encourage families to linger and relax. A newly built road has made the journey easier, opening the site to more visitors.

Adding to the charm is a village-run eco-store, offering locally handcrafted goods year-round, proudly carrying the **"Make in India"** emblem. This is more than a scenic spot, it is a thriving example of how natural beauty, community enterprise, and sustainable livelihoods can come together in one place.





MIP

BHATANGPADAR SAGY GP

The waterfront at the Minor Irrigation Project (MIP) in Bhatangpadar has come alive with activity. What was once a quiet, neglected space is now a vibrant gathering spot, thanks to local SHGs who have opened a canteen and restaurant. Families and tourists now visit here regularly to enjoy the scenic setting and local flavours.

This is more than a business; it is a true village enterprise where every rupee earned stays within the community, creating livelihoods, fostering self-reliance, and building a future shaped on their terms.



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My to-do list is long and ambitious. It includes a vibrant rural economy with a robust farm sector; a roof over each head and electricity to all households; to skill millions of our youth; build 100 smart cities; have broadband for a billion, and connect our villages to the digital world; and create a twenty-first century rail, road and port infrastructure. These are not just aspirations; they are goals to be reached in a finite time frame with a light carbon footprint, with greater emphasis on renewables.

Shri Narendra Modi

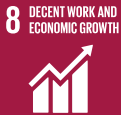
Hon'ble Prime Minister





INFRASTRUCTURE





Market Complex (1), Bhatangpadar Inauguration



Market Complex (2), Sagada, Inauguration



Newly built Market Complex (3) in Sagada | Ready for Inauguration

MARKET COMPLEXES

Employment weaves hope into lives, offering a steady income, fulfilling basic needs, and empowering families. It nurtures dignity, fuels community growth, and becomes the heartbeat of social and economic transformation. We shared the same vision when we created the marketplace stores. For the local people of SAGY GPs, the stores we built not only provide hope for work but also push them to dream and create new business opportunities. This will be a source of self-sufficiency for everyone who lives in both SAGY GPs. The idea will aid women entrepreneurs, provide access to commodities for all individuals, and convert villages into vibrant, self-sustaining communities.



PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (PDS) SUB-CENTRE

A new Public Distribution System (PDS) sub-centre in Suliya village of Bhatangpadar GP has brought essential ration supplies closer to home. Earlier, villagers had to travel over 15 kilometres both ways for basic provisions, a journey that was both time-consuming and exhausting.

Now, families receive their food grains with greater ease and timeliness, at their doorstep, improving daily life and reducing hardship for the inhabitants of 7 villages in difficult terrain. The sub-centre has not only simplified access but also strengthened trust in public services, enhancing food security and supporting the overall well-being of the community.



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SAGADA PWD GUESTHOUSE - BEFORE



BEFORE



DURING RENOVATION

**SWADESH
DARSHAN**



SAGADA PWD GUESTHOUSE - AFTER

Tucked away in the misty mountains of Sagada, the renovated PWD Guesthouse, once infamously known as '*Bhoot Bangla*', offers more than just accommodation. It's an aesthetically built space that offers serenity, and its eco-friendly suites blend indigenous architecture with modern comfort, creating a stay that feels both authentic and refined.

Guests wake to sweeping views of pine forests and whispering cliffs, and savour local cuisine prepared with fresh produce from nearby organic farms. Cultural immersion is at the heart of the experience; guided treks, pottery workshops, and storytelling evenings with village elders bring Sagada's heritage to life. More than a retreat, this is a gateway to harmony between nature, culture, and community, where every stay leaves guests with lasting memories and a deeper connection to the place.

CONCRETE HOUSES UNDER



“A house is made with beams and walls; a home is built with love and dreams.”

Through a convergence of the ‘PM Awaas Yojana (PMAY)’ and ‘PM JanMan Yojana’, this dream has become a reality for families in both SAGY GPs. By aligning resources and coordinating efforts across departments, we ensured saturation of eligible beneficiaries, leaving no deserving household behind. Dozens of pucca houses now stand where kuccha homes, rented rooms, and makeshift shelters once existed. These homes provide safety, dignity, and stability for lower and middle-income families, replacing uncertainty with hope. The transformation is visible in every lane, secure roofs over heads, strong walls for protection, and a renewed sense of pride in calling these villages home.





