
THE WEEKLY RURAL NEWSLETTER



ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Greetings Readers!

An overwhelming population in India continues to live in what is defined as 'non-urban' or rural. As per the last Census (2011), of the total 1210.2 million population 833.1 million or 69 per cent lived in rural areas in around 6.4 lakh villages. The rural life, while popularly portrayed as simple, slow, and serene, is much more complex, unsettling, diverse and going through rapid changes. In a world dominated by the hustle and bustle of urban life, the heartbeat of rural India often goes unnoticed. **Welcome to the Weekly Rural Newsletter**, where we aim to bridge this gap by shedding light on the stories, struggles, and triumphs of the large majority of India's population.



Presented by the diligent students of Rural Sociology, this Newsletter is a humble effort to amplify the rural voices that deserve to be heard. By closely following the national and regional media platforms students cover different states as 'state correspondents' and document the developments unfolding in the socio-economic, political and cultural spheres of the countryside. A team of two students compiles these news reports in the form of a newsletter on a weekly basis and brings the newsletter to you. We believe that incorporating exercises that focus on rural affairs into educational settings can have far-reaching effects in terms of students' awareness about the challenges and opportunities in rural areas, holistic education, empathy, community engagement, and policy advocacy. We hope this exercise also creates a ripple effect among the larger audience.

Stay tuned for more stories from the heartlands of our nation!

With rustic regards,
The Rural Sociology Students' Team

ANDHRA PRADESH

ANDHRA PRADESH KEEN ON DEVELOPING KRISHNAPATNAM VILLAGE: MINISTER KAKANI

A special emphasis has been placed on the development of Krishnapatnam village, in close proximity to the port, with the Agriculture Minister, Kakani Govardhan Reddy, leading efforts to bolster local employment opportunities. Notably, the government has taken a proactive approach by urging companies to prioritize the hiring of local youth. Infrastructure enhancements, including the construction of durable cement roads, have further improved the village's connectivity and accessibility.

Minister Reddy underscored the success of the Jaganna Aarogya Suraksha health program, highlighting its comprehensive healthcare services, which encompass a wide array of medical tests, free distribution of around 172 types of essential medicines, and the facilitation of necessary surgical interventions throughout the State.



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ASSAM

2 MINORS DEAD AFTER FALLING INTO DUG-UP PIT IN BAIHATA CHARIALI

Two children were running around in the fields of Baihata Chariali's Bezera Bhumlahati locality when they unintentionally fell into a pit dug up by excavators, as per sources. According to their family members, the two youngsters, who were ages four and five, had disappeared while playing in the afternoon. They were discovered unconscious inside the pit dug in the farmland and after some searching, were instantly taken to the Bezera Community Health Centre. However, the two kids were pronounced dead by the hospital's medical staff. The bodies of the victims were taken to the hospital for post-mortem examination after the Baihata Police showed up.



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FALLING-INTO-DUG-UP-PIT-IN-BAIHATA-CHARIALI](https://www.pratidintime.com/latest-assam-news-breaking-news-assam/assam-2-minors-dead-after-falling-into-dug-up-pit-in-baihata-chariali)

BIHAR

RURAL ROADS WIDENED, INFORMATION RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF ELEVATED ROADS AND BYPASS IN BEGUSARAI.

The state of Bihar is currently undertaking a significant infrastructure development project. This initiative involves the construction and improvement of various elements of rural road networks such as roads, bridges, culverts, and bypasses. The Rural Works Department is diligently preparing for the implementation of the Chief Minister Rural Road Upgradation Scheme. This scheme has been designed with the objective of enhancing accessibility for Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to reach the capital city of Patna within a five-hour timeframe.

In addition to these efforts, the project will also entail the construction of a four-lane elevated road in the Begusarai district, as well as the creation of a bypass near Ballia. To further enhance the safety and functionality of the roads, the improvement of bridges and drainage systems will be an integral part of the construction process. Additionally, the installation of road signs will play a crucial role in reducing accidents and providing comprehensive road information to the public.



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(TRANSLATED FROM HINDI TO ENGLISH)

GUJARAT

'WHOM DID YOU ASK TO GO FOR RAAS PRACTICE?' SAYING THE TEACHER HIT THE STUDENTS WITH STICK.

This incident took place in Dharavir village of Somnath at the government school. Female students had gone for Navratri festival. The male teacher hit them with sticks on doing so. The same place faced another issue a few days back wherein the students were asked to clean the toilets. Question now arises whether any action would take place against these problematic behaviors.



