
Village Visit : Rajannapet

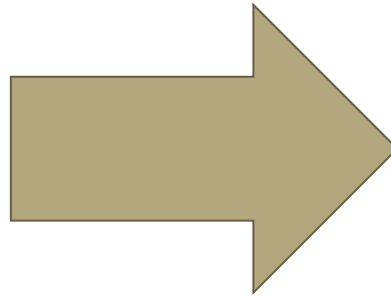
— District : Rajanna Sircilla —

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Rajannapet - A Case Study

Pre 2013 - Naxal Affected

- Development deficit and governance vacuum

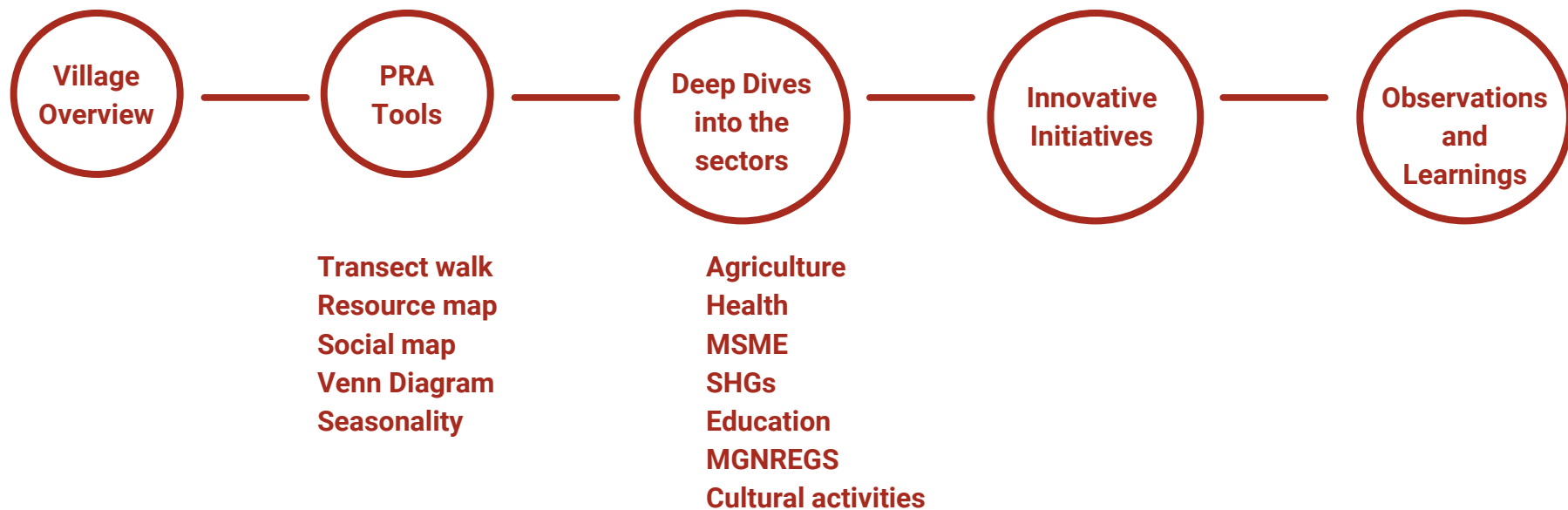


2022 - Beacon of Aspirational India

- Brother of Maoist Commander now a Sarpanch
- First village in the district to complete 100% vaccination of Covid-19 and booster



ROADMAP



Village Overview

Village Rajannapet is part of the newly formed Rajanna Siricilla District.

Geographical areas - 8.13 Sq. Kms.

