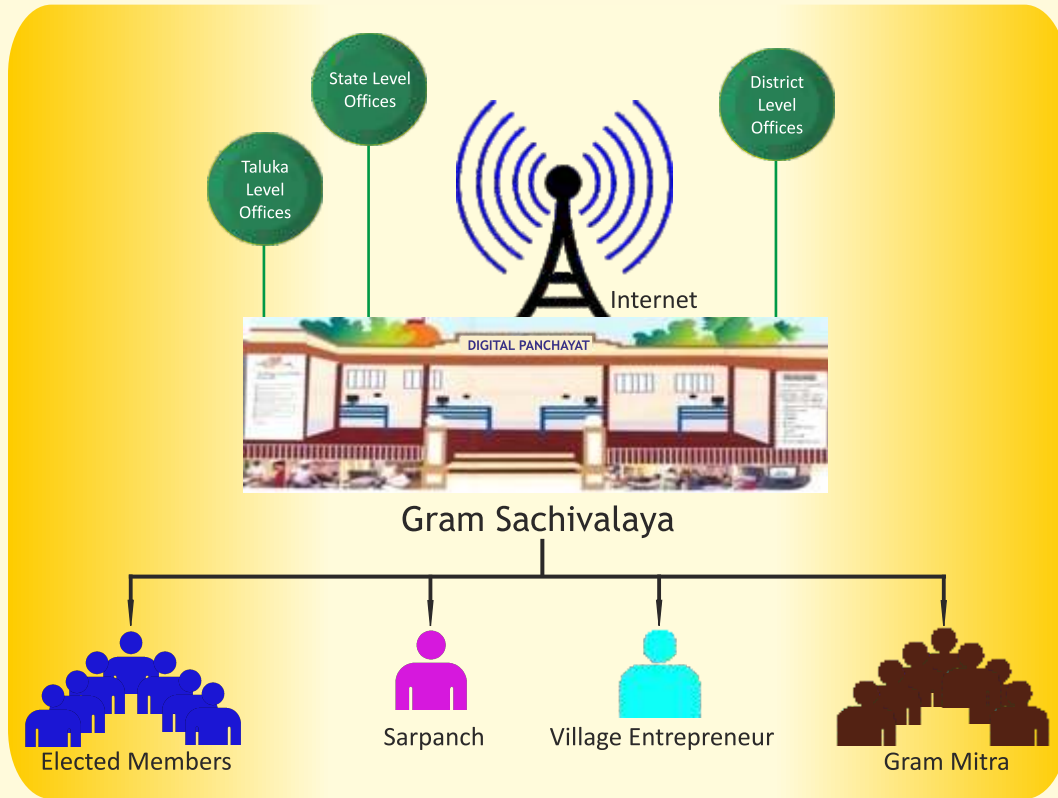


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DP Digital Panchayat



Empowering Panchayats Digitally

250,000 Panchayats in India where real governance are supposed to happen but that is where the disconnect is. 99% of these Panchayats are devoid of ICT connected world of knowledge. In order to make Panchayats in India visible bottom-up, benefit the information revolution, and help Panchayats have virtual home to connect with citizens and the hierarchy of governance, DEF & NIXI has launched a Pilot program to create 500 DPs across 10-15 States and inspire others to emulate the same.

So far, DEF has been to establish Digital Panchayat Centers in Kanpur, Balaghet, Alwar, Tehri, Champaran, and Sonapur. The upcoming centers are planned in Kotagiri, Madikeri, Chanderi, Tura, Varanasi and Rohtak

Digital Panchayat is a functional and dynamic digital platform and working station designed and created for each and every Panchayat in India, powered by Internet. The objective is to facilitate and improve Panchayat functioning on day-to-day basis, through two way flow of information and content. The goal is to realise various development objectives at grassroots level using digital technology. Digital Panchayat programme is national initiative of Digital Empowerment Foundation and National Internet Exchange of India (Dept of IT, Govt. of India). Information empowerment of the village councillors (surpanches) and creating web based identity are the key outcomes of the digital panchayat project.



Digital Panchayat components

- >> Digital information & content platform;
- >> Public grievance redressal forum;
- >> Networking & coordination platform;
- >> Public service delivery platform;
- >> Digital repository of Panchayat resources;
- >> Social & cultural platform;
- >> Trade and economic gateway.
- >> Web identity through .in domain.
- >> Communication links through e-mails, massaging and online conferencing.
- >> Local language content and services.



Why Digital Panchayat

- >> To improve efficiency and functioning of Panchayats with information and content resource platform;
- >> To facilitate deployment of rural citizen services delivery through digital means;
- >> To create a digital data center at every Panchayat level for planning and programme implementation;
- >> To put every Panchayat on the global digital map with dotIN address;
- >> To generate social, cultural and economic advantages for every Panchayat with a two way information and content gateway.



Digital Panchayat Activities

- >> Develop a comprehensive Digital Panchayat Platform;
- >> Training & capacity building of Panchayat representatives in IT skills & management of digital platform;
- >> Creation of a content & data resource bank;
- >> Operation & Maintenance of digital panchayat platform.
- >> Creation of website and sustaining it for panchayats getaway and village getaway.
- >> Digital Panchayats toolkit for panchayats & other stakeholders, as resource manual.



Digital Panchayat Pilot

The first pilot programme of Digital Panchayat took place in 2007. So far, 100 Digital Panchayats have been created in Maharashtra and more than 200 across other parts of the country.

DEF & NIXI's Digital Panchayat Programme envisages to create 2,50,000 Panchayat Websites in India; make 5,00,000 individuals and Panchayat functionaries ICT literate; and boast mechanism to create 2,50,000 Panchayat Digital Centres.