

Success story of Total Sanitation Campaign and its overall impact on society in South Tripura District

Sanitation is one of the basic need and significant indicator prominently reflecting social status. However, this sector was given due alternation in the past. For achieving success, manifold activities were undertaken with the help of GO and NGOs. At present, its results are being shared by the society as a whole after the successful implementation of he project in South Tripura District

Before stating the TSC in the District, some basic works were done as part of R.S.P/C.R.S.P and school sanitation projects. However, demonstrative affect was not palpable. Rural people were reluctant for construction of toilet with their own money. Open defecation was in practice for both men and women health hazard was common feature in the District. Cleanliness was taught to the children of schools, but their implication was not visible in the society.

In such situation a situation TSC was started in South Tripura District. Since the starting of the project a pragmatic action plan was chalked out. Organization structure for IEC, monitoring and evaluation was craft fully designed.

TSC was successfully launched in Matabari Block comprising of following Gram Panchayats viz. Rajarbag , Gokulpur , Shalgrah , Murapara , Fotamati , Fulkumari , Gokulpur , Dhajanagar , Garjeecharra , Khupilong , Indiranagar , Sonamura , Bagabassa and Jowalikhamar Gram Panchayat.

Various software activities were carried out in order to disseminate information on TSC. AT various District, sub Division and block level meetings were organized. Workshops and seminars at zone level and Gram Panchayat level were also organized. Besides this puppet shows, street play, audio – video show were organized for community members.

Wide publicity through hoarding, banners, posters, leaflets, booklets, stickers, news-article, radio talk were done vigorously all over the District in concerted manner.

Besides community schools and Madrassa were also focused and separate activities were planned out for them.

The results don't end with construction of toilet blocks and its usage, it is just a starting for South Tripura District who have besides getting NGP have been able to generate team work and confidence at grass root level. The process also helped them to and by making communication more easy and simple between officers and elected bodies.