MINOR IRRIGATION PROJECT (MIP)

BHATANGPADAR SAGY GP

When Mother Nature is worshipped in all its glory, nature mothers us with all it has to offer. In this part of the land, nature is an inseparable part of the lives of the people; they worship and celebrate nature. One of the best-kept secrets of Odisha, located in Bhatangpadar of Kalahandi, the surrounding areas of the Minor Irrigation Dam are blessed with the beauty of nature, including layers of hills and clean, calm waters. It has become an attraction for tourists to explore the secrets of nature, attracting visitors to come and spend a couple of days away from the hustle and bustle of the city life in the pristine silence in the lap of nature, which has been possible through efforts to enhance, embellish and enrich the surrounding areas while generating income for the people.

**PMKSY**

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India



WATER STORAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

In the heart of a sunburnt village, where the earth had long whispered prayers for rain, a beacon of hope arose with a simple water tank beneath the wide sky. Born from the dreams of the Jal Jeevan Mission, it stood like a silent sentry, holding within its walls the lifeline of the land. The Jal Jeevan Mission ensures that every rural household has access to clean tap water, thereby improving health, reducing waterborne diseases, empowering women, saving time, promoting hygiene, enhancing education, and supporting sustainable water management. The water did more than quench thirst; it brought back dreams, united the village, and filled hearts with hope for rivers yet to come.



COMMUNITY HALLS

Across the villages of both SAGY GPs, community halls have been created as shared spaces for gathering, learning, and celebrating. New halls were built where none existed, while older ones were renovated and modernised to better serve the people. These upgraded spaces now host cultural programmes, training sessions, SHG meetings, and community events, becoming focal points for social connection and collective decision-making.

With improved lighting, seating, and amenities, the halls have transformed into vibrant centres of village life – places where ideas are exchanged, traditions are preserved, and bonds are strengthened. These halls have emerged as a safe space for women in these villages, helping them connect with each other through sharing experiences, stories and ideas. More than buildings, they are symbols of unity, bringing together every generation under one roof to work, learn, and celebrate as a community.



Community Hall in Dakibandel Sagada



Community Hall in Kitpadar Village, Sagada



Community Hall in Amjore Sagada



Community Hall in Khinkhola, Bhatangpadar



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Connectivity is one such issue that needs to be viewed in its entirety rather than being thought of in fragments. In the past, roads and highways had no real connection or coordination with the rail network. However, 21st-century India is now moving ahead, leaving behind all such shortcomings and limitations. Today, across the country, special emphasis is being laid on multi-modal connectivity to ensure a more efficient and integrated transportation system.

Shri Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister

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CONNECTIVITY



MOTORABLE ROADS

In both SAGY GPs, what were once narrow, uneven paths have been replaced by concrete roads linking scattered hamlets. The change is more than physical; it is the story of a village coming together. Earlier, dense forests and broken tracks kept people cut off from health centres, schools, and markets. In emergencies, help often arrived too late. Livelihoods were limited, opportunities distant, and daily life marked by isolation. Today, motorable roads cut through the green, carrying children to classrooms, farmers to markets, and patients to care without delay. In moments of need and moments of joy, these roads have become lifelines, binding the villages to the world and to the opportunities they had long been waiting for.

SAGADA RIVER BRIDGE

NEAR LABNESAR VILLAGE

In Sagada, a bridge crosses the stream that cuts the village off in the rains. People once waited days for the water to fall. Now children walk to school, and farmers take produce to market without delay. The village stays connected in every season. Life has finally moved forward. The villages include Labnesar, Kutingkana, Urdrung, Sargichuan, Olbaili, Kashipadar, Ambalsa, Kouguda and Makaguda.



PMGSY

Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
(Prime Minister's Rural Roads Programme)





MOBILE NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

Until recently, nearly 90% of villages in these SAGY GPs had no internet access, and opportunities often passed, unknown and unseen. Today, with new telecom towers installed by Jio, over 80% of the villages are connected to reliable 4G services. This transformation is more than just faster internet; it is a bridge between people and possibilities. Government services now reach citizens more quickly, and villagers can connect with officials, markets, and even neighbouring communities at the touch of a button. From a small shop with a QR code scanner to students accessing online resources, connectivity has become a powerful tool for empowerment, enabling livelihoods, expanding knowledge, and opening doors to a digital future.







