

Rural Gujarat and Reliance

(In Praise of Gujarat)



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RRDT An Initiative of its Kind

It is known fact that majority of our population live in rural areas. Of late, the trend of movement of rural population to urban areas has become more pronounced. The reasons for this, are not only economic but the quality of life available in urban areas also plays a decisive factor.

Gujarat state realized quite early the need to raise the level of rural infrastructure for betterment of quality of life there. Among many initiatives in this direction, Gokul Gram Yojana (GGY) is most noteworthy.

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has always taken its social obligation seriously. It is in this context that Reliance Rural Development Trust (RRDT) has been formed. RRDT has been actively participating with the Government of Gujarat in creation of facilities under GGY.

In a span of about eight years, RRDT has constructed/undertaken 6246 facilities across 5558 villages located in all nooks and corners of the State. Many of these villages are so remote that RRDT facility is the first of its kind of those villages. The quality of construction stands out, so much so, that people vie for getting a facility sanctioned for their village. It is this trust and confidence that we at RRDT try to live up to. In fact, we deem it a privilege to be associated with this noble venture. For this, our thanks to the State Government and its various organs.

Rural Gujarat and Reliance

Gujarat, has attracted the attention of the whole nation and also the world for its vibrant and ambitious road-map of extensive development. The progressive out-look and approach of the Government of Gujarat reflect in its policies, programs and performance. Gokul Gram Yojana (GGY) is one of such programs of the State Government meant for creating rural infrastructure.

Reliance Rural Development Trust (RRDT) has been the partner in progress in this area with the Government of Gujarat since September 2001. Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL); the promoter of the RRDT; has a humble but noteworthy presence in the industrial arena of the State. A textile unit in Naroda near Ahmedabad, a petrochemical complex at Hazira near Surat, a huge world-class industrial complex at Jamnagar consisting of petroleum refineries and petrochemical plants; and two large petrochemical complexes at Vadodara and Dahej of erstwhile IPCL are in ambit of RIL in Gujarat.

Despite tremendous and enviable industrial and business achievements, Reliance has always remained committed and attached to the basic human and social values. Initiated by the legendary Shri Dhirubhai Ambani, the founder chairman and furthered by Shri Mukesh Ambani, Chairman & Managing Director; RIL is willingly and efficiently pursuing the humble tradition of shouldering corporate social responsibilities in right earnest.

RRDT took up responsibility of implementation of the GGY, under the directives from the Government of Gujarat, in a planned and sustained manner in September 2001. As a result, in a span of about eight years, 6246 facilities in 5558 beneficiary villages of 213 taluka of 25 districts in the State are created. The facilities include construction of Anganwadis (2492), Panchayat Houses (741), Village Roads (1384), Community Halls (1515), Check Dams (28) and Drinking Water Facilities (81). Crux of the whole affair is the approach adopted and practiced by the RRDT team to this noble government task. Employment of local labours and procurement of construction materials viz. sand, bricks, stones etc locally are given priority while creating village facilities.





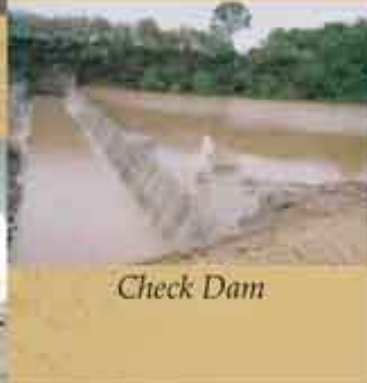
Glimpses of Facilities Created by RRDT



Drinking Water Facility



Anganwadi



Check Dam



Village CC Road



Panchayatghar



Community Hall

Thus an approximate amount of Rs. 82 crore is paid as rural labour charges and about 81 lakhs total manday's work is generated in terms of rural employment. Not only that, RRDT also ensured to collect the empty cement bags and hand over the same to the respective Village Panchayats for using them to prepare 'boribandhs' as a water harvesting measure.

RRDT also took-up construction of 28 check dams, the dream project of Government of Gujarat, besides continuing the existing work under the GGY.

We at RRDT and also as RIL, put on record, our sincere appreciation for the whole hearted support from the Commissioner and Secretary-Rural Development, respective District Implementation Committees (DICs), respective District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) and Panchayat Authorities at various levels.

We are grateful to the Honourable Chief Minister of the Government of Gujarat Shri Narendrabhai Modi who has been continuously inspiring us in our endeavour. We express our gratitude for providing us an opportunity to play a role in this unique synergy of industrial initiatives and government support to reshape the rural scene.

