

Healthcare Reaches Paataalkot: Delhi Official Inaugurates First Health Centre in Remote Tribal Valley

Last-Mile Delivery in Action: Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan Brings Roads, Schools, and Now Healthcare to Paataalkot

From Isolation to Inclusion: Paataalkot Tribals Witness Historic Development Milestone

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In a landmark step towards ensuring last-mile delivery of government services, **Dr. Rashmi Choudhary, Assistant Commissioner, National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), New Delhi**, visited the remote Paataalkot valley in Chhindwara district and inaugurated a much-awaited health care centre for tribal communities.





Paatalkot—a deep and mystical valley in the Tamia block—has long been home to Gond and Bharia tribes, classified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). For decades, its 12 scattered villages with nearly 4,000 residents remained cut off from basic amenities, forcing villagers to rely on steep trails for movement and to travel long distances for healthcare.

Under central initiatives such as the **Pradhan Mantri Janman Yojana, Dharti Abba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, and Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan**, significant progress has been made in roads, housing, drinking water, electricity, and education. Children from Paatalkot now study at the Eklavya Residential School in Tamia, while homestay projects in Chintipur have opened new livelihood avenues through tourism.

However, healthcare remained a pressing concern. During her interaction with villagers at Sindhouli and Rated, Dr. Choudhary noted grievances about the non-functional Ayushman Arogya Kendra, despite the building being ready. Responding immediately, she directed health officials to commence services without delay. The same evening, on **27 September 2025**, the centre was inaugurated and opened for public use.





“This is a historic day for Paatalkot. For the first time, our people will not have to walk miles for basic medical needs,” said a villager from Sindhouli. Health authorities confirmed that staff and essential facilities are now operational.

The development is being hailed as a **turning point in Paatalkot’s journey from deprivation to empowerment**, showcasing the government’s commitment to reaching the most remote corners with essential services.





Shri. Ajeet Srivastava, Commissioner, NESTS and State Prabhari Officer for Madhya Pradesh, has been actively monitoring the activities under the Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan and guiding their effective implementation.

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