Demographic Particulars :-

Total No. of Households	Nos.	526
Total Population	Nos.	2113
Men	Nos.	1065
Women	Nos.	1048
Sex Ratio	Females per 1000 Males	984
Schedules caste population	Nos.	401
% of SC population to total	%	19%
Scheduled tribe population	Nos.	547
% of ST Population to total	%	25.89%

PRA Tools and Activities



Resource Map



Infrastructure available:

No. of GP buildings : 01

No. of Upper Primary Schools: 01

No. of Anganwadi centres: 02

No. of Health Sub-centres: 00

No. of Police Stations: 00

No. of OHSR: 02

No. of PDS centres: 01

No. of SHG groups: 02

No. of Kreera Prangan: 01

No. of electric substation: 01

No. of Households : 353

No. of Tap Connections : 342

No. of Community Halls: 05

No. of Individual Soak pits: 214

No. of Bore Wells: 07

Social Map



Timeline

- 1962 – First migration to foreign country (Gulf country) for employment by a resident named Mohammed Hussain.
- 1968 – First Kirana (grocery) shop came into place.
- 1970 – Bicycles started being used for commutation.
- 1971 – Villagers started using electricity.
- 1978 – First Post Office was set up
- 1987 – Gram Panchayat was established. 2 villages namely Rajannapet and Almaspur shared the same Gram Panchayat.
- 1987 – School was established.
- 1988 – Water tank constructed for storage of water.
- 1990 – Telephones started being used for communication.
- 1993 – No proper roads, narrow roads filled with potholes.
- 1993 – Electric metres were installed in each house.
- 2000 – Irrigation facilities started being used in fields.
- 2003 – Gram panchayat building was constructed.
- 2005 – RO plant was set up.
- 2007 – Cellphones came into use.
- 2007 – Xerox machines were installed in the village.
- 2010 – Internet facilities started being used in village.
- 2016 – First soak pit constructed to maintain groundwater.

Venn Diagram Output

Ranking eight institutions based on **importance & accessibility and involvement**

1. Gram Panchayat
2. PDS Shop
3. School
4. SHG centre
5. Sub-centre - located 3-4 kms from village
6. Agriculture office
7. Telangana Kreedha Pranganam
8. Police Station



Agriculture



Status of Agriculture

- Agriculture - occupation of 90% of the households
- Major crops - Paddy and Cotton
- **Diversification** - Oil Palm grown on 10 acres; Groundnut and Maize being intercropped; Chillies
- Landholding Status
 - Small & Marginal Farmers form 89% of landholdings
 - No large farmer exists
- Social Security for Farmers
 - Rythu Bandhu Scheme
 - Rythu Bheema - providing Rs. 5 lakhs to the family of farmer in case of death.



Rythu Bandu Scheme (2022)	No. of Farmers	Amount
Vanakalam	635	7470114
Yasangi	611	7220993

Seasonality

1. Rainfall Patterns

Concentrated in month of July to August

1. Labour Demand

Peak demand in **June** and **December**



Agriculture - Driving the Rajannapet's Economy

Issues

- Monocropping leading to increased probability of pest attacks
- Water guzzler crops grown leading to dependence on monsoon
- Shortage of labour in peak season (June and December)
- Cobweb model in play leading to speculations among farmers
- No storage godowns and market yards
- Low area coverage under Drip irrigation (62 Acres) compared to Tube wells (750 acres)

Suggestions

- Diversification of agriculture - introduction of oil palm is a step in right direction
- Intercropping techniques like groundnut and maize which consume very less water
- Market Intelligence System and use of M-KISAN like apps to improve the awareness of farmers on demand and prices in the market
- FPOs or improving the accessibility to yards
- Increasing the coverage under Rythu Beema (181 farmers still not covered)

MGNREGS - Employment Generation



Status of MGNREGS in Rajannapet

* as on 28 February 2023

- Job Card Details

Number of Job cards issued	560
Number of wage seekers in job cards	1211
Active wage seekers	749 (35% of population)
Households wage employment provided	363
Average days of employment per HH	60.37 (vs District average = 46.63)

- Expenditure

Wage - Rs. 36 Lakhs	Material - Rs. 1.9 Lakhs
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- Progress in FY23*

Target Persons days	38675
Person days achieved	18345 (47.43%)

