

Chapter No. 7

Overall Development of the Village

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7.1 Introduction :-

Kavathepiran village belongs to Sangli district of Maharashtra. Wrestler *Shri Bhimrao Mane* played a vital role in overall development of the village. He changed himself to change the village. He compelled people to accept good habits of health and hygiene. Under the leadership of *Shri Bhimrao Mane*, the Gram Panchayat undertook *Nirmal Gram Yojana* under *Sant Gadgebaba Gram Swachhata Abhiyaan* and made the village free from open defecation, addictions to bad habits and many problems with active participation of the villagers. It also implemented various employment programmes such as Jawahar Rojgar Yojana, Self Employment Scheme etc. For the empowerment of women various small saving groups were established the fund from which was utilized in small household businesses.

Public awareness is the most essential thing to implement the Total Sanitation Programme. In Kavathepiran it became very easy only because of effective contribution of youth clubs. Gram Panchayat also encouraged lower income group people to take advantages of social welfare programme. Awareness of health and environment among the villagers is increased because of special efforts from school teachers and youngsters. All these factors are responsible for the overall development of the village.

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7.2 Infrastructure Facilities :-

The Kavathepiran is 14 km away from Sangli. The city bus is available to Kavathepiran. The share auto is also helpful of traveling and it is helpful for transportation of goods too. The village includes people belonging to various religions and some of them are very well known in Arts and Sports field. They are living very frankly and lovingly together. Under the Abhiyaan, five play grounds are newly developed at various places in the village. On Thursday, the weekly market is available for the villagers. Two latrine units are newly created for sanitation nearby this market. There are two primary schools, one in Marathi medium the other in Urdu Medium, one boy's high school and a separate girl's high school. There are around 60 teachers in these schools. All these schools are facilitated with separate latrine and toilet blocks. There are 10 Anganwadis and all are facilitated with separate sanitation facilities. There is Primary Health centre including 2 doctors and 9 other staff members who maintains the hospital. They provide a good service to the villagers. The separate neat and clean toilet blocks are constructed in the hospital. The other facilities in the village include two co-operative banks, a post office, a telephone exchange, a public distribution shops for food-grain supply etc. and all have their own toilet blocks. The drinking water facility provided to the villagers is very regular. Moreover, some public places are also facilitated with drinking water units. The Gram Panchayat properly manages the solid waste and drainage effectively and regularly with the help of *Ghanta Gadi*, Nedap compost units and some Bio Fertilizer Plants outside the village.

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7.3 Overall Changes and Development in Kavathepiran : -

Under TSC, the village has changed a lot and developed very well. For the development purpose village has implemented following innovative activities-

- 1) Plantation of one Lakh of trees.
- 2) Prevention to open defecation and provision for sanitation.
- 3) Arrangement of rally for removing addiction problem.
- 4) Bio Drainage Projects for improvement of saline land.
- 5) Proper Management and Reutilization of drainage water.
- 6) Bio-fertilizers plants for management of solid waste
- 7) Oxygen park
- 8) Sanitation mart
- 9) Nursery by Gram Panchayat
- 10) Centre for village messenger

Along with all above activities the village has earned its own image in the district and has stand as an ideal model to all other villages to follow. Some of the notable characteristics that make Kavathepiran a distinct one are as follows.

7.3.1 All Houses are same coloured:-

The village comprises people belonging to various kinds of religions. They are living very frankly and lovingly together. Under the Abhiyaan they decided to paint all the houses, temples, administrative buildings with the same color and that is Pink as a symbol of love. Hence the village is known as 'Pink village'. Even the *Mashzid* of the Muslim people is also painted with the pink colour which is always white all over the world.

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7.3.2 Innovative Activities in Festival :-

From the starting of Abhiyaan, the 16000 populated village is celebrating the 'Ganesh Festival' at one place with the ideal '**Ek Gaon Ekk Ganapati**' scheme by State Government. All the youth clubs works together religiously. The mulch of private and public worship is collected in a box and it is used for worming compost. The idols of God Ganapati are dissolved in a special water tank instead of river to avoid pollution.

7.3.3 Forest For Commemoration :-

In Kavathepiran there is a combine crematorium for all the religions. The villagers are planting 5 trees in remembrances of the dead. Before the Abhiyaan the people used to dissolve ash in the river water polluting the river water but now it is used as a fertilizer for those trees. It is possible because of change in mindset of all the villagers. This has resulted the place has become greenish belt.

7.3.4 Change in Backward Class Colony :-

Cleanliness is very important for a good health and hygiene. Before the Campaign, the backward class colonies of the village were grubby, squalid and full of dirt. Because of Abhiyaan these colonies have become very clean and neat with strong efforts from all the villagers. It is good symbol of social change in the village. The gram Panchayat also provided drinking water facility, public and private toilets to them for improvement in their standard of living. The award of '*Dr. Ambedkar Dalit Vasti Sudhar Purnskar*' to the village is remarkable for their development.

7.3.5 Code of Conduct for Removal of Addiction :-

As per information of Gram Panchayat, from 2001, there is effective implementation of prohibition of **alcohol** and **Gutkha**. Kavathepiran Panchayat has prepared a code of conduct for removal of addictions. If a person is found drunk in the village, he is punished to slave his head and he is exposed to disgrace by all the villagers.

7.4 The Honour of Kavathepiran :-

The ceaseless efforts from the Gram Panchayat and all the villagers continuously from 2000, has resulted in various awards and rewards time to time for the village. These timely rewards from Zilha Parishad and State Government have helped the Gram Panchayat and the villagers to keep their motivation all the time till they achieve all the objectives of TSC. The following is the series of awards earned till date.

A. Awards to Gram Panchayat

1. Yashwant Gram Purskar for the year 2003-04.
2. Under Sant GadgeBaba Gram Swacchhata Abhiyaan
 - First Prize worth Rs. 15000/- in the Block, 2001-02.
 - Second Prize worth Rs. 15000/- in Tahsil, 2001-02.
 - Fourth Prize worth Rs. 1,00000/- in District, 2002-03.
 - First Prize worth Rs. 4,00000/- in District, 2003-04.
 - Second Prize worth Rs. 6 Lakhs in Pune Zone, 2003-04
 - First Prize worth Rs. 25 Lakhs in Maharashtra, 2003-04
 - Untouchability Removal Award worth Rs. 1000/-

B. Individual Awards

1. Dalit Mitra Award By State Govt. to
Hind Kesari Wrestler Maruti Mane in 2002-03
2. Agriculture Dedicated Farmer Award By State Govt.
to Shrikant Desai in 2003-04.
3. Adarsh Gram Sevak Award By State Govt. to
Shri Avinash Dhanavde in 2003-04.
4. Adarsh Sarpanch Award By State Govt. to
Shri Bhimrao Mane in 2004-05.

7.5 Conclusions :-

Rural sanitation was promoted as a total package of 100 % sanitation facilities along with safe handling of drinking water, scientific disposal of waste water and solid waste and human excreta etc. The total work done in the Campaign is worth Rs. 60 Lakhs.