

Tikli Village gains insights from Anna Hazare's Ralegan Siddhi for developing Tikli as model village

Gurugram: The representatives of Tikli Village, Gurugram gained valuable insights from a five-day tour to Ralegan Siddhi and Hivare Bazar, Maharashtra. The objective of the visit conducted under the aegis of DLF Foundation was to provide exposure to the community to a model village. The long-term goal is to convert Tikli into a smart village modelled on Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana of the government.

For the said purpose, a total of 25 community members from Tikli Village including the sarpanch, School teachers, Panchayat members and several women undertook the tour. The delegation also got the opportunity to attend a training session addressed by social activist Anna Hazare.

"The five-day tour conducted by DLF Foundation is part of our long-term vision to improve the overall development parameters of Tikli and develop it as a Model Village. We are glad that it received an overwhelming response from representatives of Tikli. We look forward to undertaking more such initiatives in our effort to develop Tikli as a Model Village," said Col. Prakash Tewari, Executive Director, DLF Foundation.

"The tour of Ralegan Siddhi was extremely beneficial in helping us understand the intricacies of development. We are truly inspired by the socio-political model of the village. It would not be long before Tikli emulates its success story. Thanks to DLF Foundation, our village would finally embark on the road of progress," said Raveena Devi, Sarpanch, Tikli Village.

"The tour of Ralegan Siddhi turned out to be very fruitful. Ralegan Siddhi has a unique model of development which incorporates sustainable practices like environment conservation and solid waste management. The lessons of Anna Hazare further motivated us to develop Tikli on the lines of Ralegan Siddhi," said Mr. Ram Prasad, a member of delegation.

The visit was conducted under the Model Village Project of DLF Foundation. Through the Model Village Project, DLF Foundation proposes to set a benchmark for social and economic development model in rural locations of Gurgaon. The aim of the project is to improve the overall development indicators of the Tikli village so as to uplift the overall quality of life of the community. DLF Foundation has evolved its own set of parameters which are based on detailed assessment and review of government programmes for creating a Model Village. The project has incorporated several initiatives incorporating education, livelihood, healthcare, skill development, waste management and village leadership development. DLF Foundation had earlier established Community Water Treatment System, crematorium and Mobile Medicare Unit in Tikli Village under the project.

Location: Ralegan Siddhi village, Ahmadnagar, Maharashtra

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Anna Hazare: We need to strengthen Gram Sabha in the villages by periodic meetings and transparency in implementation of Govt. initiatives. Gram Sabha is self-manifested and it is the one that sends its representatives to Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha. It can send as well as call off its representatives.

Brahmdev(Sarpanch, Tikli Village): Learnings that we had during our interaction with Shri Anna Hazare is going to enable us to enhance the village governance structure and design the village development projects with participation of the community. We have got several new ideas for inclusion in our village development projects like water conservation, environment protection, quality education, sanitation, Gram Sabha and transparency in governance, etc. to name a few.