

PUNNALA GRAMA PANCHAYAT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Profile of Punnala

Punnala is a village located in Pathanauram Taluk in Kollam District. As of the 2011 census of India, Punnala had a population of 12,104. The total population constitutes, 5,802 males and 6,302 females —a sex ratio of 1086 females per 1000 males. 1,167 children are in the age group of 0–6 years, of which 641 are boys and 522 are girls —a ratio of 841 females per 1000 males. The average literacy rate stands at 83.03 % out of which 83.45% are males & 82.64% are females with 2,054 illiterates.

A survey was conducted as part of the Unnath Bharath Abhiyan(UBA). The findings and their implications are given below. The gender-wise population shows that the age group 46 years and above constitutes a large number followed by the age group 19 -45 years. In all the age groups, females outnumber males but for the 0-5 years category. Regarding the percentage of BPL families, the SC and ST populations constitute more BPL households. About 75 % of the General category comes under the APL. Aadhar coverage is almost 98% of the population. Above 80% of the population has a bank account. Even though the majority of the population has a bank account, there are no beneficiaries for any of the centrally sponsored schemes.

The social infrastructure of the village seems good. The performance of villagers in education is good as most of them are literate. There are sufficient educational institutions up to the secondary level in the village. There are two Primary Health Centres in the village. The common health problems the villagers are facing cardiac issues, breathing problems, etc.

Most people depend on piped water for drinking. There is a doorstep household waste collection system, which is very successful in reducing pollution in the village. At the household level, there is no proper drainage linked to households and the families are not using compost pits for effective waste management. Except for the ST population, there are toilet facilities for every household. Only 66 per cent of the ST population has access to toilet facilities. Most houses are either Pucca or semi-pucca in nature.

Regarding land usage, the major portion is used for housing. Major crops cultivated are coconut and rubber without no irrigation facilities. The majority of the people are working in business or trade. Most houses have LPG connections. The livestock population is meagre.

Development Activities that can be undertaken in Punnala

The area requires immediate action in many areas. The initiatives that should be done in the village include awareness programmes, literacy programmes, and enhancing infrastructural facilities.

1. Awareness Programmes

People are not aware of the various schemes and projects of the Central Government. Awareness programmes should be conducted for the villagers. Awareness programmes should also be provided in the agricultural sector about the new trends, usage of fertilizers, etc to boost productivity and thereby profitability.

2. Literacy Programmes

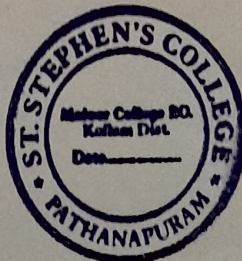
Literacy programmes are twofold: Computer Literacy and Financial Literacy. The percentage of computer literate is low. For the successful implementation of Centrally Sponsored schemes, they should be computer literate. Training on financial literacy should also be provided. People should be able to use various payment systems. As many of the people are engaged in trade, the training on UPI, Online banking, etc will help them profoundly.

3. Enhancing infrastructural facilities

Infrastructural facilities include drainage systems, the development of compost pits, irrigation facilities, enhanced toilet facilities, etc. There should be a support system for the farmers who engage in the production of coconut and rubber. The possibilities of developing a local market for the sale of cultivated products should be studied. Facilities for solar energy should be provided. Road connectivity should be enhanced.

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