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Energy for sustainable growth is not only inspired by our ancient traditions and cultural practices, which have always emphasised harmony with nature, but it is also the key to meeting the growing needs and rising aspirations of the future. India has a clear and determined vision that true and long-term development that benefits both people and the planet is possible only through the adoption and promotion of sustainable energy sources.

Shri Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



SOLAR-POWERED

In these remote tribal villages, the power of the sun has sparked a quiet revolution. In Sagada, where 75% of the land lies within a wildlife sanctuary and electric lines could not penetrate dense forests, solar energy became the lifeline. Through partnerships with government agencies such as IREDA, we were able to solarise homes, community institutions, and eco-cottages run by local groups. Rooftop solar panels now light up households and power tourism facilities, creating livelihoods and promoting sustainable travel. In the SAGY GPs, solar lighting has brightened community spaces, enabling evening activities and improving safety. This collaboration has brought more than energy access; it has advanced sustainability, strengthened self-reliance, and made these villages examples of environmental stewardship in action.



Kolgaon

a village that lightens up with the power of Solar



In picture: Team Sujeet Kumar with the empowered villagers



SOLAR-POWERED STREET LIGHTS

In the GPs of Bhatangpadar and Sagada, night once meant silence and shadows. By 6:30 pm, darkness would swallow the villages, halting life and keeping people indoors. But now, solar panels hum quietly on rooftops, and two tall solar-powered streetlights bathe the roads in golden light. The transformation is quiet, but profound. Children play under the stars, elders stroll freely, and homes glow with hope. This shift to solar energy isn't just sustainable, it's life-giving. And in the soft light of these villages, you can see it clearly: the future smiling back through the eyes of those once forgotten.

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Shri Sujeet Kumar ji has played a vital role in ensuring that government schemes reach our village, schemes like Indira Awas, which have given many families a safe home. A community hall has been built, water facilities improved, and roads developed. Through his MPLAD Fund, solar lights have been installed, and kutcha roads have been upgraded to concrete, bringing lasting benefits and comfort to our daily lives.

