

Rural Immersion – Puthapana

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Puthapana

Introduction

Location Details:

- Revenue Village: Puthapana
- Gram Panchayat: Jagat

Demographics:

- Households: Approx. 150
- Population: Predominantly **Meena** and **Bheel** tribes
- Minority of **Vaishnav** families

Geography:

- Terrain: Hilly
- Settlement Pattern: Scattered hamlets of 5-10 houses each, spread across the area

Social Dynamics



Hamlets are tribe-specific - no mixed-tribe hamlets



While coexisting peacefully, **Meena tribe considers itself socially above the Bheel**



Limited social interaction between Meena and Bheel communities



Dietary & Cultural Practices:



Meena & Bheel tribes: Non-vegetarian, alcohol consumption common



Vaishnav families (minority): Strictly **vegetarian and abstain from alcohol**

Water



Current Water Situation:

Severe water scarcity across the village

Water supply lines installed in some hamlets, but **no active supply yet**



Access & Collection:

Women fetch water from nearby wells for drinking & household needs

Many wells dry up during summer

In dry months, water must be fetched from **distant active wells**

Government-installed handpumps exist but are **insufficient**



WATER

Sanitation

- **Official Status:**
 - Village is **marked Open Defecation Free (ODF)** on paper
- **Actual Situation:**
 - **Public toilet exists** but is **rarely used**
 - **Few households** have toilets built under **Swachh Bharat Mission**
 - Most are **non-functional** due to **lack of water supply**
- **Open defecation still prevalent** among villagers

Jhamuri – RSMM Issue



River Overview:

Jhamuri River flows through the village

Mostly dry year-round, with water only during monsoon



Allegations by Villagers:

Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals (RSMM) allegedly built a check dam nearby

Water is reportedly diverted to other areas, causing the river to dry up

Villagers claim this has impacted local wells and groundwater levels



Legal Intervention:

In 2008, Court ordered RSMM to halt operations temporarily.

Within a week, water returned to previously dry wells

FRA – Land

rights

Implementation of FRA:

- Forest Rights Act (FRA) has enabled villagers to receive land rights (pattas) for housing and farming
- Most residents have received pattas
- A few files still pending due to incomplete documents or pending verification

Historical Conflict:

- In 1997, villagers faced threats of eviction from forest officials
- Officials ordered removal of "encroachments" and allegedly threatened to bury people alive
- This led to a protest by the villagers defending their right to the land

Agriculture



Agriculture & Irrigation



Land Use & Crops:

2-2.5 acres of land per household, with 70% used for wheat and corn.

Other crops: Mustard, kangni, gowar.

Lack of diversified farming (No green vegetables due to wildlife threats).

Chickpeas not grown due to peacock attacks.



Irrigation & Water Challenges:

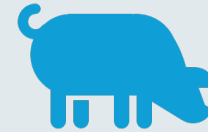
Water Pipeline & Taps Installed ✓ but **no water supply** ✗.

Handpumps available but limited access to clean water.

Well water dependency—some areas get water, others don't.

Farmers rely on rain or limited water sources for irrigation.

Some fields dry up in summer due to **lack of proper irrigation infrastructure**.



Wildlife & Agricultural Losses:

Wild boars destroy maize crops, making it unviable.

Cheetahs & hyenas prey on cattle if left unattended in forests.

Peacocks eat chickpea crops, discouraging farmers from growing them.



Road & Transport (Government & Private Services)

Public Transport Availability

- **Buses to Udaipur:** Available early morning (around 5-6 AM) for commuting.
- **Commute for Work:** Males travel to Udaipur and Jagat for labor jobs.

