

Project Details: NAeG/14-15/00008

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Name of The Project	DIGITAL GRAMA PANCHAYAT
Category of Award Applying for	Outstanding performance in Citizen-Centric Service Delivery
Date of Launch	10-06-2013
Summary/Objective of the project	<p>Digital Grama Panchayath Grama Panchayath Pampakuda was declared the first totally digitalized Panchayath in the country by Sri. Oommen Chandy, the Hon. Chief Minister of Kerala. The first Panchayath in the Country to make this remarkable stride of giving online access to all its services and data, Pampakuda Panchayath has obtained optimal digitising. As against several local bodies that have leveraged information technology for online submission of applications, computer-generated certificates and file tracking systems and such other services this optimum digitalising is conceptually different. While we have also provided for these online services we envisaged a system in which information of every citizen and household in the Panchayath is digitally documented, stored, retrieved and analysed to strengthen local governance and democracy. There are two factors that make this endeavour unique (1) It is significant that the two years relentless work that brought this project to fruition was designed and executed entirely with the funds mobilised from several agencies and individuals and without any fiscal premium on Panchayath funds earmarked for local development and (2) this mammoth task mobilise the participation of regional institutions and people in the Panchayath. Listed below are the variegated stages of working up to its realizing 1.A comprehensive questionnaire was prepared for data gathering 2.The services of the Asha workers were enlisted for collecting of data from each and every household in the Panchayath. 3.A need specific software was designed and developed under the aegis of a group of young computer professionals and Nextus, a start-up IT Company in the Panchayath. 4.NSS volunteers of an Engineering College in the Panchayath, pressing into optimum use the infrastructure in their institution, uploaded the voluminous data collated. Rationale 1.Grama Sabhas which are the cornerstone of Panchayath raj currently fail in their objectives due to the lack of peoples involvement/ participation in the planning and implementation of projects 2.Information about the LSGs operations does not reach the public 3.Sub-optimal utilisation leading to the subsequent lapse of Panchayath and government funds 4.Impractical projects 5.Regionally rooted needs based, projects are not forthcoming 6.Transparency in project implementation suffers due to ever-declining peoples participation The resultant unavailability of reliable and authentic data is so stark that formulating of meaningful projects remains a pipedream. Panchayaths, for basic data such as population, habitually rely on incomplete and unreliable data sources such as voters lists that customarily miss details of those under the age of 18. Panchayath projects, generally, are hamstrung due to serious information lacunas relating to the total number of families in a Panchayath and also the numerical strength of disadvantaged sections such as SCs, STs,women, children and handicapped, who form the major target group of many a projects. Data shortage is acute in the case of poor and terminally ill and those without access to basic amenities such as electricity, water and sanitation. Numbers and profiles of people who have migrated, doctors, engineers, graduates and skilled workers generally escape the documents available with the local bodies. Facts connected to the main agricultural produces and animal husbandry in the Panchayath escape the Panchayath repertoire. In this context of gross information scarcity it is well nigh impossible for local bodies to formulate need based, feasible and fruitful projects. During the crucial stages of project formulation, say a sanitation or drinking water project the crucial stages of the project as estimating the number of its beneficiaries are hampered by the dearth of such vital data and hence the proper allocation of funds becomes a difficult proposition. The resultant ill-conceived projects ent</p>
Beneficiary of the project	All residents of the Panchayat, Elected members, Government and Non Government Organizations.
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Supporting documents:-	Award Specific Form Self Certification by the Project Head