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*Story of Nariyala*



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## **Story of Narivala Panchayat- A change which united the village**

As once Mahatma Gandhi Quoted “*When the panchayat raj is established, public opinion will do what violence can never do*”. These were the golden words from the Father of Our Nation describing the power of true democracy and what our village panchayat are capable of. Gone were the days when the development of village is considered to be less important than urban today every village is working towards the betterment of the nation . Nariyala is one of the village in Faridabad district which has proven once again that every village has the power to change its condition and get noticed on national level. Gram panchayat Nariyala got the coveted *Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar*(2021) this year and rose up from the poverty, misery and became a beacon panchayat in the state of Haryana.



Figure 1 Play ground of

## **Brief about DDUPSP**

Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar (DDUPSP) is given to best performing Panchayats (District, Intermediate and Gram Panchayat) across the States/UTs in recognition of the good work that is done by PRIs at each level for improving delivery of services and public goods. Nine thematic categories for GPs are Sanitation, Civic Services (Drinking Water, Street Light, infrastructure), Natural Resource Management, Marginalized section (Women, SC/ST, Disabled, Senior Citizen), Social Sector performance, Disaster Management, Community Based Organizations/Individuals taking voluntary actions to support GPs, Innovation in Revenue Generation and e-Governance.

## **Introduction**

Naryala village is located in Ballabgarh Tehsil of Faridabad district in Haryana, India. It is situated 2km away from sub-district headquarter Ballabgarh and 8km away from district headquarter Faridabad. As per 2009 stats, Naryala village is also a gram panchayat.

The total geographical area of village is 378 hectares. Naryala has a total population of 2,855 peoples (2011 Census). There are about 490 houses in Naryala village. As per 2019 stats, Naryala village

comes under Prithla assembly & Faridabad parliamentary constituency. Ballabhgarh is nearest town to Nariyala.

The Major issue in any development work is to inculcate the value of ownership among people until people take the ownership of any intervention it would never become sustainable in long run. Nariyala had the same issue , people want development but no one from village came forward and took initiative . That's when ex-sarpanch of Nariyala Sh. Yogendra Sharma stepped in and took this task of getting people think about the development of their village. He created awareness on hygiene , social equality, education etc. through gram sabha so that people could understand its importance and take the ownership of village.



Figure 2 Middle school Nariyala



Initially there were many issues in village which blocked the development of Nariyala like poor public services , drainage issue , public harmony etc. Sarpanch along with gram sabha started working on these issues one by one. As Sh. Yogendra comes from a family of teachers and lecturers he took education of children on priority . He restored the middle school which was very old , planted trees and painted walls of school premises so that children gets attracted to come to school. Slowly attendance of children got improved. Panchayat painted the walls of school premises to make public aware of social issues like female feticide , public hygiene etc.



Figure 3 Community hall

Next the sarpanch and gram sabha worked on Public services like electricity , roads and potable water , community hall , play ground etc. He made community hall for different community of village so that there will be public harmony among all. He also developed the cremation area for community with closed boundary so that rituals could be performed properly .

Gram Panchayat also worked on public distribution system like providing clean water to every home , installed taps on every water outlet so that water waste could be stopped. Another major work done by the panchayat is that they have provided gas pipeline to every house hold so that women doesn't have to bear harmful smoke while cooking and also it helps to protect environment.

Electrification of village is done under the *Jagmag* scheme , panchayat cleared the due amount from electricity department and enrolled themselves under this scheme. 4-5 new transformer has been procured under this scheme so that whole village could be covered. Today the billing percentage of Nariyala is 95% and also village is enjoying 24 hours of electricity.

Panchayat also worked on health facility and provided concrete boundary to community health center. A regular doctor is sitting from the past two years after the intervention of Panchayat. The major business of village is cattle and agriculture so a veterinary hospital is much needed to provide health facility to farm animals. The construction of veterinary hospital is started.



Figure 4 Open

A play ground for children is developed through convergence of MGNREGA scheme so that our youth could utilize their energy in a proper way. It also has a open gym facility for common public to do exercise in clean environment

Earlier many children used to go to nearby towns to purchase books and prepare for competitive exams and study as there was no library in the village where children can sit and study in peaceful manner. Looking at this issue panchayat built a library in a government school with the help of Rotary club Faridabad and well to do families so that children can fulfill their aspirations. Recently a girl got selected for Lieutenant in Army from Nariyala and 2-3 children got into MBBS after library is established. 10-15 children got selected for various clerical jobs in various department and many children also got selected as government teachers after studying in this library. This facility also has water cooler, proper toilets and rain water harvesting system in it.



Figure 5 Library



Nariyala Panchayat also developed beautiful parks so that people can enjoy clean and fresh air while sitting in it with blocks for people to walk on it. These parks are so popular in the area that people from nearby blocks and villages regularly visit and enjoy their time with families . These parks are completely maintained by Panchayat.

Nariyala enjoys social harmony and all the disputes are solved within the panchayat and rarely any incidence goes to police or judiciary. This indicates how capable and strong is the panchayat in village and panchayat has the confidence of public.

Panchayat has four anganwadis for toddlers to get education and meals , it also has a dedicated vehicle for waste collection from house hold and two workers has been appointed by panchayat for collecting waste a basic fee for every house hold of Rs. 50 is being collected to manage petty expense of panchayt.

Nariyala panchayat sets an example as how a village could be developed by panchayt leaders through willpower and little effort. After Nariyala got the coveted panchayat award many nearby village got inspired from it and took development work more seriously and understood the importance of need analysis and convergence.

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