Road Conditions

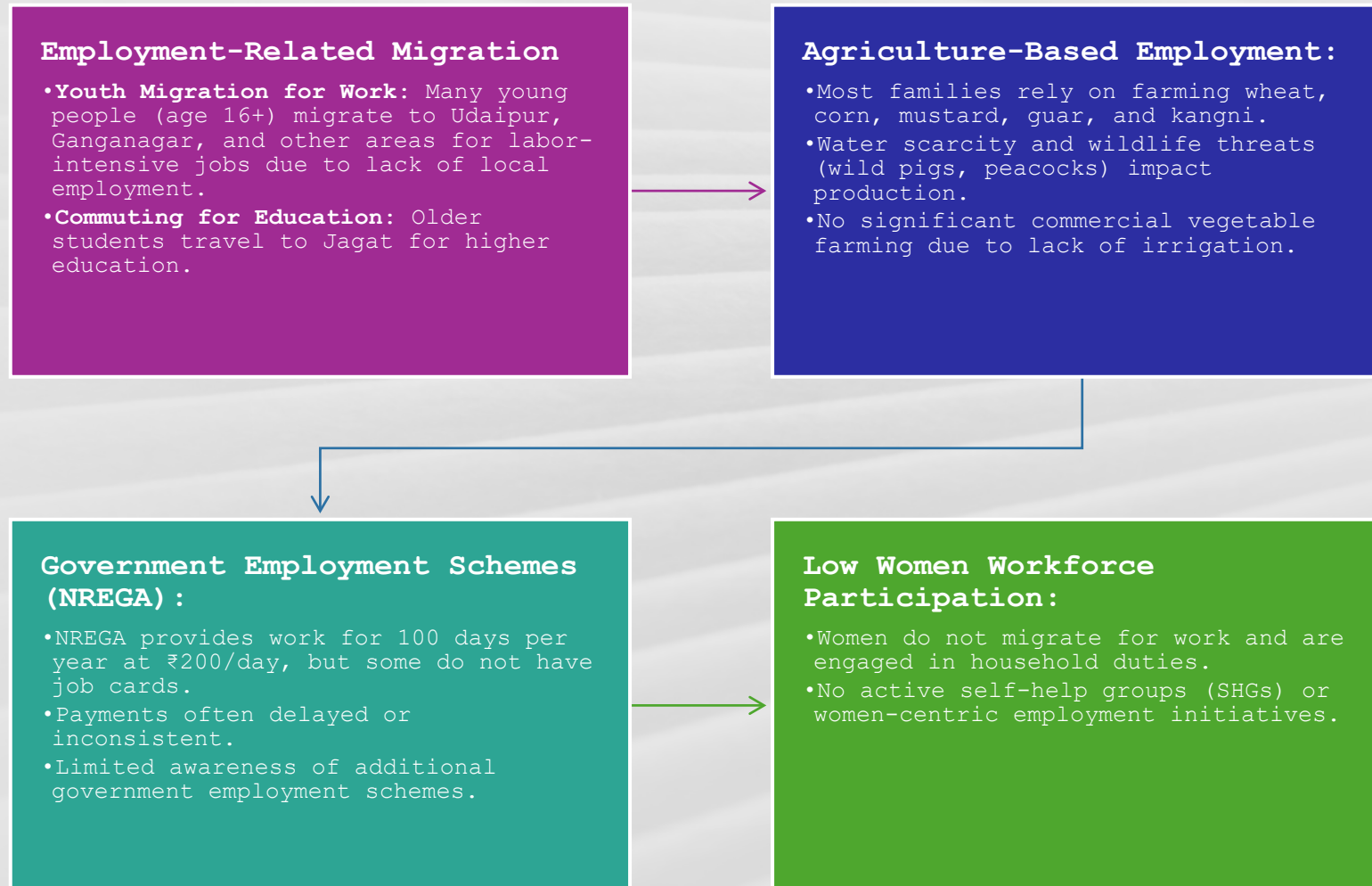
- **Bad Road Infrastructure:** Roads are in poor condition; complaints have been made to the sarpanch.
- **No Road Development:** Despite government funds (₹12 crore allocated), roads have not been properly built.

Private Vehicles & Transport Issues

- **Ambulance Service Not Used:** No one has called for an ambulance yet, and private vehicles are preferred for medical emergencies.
- **Delivery Cases:** Private vehicles are arranged for childbirth due to lack of emergency transport.
- **Water Access:** Some people walk 1-2 km in extreme heat to fetch water as there is no proper water supply.



Employment



Opportunities for Employment Generation

1. Strengthening Agricultural Productivity

- **Irrigation Solutions:** Install community wells or solar-powered water pumps to enhance farming reliability.
- **Wildlife Protection Measures:** Install fencing or use alternative farming techniques to prevent crop damage.
- **Crop Diversification:** Encourage growing vegetables and pulses that can be sold in local markets.

2. Promoting Local Entrepreneurship

- **Small Business Development:**
 - Facilitate access to government loans for starting small enterprises.
 - Train individuals in running shops, poultry farming, dairy businesses, etc.
- **Skill Development Centers:**
 - Introduce training in tailoring, handicrafts, and other cottage industries.
 - Promote digital literacy and mobile-based job opportunities.

3. Improving NREGA & Government Scheme Utilization

- **Increase Awareness:** Conduct workshops on government schemes, ensuring people apply for benefits like job cards.
- **Ensure Timely Payments:** Work with authorities to ensure wages are paid regularly and correctly.

4. Women-Centric Employment Initiatives

- **Self-Help Groups (SHGs):** Establish SHGs for women to engage in activities like dairy farming, handicrafts, or food processing.



Panchayat

Sarpanch & Local Governance Issues

- Sarpanch not actively addressing major concerns (water, sanitation, medical aid).
- Complaints about funds being misused or delayed.
- No significant road construction or infrastructure development.
- Bureaucratic delays in implementing schemes like PM Awas Yojana, toilets, and water supply.

