

Mokila is suburban village within the vicinity of the Hyderabad about 40km in Ranga Reddy District

Sarpanch Name: Shri Anand

1. Though this village is near by Hyderabad in Ranga Reddy district, no Industries around , unemployment persists as educated people are increasing
2. Ground water level is less, additional bores were dug (at 500 ft) still drinking water problem exists, some bores failed, distribution of water is impacted by lack of power. One RO plant is donated by donor covers 25% village
3. No Junior College in the village or Mandal itself, students go to HYD/near by towns, Health Center and Community hall also required
4. No kuntas or cheruvus, No Library in the village, library failed earlier due to lack of maintenance, belt shops resurfaced, 320 pensions
5. Though village is close to HYD, no bus facility in the morning, recently one night halt bus is allotted.
6. Paddy, Vegetables, Mirchi, ground nut are harvested, taken to Rytu bazar, and local markets, not much cattle in the village
7. 60% of land is in Real estate , land cost for 1 acre is 1 Cr next to road, inside 50/60 lakhs, though some villagers sold lands they still doing labor.
8. Labor go to near by college or RE ventures for living, 25/30 percent drink toddy, 30% other drinks,
9. School has necessary infrastructure including computers, dining hall construction and toilet maintenance is done by Panchayat, teachers are motivated.
10. Group of village sarpanches in the mandal, are visiting hostels, hospital, resulted in better maintenance of hostel/hospital, Need to increase the Mid day meal quantity, providing fine rice now, but sanna (fine) rice did not increase attendance
11. Rytu runa mafi should have done 100 % , need to pay more focus on farmers, employment to youth, Pension scheme is good in their opinion
12. Students completed edn in MBA - 4, PG 9, btech 70, degree 86, inter 100, some students from from Pvt to Govt school with English medium started
13. Sarpanches come from different fields, hence need training, on socio economic issues, 3 days orientation not enough,
14. Sarpanch Anand is post-graduate from SC community, who worked for 20+ years in MV Foundation. Wife is tailor and have 2 kids.
15. They recently conducted Volleyball tournament
16. They conduct quarterly review meeting on ICDS (mid-day meals), health (ANM) and school.
17. They have Manjeera pipeline but could not use due to power shortage

18. Nearby International School and MBA College provide some employment.

18. Good relation with MLA and local Minister

Recommendations:

1. Need of Colleges
2. Need of employment (industries can be proposed as it is very near to Hyd)
3. Need awareness and counseling to retain the lands against real estate and money management, if they sell and make money
4. Need basic amenities like drinking water, toilets etc.
5. Storage tank is needed for irrigation.
6. Possibility of village can be wiped out due to real estate boom?

Ankapur in Nizamabad district

A group of friends of mine have started an initiative of interviewing sarpanches across the 10 districts of Telangana state to understand the state of affairs on development front and also to ascertain if the key flagship programs of TRS Govt like Mission Kakatiya, Asaara etc. are reaching them. To start on a positive note they started with the village of **Ankapur in Nizamabad district** - considered to be the most progressive village in all of Telangana. I heard the recorded conversation with Mr.Limba Reddy - Deputy Sarpanch of the village. Here are some highlights:

1. The village has 1200 families which grow predominantly seeds and vegetables
2. There are 100+ seed companies that have offices in the village from all over the country/world
3. Their main source of water is from Nizamsagar project
4. The village has 3 cold storage plants: two for crop produce and 1 for vegetables
5. During season the village produces every day 10 trucks of coriander, 25 trucks of tomatoes and 25 trucks of runner beans
6. Vegetables from Ankapur go all the way till Guntur and Vijayawada in AP and Sangli, Latur, Parbani and Nagpur in Maharashtra
7. The village has 300 families whose children have settled abroad mostly in US and UK
8. Alcohol is discouraged... but folks go to Armoor and Nizamabad to get their dose of high
9. TRS Govt has offered to build 1000 acres of polyhouses for high value add vegetable produce at 50-75% subsidies across the state on a trial basis. The village has asked to give a lion's share to them
10. They have fully operational schools and PHCs for medical facilities
11. It is a 2 crop village and farmers produce significant volumes of Turmeric
12. De-weeding is a village wide collective activity...
13. The village witnesses visitors from all over the country. They have a state of the art guesthouse which is always almost full. Visiting farmers from Punjab is a new trend. KCR Govt has been sending sarpanches, ZPP members from Medak and Mahboobnagar by the busloads to visit the village
14. Mr.Limba Reddy's articulation skills in both Telugu and English were very good
15. Nearly 60,000 acres of land is under seed production in and around Ankapur
16. Labour, wild monkeys and boars are huge problem
17. Single handedly the village folks have made Ankapur chicken dish a unique cuisine item.... country chicken cooked with rice... I am told
18. While being positive about the Govt, the sarpanch sheepishly hinted that it really does not matter to them