SHRI BIJAY MAJHI

VILLAGER, KOLGAON, BHATANGPADAR

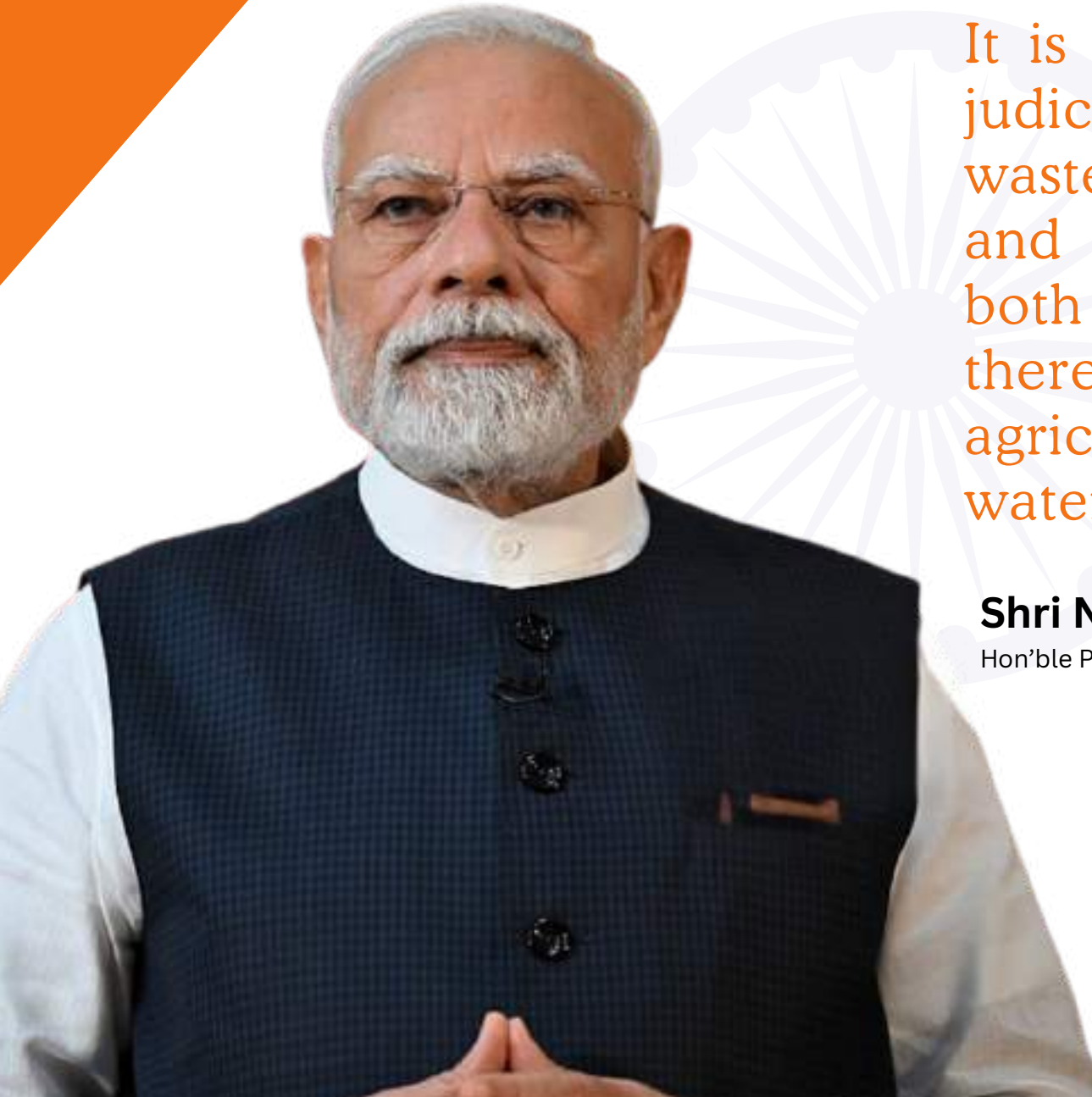


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It is essential to use water judiciously and not to waste even a drop. Excess and scarcity of water are both dangerous, and therefore, the key to good agriculture is drops of water - boond-boond paani

Shri Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister





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DURING REJUVENATION OF BHATANGPADAR POND



Once a dumping ground filled with garbage and foul smell, the pond in Bhatangpadar has been transformed into a clean, green space through dedicated environmental efforts. The waste was cleared, water restored, and a small park with an open gym was developed around it. Today, villagers of all ages visit for walks, exercise, and relaxation. This transformation not only improved health and hygiene but also revived their deep-rooted reverence for Dharni Mata (Mother Earth), turning a polluted site into a symbol of renewal and community pride.



