

Advancing Development: Community Swaraj



Workshop on
**Role of Community Swaraj in
Achieving SDGs**

Madurai Symposium 2021

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DHAN Foundation as a development institution has been organizing Biennial Symposium on topical interests for the past 18 years with the participation of all stakeholders engaged in the process of community development. Our 10th edition of Biennial Symposium on "Community Swaraj" is now scheduled from October 25 - 29, 2021. Given the epidemiological situation in the country and the prognosis for a possible third wave, barring a few events like inaugural session and valediction, all our symposium events like seminars, conferences workshops etc. will be held on digital mode.



DHAN Panchayat Development Foundation is mainly working with the purpose of Advance Direct Democracy and Good Governance for Poverty Reduction through Panchayat Raj Institutions and Integrate Community level People Institutions (SHGs, Farmers Groups, Youth Association, etc..) with local governance system for leverage and access entitlements and Creating Space in PRI for graduation of Community leaders in political sphere and linking traditional governance systems with formal Panchayat institutions for synergy .

As a part of Symposium, DHAN panchayat Development Foundation would like to conduct webinar with the theme of "Role of community Swaraj in achieving SDG" on 26th October 2021.

The twin objectives of the Panchayati Raj system as envisaged by the Constitution of India are to ensure local economic development and social justice. They as constitutional bodies represent the model of community participation and social empowerment. Basic services among others include: Primary education, Primary health, Safe Drinking water, Sanitation and street lighting, Environment protection, Common property resources (CPR) management.

These local government institutions are powerful vehicles in achieving aspects of human development. Localisation of SDGs at Village Panchayats level, enables quality of life to citizens at large on the following areas:

- a) **Education** - Ensure all the children attend school and no-dropout, Schools with basic facilities such as teachers, books, even roads and toilets in schools are present and functioning in the GP
- b) **Health** - Ill-health is a drain of resources & it leads to poverty of families with resource vulnerability. It also



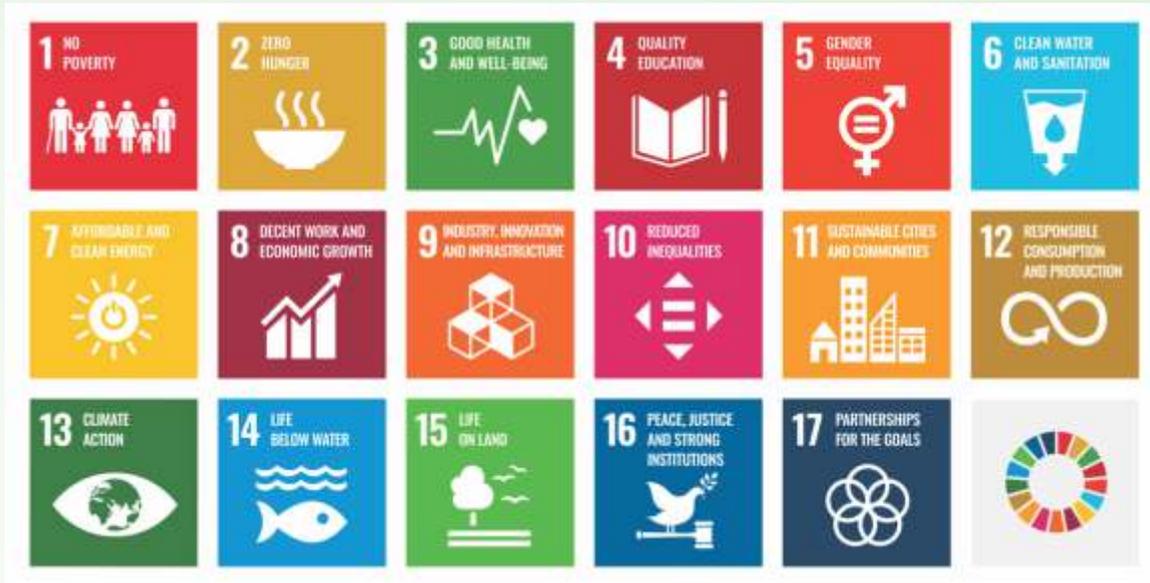
leads loss of wages and related medical expenses can easily turn a prosperous family into destitute.

- c) **Housing, Sanitation, Social protection** - which are all basic services that impact health, well- being and ultimately poverty
- d) **Opportunities for employment** - creation of labour banks, skilling farmers on mechanization can all contribute towards creating employment opportunities Enabling environment for thrift and credit, micro finance, opening of bank accounts and linkages with banks- this will make financing a micro enterprise easier within a short span of time. A critical outcome may be the disappearance of money lenders from the village. This will have very significant impact on reducing rural poverty.
- e) **Improving land productivity** - this would ensure availability of safe and nutritious food, which will in turn improve health and income of the poor

As a part of Symposium, this webinar calls for papers from Professionals, NGO's Faculties, Students, we expect more than 100 participants from various institutions.

Themes of paper in different component paper presentation

- 1.Role of community swaraj in achieving SDG- Quality of life
- 2.Role of community swaraj in achieving SDG- Health
- 3.Role of community swaraj in achieving SDG- Environment
- 4.Role of community swaraj in achieving SDG- Education
- 5.Role of community swaraj in achieving SDG- Gender equality



Other information

- Registered participants should submit their full papers via email to dhandpdf@dhan.org. in the prescribed format on or before 25th October 2021.
- Selected paper shall be presented by the author on 26th October 2021 in the symposium webinar. 10 to 15 minutes could be allocated
- Certificate of Participation with citation of the topic will be provided to all the presenter after the webinar

Date and Venue

The workshop (hybrid mode) will be held on October 26, 2021 Tuesday at DHAN Foundation, Madurai, Tamil Nadu.
Time : 9.30 registration and programme 10.00 am. to 1.30pm. The following webinar link is given below:

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/igo-qaxx-aup>

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