## MEENAKSHI MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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### Report on Grama Sabha meeting in Siruvakkam village

**Venue:** Siruvakkam village **No of Participants**: 25

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) activity was being observed as Gram Sabha meeting addressing the issues in each ward of Siruvakkam village. Siruvakkam village is one of the adopted villages of Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute, Kanchipuram. The meeting is headed by President Mrs. Shailaja and Vice president Mr.Mahalingam. On behalf of UBA cell of MMCH&RI, Dr.Pandiyan (UBA Co-coordinator), Dr. Suganya and Dr. Srinath from the department of community medicine attended the meeting. The village head, the village-vice head, Panchayat Clerk, VHN, Anganwadi and School teachers attended the meeting. A total of 50 general public attended the meeting. The meeting proceeded with the government order regarding the fund allocation for the infrastructure development of schools and also to make sure that there are no dropouts from government schools and Betterment of Road facilities in the village.

During the meeting, we engaged in a productive discussion regarding the action plan for achieving the **LSDG "Healthy Village"** initiative. Our focus centered on establishing a healthy and sustainable environment within the Siruvakkam village through targeted improvements in healthcare access, sanitation systems, and overall well-being.

#### Specifically, the discussion covered:

- 1. Organizing regular, monthly health camps: These camps will address prevalent health concerns within the community, such as diabetes and maternal health, ensuring accessible healthcare services.
- 2. Introducing nutritional education initiatives in schools: Educating children about healthy dietary choices will empower them to make informed decisions and contribute to a culture of healthy living.
- 3. Organizing diverse health education events: These events will raise public awareness about various communicable and non-communicable diseases, fostering a preventative mindset within the community.

#### Requests from the anganwadi teachers:

- 1. **Overhead Tank Lid:** The current lack of a proper lid for the Anganwadi's overhead water tank poses a potential health and safety hazard. An appropriate lid would ensure the cleanliness of the water supply and prevent contamination from dust, debris, or insects.
- 2. **Wall Decoration:** The Anganwadi's walls are currently bare, which can create a sterile and uninviting environment for the children. Colourful and engaging murals or cartoons would brighten the space, stimulate the children's imagination, and create a more welcoming atmosphere conducive to learning and development.