Renovation of Community Tank, Uparachaguda Village, Sagada GP

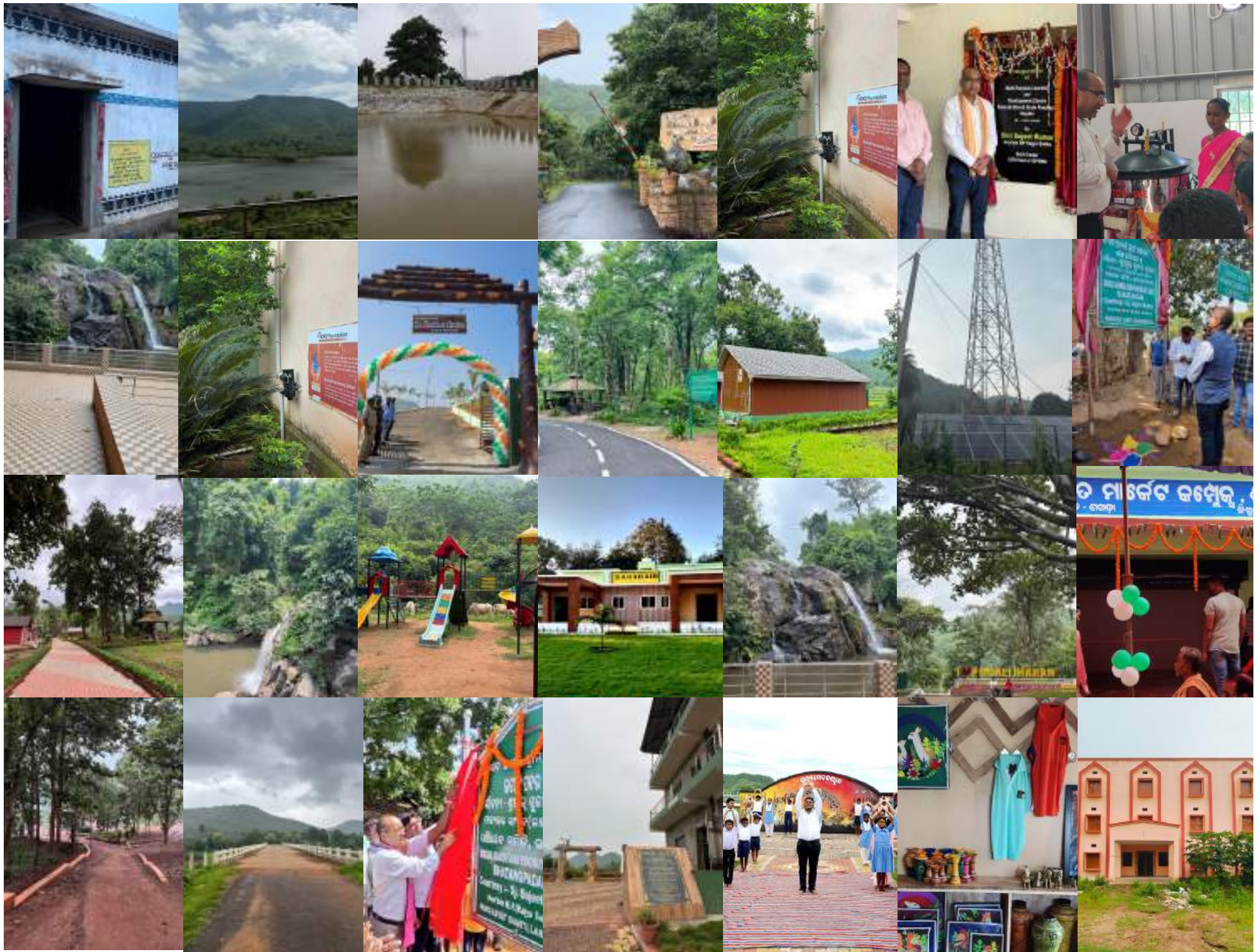


Renovation of Community Tank, Amjore Village, Sagada GP

RAIN WATER HARVESTING PLANTS

In 21 government schools in the remote villages of Bhatangapadar and Sagada, the rooftop rainwater harvesting structures stand as quiet guardians of hope. With every monsoon, its humble pipes and tanks capture rain, turning each drop into a promise for tomorrow. No longer does precious water get wasted; it is stored, meeting the daily needs of students and villagers, especially during dry periods. Not only has water availability improved, but sanitation and health have also improved. This simple structure benefits the school and surrounding villages, weaving a tale of sustainability, and the future flows gently, nurtured by every rain-quenched morning.





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Power, Water and Roads...Earlier, only these were considered basic requirements for the poor. But we have added more to it –Education and Health. By giving impetus to these five elements, we are not only creating employment opportunities but also securing their future. And that is why the mantra of ‘Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas’ is resonating across the country.

Shri Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister





HEALTH



AYUSHMAN AROGYA MANDIR HEALTH SUB-CENTRE

At the Ayushman Arogya Mandir in Sagada village, healthcare has become a source of hope and renewal. This vital health center brings essential medical services directly into the heart of the community, breaking down barriers to care. Villagers now have increased access to preventative check-ups, timely treatments, and engaging health education programs at their fingertips. Local health workers passionately empower residents with knowledge on hygiene and prevention, significantly reducing common illnesses. Through this transformative initiative, Sagada village is building a healthier, brighter future, inspiring a community united by wellness and resilience.





AWARENESS CAMPS ON NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs)

In both SAGY GPs, we have taken a proactive approach to health by organising awareness and intervention programs organised by **Kalinga Kusum Foundation** and supported by **BPCL**, focused on preventing non-communicable diseases (NCDs). These camps combine pre-screening, early diagnosis, and health education, enabling people to identify risks before they become serious. What makes these camps especially impactful is their appeal to young people in the tribal community. They attend in large numbers, eager to understand the causes, remedies, and lifestyle changes that can help prevent conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease. Local health workers, supported by medical experts, guide participants through practical steps – from nutrition and exercise to regular check-ups. For many, these sessions have been their first structured introduction to preventive healthcare, sparking a community-wide shift toward healthier living and long-term well-being.

