

Initiatives of Ministry of Panchayati Raj:

1. A National Workshop was organized at New Delhi on February 4-5, 2016 to review the progress of implementation of PESA in States, issues and challenges being faced and the way forward. The workshop was attended by Union and State Ministers of Panchayati Raj, State Secretaries, officials of Union Ministries and other stakeholders.
2. In due appreciation of specific needs of tribal people, the Ministry organised a Workshop on "Economic and Social Transformation through Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) in PESA States" at National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad during 2nd-3rd November, 2018. The workshop was participated by representatives of 10 PESA States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan and Telangana. Seven Ministries/Institutions including Kudumbashree, Thiruvananthapuram; NRLM, Ministry of Rural Development and Central Silk Board also participated. Important recommendations emerged on Convergence and Capacity Building for GPDP; PRI-SHG Convergence for Equitable Development; Planning for Water Resources and Agricultural Development and Management of Minor Forest Produce for comprehensive GPDP in PESA areas.
3. Special GPDP Guidelines for PESA Areas have been issued by this Ministry in April, 2016.