GRAM SABHA REPORT PUDUSSERY GRAM PANCHAYAT (Pudussery East, Pudussery West, Pudussery Central Villages)





Gram Sabha is a forum for people's participation in governance. It provides the opportunity to the rural people to get involved in the development programmes of their locality and also make the administration transparent. In order to discuss the issues pertaining and formulate the development activities for the year 2021-22, Gram Sabha meetings were conducted in all the 23 wards of the Pudussery Gram Panchayat. Being a Participating Institute (PI) of UBA, IIT Palakkad has actively participated in the Gram Sabha meetings conducted in the Pudussery West, Pudussery Central and Pudussery East Villages.

Some of the initiatives planned in the Pudussery Gram Panchayat for the year 2021-22 are as follows:

- → Electric fencing in the hilly areas
- → Ploughing wages for paddy cultivations
- → Distribution of paddy seeds
- → Distribution of vegetable seedlings to Kudumbhashree units
- → Construction of chicken coops, cattle barn in the MGNREGS
- → Generation of self-employment opportunities for Self Help Groups
- → Smart classrooms in Anganwadi
- → Waste management systems in Anganwadi
- → Skill development training for Kudumbhashree members
- → Improvement of lab facilities in schools
- $\rightarrow$  Waste bin in all the households.

The important topics discussed/raised during the Gram Sabha are:

1. Waste Management in Pudussery Gram Panchayat

It was decided by the Gram Panchayat to strengthen the waste management in the panchayat by the active participation of Haritha Karma Sena. The Panchayat decides to make an agreement with Clean Kerala Company for the collection of collected wastes from the panchayat.

2. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Scheme

It was decided by the Gram Panchayat to expand the scope of the activities of MGNREGS such as digging waste pit, land up-gradation of agricultural land etc

3. Water Scarcity

Water scarcity has been a severe issue faced by the people in the Walayar region, especially in the summer season. This is mainly due to the fact that the water from the Malampuzha water project is not serving the concerned area. Most areas in the Panchayat called for an action to resolve the water scarcity in the summer.

## 4. Drainage

Drainage is an issue in almost all places in the Panchayat. It is not properly maintained and causes flooding in the rainy season.

## 5. Housing

During last year the Gram panchayat has received more than 3000 requests for houses under the schemes of the State and Central governments.

## 6. Road

There are several requests for the construction and maintenance of village roads across the Panchayat.

## 7. Human-Elephant conflict

There are several occurrences of Human-Elephant conflicts in the Panchayat and destruction of crops.