EYE TESTING CAMP



GYM FACILITIES



Gym Facility at Sagada Guest House



Open Gym at Bhatangpadar GP



Open Gym at Sagada GP

Under SAGY, both open-air and indoor gym facilities have been created to encourage fitness and healthy living. These spaces invite community participation, empowering villagers to embrace Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a Fit India. The gyms cater to diverse age groups, promoting exercise, wellness, and an active lifestyle as an integral part of rural development.

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The ecosystem of startups, innovation, and research being built in the country today is enhancing the capabilities of the nation's youth.

Shri Narendra Modi

Hon'ble Prime Minister





LIVELIHOOD





MUSHROOM SPAWN PRODUCTION UNIT



This rural livelihood initiative, launched in Bhatangpadar SAGY GP in September 2021, with the support of the ICICI Foundation and ICICI Bank - Bhawanipatna Branch, has trained women members of Maa Samaleswari SHG, generating them a profit of Rs. 70,000 per season; giving wings to the mission of Lakhpati Didi of our Hon'ble PM.



Lakhpati Didi

ECO-SHOPS

Eco-shops welcome visitors year-round, offering locally handmade goods proudly carrying the “*Make in India*” emblem. More than just stores, they are showcases of the community’s heritage. Run entirely by women from SHGs, these shops are keeping local artistry alive while creating steady incomes. Here, every purchase supports both a livelihood and a sustainable way of life, making the eco-shops a thriving example of how culture, commerce, and community pride can come together in a single space.





DRONE DIDI

Building on the already established Centre of Excellence in Drone Technology, we are paving the way for women to become certified “Drone Didi.” Awareness programmes have been conducted in both the schools and the community, introducing the potential of drones in modern farming and livelihood generation, etc. Soon, we will launch a government-recognised certification programme for selected school girls and women leaders, equipping them with hands-on skills in drone operation. This initiative will not only speed up farming processes but also ensure that advanced technical knowledge remains within the community. By empowering women with this once-specialised skill, we are creating a ripple effect of innovation, self-reliance, and economic growth across these villages.





MULTI-PURPOSE LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (MLDC)



With the opening of the Multi-Purpose Learning and Development Centre in Sagada GP with the support of Odisha Police Housing and Welfare Corporation, tribal youth now have a dedicated space to learn, grow, and prepare for their future. Offering a range of vocational and skill training courses under the Skill India initiative, the centre provides a clear pathway to employment and self-reliance. For many, this is the first time they can access structured training without leaving their community. It has rekindled hope among young people who once felt opportunities were beyond their reach. Here, skills are more than lessons; they are keys to dignity, livelihood, and a brighter tomorrow, ensuring that the promise of progress reaches even the most remote corners. Two new 25-seater hostels for the male and female trainees have been approved with the support of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.



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GOATERY PROJECT

My office, in partnership with Kalinga Kusum Foundation and Vedanta Ltd., is implementing a goat farming project at Bhatangpadar, alongside Manikstu Agro, to enhance the income of vulnerable families in the SAGY GPs. Through this collaboration, over 200 goat bucks were distributed to 100 families across 26 villages, fostering sustainable income and empowering local women in the community.

ମୋର ନାମ ଉର୍ମିଳା ମାଝୀ। ମୋର ବୟସ ୫୦ ବର୍ଷ ଏବଂ ମୋ ସ୍ବାମୀଙ୍କର କିଛି ବର୍ଷ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ଦେହାନ୍ତ ହୋଇଥିଲା। ଏବେ ମୁଁ ଏକା ଜୀବନ ଅତିବାହିତ କରୁଛି ଏବଂ ମାସିକ ଭତ୍ତା ଛଡା ମୋର ଆଉ କୌଣସି ରୋଜଗାର ନଥିଲା। ଗତ ଦୁଇ ବର୍ଷ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ମୋତେ ୨ଟି ଛେଳି ଛୁଆ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯାଇଥିଲା। ସେହି ଛେଳିର ଯତ୍ନ ନେବା ସହିତ ତାଙ୍କର ଟୀକାକରଣ, ଔଷଧ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ମଧ୍ୟ କରାଯାଇଥିଲା। ସେହି ଛେଳି ବଡ଼ ହୋଇକି ଆଉ ଦୁଇଟି ଛୁଆ ଜନ୍ମ କରିଥିଲେ। କିଛି ଦିନ ଆଗରୁ ମୋର ଦେହ ଅସୁସ୍ଥ ହୋଇଥିଲା ଏବଂ ଚିକିତ୍ସା ପାଇ ପଇସା ଦରକାର ପଡିବାରୁ ମୁଁ ଗୋଟି ଛେଳି ବିକ୍ରି କରି ମୋର ଚିକିତ୍ସା କରିପାରିଲି। ଏବେ ଛେଳି ଚାଷ କରି ମୁଁ ମୋର ନିଜରରେ ଖଟ ତୁଲାଇ ପାରୁଛି।

