

Andhra Pradesh Success Story of Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2016-17



Andhra Pradesh Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan State Project Director Shri G. Srinivas, IAS receiving NATIONAL AWARD (2nd Best State) on Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2016-17 from Shri Prakash Javdekar, Hon'ble Minister for HRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Background

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools plays a significant role in determining the health of children, attendance, dropout rate, and learning outcomes. The provision of water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in school secures a healthy school environment and protects children from illness and exclusion. It is a first step towards a healthy physical learning environment, benefiting both learning and health. Children who are healthy and well-nourished can fully participate in school and get the most from the education being imparted.

Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has come up with a novel idea of assessing the WASH components in schools and also to reward the schools where the WASH components are being maintained properly. A detailed questionnaire for each of the section (Water, Sanitation, Handwashing with Soap, Operations and Maintenance, Behavior Change Activities and Capacity Building) along with guidance note has been circulated to each of the States.

Process

Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India along with WASH in Schools (WinS) Specialist, UNICEF, New Delhi has organized Video Conference on June, 28, 2016; Ms. Mamita Bora Thakkar, WinS Specialist, has detailed the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar (SVP) and the procedure to be followed by each of the Schools to nominate for SVP. The Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India has instructed to carry-out the assessment of WASH facilities in each of the schools across India followed by forwarding the guidelines. The guidelines are prepared by faculty, Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad with the Technical support of WinS Specialist, UNICEF – New Delhi.

On receiving the guidelines from Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of State Project Director, Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, Andhra Pradesh have taken necessary steps immediately and outlined about the programme in Video Conferences, review meetings with DEOs; HMs; POs of all the 13 Districts through Video Conferencing as well as mailed the instructions to take up the programme as suggested immediately. Personnel at each of the districts were provided handholding support by Technical Support Group and consultants of UNICEF – Hyderabad Field Office. They have explained the process right from getting registered till final submission of the information along with Photographs of the WASH facilities.

The progress has been monitored on daily basis. UNICEF has extended support right from the beginning in supplementing the necessary information to the department and coordinating with the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar Team at regional level as well as at State level.

The MHRD instructed States to start the registration process from 1st July, 2016 till 31st July, 2016; but with requests from state government to extend the deadline, the last date of submission has been extended till 12th August, 2016.

Out of 45,302 schools in Andhra Pradesh 36,336 schools (80.2%) have registered and downloaded the mobile application. A total of 29,043 (64.1%) schools did the final submission (Status as on 12th August, 2016).

District team Verification:

Instructions were given to DEO and PO offices to form District Verification Teams to verify the status of WASH submitted by each of the District. The details of top 40 Schools in each of the districts were shared with the respective District SSA offices. Each of the districts has assigned the job of verification of WASH facilities to evaluators (identified by the DEO & PO). The status of verification of WASH facilities is mentioned hereunder.

Summary: District Level Awards

Sl. No.	Code	Name of the District	Number of Evaluators	Number of schools to be verified	Number of schools verified	% of verification
1.	2811	Srikakulam	1	40	40	100%
2.	2812	Vizianagaram	27	40	40	100%
3.	2813	Visakhapatam	11	40	40	100%
4.	2817	Guntur	3	40	40	100%
5.	2818	Prakasam	111	40	40	100%
6.	2819	Nellore	3	40	40	100%
7.	2820	Kadapa	8	40	40	100%
8.	2815	West Godavari	7	40	40	100%
9.	2822	Anantapuram	4	40	40	100%
10.	2823	Chittoor	1	40	40	100%
11.	2814	East Godavari	74	40	34	85%
12.	2816	Krishna	53	40	28	70%
13.	2821	Kurnool	137	40	26	65%

Source: http://103.7.128.243:8080/admin/Forms/DC_DashBoard.aspx

State Team Verification:

After District verification, department at State level has formed State Verification team and issued orders to complete the verification during *19th September, 2016 to 22nd September, 2016*. In this connection, department took support of UNICEF state team to involve and guide the team. UNICEF – Hyderabad Field Office, has deputed State WASH Monitoring Consultant (Mr.Sree Hari Nakka) and WASH in School Consultant (Mr. Manikanta P) also took part in the verification. State has deputed Mrs.P. Geehta; Dr. K. Penchalaiah; Mrs.P. Anuradha; Dr. Y. Narasimham; Dr. S V Lakshmana Rao; Mr. P. Venkateswara Rao and Mr. C. Nagaraju of Technical Support Group along with UNICEF consultants have conducted concurrence verification.

The State Verification Team has taken the reports (responses) of the District Verification Team and has carried out spot check without giving lead/ prior information to any of the schools. The State Team had verified 156 schools (during 19 to 22 September, 2016) at twelve (12) schools per district. The observations are compiled, collated and submitted in the website. Out of the 156 schools 21 schools have been selected for the Award at National level.

On All India, 172 schools are selected for National Award. Andhra Pradesh is at 2nd position by gaining 21 Awards. Each of these schools will be provided with a Certificate and a cash prize of Rs.50,000/-

National Awards: Number of schools selected