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PICKED UP FROM DIVYA BHASKAR KUTCH NEWSPAPER

(TRANSLATED FROM GUJARATI TO ENGLISH)

HARYANA

HARYANA CLEARS PROJECTS WORTH RS 284 CR UNDER RURAL AUGMENTATION PROGRAMME

The Haryana government has decided to implement 13 new projects worth more than Rs 284 crore in four districts as part of the Mahagram Yojana and the Rural Augmentation Programme. The four districts that will be covered are Hisar, Jind, Sonapat, and Rewari

The projects, which will be carried out by the Public Health Engineering Department with loan assistance from NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), were approved by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday.

Work on a canal-based water supply scheme, the construction of additional storage and sedimentation tank for an existing water supply scheme, an increase in the supply of drinking water, and the installation of a sewerage system are among the projects in the various villages of these districts.

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HARYANA

HARYANA WITNESSES CONTINUOUS GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLING TO 6.5%

Haryana's relentless efforts to create jobs have paid off, as the state's rate of joblessness has dropped to a remarkable 6.5 percent.

The state government's spokesperson claims that Haryana has been moving forward steadily because of the Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's dedication to development. The state's industrial development has resulted in a boom in job prospects. New businesses are investing in Haryana every day, opening up a wide range of job opportunities for the young people of the state.

Additionally, many young people have been inspired to pursue self-employment by the state government's creative programmes. Various government agencies are actively recruiting new employees at the same time.

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JAMMU & KASHMIR

GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN BANDIPORA STRUGGLE WITH LOPSIDED PTR; ACADEMICS HIT

The public schools in the Bandipora district of north Kashmir are having a difficult time keeping an acceptable pupil-teacher ratio (PTR), especially in remote locations. Despite having promising enrollment numbers, primary schools, according to official statistics, struggled with a lack of qualified teachers, which put kids at a disadvantage. For instance, there are just three teachers at the 54-student Government Primary School Tilwanpora Trigam who must attend to five different classrooms.

The lack of staff in many schools has had a significant influence on educational quality, but the relevant authorities haven't yet taken the necessary steps to solve this pressing problem. "We do not have the power to rationalize staff in schools. But I assure you that once we are given powers of rationalization of staff to streamline PTR in schools, we will resolve the problem," -CEO Bandipora, Muhammad Amin Beigh.

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KARNATAKA

IIM-B, KARNATAKA GOVT LAUNCH SWAVALAMBANE PROGRAMME TO EMPOWER RURAL WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

In an event organized by IIM-B and the NSRCEL on the 11th and 12th of October, 150 women entrepreneurs from tier 2 & 3 cities of Karnataka were selected for an empowerment program, where they would be given grants and soft loans for their innovative and unique business pitches. Silk, toys, jewelry, and local food products were some of the most common businesses. In the event, the selected candidates were engaged in useful discussions with top entrepreneurs and businessmen in order to empower and provide a perspective into the world of business. One candidate expressed her gratitude since this opportunity would help them out of the



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KERALA

KERALA WILL TAKE PIPED WATER CONNECTIONS TO 70.85 LAKH RURAL FAMILIES IN TWO YEARS: MINISTER

The Kerala Water Authority inaugurated its largest drinking water project, the Meenachil-Malankara project on Saturday, 21 October. Roshy Augustine, water resources minister pointed out that of the total 17 lakh water connections in the state, rural connections were only 25 percent when the government came to power. And over the last year and half, 38 lakh households have been connected to the water authority network.

The ₹1,243-crore Meenachil-Malankara project is part of the Jal-Jeevan mission and plans to draw water from the Malankara dam in Idukki to feed 13 panchayats across the Pala and Poonjar constituencies.

Using a 2,085-km long pipeline network and 154 tanks, the new project envisages providing 42,230 piped water connections covering these panchayats.



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MADHYA PRADESH

ANUPPUR: THE VILLAGE YEARNS FOR BASIC AMENITIES: THERE IS NO ROAD OR DRINKING WATER SYSTEM, AND ANIMALS AND VILLAGERS DRINK FROM THE SAME WATER SOURCE.

A village of Sangam Tola in Anuppur district is situated on the banks of river Narmada. This settlement has a population of about 300 people among which 150 are voters. The villagers here are yearning to get basic facilities. The village has no road to walk on and children are unable to attend Anganwadi due to its remote location. Along with this, 9th-10th grade education has become a barrier, causing further studies to be halted. A tap has been put in the community, although it is only for show.

Villagers relieve their thirst with Jhiriya or river water but the same water the locals collect for drinking is also used by cattle to drink water from.



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MAHARASHTRA

ADIVASI WOMAN STRIPPED, ASSAULTED IN BEED, BJP MLA'S WIFE ACCUSED AMONG THREE ACCUSED

In a recent incident in Beed, Maharashtra, allegations of atrocity and assault have surfaced, involving three individuals, including BJP legislator Suresh Dhas's wife, Prajakta Suresh Dhas. The accused face charges under the Indian Penal Code and the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act for the alleged disrobing and assault of an Adivasi woman. The incident occurred at Ashti Police Station, Beed. The Adivasi woman claims Prajakta Dhas tried to take possession of her ancestral land, leading to a confrontation while gathering cattle fodder. Both parties claim ownership of the land, which has been in dispute for over 60 years. Police investigation is ongoing.