**translated version*

My name is Urmila Majhi. I am 50 years old, and my husband passed away a few years ago. Since then, I have been living alone, with no source of income apart from the monthly pension. Two years ago, I was provided with two goats. Along with them, arrangements were made for their care, vaccination, and medicines. As the goats grew, they gave birth to two more kids. Some time back, when I fell ill and needed money for medical treatment, I was able to sell one goat and meet my medical expenses. Today, by rearing goats, I am able to cover my personal expenses and live with a sense of dignity and independence.



SMT. URMILA MAJHI
VILLAGER JURKABHATA, BHATANGPADAR



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SOFT INTERVENTIONS



AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

In both SAGY GPs, we organised dedicated awareness programmes on the Rights of Children in collaboration with OSCPCR, bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders: political representatives, policymakers, bureaucrats, government officials, school authorities, community leaders, and elders. The sessions were led by experienced lawyers and child rights experts, ensuring that the discussions were grounded in legal frameworks and real-world experiences. In every interaction, the focus remained on building a collective responsibility, a shared commitment to ensure that every child in these panchayats can learn, grow, and thrive in an environment of dignity and protection.



TRAINING PROGRAMME ON DIGITAL, LEGAL & FINANCIAL LITERACY

In both SAGY GPs, the women of local SHGs gathered, some with notebooks, others simply with eager eyes. The sessions were lively, weaving together lessons on digital tools, legal rights, and financial management. From learning to use a smartphone for online payments to understanding contracts, banking procedures, and government schemes, every topic felt like a new key in their hands. Laughter broke out when someone made her first QR payment; quiet pride settled in when another realised she could track her SHG's accounts herself. This was not just a training — it was an unlocking of confidence. With these skills, the women can grow their small businesses, protect their rights, and take charge of their own livelihoods.



Inauguration of Financial inclusion programme in collaboration with ICICI Foundation



Plantation Drive at Sagada SAGY-GP



Distribution of Eco-Pencils supported by Prem Tara Foundation



Plantation Drive at Bhatangpadar SAGY-GP

OTHER INITIATIVES

in collaboration with
Partners

MONITORING



SAGY in Action: Regular review meetings with district, block and GP level officials; field visits, and direct community engagement ensure progress is monitored, challenges are addressed, and transformation stays on track.



**LIVE STREAMING OF
124TH PM MANN KI BAAT
IN BOTH SAGY GPs**





Ex-Bengaluru professionals Jayanti Mahapatra and Biren Sahu returned to Salebhata, Kalahandi, to start **Manikstu Agro** and the Manikstu Goat Bank. Farmers receive two goats for 24 months, share offspring with the bank, and keep the rest, spreading livestock ownership. The model now supports 1,000 farmers across 50 villages, boosting rural incomes and self-reliance.

24 February 2024

This project is being implemented in SAGY GPs since 2023

Once marked by drought and migration, Kalahandi's Golamunda block is now a vegetable powerhouse. Ten farmers formed the Kisan Utpadak Sangh FPO, adopted modern farming, and now unite 200+ farmers (45 women) with a turnover of ₹1.5 crore. Tomatoes, bitter gourd, potatoes, and onions from the region now reach across Odisha and beyond. Farmer Krishna Chandra Nag, managing 16 acres, also records an annual turnover of ₹1.5 crore.

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'I will give you a talisman. Whenever you are in doubt, or when the self becomes too much with you, apply the following test. Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him. Will he gain anything by it? Will it restore him to a control over his own life and destiny? In other words, will it lead to Swaraj (i.e. self-rule/freedom) for the hungry and spiritually starving millions?'

M. Gandhi



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