Works under MGNREGS

- Asset Creation
 - **Reservoirs** for water storage
 - Gram panchayat Buildings
 - PPV
- Water Conservation
 - **Farm ponds** to improve water conservation during the summer
 - **Staggered trenches** - more than 25000 created to increase ground level and water pool for animals
- Community Structures
 - Community hall
 - Community Plantations under Haritha Haram



MGNREGS - Enabling Poverty Alleviation

Issues

- Identification of work and lack of availability of land to carry out projects
- Operational challenges - uploading of photos two times a day
- Skewed demand for work
- Payment delays of 3-4 months
- Dealing with health crisis on MGNREGA sites

Suggestions

- Improve planning under MGNREGA as only 48% of target person days achieved as of Feb'23.
- Improving asset creation under villages
- Improving the first aid and accessibility to health care facilities in case of emergency

Health Infrastructure

No. of ANM workers	01
No. of ASHA workers	02
Sub-Centre/ PHCs/CHCs	00
Nearest Sub-centre	<u>Yellareddypet</u>



Status of Health Sector

- First village in the district to be 100% vaccinated with booster
- 100% institutional deliveries along with full time ASHA/ANM support
- Weekly vaccination camp on Wednesdays for infants and under 5 years of age like BCG, Hepatitis, Measles
- Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committees (VHSNC) consisting of ANMs, ASHA workers, Anganwadi teachers, Ward Members set up at village level.
- KCR Kit for the pregnant women containing basic amenities and clothing for newborn and mother. Along with this one time transfer of Rs. 12000 in case of a boy child and Rs.13000 for a girl child.
- Weekly fumigation to ensure there is no breeding of mosquitoes



Achieving Universal Health Coverage

Issues

- No health sub-centre in the village.
- lack of accessibility of health infrastructure is a big issue
- Only one ambulance (102) for a Mandal
- Lack of training for ASHA workers



Suggestions

- Regular training of ASHA workers to deal with new challenges
- Improve the penetration of e-Health initiatives in the village
- Establishing sub-centre



MSME - Empowering Inclusive Growth



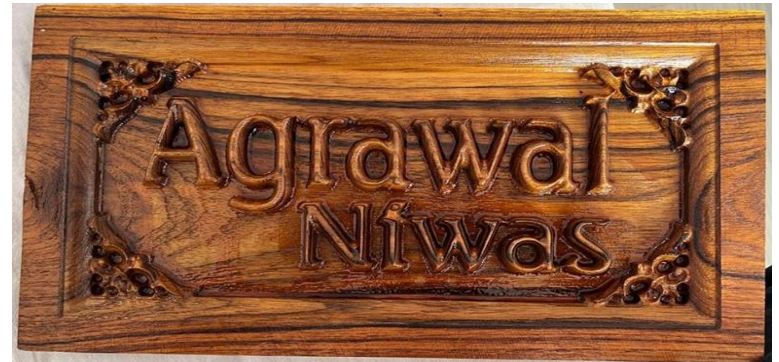
Bidi Making

- Women led industry with 90% women employed → financial independence
- Earn Rs 250 for 1000 bidis usually taking 5-6 hours
- Requirements of inputs - bidi leaves, tobacco provided by the private agencies placing the bidi orders
- Pensions for Bidi workers



Carpentry

- Small scale carpentry work catering to local demand for furniture
- Procurement of wood from the local depot



SHG - Nari Shakti at Work



Status of SHG

- Hierarchy SHG -> Village Organization -> Mandal Samiti -> Zila Samakhya
- Conducts meeting 2 times a month, each group has 10-12 members,
- Loan taken of 3 Lakhs to build SHG office
- 90 members of SHG learned stitching;
- 10 stitching machines
- Loans taken for:
 - Purchasing tractor trolley
 - Opening kirana shop, xerox machine
 - Higher education of children
 - Buying agriculture equipments and seeds



SHG : Facilitating Rural Development

Issues

- Sometimes, SHG members asked by banks to take extra loans.
- Loan taken is not always for asset creation.

Suggestions

- Supply of more stitching machines.
- Basic english speaking skills can be given by graduates women of that village.

Aspirations

- Wants to learn embroidery, jute bag making.
- Learn beauty parlour works.
- Learn english speaking and basic computer skills.



