In response to the call given by PM Narendra Modi for ‘Clean India’ by 2019 and providing better sanitation facilities in rural areas through Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). The elected MLAs are taking lead by initiating sanitation actively to make their constancy become Open Defecation Free (ODF) in Andhra Pradesh. For this, Tadipatri MLA, son Mr. J.G. Amaranth Reddy established a trust in the name of Sparsa. The trust focusing on Health, Education and Sanitation activities within the constancy. Sparsa trust is supporting finance for building toilets and improving sanitation facilities and followed by ODF within the constancy.

**GP Highlights:**
- Households: 938,
- Population: 232,
- Toilets constructed under NGP: 135,
- Achievement of NGP: 2007,
- Toilets constructed under SBM: 97,
- Spar-sa Trust constructed toilets: 97,
- Achievement of ODF: 2016,
- Rural Development Trust (RDT) houses: 27,
- Gerdau steel plant donated Drinking water Mineral plant under CSR

**Reasons for NGP slippage:**
- NGP is limited program
- Household interest and opinions were not considered
- Lack of motivation for toilets usage
- No proper plans for sustain ability
- Increasing of households and population

**SBM highlights:**
- First ODF in Mandal
- Initial stage onwards brought importance to sanitation
- Concentration on public behavioral change
- Giving option to beneficiary regarding toilet sizes and structure freedom
- Motivation and usage part taking lead by GP teams
- ODF plus plans are not clear in SBM also
Toilets brought beautification in each street in the Terannapalli-GP

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The idea is to ensure 100 per cent sanitation for those living in rural areas that dream comes true in by the end of 2019. MLA and Sparsa Trust are supporting to the government officials to make the villages ODF in the constancy. In a phase manner Sparsa Trust is initiating the toilet construction process as well as supporting to improve the basic sanitation facilities in rural areas of Tadipatri constancy.

Sparsa Trust initiation under SBM:

It is not just about construction and achieving 100 percent open defecation free (ODF) environment in the rural areas that the Sparsa Trust has initiate upon, but also taking the lead to bear additional cost to help build toilets and providing basic sanitation facilities.

With the clear cut mechanism the trust has stepped its cleanliness drive to build toilets in 97 households in the Terannapalli village to achieve the ODF status. In connection with this, the representatives of the Gram Panchayat (GP) team and Mandal level officials have done a survey taking feedback from every household. The baseline survey helped the group by identifying about 97 households not having toilet facilities out of 232 households in the GP. The other side, the 97 households do not have that much of financial status to initiate the toilet construction process.

Though the government will provide Rs.15,000 in the toilet under SBM, the trust representatives of the Sparsa trust understand the financial condition of the households and says that extra funds are required to complete the toilets construction. Apart from Rs.15,000, it will cost about Rs. 3000-5000 extra per household to build a toilet due to material cost as well as labour cost involved.

Role of Sparsa Trust:

- Bulk Material procurement
- Material transportations through trust vehicles
- Providing Masson's cost Rs. 3000 for each toilet
- Households motivation for toilet location, preference and size
- Supporting labour work done by households
- Trust proper monitoring for material procurement
- Trust and GP team is monitoring for construction quality
- GP level team supported for Geo-tagging Documentation
- Mandal level team supported for funds release within the timeframe

Post construction monitoring for ODF:

- Open defecation places cleared with machinery
- GP team started morning & Night “Gasthi” for public awareness
- Most of the households are aware of toilet usage from NGP period onwards
- Open defecation leading to cut off of government services
- Strict rules initiated by MLA as well as Sparsa trust member for importance of sanitation
- Regular awareness and motivation campaigns conducting by GP team
- Planning for other sanitation and GP development activities

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A Kachha house with Pakka toilet

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