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MANIPUR

ANSAM TO PICKET OFFICES FOR INTERNET RESTORATION

The All Naga Students' Association, Manipur (ANSAM) has decided to launch a "picketing of government offices" in the hill districts of Manipur from 24th-25th October as its first step of the agitation demanding immediate lifting of the internet shutdown and restoration of internet connectivity "in the peace area", and also to declare of the result of the interviews held in September 2021 for the appointment of 190 posts of assistant professors (145+45 ST Special Drive) for government colleges in Manipur.

The ANSAM, in a statement issued on 23rd, acknowledged the efforts of the government authorities to "condemn" the "protracted conflict" and restore peace in the state, but also said that it expected the government to address the long "overdue" grievances of the public.

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ODISHA

9 RESIDENTS IN ADIVASI VILLAGE DIE IN 50 DAYS, HEALTH MINISTRY PROBE BEGINS

In the Jantari Village of Odisha, 9 Adivasi residents have died, including a 6-month old infant. These Adivasis are part of the 13 primitive tribal groups in Odisha. The deaths began on August 30, and every person who died showed fever and severe diarrhea. The nearest primary health center is 15km's away, while the closest community health care center is 40 km's away. Dr. Ramakanta Munda was the assigned medical official who did on-ground assessment. He said that every person had differing conditions, some had TB while others had Kidney Ailments. They did admit that a contaminated water source could be the root of these problems, which forced the villagers to use the river water, which is itself contaminated.



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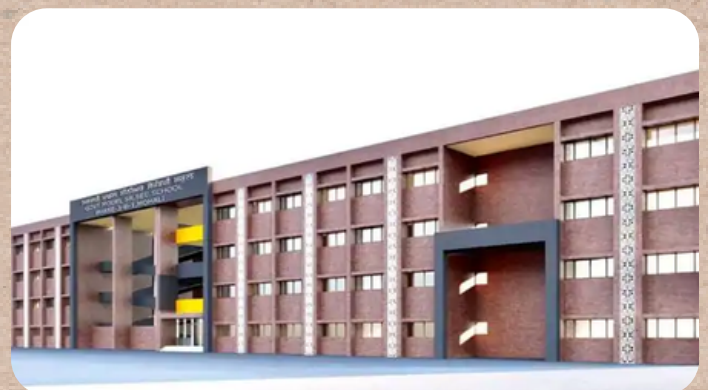
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PUNJAB

I62 TEACHERS FROM PUNJAB GOVT SCHOOLS TRANSFERRED TO 'SCHOOLS OF EMINENCE'

The Punjab Education Department has abruptly transferred 162 teachers from government schools in rural areas to newly created 'Schools of Eminence', an AAP initiative. Teachers' unions have argued that the government is emptying government schools which already have a pathetic student-teacher ratio just to promote AAP's Schools of Eminence. The Democratic Teachers Front (DTF) issued a statement that these transfers were forced and none of the teachers were informed about it.

A government school in Ferozepur is protesting the transfer of the only computer science teacher in a school of four other teachers who cater to 320 students in the village. They demand the immediate rollback of the forced transfer.



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RAJASTHAN

BJP OFFICE VANDALISED IN RAJSAMAND AFTER BJP'S SECOND LIST OF CANDIDATES STONES HURLED AT STATE BJP CHIEF'S HOUSE, PROTESTS IN JAIPUR

There is a lot of unrest among many places in Rajasthan over the list of BJP candidates which have just come out, and many are protesting. Workers in Rajsamand, Chittorgarh, Alwar, Bundi, Udaipur, and Jaipur protested against party decisions, vandalizing offices and homes. Supporters burned effigies of state president CP Joshi and protested against ticket allocations. Deputy Mayor Paras Singhvi in Udaipur opposed Tarachand Jain's candidature, while Ashok Lahoti's backers protested in Sanganer. Rebellion also emerged in Kota South and Alwar city against chosen candidates, leading to widespread discontent among BJP supporters.



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RAJASTHAN

DALIT WOMAN GANG RAPED IN RAJASTHAN VILLAGE, 5 BOOKED

Three men have been arrested and five booked for allegedly being involved in the gang rape of a 32-year-old Dalit woman in Deedwana Kuchaman district of Rajasthan, police said Monday. Didwana Circle Officer Dharam Chand Poonia said though the incident happened in August, a case in the matter was filed only Sunday. The case was registered against five people under section 376 (D) (gang rape) of the Indian Penal Code and sections of SC/ST Act. Kishore Mali, Ramdev Thalod, and Tejpal have been taken into custody, while a hunt is on for the two accused still absconding, Poonia said. He said the victim was presented in a court on Monday where her statement was recorded.