Parimal Nathwani
Chairman
Reliance Rural Development Trust and
Member of Parliament
(Rajya Sabha)

RRDT WORK : OVER VIEW (upto year 2008-09)

DISTRICT	TALUKAS	VILLAGES	FACILITIES								TOTAL	EXPENDITURE Rs.in (Lakhs)	
			Aangan Wadi	Panchayat Ghar	C C Road	Community Hall	Drinking Water	Check Dam	Others	Toilet Block			
1	AHMEDABAD	11	419	208	68	0	172	0	1	1	0	450	1846.32
2	ANAND	8	197	209	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209	644.27
3	AMRELI	11	206	89	35	28	54	18	1	0	0	225	872.47
4	BANASKANTHA	11	234	142	4	111	17	0	0	0	0	274	910.00
5	BHAVNAGAR	11	234	129	33	12	57	0	0	0	0	231	842.00
6	BHARUCH	8	143	30	0	79	42	0	0	0	0	151	642.02
7	DAHOD	5	214	25	16	106	68	0	0	0	0	215	663.00
8	GANDHINAGAR	4	125	79	17	9	58	0	0	0	0	163	622.50
9	GODHRA	10	213	27	2	130	58	0	3	0	0	220	760.00
10	DANG	2	9	14	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	22	55.47
11	JAMNAGAR	10	729	139	162	356	201	0	6	0	0	864	3323.51
12	JUNAGADH	13	254	104	73	88	51	17	1	0	0	334	1203.59
13	KHEDA	10	206	202	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	207	623.47
14	KUTCH	9	140	63	26	58	30	0	2	0	0	179	630.00
15	MEHSANA	9	199	177	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	206	615.00
16	NARMADA	4	30	37	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	52	167.46
17	NAVSARI	5	111	76	5	10	30	0	1	0	0	122	667.52
18	PATAN	7	200	87	35	22	41	18	0	0	0	203	733.29
19	PORBANDAR	3	120	78	32	0	8	19	0	0	0	137	424.55
20	RAJKOT	14	535	176	110	99	238	9	0	0	0	632	2529.00
21	SABARKANTHA	12	112	77	2	35	4	0	2	0	0	120	399.00
22	SURENDRANAGAR	10	191	51	38	40	87	0	0	1	0	217	773.29
23	SURAT	14	330	44	27	77	210	0	3	0	0	361	1835.81
24	VADODARA	7	242	110	23	88	49	0	0	0	0	270	897.00
25	VALSAD	5	165	119	4	14	40	0	2	2	1	182	800.45
TOTAL	213	5558	2492	741	1384	1515	81	28	4	1	6246	23480.99	



About Gokul Gram Yojana

Approach

Gokul epitomizes a village in the psych of every Indian. The word Gokul relates to a joyful rural ambience equipped with basic amenities. Government of Gujarat firmed up a long-drawn road map to improve village infrastructure and basic amenities in a phased manner sometimes in mid '90s. The extra-ordinary thing about this program is its approach. The planning decision is need based, taken and implemented also at village level only. A program implementation committee, consisting of a village head, two executive members of the village panchayat, head-master of a village primary school, chairman of village co-operative society/milk producers' co-operative society, nominees of Government of Gujarat and representative of the donor etc get together, identify the need of the facilities and decides.

Concept

Gujarat's villages ultimately have to be beautiful, clean and equipped with all basic infrastructure for a serene life that of Gokul, the village of Lord Krishna's childhood.

Objectives

- Villages with clean environment, beautiful surrounding and having basic amenities with time frame.
- Provide basic amenities.
- Increase employment opportunities.
- Integrate various development schemes.
- Integrate peoples participation with the development process.
- Idolize the feeling of community partnership.
- Decentralization of power.



A Village Road Surfaced with Bitumen.



A Village Fair in the premises of a Community Hall





Chief Minister Shri Narendrabhai Modi at a Village Fair Accompanied by RRDT Officials





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Smt. Anandiben Patel, the then Minister for Education, Government of Gujarat in a Function Jointly Organised by the GGY Implementation Program, RRDT and DRDA at Patan.

Shri Amitbhai Shah, the Minister for Home, Government of Gujarat Performing 'Bhoomi-Pujan'



