

Innovative projects boost aspirational districts

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Several aspirational districts in Uttar Pradesh are witnessing grassroots transformation through locally driven initiatives, community participation, and administrative innovation. Districts such as Bahraich, Maharajganj, and Shravasti have adopted practical models that are addressing regional challenges and improving quality of life for residents.

In Bahraich a bamboo-based (B-2) market has been launched, offering Self Help Groups (SHGs) a platform to sell handmade bamboo products. The initiative is promoting local craftsmanship and strengthening women's economic participation.

Farmers in the district are also practicing multi-layer far-



Bahraich, Maharajganj, and Shravasti showcase local solutions for rural development

ming, growing Napier grass alongside crops like pumpkins and gourds, increasing agricultural productivity. Additionally, an MoU between local Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and Patanjali for turmeric procurement has linked farmers to broader markets.

In Maharajganj, the "Maa Pateshwari Villa City" project is providing housing and livelihood options for families displaced by recurring floods. The district has also undertaken efforts to improve rural infrastructure through the Vikas Sankul Yojana, focusing on clean water, electricity, and roads.

Shravasti has implemented school level reforms such as appointing sanitation workers and forming "Bulawa Dals" to encourage regular student attendance. Learning outcomes are monitored via Google Sheets, helping track progress. In health, scooters distributed to 215 ANMs have improved rural outreach, while a Nutrition Rehabilitation Center is treating severely malnourished children.



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