

Mogi Behn Patel, Kanpar village, Rapar taluka, Gujarat

Mogi behn Patel belongs to the Kanpar village of the Rapar taluka of the Kutchch district of the Gujarat state. She also belongs to the Patel community a community in which the women only caters to the needs of the agriculture fields and does not do any other kind of work.

When SSP started its work in the Kanpar village through motivating the village people particularly the women, the patel community came into its grip and this community slowly tried to know the activities of the SSP and Mogi ben also came into the touch of the SSP.

She at first listened to the SSP staff and soon joined and formed group. She was running the group in the Kanpar village. In one of the meetings of the Participatory Rural Appraisal held in the Kanpar village the SHG women participated and one of the women was Mogiben.

She is an illiterate woman but when told to map her village streets, gutters, fields, agriculture lands she made the map and with this motivation she drew a map of her village. The health conditions of her village were in deteriorating conditions at that time. The PHC staff did not look at the conditions of the village, but after the intervention of Mogi Behn the conditions of the village began to change and turned into the good path.

The administrative condition was also not very good but after the stepping of Mogi Behn in the scene the scenario changed. The Sarpanch charged Rs.600 for the issuance of the Ration card in the name of the eligible and genuine villagers of the village. After knowing the matter Mogi Behn told the villagers not to get in the prey of Sarpanch and collected the name of the eligible villagers and marched to the Taluka headquarters one day with all the genuine villagers and got the ration card issued in their names without spending any penny.

Now Mogi Behn looks after the health related work and issues of her village and also gets the ration cards issued without charging any money by showing the villagers the right path.