

REPORT ON



एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

Swachh Bharat Mission

SHRAM DAN AT SHERKHI VILLAGE

From 30/08/2016 to 01/09/2016



B A B A R I A
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Swachh Bharat Mission(SBM)was announced by our Prime Minister *ShriNarendraModi*and was launched on 2ndOctober 2014, *Gandhi Jayanti*.The aim of this programme is to eradicate open defecation by year 2019,thus restructuring



the *Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan*. *SBM* is a national campaign, covering 4,041 statutory cities and towns. The government is aiming to achieve an Open-Defecation Free (ODF) India by 2ndOctober 2019, the 150thbirth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, by constructing 12 crore toilets in rural India, at a cost of Rs1.96 lakh crore.The programme has also received funding and technical support from the World Bank, corporations as a part of corporate social responsibility initiatives, and by state government under the *SarvaShikshaAbhiyan* and *RashtriyaMadhyamikShikshaAbhiyan* schemes.Under this scheme, government provides an incentive of Rs12,000 for each toilet constructed by a BPL family. Total fund mobilised under Swachh Bharat Kosh (SBK) as on 31 January 2016 stood at Rs3.69 billion. An amount of Rs90 billion was allocated for the mission in 2016 Union budget of India.

The main objective of the SBM is to change people's mindset for proper sanitation use. To do so, the constructionof individual, cluster and/orcommunity toilets in villages is essential thing. As a part of SBM and instructions provided by GTU we, the **Babaria Institute of Technology**, have contributed by means of *Shram Danto* construct toilets in the village *Sherkhi*, in collaboration with District Rural Development Agency (*DRDA*), *Panchayat* and local villagers.

Sherkhi is a large village located in Vadodara, Gujarat with total 1841 families residing. It has population of 9464 of which 4874 are males while 4590 are females as per Population Census 2011. In *Sherkhi* village population of children with age 0-6 is 1182 which makes up 12.49 % of total population of village. Average Sex Ratioof





Village is 942 which are higher than Gujarat state average of 919. Child Sex Ratio for the *Sherkhi* as per census is 858, lower than Gujarat average of 890. *Sherkhi* village has higher literacy rate compared to Gujarat. In 2011, literacy rate of *Sherkhi* village was 84.48 % compared to 78.03 % of Gujarat. In *Sherkhi* Male literacy stands at 91.86 % while female literacy rate was 76.76 %. Still numbers of families are residing below the poverty line and are deprived of the proper sanitation and hygiene.

As per constitution of India and Panchayati Raj Act, *Sherkhi* village is administered by *Sarpanch*, who is elected representative of village.



Students volunteer preparing underground chambers (pits) for toilet block

With due respect to this important mission initiated by our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, many schools and colleges actively participated with this program and hence

we too with our students showed strong interest and actively participated in the mission. This is just to inculcate the feeling of love for our nation in the minds of the students. Total 123 students volunteers along with two faculty members Dr. Keyur J. Patel and Mr. Prashant Nisarta of our institute visited the village for *Shram Dan* at *Sherkhi* Village from 30/08/2016 to 01/09/2016. The student volunteers willingly helped villagers to construct the toilet blocks by means of preparing underground chambers (pits), constructing brick wall etc.



Student volunteers preparing side wall for toilet block

After having lunch, the volunteers surveyed the village. They went for walk across the village and interacted with the people of the village in order to change people's mindset for proper sanitation use. On behalf of the Institute, faculty members appreciated the student volunteers for their work. They also thanked the village *Sarpanch* and *Talati, Kranti Trivedi* for their kind support and for providing food to our student volunteers.



Sherkhi village TalatiKrantiTrivedi, SarpanchShri and Panchayat members are observing students work.