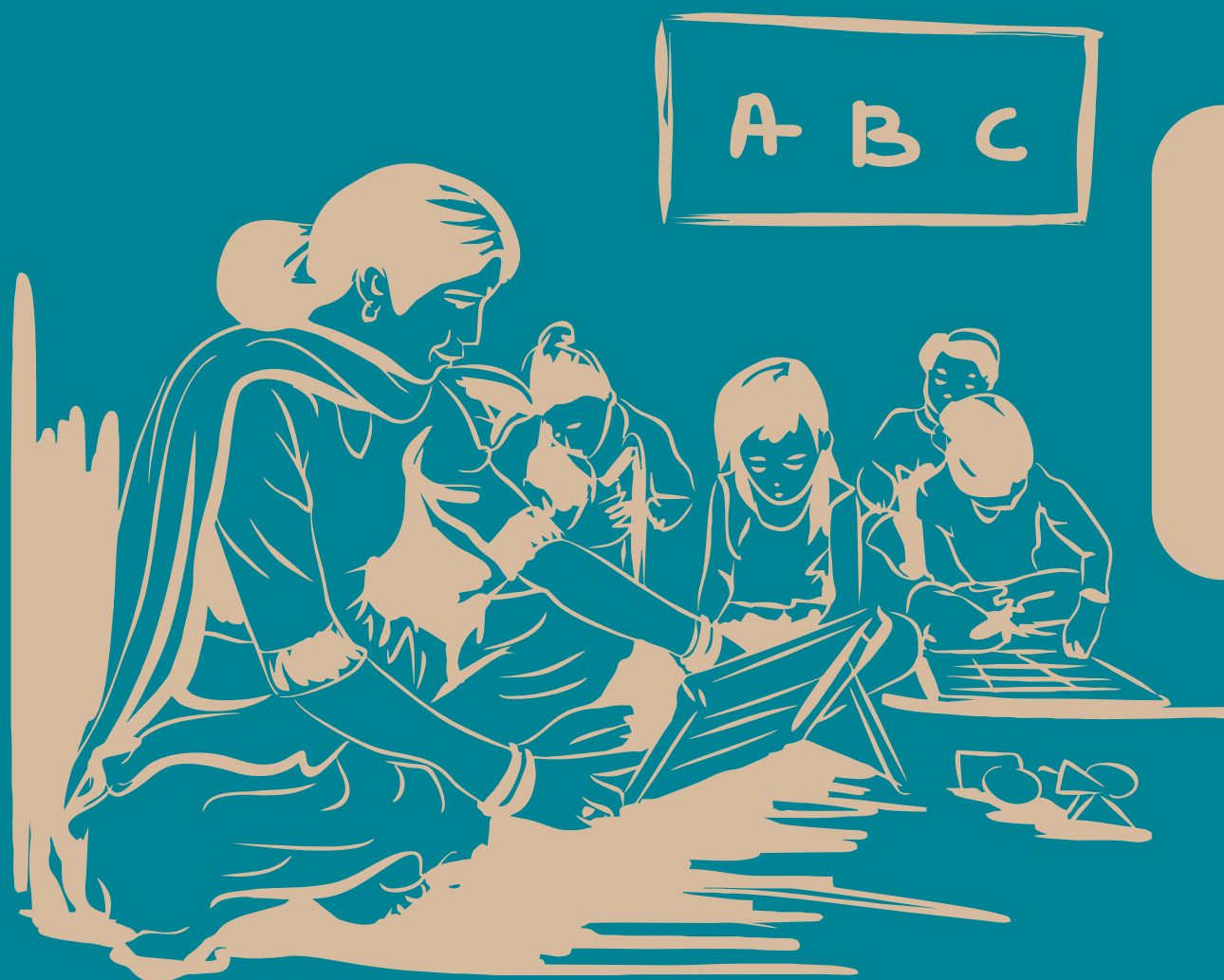
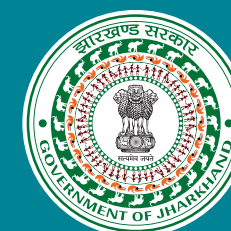




Empowering Women & Children through DMFT

The Transformation of Anganwadi Centres in Dhanbad

From Buildings to Better Beginnings

An Anganwadi Centre is much more than a building—it is the first learning space for a child, a nutrition hub for mothers, and the foundation of community well-being.

The Core Challenges

In Dhanbad, Anganwadi Centres were largely perceived as places for supplementary nutrition rather than centres for early childhood learning and development. This limited perception often overshadowed their broader role in shaping a child's cognitive, social, and emotional growth.

