

## KACHHARI VILLAGE

Kajhari village is situated 45 kms from Katni district headquarters under Badwara Block. Kachhari village is a gram panchayat and is sharing its governance with LAMKANA and JHANPI village (combined panchayat). Total population of Kachhari Panchayat is 2555 (1213 females & 1342 males), categorizing the population as SC females to be 61 & males 67 and ST females as 546 & males 563 and general females 427 & males 502 and OBC females 179 & males 210. According to the data this Panchayat consists majority of schedule tribes, in which Gaund tribes share a large percentage. If we calculate all categories, the percentage of females is very few. Due to the help from government departments and its schemes there are 3 primary and 2 middle schools, where no. of students are 339 (Boys 182 & Girls 157). However in Aanganwadi Kendra (Children below 5 years) the no. of boys are 145 & girls are 134 i.e. total of 279 children. There is no facility for medical emergency in village. A Primary Health Centre is situated at a village called Bhudsa which is 2 km away from Kachhari village. The water is made available with the help of 12 hand pumps. There are 211 toilets in the village. 80% of the households have electricity connection. Main source of income of villagers is through agriculture or agriculture related labor work. Apart from this villagers try to increase their income through some seasonal work or small scale business such as "Dona Pattal, Tendu Patta" collection, vegetable farming, pottery making, and small shops. Total no. of voters are 1423 out of which 609 are females and 814 are males, total no. of families are 554, which includes 364 APL families, 187 BPL families and 3 AAY families.



In the Kachhari village with the help of "Maanav Jeevan Vikas Samiti" social work intervention started since the year 2012, where 20-25 people got benefit of 95 acres land under FRA act, distributed in varied sections in different locations. It is working towards getting land for building houses.

In the KACHHARI village some women groups are active who are doing some social work and activities in village. Female groups are also active in Bagiyani Mohalla in the village, where people from "Kumhar Samaj" practice the art of pottery making.

In Kachhari village tribal women have been helped to cultivate those fields which are their fields, whereas all 15 women are still working on farming. Seasonal cultivation like rahi, beans, paddy etc., along with them the all year vegetable production has been employed. There is no problem in the market for selling vegetables. In the nearby villages and Badwara block which is 15 km away, there is a provision for market and consumption of vegetables is also good. Apart from this the weekly market also provides an option to sell vegetables and other food products like pulses and rice whose consumption is high. With the help and guidance of Maya Bai, the 15 women practice agriculture in the Kachhari village. In this work, effort is being made to shift these women farmers to organic farming. Using dung manure has been a traditional concept. However, the organized technique of preparing compost and vermi compost fertilizer is being taught to them. If everything goes well, then in the coming few months these 15 women will succeed in practicing organic farming. The most important thing is the decision for farming practice will be taken by women.

Thanks.