Law & Order

- Nearest police outpost (Chowki) is in Jagat and police station in Kurabar.
- Cases mostly resolved within the community before reaching the police.
- Wildlife threats (cheetah, hyena) pose risks to cattle.

Community Development & Representation

- No dedicated community hall for gatherings.
- Some villagers submitted applications for land rights (FRA) and housing schemes, but progress is slow.
- People have stopped trusting government visits due to unfulfilled promises.

Government Schemes

1) MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act)

Wages & Payment:

- Some individuals completed 6 days of work and earned ₹1,200 (₹200/day).
- Others worked 12 days and earned ₹2,000 (₹166.66/day).
- Women completed 100 days of NREGA work and receive payment within a week.

Issues:

- Some people do not have job cards.
- Many eligible workers did not receive work opportunities.

2) PM Awas Yojana (Housing Scheme)

Implementation Status:

- Some people received one-room houses, but 50% of beneficiaries did not receive full payments.
- No toilets were built, even for those under the scheme.

Issues:

- Funds were inadequate or delayed.
- Some beneficiaries were included in the scheme but did not receive any benefits.

3) Banking & Financial Inclusion (Jan Dhan Yojana)

- All households have bank accounts.

4) FRA (Forest Rights Act) - Land Ownership

- Most households received land titles under FRA.
- Land belongs to ancestors (dadaji's name) in some cases.

5) Ration Scheme (Public Distribution System - PDS):

- Wheat is available under the scheme (5 kg per person).
- Some families receive ration, while others do not.
- Some people have KYCs pending, preventing them from accessing benefits.

Issues:

- Many complain about delays in receiving ration.
- Some families are told to come back later, but never receive it.

6) Pension Schemes (Widow & Old Age Pension):

- Pensions are available and credited monthly.
- Some pensioners save their money instead of withdrawing it regularly.

7) Education & Mid-Day Meal Scheme

Anganwadi (Pre-School & Nutrition Centers):

- Major issue: No functional Anganwadi center in many villages.
- Children under 7-8 years old leave school whenever they want due to lack of structure.

Mid-Day Meal:

- Schools provide mid-day meals, but availability is



Healthcare

Health Care: Insights & Recommendation

PHC Jagat Scope: 17 villages and 5 panchayat.

Daily patient visits: 40-75

Equipment and Medicines are available. There is no shortage of such.

104 delivery | 108 all accidents and emergencies.

Frequent Health Issues: Fever, Hypertension, Sugar, Joint pain, Back pain.

Delivery: Normal deliveries are handled here. For critical ones go to CSS.

Challenges

There is no specific health center for Puthapana

Doctor visits once or twice in a week

The main concern is understaffing. The doctor position has been vacant for 2 years.

Staff availability: 2 nursing staff, one pharmacist, 4 ANM, 1 LHP, 1 Lab assistant, 1 Data operator

Requirement: 3 NM, Doctor, Sweeper,

Opportunities

There are no quarters for staff.

- Doctor, NM)
- Appoint a Gynaecologist for maternal health
- Construct staff quarters

~~E~~ducation - Overview

- Primary & Middle school is available. (Co-ed)
- For high school: 2 boys school and 1 girl school available in Jagat

Support & Incentives

- **Mid-Day Meals:** Up to class 8
- **Travel Allowance:** ₹10 (till 6th), ₹15 (above 6th)
- **Teachers Involvement**
- **Other Benefits:**
 - Scholarships, dress kits, sports gear, school bags
 - Monthly **sanitary pad** distribution + disposal machines
 - Encouragement from teachers for returnees/dropouts



Education

Common Issues:

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- Inadequate classrooms (6 rooms shared across all classes)
- No computer/science labs or digital classrooms
- No hostel facilities

Teacher Strength:

- Puthapana: 5 teachers
- Jagat: 11 teachers; shortage of **second-grade teachers**
- Same teachers managing multiple grades (6-11)

Opportunities

- Recruit teachers (especially for higher classes)
- Build more classrooms, labs, and introduce digital education
- Increase transport allowance
- Conduct awareness drives for parents

Anganwadi

The Anganwadi operates from a **converted community hall** and has been functional for **over 3 years**.

Only one Anganwadi serves the entire village. Has 15 - 20 Kids.

The **Anganwadi** helper visits **nearby hamlets** to bring children to the center when needed.

Nutritious food is regularly provided to **new mothers and children**.

Children are **segmented by age groups**:

- 7 months to 1 year
- 1 year to 2 years
- 2 years to 3 years

Preschool activities include:

- Hindi rhymes
- Basic reading and speaking skills





Our Journey



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