Understanding the Challenge	
Infrastructure	Services
Large number of rented and dilapidated Anganwadi Centres	Limited focus on Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE)
Lack of toilets, drinking water, boundary walls and child-friendly learning spaces	Inconsistent learning environment
Unsafe and inadequate facilities for women and children	Low ownership among stakeholders



Our vision:

“The transformation of Anganwadi in Dhanbad was not merely about constructing buildings—it was about changing mindsets, strengthening services, and restoring community confidence in the first institution of a child's life.”

The DMFT Transformation Strategy

**Instead of focusing on construction alone,
Dhanbad adopted a 360-degree transformation model.**

1. Infrastructure Development

Construction of New Anganwadi Centres

DMFT has developed 425 modern Anganwadi Centres, replacing temporary and inadequate facilities with permanent, safe, and child-friendly buildings.

These centres provide:

- Dedicated learning rooms
- Kitchen facilities
- Child-friendly toilets
- Safe drinking water
- Electricity
- Boundary walls
- Improved accessibility
- Spaces designed for holistic child development



Impact

Building-less Anganwadi Centres were provided with permanent infrastructure, ensuring uninterrupted delivery of nutrition, health, and early childhood education services.

2. Renovation of Existing Centres

Infrastructure improvement was extended to existing centres through renovation.

150 Anganwadi Centres upgraded with

- BALA (Building as Learning Aid) paintings
- Child-friendly interiors
- Drinking water facilities
- Toilets
- Boundary walls
- Improved learning environment

600 additional centres identified for similar upgradation to ensure every child benefits from a stimulating learning environment.

Outcome

Smart Anganwadi's now provide an engaging and joyful learning environment that supports cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development.



3. Major Repair Programme

Some centres required extensive civil intervention.

35 Anganwadi Centres underwent major repairs including:

- Structural strengthening
- Civil renovation
- Complete repainting
- Toilet construction
- Drinking water facilities
- Overall infrastructure improvement

Result

Existing centres were transformed into safe, hygienic, and functional facilities, significantly improving service delivery and user experience.



Building Ownership Through NC-LC

Infrastructure alone cannot transform an Anganwadi.

The District Administration introduced the No Cost–Low Cost (NC-LC) Initiative to foster ownership and behavioural change.

Using locally available resources and community participation, centres were transformed into vibrant learning spaces through:

- Child-friendly classroom organisation
- Low-cost teaching-learning materials
- Clean and attractive surroundings
- Improved hygiene practices
- Community participation
- Green and colourful campuses

This initiative empowered Anganwadi workers to become active creators of learning environments rather than passive custodians of buildings.



Strengthening the People Behind the Services

Quality infrastructure must be supported by skilled and motivated human resources.

A district-wide capacity-building programme covered the entire ICDS workforce:

- CDPOs
- Lady Supervisors
- Anganwadi Sevikas
- Anganwadi Sahayikas
- Poshan Sakhis

Training focused on:

- Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE)
- Child-centred pedagogy
- Growth monitoring
- Nutrition counselling
- Preschool activities
- Poshan Tracker
- SAMAAR application

- Community engagement
- Behaviour change communication

The objective was to ensure that every child receives quality services irrespective of the location of the centre.



The Model Anganwadi

Where Infrastructure Meets Excellence in Service Delivery

A Model Anganwadi in Dhanbad represents the convergence of quality infrastructure, trained human resources, and child-centric service delivery.

It features:

Better Infrastructure

- Modern permanent building
- Safe and colourful learning spaces
- Child-friendly furniture
- Functional toilets
- Safe drinking water
- Kitchen and storage
- Boundary wall
- BALA learning environment
- Clean and green campus
- Environment-friendly and energy-efficient infrastructure (Solar)

Better Services

- Trained Anganwadi workforce
- Quality ECCE activities
- Interactive learning
- Regular growth monitoring
- Nutrition counselling
- Digital record keeping
- Strong community participation
- Improved preschool attendance
- Enhanced maternal and child care services



Statistics at a Glance

Indicator	Achievement
New Anganwadi Buildings Constructed	405
Building-less Centres Eliminated	05
Smart Anganwadi's Developed	150
Existing Centres Renovated	35
Toilets Constructed	439
Boundary Walls Constructed	439
BALA Paintings Completed	439
Children Benefitted	128602
Villages Covered	1222
Total Investment	₹ 134.69 cr



The Outcome

The transformation of Anganwadi Centres in Dhanbad demonstrates that sustainable change is achieved when infrastructure development is complemented by capacity building, innovation, and community ownership.

From temporary centres to vibrant child-friendly learning spaces...

From isolated infrastructure projects to integrated service delivery...

From buildings to institutions that nurture every child's future...

DMFT is building not just Anganwadi Centres—but stronger foundations for the next generation of Dhanbad.