



## INNOVATIONS DRIVING TRANSFORMATION

GADCHIROLI, MAHARASHTRA

here are various innovations and Government initiatives that supplement the community at Gadchiroli. But some of these marked a notable difference in the lives of people while helping conserve the forests and eco-systems at large.

Fulora, an innovative program, was designed to achieve the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN) in Zila Parishad School for Grade II to Grade VIII. The objectives of the project are to develop the reading and writing competencies and numeracy skills of the students and build the capacities of teachers for adopting Activity-Based Learning in the classroom. The project is currently being implemented through Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad, Gadchiroli.

In this project, children are taught through activities for providing conceptual clarity. Then taken onto a specially designed Fulora workbook and at last, teaching is done through their syllabus textbook. In the beginning, training of master trainers was conducted in activity-based learning, and later, these master trainers trained the remaining teachers. In the third step, Bal Bhavan, a repository of teaching-learning material was developed in all schools and a baseline test was conducted to understand the existing scenario of FLN in the District.

## The four main pillars of the Fulora project

- 1. Activity-Based Learning and Bal Bhavan
- 2. Extensive Monitoring

- 3. Parents' engagement through School Management Committee
- 4. Periodic Assessment of students

Using these pillars, the District aims to achieve foundational literacy and numeracy, and the results are already pouring in.

## THE IMPACT:

The project is benefitting about 32,645 students and 1,925 teachers from 380 schools.

It has enhanced the linguistic and numeracy skills and also there is a long-term impact of the project in combating left wing extremism.

There is a 10% decline in the number of students who cannot identify and read Marathi.

There is a 15% increase in the number of students who can perform division.



These Ekal Centers will be equipped with an administrative facility, a banking facility, a storage facility, and a training facility. Also, these centers will be enabled with backward and forward linkage, making them a complete and sustainable ecosystem to undertake any activity in relation to Minor Forest Produce (MFP).

