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ROLE OF GRAM PANCHAYATS IN ENABLING FAECAL SLUDGE MANAGEMENT



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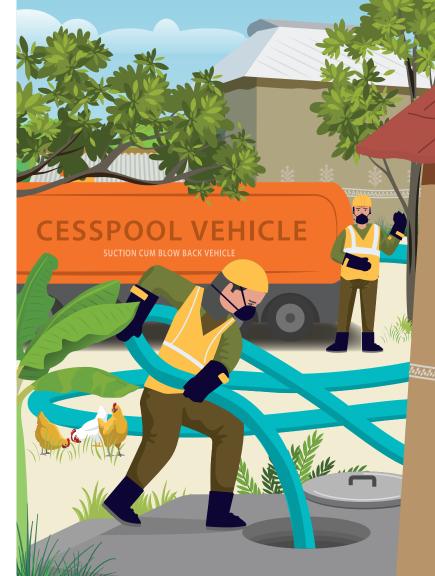
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centre for POLICY .RESEARCH A long time since I have been to the village... Wonder if things have changed at all!

> How are you, Braja'bhai? Is this Lipi? She was still a baby when I saw her last! This place too looks so different now!

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BUS STOP

Yes, this is Lipi! Wait till you see all the improvements in the village. You will not want to leave again! The village is now free of open defecation and everyone has access to safe Faecal Sludge Management* services - this has made our village clean, healthy, and pollution-free too.

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You know Puja Parida, don't you, our new Sarpanch? She is doing great work in promoting public health and hygiene through improved sanitation. But before all that, we have a presentation by the VWSC* committee today. There have been confusions about Faecal Sludge Management, this should make things clearer! Bidhan Sahu, please present?

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* VWSC= Village Water and Sanitation Committee

Thank you, madam parída. Good morning everyone. Today we will discuss Faecal Sludge Management.

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Improper disposal of faecal sludge causes environmental pollution and leads to adverse health outcomes. It is very important to ensure environmental protection, improved health and well-being of all the members of the households, including children, in our GP.

Construct two or more chambers for septic tanks larger than 2,000 liters to ensure proper wastewater tr<u>ea</u>tment

Chamber Partition Chamber 2



Households previously left behind will be identified by the VWSC and swachhagrahis.

> Isn't that Mohan? When díd you come? Today?

Just now. Braja'bhai was showing me how clean the panchayat is nowadays! Indeed, it is true. Things have really changed...

Come along with us. We are about to make a round! Why don't we show Mohan around? I hope all of you know him? He can tell us whether our village sanitation is as good as the city...

> The Faecal Sludge Management Plan we developed and integrated into our GPDP is truly coming to fruition.

Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP)

See, Mohan, you must check out the community centre and the panchayat office. In fact, go check out the toilets also, I insist!

Mohan'dada! See our school too!

SCHOOL

Mohan, check out the new Anganwadi centre! Do you know, we have nearly eradicated diarrhoea from the village? There is an ASHA worker in the village now.

Braja'dada, these places seem cleaner than where I live! I can't believe how things have improved now! Hope the baby is doing well?

Yes, fully healthy and unlike when the older one was as young, no issue with diarrhea.

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We see that all households are covered in the village! No one will be left behind in accessing toilets. Also, everyone gets to know about our desludging services.

You see, Mohan, if households want to upgrade their on-site sanitation system, we can help them get in touch with masons. This is what we were showing at the gram sabha, Mohan. In our panchayat, in case of faulty twin pit systems with any leaks in the 'Y' junction or in the rims, or if there is less than 1 meter gap between pits, we fix the systems.

Septic tanks and single pits are desludged every 3-5 years, and now we also have a system to ensure safe treatment of collected faecal sludge and septage

Single pits in low water table areas are also upgraded to twin pits. Mohan, there are two main ways to develop such a system. The first one is "plug-in" under which the urban local body and GPs can formalize the arrangement in writing for extending urban desludging and treatment services to rural areas.

> The municipality will have a toll-free number for Gram Panchayats to book desludging requests...

The Block office and the DWSM will help the cluster in this. The panchayats can identify the financial resources. It can be central or state fund, FC grants, MGNREGS or other Central/State Governments schemes, MPLADS, MLALADS, CSR fund. I know it is now becoming too technical for you, Mohun!

The second way is to develop a Faecal Sludge Treatment Facility for rural areas for a cluster of GPs which cannot be plugged-in to an urban facility.

> No, no, I have mostly got ít, Madam Parída... At least I thínk I have!

This is to protect our environment! It is also our collective responsibility to ensure that desludging is done with proper safety equipment and gear by the operators... Remember, we are supposed to maintain a database on the desludging needs of households on a regular basis.

> Wow, I dídn't know such thíngs were being done in the villages! Braja'dada, never thought I would find faceal sludge interesting!

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We are presenting this award to Madam Puja Parida for her outstanding services towards the GP.

> "This project aims to achieve district-wide sanitation through leveraging the available urban Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FSTP) for safely managing faecal sludge generated in the neighbouring Gram Panchayats (GPs) and demonstrating a greenfield solid and liquid waste management system for a cluster of Gram Panchayats in the district."

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