



Marching towards success : Gram Panchayat Umreli

Gram Panchayat Umreli is situated about 7 kms interior from Janjgir-Champa road and 65 kms from block headquarters Kartala while 40 from district headquarters. The panchayat has only one village with 831 households holding 5 members per family (on an average) constitutes a population of 4290 with 2106 females (49%) and 2184 (51%). Out of the total population, SCs are 951 (22%), STs are 82 (2%) and OBCs are 3247 (76%). The main castes reside in the village are

Stanami, Suryavanshi , Chandra among SC, Kanwar and Gond are among ST while Soni, Dewangan, Kevat, Mahant and Yadav are among OBC community.

Smt. Sukbai Kanwar, a tribal woman, was elected Sarpanch in January 2010. The total number of panchayat members is 21. Out of which 13 are of female panchs and rest 8 are male panchs. Hence the panchayat has woman dominance with 62% participation.



The village has got 3 primary schools (one exclusively for girls, one for boys and third one is co-ed in nearby mohalla called Bhatapara) having 486 children, one co-ed middle school with 415 enrolment and one higher secondary school, the enrolment of which is 824 children. In all, the enrolment of these 5 schools is 1725. Out of which, 53% are boys and 47% are girls. All these 5 schools are running in different buildings with 4 additional rooms from SSA. The village Umreli is the cluster headquarter of elementary education. There is separate building of Cluster Resource Centre in the village. Seeing the need and population of the village, there are 8 Anganwadi centers in the village and 7 community halls for social gatherings and training programmes. There is one separate training hall, post office, Gram Panchayat office, PDS Shop run by panchayat, Sub Health Centre, Ayurvedic clinic, Handicraft Bhawan, Jhoolaghar, Kanji House, Lok Shiksha Kendra (for Adult Literacy), Saraswati Shishu Mandir Bhawan (constructed from MLA funds), 2 stages for cultural activities from MLA funds, Shaded Crematorium (shamshan), Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra under MGNREGA for training purpose, 25 seater Tribal Hostel, House of Patwari, House of Gram Sewak. There is one water tank of 35000 liters, which is constructed under Nal Jal Yojna. There are 23 functional Handpumps and 4 water reservoirs in the village. Son river also flows through near the village which supplies water to the water tank constructed under Nal Jal Yojna.



There are 8 AWCs in the village in which 245 children are enrolled. Out of which 130 are girls and 115 are boys. The panchayat has the healthy environment due to which not a single child is malnourished.

There are 7 SHGs of women and 2 of men. 4 SHGs are

running Mid Day Meal scheme in 3 primary schools and 1 middle school. One SHG is supplying "Ready to Eat" to all the 8 AWCs and also to other 20 AWCs of the cluster area.

The sarpanch of the village has got the award of best sarpanch from Zila Panchayat Korba because of the completion of all construction works before time. She is selected sarpanch second time. The unity among all the pachayat members is the main reason of this achievement. Sarpanch is punctual to pay the amount of the construction material as soon as she gets installments. As a result, shopkeepers easily supply the construction material to the panchayat. One of the most important reasons of the development of the village is the availability of 7 kms concrete road which connects the village with the main road which has provided easy movement of transport.



Village panchayat Umreli has started Aam Bazar (local Haat) which was holding haat once in a week. But since last year, seeing the requirement and demand of the people of village, it has become triweekly. Panchayat has given Aam Bazar on one year lease fetching Rs 1.40 lakh. There are 4 reservoirs in the village which have been given on lease for 7 years. From these reservoirs, panchayat is getting Rs 13700.00 each every year with the increase of 10% amount every year. In this way, panchayat has generated amount of Rs 54,800 this year which will be increased by 10% for next 6 years. Son river is also proved useful to the village as the panchayat has given contract for sand excavation and gets Rs 50,000 every year.



The panchayat has got water tank under Nal Jal Yojna which has got 218 pipe connections. Panchayat charges Rs 40 per connection per month. In this way, panchayat gets Rs 1,04,640 year. This programme has given employment to the local mechanic and a worker who look after the smooth running of tap water to every house hold. The panchayat has also given government shop on rent which further adds Rs 1,32000 to the panchayat account every year. Maveshi Mela is also held weekly in the village. Panchayat has given land in the open neelami to a contractor and generates Rs 35000 every year. PDS shop is running by panchayat members. They distribute the rice, wheat, salt, kerosene and sugar to the villagers and get Rs 57,000 every year.

Panchayat spends its funds in the maintenance of streets. Organize functions in schools on Independence day and republic day and other cultural programmes. Diwali and Dusshera. Maintenance of pachri ghats at one reservoir. Development of drainage system was also done through panchayat funds. Electricity pole was also provided by panchayat. Handpump maintenance is also the responsibility of panchayat. Construction of 110 meters concrete

cement (CC) road was also done through panchayat finds. Furniture like conference table and chairs and almirah for panchayat secretariat have been purchased by panchayat funds.

Panchayat has succeeded to get 50 poles all over the village for street lights. Panchayat pays the bill of street light from its account. Under IAY, panchayat has given shelter to 8 homeless families of the village. Panchayat has also provided 6 teachers for the higher secondary school and paid the salary for 6 years. Later, government has approved the post of teachers and appointed the same in higher secondary school. Panchayat has also succeeded to get pension of 105 old age persons, 42 widows, 54 physically challenged persons of the village.

Under health services, panchayat has sub health center. Out of 60 deliveries happened in the village, 31 held in sub health centre while 10 deliveries held in hospitals because of complications. There are 7 Mitanins in the village who continuously visit pregnant women and help Health Worker in fetching pregnant women to the sub health centre. Panchayat has also motivated 34 women of the village to go for tubectomy in the Nasbandi Shivirs organized in the PHC and CHC of Korba and Kartala respectively. The Sub Health Centre also has facility to prepare malarial slides. Last year, about 100 slides were prepared and sent to the block centers for results. Panchayat has also motivated 37 women to get the facility of copper-T on VHND and immunisation day.

Under MGNREGA, panchayat has full advantage of the scheme by taking 3 roads (from 700 meter to 2 km), it has also got their 3 reservoirs deepened and maintained under MGNREGA. The work of Land Reform has also been done under MGNREGA in which the agricultural lands and barren lands of 08 farmers/families were made fertile for the cultivation. Panchayat has also succeeded to get the building of Rajiv Gandhi Sewa Kendra of Rs 10 lakh. This building is multipurpose and used in organizing large scale training programmes, organizing Gram Sabhas and Social Audits etc. The amount of Rs 2 lakh was borne by MGNREGA while 8 lakhs were managed from BRGF scheme. Panchayat has also repaired/maintained the 3 acre land of Co-operative Society which is in used as Dhan Kharidi Kendra.

Pitching work on river Son was also done under this scheme in which 800 meters land was paved with cement and boulders which was damaged due to flood. Panchayat has also



released 831 job cards under MGNREGA and given job to 309 people who had demanded work. Out of which, 166 are females (54%) and 143 (46%) are males. Under the monitoring of panchayat, 100 days work was given to 32 job card holders. 60 – 99 days work was given to 127 beneficiaries, 35 – 59 days work was given to 88 villagers and 10 – 25 days work was given to 62 villagers. The expenditure in the last two years incurred by gram panchayat Umreli is 13, 60,000. Funds spent on labour was 65% and on material was

35%.