In Appreciation of RRDT

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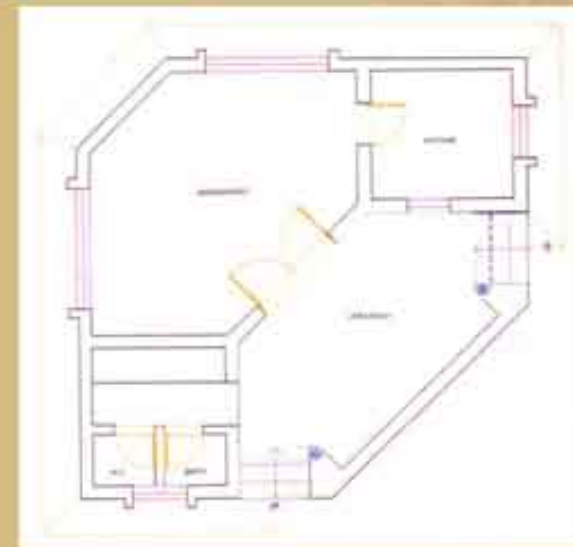
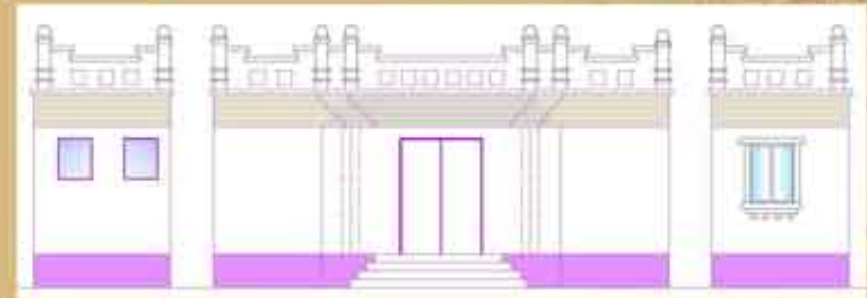
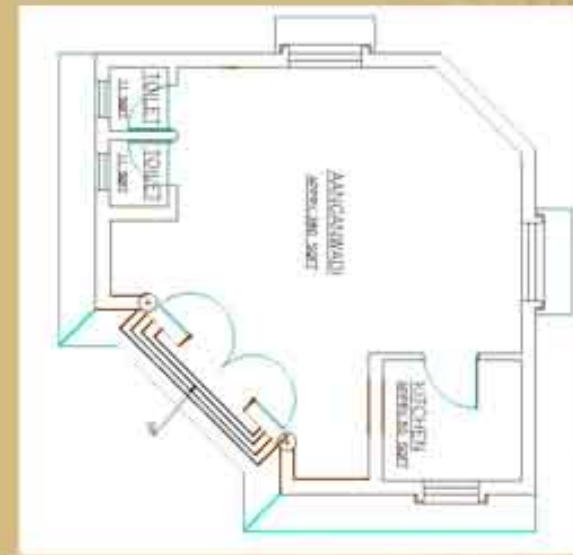
Aanganwadis

If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the Children.

Mahatma Gandhi



Aanganwadi is a nursery centre to prepare village tiny tots for pre-primary and primary education. The centre is equipped with a kitchen and wash rooms. 2492 Aanganwadis in as many villages are constructed till now.



Schematic Drawing of Aanganwadi



Drinking Water Facilities



RRDT under GGY, constructed 81 drinking water storage facilities in the villages with capacity varying from 25,000 to 300,000 litres.



*The water in the sky, the water in the rivers,
and water in wells whose source is ocean,
may all these sacred waters protect me.*

Rig Veda

Village Roads

Bitumen surfaced roads of 300 meters length connecting the center of the village (choro) with the main road and Cement Concrete (C.C.) roads of 150 meters length are constructed in 1384 villages till now.



*The path of the just is as the shining light; that
shineth more and more unto the perfect day...*

Solomon





Check Dams



"Living creatures are nourished by food, and food is nourished by rain; rain itself is the WATER of life, which comes from selfless worship and service..."

Bhagavad Gita

Water is a scarce resource, Conservation of each drop of water is a matter of great satisfaction. Check Dam is a way to conserve water not only by way of collecting it in the reservoir but also by way of recharging the ground water table of the surrounding areas. RRDT constructed 28 check dams across Gujarat.





Glimpses of Check Dams constructed in the villages

The Summary for Check Dams

Number of Check dams : 28
Approx. Cost : Rs 4.10 Crore
Water Storage Capacity : 31 Million CuFt
Benefited Area : 3800 Hectares





