

Decentralised Participatory Planning for Development by local Governments

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Our current concern focuses on Gram Panchayat Development Planning (GPDP)

incorporating aspect of VDP of the SAGY

a renewed concern and urgency for decentralised planning compelled by the decision of the Central Govt to devolve the 14 FC award as recommended by it directly to the Gram Panchayat Governments.

Huge amounts will now be at disposal of the GP Govts. Add to this the demand driven funds of the MGNREGA other schemes of centre and state and the potential of the GPs to raise own resources . At a wild estimate the range would be anywhere upto 15lakhs for the smaller GPs Govts and upto more tha a couple of crores per annum and would receiving such amounts and an additional performance based incentive award annually for the next five years.

Articles 243 and 244 enshrined into the Constitution through an amendment two decades ago empowering the Local Government for governance and planning for development with sufficient support structures with constitutionally endowed powers to strengthen local govts.

The SFC,
the SEC,
the DPC,
the GS,

The 11th and 12th Schedule Subjects

The PESA for the tribal situation.

A perfect Ideal for achieving Gandhijis dream
Gram Swaraj.

The issue of centre state jurisdiction

The issues of CSS as parastatals

The states

Functioning of SFC SEC DPC

The state level power elite

issues in devolution of powers to the three
levels of local Govts Dist Block and the GP

Elite power capture at the Gram panchayat and
Village level

Several changes in response to critique

Provision for Convergence funds in the guidelines of CSS to match and enable needs of GS and GP planning

Allowing for the role of the GS and the GP

In several states the GS invigorated with presence and involvement in GS and GP planning process through govt. notifications.

The central finance commission recommendations

The Govts SAGY program, The 14th FC did it.

And now the GPDP universally grounded across the country to ensure effective planned utilisation of the award.

The SAGY initiative & Village development Plan

Earlier initiatives at planning by GP

The BRGF

A semblance of comprehensive integrated GP
Plan

my efforts at experimenting with the PRI
structures for
Integrated Participatory Decentralised Planning
Within the framework of
Integ Dist Planning Manual

Mentada Mandal of Vizianagaram Dist

Then SAGY initiative

The Village Development Plan

Driven by the MP one GP per year

No funds

my field observations in Bihar

The GPDP

A massive country wide effort at institutionalisation of decentralised participatory development plan by Local Government , the Gram Panchayat Govt

A work in progress.....

The continuing...nagging concerns...

The DPC ?

The two other tiers, the block and
the District ?

Continuing CSS parastatal structures ?

The issue of convergence of funds and personnel
under the Local Governmnets for the eleventh
schedule subjects ?

The GP development plan projects execution ?