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[HTTPS://WWW.NEWS18.COM/INDIA/DALIT-WOMAN-GANG-RAPED-IN-RAJASTHAN-VILLAGE-5-BOOKED-863I254.HTML](https://www.news18.com/india/dalit-woman-gang-raped-in-rajasthan-village-5-booked-863i254.html)



TAMIL NADU

REFORESTATION AND GREEN ENERGY INITIATIVES FOR SALEM DISTRICT

Salem district in India is set to see the plantation of 12 lakh saplings annually as part of a joint initiative by the Forest Department and Rural Development Department. District Collector S. Karmegam also revealed plans to allocate 1,000 acres for solar power generation, with 238 acres already earmarked for the Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation. Additionally, measures to enhance forest cover up to 33% over the next decade were discussed.

A conference on Climate Change Mission featured a short film and experts elaborating on climate change issues, including climate-resilient agriculture and horticulture practices, further emphasizing the rural aspect of this environmental initiative.



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TELANGANA

POLICE CRACK DOWN ON FARMERS PROTESTING AGAINST ETHANOL PLANT, ANGRY MOB BURNS CAR

Violence erupted during a farmers' protest in Chitanur village, Telangana, against an under-construction agricultural ethanol plant. Farmers were trying to halt machinery transport to the factory when the police intervened, leading to clashes. The police used birdshot to disperse the protesters, who responded by setting a police car on fire and throwing stones, injuring an officer. Additional police forces were deployed to control the situation, and tension remains.

Local residents and farmers oppose the plant due to concerns about water diversion from fields and pollution. Despite opposition from 14 organizations, construction of the Jurala Organic Farms and Agro Industries Ltd's ethanol plant commenced this year.



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TRIPURA

ISRAELI AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY PROMISES PARADIGM SHIFT IN STATE FARMING

Tripura's Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare minister Ratan Lal Nath disclosed the adoption of cutting-edge Israeli technology to boost agricultural productivity within the state. At the Center of Excellence for Vegetables, the Minister emphasized the center's role in equipping farmers with the latest agricultural advancements. The technology developed in Israel is being adapted to suit the climatic conditions of the state. Minister Nath expressed his hope for transformation in the agricultural sector through the technology transfer, pointing out districts that have already achieved self-sufficiency in agriculture,

and highlighted initiatives in soilless seed and sapling production as well as making high-yield variety seeds accessible at subsidized prices. He stressed the importance of combining technology with farming to revolutionize the agricultural sector.



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UTTAR PRADESH

NABARD AND BIRD, LUCKNOW JOINTLY ORGANIZE A TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BEST PRACTICES IN RURAL COOPERATIVE BANKS

On October 16 and 17, 2023, NABARD and BIRD will host a two-day conference on "Best Practises in Rural Cooperative Banks". Officials from NABARD, BIRD, the Uttar Pradesh government, state cooperative banks, district central cooperative banks, and primary agriculture credit societies were present at the event. The difficulties faced by rural cooperative banks, including their shrinking share of agricultural credit, are the main topic of discussion.

The development of infrastructure, branding, governance, and trust-building are important factors. The topics of capacity building, technology infusion, business diversification, and human resource management are covered in technical sessions. Future action plans are based on discussions to improve the excellence of rural cooperative banks, and a guidance document for internal audits in rural cooperative banks is published.

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WEST BENGAL

ALIPURDUAR WOMEN USE SAVINGS FROM LAKSHMIR BHANDAR SCHEME TO ORGANISE DURGA PUJA

With the assistance of their savings from the "Lakshmir Bhandar" , rural women in Alipurduar organized a Durga Puja in their village. They formed a committee, and with contributions from around 100 women, they raised Rs 1.6 lakh for the Puja. Although their budget was smaller than others, it was the first time an all-women's Puja was held in the village. In subsequent years, they intend to submit an application for state aid. The men in the community assisted, with one offering a location for the Puja and another contributing money to buy the idols. The Puja was made possible by these combined efforts, with contributions from many different community members.



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WEST BENGAL

ANGERED BY DEATH OF CALF, MOTHER ELEPHANT KILLS TWO, ATTACKS BUS IN WEST BENGAL

In West Bengal's Jhargram district, a female elephant attacked and killed two elderly men, along with damaging a bus and a motorcycle. The attack followed the death of the elephant's calf, and it occurred near the Rameshwar temple in the Chandabila forest range. The men were part of a group that had gone to see the calf's carcass, and they tragically lost their lives when the elephant flung them to the ground. The deceased were identified as Anand Jana and Shashadhar Mahata, both aged 60. Forest personnel were deployed to monitor the situation in response to the incident.



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