Site Visit Report – Gramin Vikas Samithi (GVS), Damoh,Madhya Pradesh

Date of Visit: September 4th 2026
Visitor: Biju Odayammatath
Host: Govind Yadav, Founder of GVS

GVS office visit

- Spacious office building (₹10,000 rent per month).
- Staff strength: 14 members.
- Board members: 7 (met 3 during visit, including one retired DSP).
- Staff are well-qualified: B.Ed, M.A., MSW, B.E., and one MBA (from Bihar, supports presentations with accountant Nandu).
- Strong respect and collaboration observed between staff, local officers, and Govind Jee.





Kishan Thalaiya Village visit

This is one of the most challenging community with migrant inhabitants. Some observations were Children wandering, adults engaged in card games.5 children without birth certificates,24 children not recorded in government schools.Total of 52 children not attending school.



Partner visits - Azim premji foundation Damoh

a. Established 6 years ago.
b. Led by Lokesh, focuses on training government teachers.
c. Active youth groups engaged in community issues

Partner visit - DPO in charge for WCD Damoh - Sanjeev Mishra

d. Cooperative and supportive.
e. However, systemic red tape and bureaucracy hinder timely action.
f. Example: No response to child abuse reports during holidays

Proposals Discussed

- **Non-Formal Education (NFE) Center:**
  - To teach 52 out-of-school children.
  - Hiring teachers and integrating nutrition support.
- **Career Coaching Program:**
  - Focused on tribal youth for skill development and future opportunities.

Key Impressions

- Govind Jee's **dedication and leadership** are widely respected.

- Staff morale remains high despite financial challenges.
- Local collaborations (NGOs, government officers, foundations) are strong, though bureaucratic hurdles persist.
- GVS remains a **critical grassroots institution** for child rights and education in Damoh.