

One-Day Workshop on Decentralised Planning at Khandawa District, M.P. - A brief Report

Decentralised Planning empowers the communities and allows to capture realistic needs:

Around 45 senior officers and head of the departments of Khandawa district of Madhya Pradesh gathered to review, reflect, refresh and prepare a further plan of action on “Decentralised Planning” at Khandwa on 29th July, 2013.

Decentralized Planning process has started in the year 2010-2011 in Khandawa district with an aim that each planning unit namely, Panchayats at district, intermediate and village levels, municipalities, line departments would prepare a plan for execution of each of their functions and responsibilities after consultations with people. Since then, every year village level to district level plans have been prepared and data is uploaded on the Decentralised Planning Website. Janpads have been playing an important role in training Technical Support Groups (TSGs) and up loading the data. For instance, a Janpad who covers 60-70- Gram Panchayats has been providing training 250-300 TSGs. In turn TSGs have been facilitating the process of village level plans at rural areas and ward level plans at urban areas.



In this connection, officers attended the workshop discussed various issues related to TSGs training, kind of formats need to be filled, data entry, data analysis and its function. Mr. Indra Bisen, Expert, GIS, PMPSU, State planning commission facilitated the discussion on various concepts and processes of Decentralised Planning. Further, he clarified the doubts of the participants on Decentralised Planning- Software. Once again he had thrown light on functions of the software.

Shri Neeraj Dubey, IAS, District Collector, Khandwa addressed the participants on the occasion and instructed the concerned officers to prepare a realistic plan as per the demand from the communities. Further he instructed the officers to strengthen the capacities of TSGs for effective facilitation at village level. Dr. Tarini Johari, District Planning Officer, Khandwa thanked all the participants for their active participation and support in preparing the District Plan effectively.



“Decentralised Planning is a good and effective exercise to prepare a realistic plan from village to district level. Officers involved in this programme should facilitate and prepare plans as per the demand of the people, so that accordingly, resources can be requested from the State Planning Commission and can be allocated to various departments.”

Neeraj Dubey, IAS., District Collector, Khandwa

“The real need of the people can be captured through decentralized planning. This initiative allows the officers to take a wiser decisions, prioritize the activities and implement more effectively as per the budget allocated in various schemes. The bottom up approach model also gives enough space for the people raise the demand.”

P.C. Bothara, Deputy Collector, Khandwa



“The entire concept of decentralized process to make participatory and realistic plans by involving the communities. In this direction, the next step is to schedule training programmes at Janpad level. Further the plans are facilitated by the TSGs at village level and these are consolidated at Janpad and District further.”

Dr. Tarini Johari, District Planning Officer, Khandwa

“Decentralised Planning is a wonderful intervention envisioning collectively, operating budgets and exercising the skills. I strongly feel this initiative would have been started much earlier, so that the people participation would have been increased. However, I have been providing training 250-300 TSGs and in turn monitoring the village level planning exercises covering 60 Gram Panchayats.”

Jitendra Singh, CEO, Janpad, Khandwa



“Last year there was a demand for Sports goods from Golai Mal Village, Now this can be discussed and approved. I request the youth to participate in the Decentralised Process which is happening at their village and I also request the TSGs to inform various schemes to these youth groups while they were planning the activities.”

Joseph Baxla, District Sports and Youth Welfare Officer, Khandwa