Community Halls



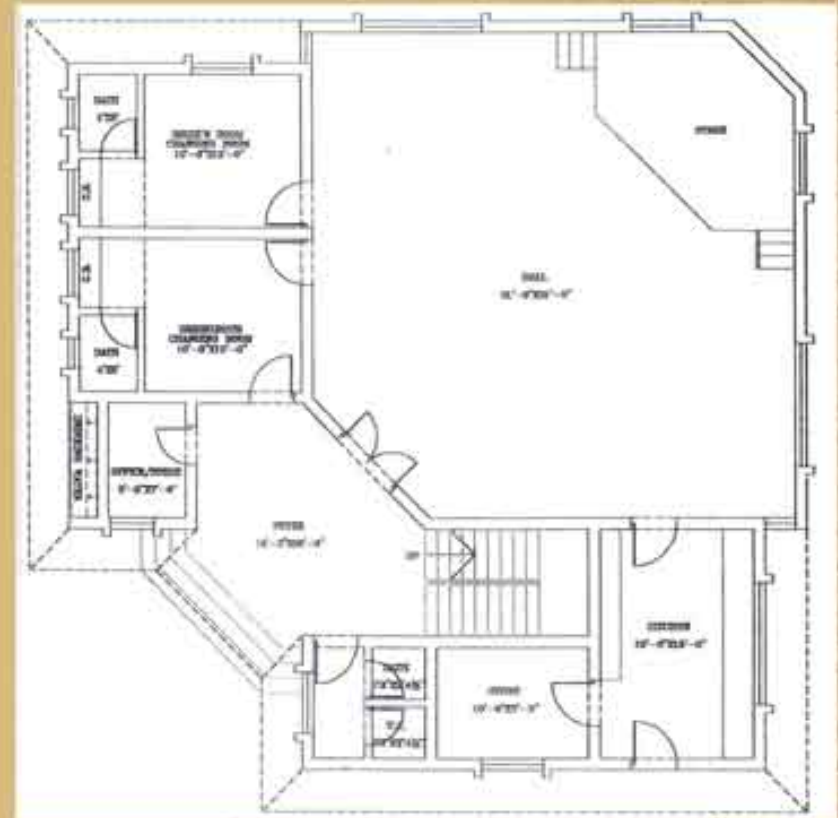
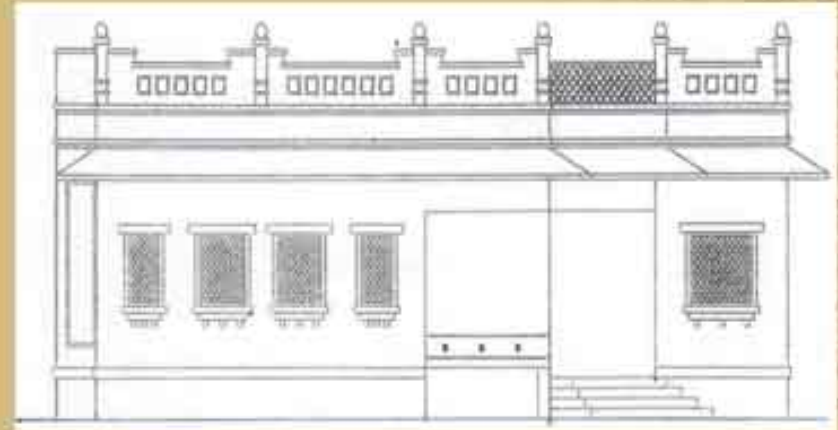
Village Community Halls constructed by RRDT under GGY of the Government of Gujarat are multipurpose halls for villages. Whether for gram-sabha or a marriage in the village, polling-booth or even village fair; or a make-shift Public Health Centres; the Community Halls are much in demand. Total 1515 village community halls have been built in villages of Gujarat.



An Ongoing Session in Village Community Hall



Readying for a Cultural Show



Schematic Drawing of Community Hall



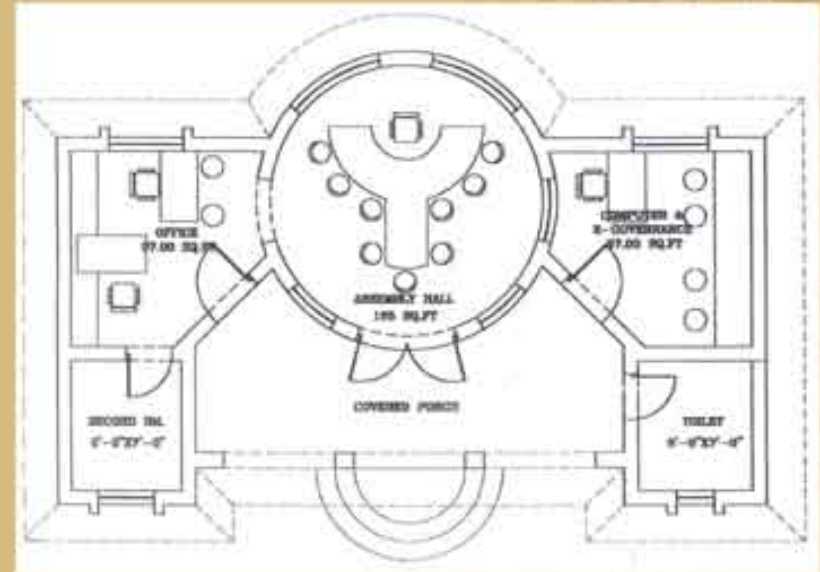
Panchayatghar



Panchayatghar is the center of people's power at the village level. The building has provision for offices of Sarpanch and Talati cum Mantri, a central hall for meetings of the elected members and a record room. 741 Panchayatghars have been constructed so far.



A Peep into Village Panchayat



Schematic Drawing of Panchayatghar

**"Just as the whole Universe is
contained in the Self, so is India
contained in villages."**

Mahatma Gandhi



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