Education



School: Current Situation

- One upper primary school at village center having
 - **49 girls and 59 boys**
- 100% enrollment; gender parity till upper primary
- Total of 8 teachers
- Zero dropout till class 8
- Separate toilets for girls and boys
- Nutritious food given through MDM
- Online lectures during Covid pandemic



Achieving Inclusive and Equitable Education

Issues

- 2 teacher post vacant since 2020
- Class 1 and 2 lack desks and basic infrastructure
- No proper playing ground
- Language issue for nearby village children
- On our visit attendance was below 70%

Suggestions

- Improving lighting and basic infrastructure
- Filling up of vacant posts for teachers
- Proper toilet cleaning
- Projector for improved learning



Anganwadis: Current Situation

- Two anganwadi centres at village center having 49 children
- Maintenance of records and timely provision of food
- Only 4 children found malnourished
- Providing extra food like boiled egg and 100ml food; diversifying diet including ragi ladoos and boiled eggs



Early Childhood Education - The Way Forward

Issues

- No toilets for children, found going outside school premises for toilet
- Lack of infrastructure, like fans
- Only two rooms were there, with one in verandah

Suggestions

- Toilets for anganwadi children
- Separate room for storage of utensils and for classes
- Increase in number of anganwadi teachers



Innovative Steps

— In Rajannapet Village —

Climate Action - Implementing “LiFE” style

- Community Plantations under Haritha Haram Scheme
 - Farmers' feedback - improved rainfall patterns
 - Beautification of highways
- Waste management
 - Compost shed - segregation of wet and dry waste
 - Daily collection of garbage - door to door
 - 100% households have soak pits
 - **ODF + village** under SBM
- Say **NO to Plastic**
 - Only jute bags used in weekly markets
 - Plastic bags not used in village shops



Old Age Care Home

- Recently Inaugurated on 28/2/2023
- Day care and residential facilities for the old age people facing mental health issues, homelessness



Digital India at Play

MINI ATMs

- Provides pension directly to the beneficiary at home.
- Biometric system used for this purpose.
- Useful for old age and disabled people



Monkey Food Court

Helped in reducing monkey problem in the village to a large extent.



Custom Hiring Centres

Providing high cost agricultural equipments to farmers on rent basis at reasonable cost

Impact – increased mechanisation, improved productivity; run by **Mandal Samakhyas**



Observations and Learnings



#1 - The Power of Governance

- **What caused the transformation ?**
 1. Police action against the naxalites
 2. Decentralization



- **Transformation**
 1. Empowerment of Underprivileged classes
 2. Participatory democracy



#2 - The Power of Initiation and Listening

- **Role of a facilitator**

- Initiating resource and social map
- Discussions on International Women's Day
- Making people speak up - **THE POWER OF NUDGE**

- Teachers and SHGs were not speaking about the issues they were facing

- **Being a listener**

- Lending the ears to the problems of villagers was a big deal for them
- Discussions on International Women's Day



#3 - Dichotomy in Rural Areas - India vs Bharat

- **Mobility and Infrastructure**

- **Accessibility** still remains an issue - High OOPE on transportation
- Public transport lacking



- **Aspirations - Driver of growth in Amrit Kaal**

- Chasing your dreams
 - Going 30 kilometers up and down to **study in library**
 - Youth from underprivileged family starting a **startup** in videography in H



#4 - The Tendency to Dominate

- Sarpanch hijacking the conversations
- Language Barrier - the true emotions of the villagers were lost in the translations
- The tendency to not speak up
 - People and even the school teachers were not willing to speak up about the problems they were facing



Cultural Aspects



Cultural and Recreational Activities

Shiva Temple

- Constructed around 400 years ago
- Gajastambham is set up in every temple which has photos/symbols of different gods engraved.



Bullock Cart Drive

- Traditional mode of transportation of goods and people



Holi Celebrations

- Cultural dance night - testimony to unity and solidarity
- Folk songs on Holi



Our Experience in Frames

Thank you
