



Mandakanahalli Village Raises the Bar for Inclusive Sanitation in Rural India. A Karnataka success story under “HAMARA SHAUCHALAYA, HAMARA BHAVISHYA”

Mandakanahalli Village Sets an Example for Inclusive Sanitation in Rural India Under the Hamara Shauchalaya, Hamara Bhavishya campaign. When the Directorate of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) launched the Hamara Shauchalaya, Hamara Bhavishya campaign, the aim was to ensure that sanitation facilities are usable for everyone. Mandakanahalli, a small village in Bidar Taluk, has shown how this can be achieved in a practical and meaningful way.

■ A Panchayat That Focused on Inclusion ■

Instead of creating a standard sanitation facility, the Mandakanahalli Gram Panchayat started with an important question: What would a sanitary complex look like if it was designed with the needs of Persons with Disabilities in mind?

*This approach led to the construction of a **Divyanga-Friendly Community Sanitary Complex (CSC)**, supported by both the **Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen Phase II** and the **Divyanga Welfare Department**.*

How the CSC Was Built

The project combined good planning and effective use of available schemes.

- Asset Created: Divyanga-friendly Community Sanitary Complex
- Funding: Divyanga Welfare Grant
- Cost: INR 3.8 lakh
- Key Features:
 - Wide, clear entry
 - Accessible layout
 - Supportive features for people with mobility challenges. Each design element was planned to ensure dignity, safety, and accessibility.





Making a Real Difference

The new CSC allows Persons with Disabilities in the village to use sanitation facilities independently. This reduces reliance on family members and helps maintain privacy and confidence. As Mandakanahalli works toward ODF Plus Model status, this CSC highlights the importance of making sanitation accessible to all.

Leadership at the Local Level

Mandakanahalli did not wait for external support. The Panchayat used existing schemes, coordinated funds, and made inclusion a priority. This shows simple, effective decision-making at the grassroots level.

A Model for Other Villages

The village has demonstrated that inclusive sanitation is achievable with proper planning and use of available resources. Other Gram Panchayats can easily replicate this approach. Mandakanahalli's Divyanga-Friendly CSC is a practical example of how sanitation can be made accessible for everyone. It reflects the true spirit of Hamara Shauchalaya, Hamara Bhavishya—a future where no one is left out of basic services.