Achievements

Since the original concept of "Model Village" (Apna Gaon) was adopted, significant progress has been made.

Initially two villages were selected randomly (conservation of water and improvements of wells in

Banswara District Rajasthan in 1999, and construction of two school buildings, water supply, toilets, etc. in the earthquake area of Gujarat in 2001/2002) and then the villages were selected in a more structured way, beginning in 2001, with Khajjiar in HP. (Apna Gaon 1, and then 4 more villages from 2001 to 2005)

Apna Gaon 1 [2001] Khajjiar, Himachal Pradesh

Located at a height of 6500 feet above sea level. The following work has been 94 % completed:

- Construction of two rooms in high school
- Construction of toilet-cum bath rooms in high school
- Construction of boundary wall of primary school
- Renovation of class rooms of primary school
- Provision of uniforms to 450 students of high school
- Construct and repair the road from main road to govt. high school
- Provide complete bedding to 60 seniors
- □ A vocational training center in the village
- White washing/painting of the outer portions of the entire houses in the village
- Provide dustbins in the streets of the village as well as lake surroundings
- Construct and repair main streets of the village
- Provide name of the owner and house number plates to all houses
- Construct two water tanks for drinking water
- □ Tree plantations
- Construct two toilets in primary school
- Provide 20 electric street poles with a provision of electric tubes/bulbs
- Provide school uniforms to 45 children along with shoes and socks to the primary as well as high school students

Apna Gaon 2 [2002] Dunera, Punjab

Village with 4500 people, surrounded by 30 smaller villages. The following work has been 93% completed:

- Toilet cum bath room complex at bus stand and installation of water hand pump
- Construction of welcome gates
- Distribution of Tulsi and rose plants to each household
- Repair two rooms in the primary school building
- Construct toilets in the primary school building
- Construct one water tank in the primary school
- Landscaping of school ground and plantation of trees, shrubs and seasonal flower plants
- White washing of the primary school building
- Provide school uniforms, school bags, shoes and socks to the students of the primary school
- Construct and repair the existing approach road of the school and provide safety iron railing on both sides of the road
- Construct one room in the Senior Secondary School of the village
- White wash of the outside portion of houses of the entire village
- Repair work of streets and also provision of drainage system
- Cots and bedding given to 50 out of 100 seniors citizens
- Repair the existing two rooms of the Sr. Sec. School (windows, doors and floor as well as white washing of the entire building)
- Develop school play ground as well as the landscaping
- Construct one water tank to provide drinking water to the villagers
- Provide electric streetlights
- Provide dustbins in the village
- Vocational training center in the village

Apna Gaon 3 [2003] Sunder Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

Approximately 5000 people (900-1000 homes). The following work has been 100% completed:

- □ Two welcome gates on both sides of the village
- □ Name plate on each house (name of the owner and house number)
- Electric street light points
- □ Tailoring center for girls
- Construction of play grounds
- Tulsi and rose plants pots to each house
- Uniforms to students of Govt. primary/middle school
- Cots and beds to senior citizens
- Construction of lanes and sewers lines of the village
- Sanitation both in the houses and streets has improved a great deal. No water stagnation
- White wash, exterior of the houses.
- □ Plant trees, shrubs, grass and different types of seasonable flowers
- Dustbins in the streets to collect garbage
- Facilities in the previously existing private school have improved a great deal with help from a local philanthropist. There is an auditorium and a mini-stadium. There is also a stitching and sewing school for girls. All children have uniforms. Girls from the surrounding 10 villages come to this school
- Govt. school has also been renovated now by the Govt. itself
- Upgrading of the village pond (retaining wall and landscaping)
- Vocational center (sewing, medical and coaching center) and reading room especially for the ladies, students and unemployed folks of the village
- □ Improved cremation ground near the village
- □ Upgrading the temple facilities

Apna Gaon 4 [2004] Eklaspur, Andhra Pradesh

Approximately 2000 people. Severe water shortage. The following work has been 98 % completed:

- 3 water tanks (storing 2000 liters of water) with motors fixed, to ensure water availability round the clock 60 individual toilets
- □ 20 tubes fixed for street electric poles for better lighting
- 200 trees planted
- Paint exteriors of all houses
- **5** water soak (recharge) pits to sustain and increase under ground water levels
- Every house is provided with a plate with house number and the name of the owner
- Vocational training center. A sewing center with 3 ordinary and 1 fashion maker sewing machine under the guidance of an expert instructor. Twenty ladies are availing this facility. Two batches have completed the course successfully and living on their own
- All streets are provided with the names of prominent National/ Spiritual heroes.
 All such names are prominently displayed at every corner
- Two culverts are made for proper water drainage, in order to avoid water stagnation
- Welcome arches at the entrance of the village
- A medical clinic has been established. A qualified doctor from Narayanpet visits clinic twice a week. An average of 20-25 patients are availing the facility
- A reading room provided with regular Telugu newspapers, spiritual and mythology books
- Bedding kits containing blankets, bed sheets and spread are provided to 120 seniors
- Awareness campaign for promoting education and preventing disease
- Sanitation has improved both inside and outside the houses
- Road conditions have improved. Roads are already leveled with *Morum* (red earth). *Pucca* (permanent) roads still to done

- There are drains on the side of roads. Drains still to be covered with cement slabs
- A pair of school uniforms, school bags, shoes, socks and 10 notebooks issued to students

Additional work has been completed which is not covered under the project:

- □ Renovation of two temples and provision of
- □ Bhajan kits in each temple
- Provision of sports kits for youth
- A community hall to establish clinics, servicing center and other job oriented and income generating activity
- Construction of check dams for proper utility of water for cultivation
- □ Income and employment generating activity

Apna Gaon 5 [2005] Mohabbatpur, Haryana

Work started in August 2005. The following work has been 100 % completed:

- □ Two gates erected
- □ 300 trees planted
- □ Sewing school for women
- □ Installed 140 street lights
- □ Exteriors of houses painted in uniform colour
- □ Name and number plate to each house
- □ Tulsi plants in pots given to each house
- □ 300 sweaters to school children
- □ 20 beds given to seniors
- Constructions of public and personal toilets
- Beautification of ponds
- Provision of garbage cans
- Cremation grounds upgraded