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The Aspirational Districts Programme has set an example for state governments to ensure overall development to the block or gram panchayat level. Explain.

There is a huge disparity in living standard in various sections of the society and to address this problem Government came up with Aspirational Districts Programme. Through this state government lay special focus on ^{those} districts which have poor socio-economic indicators. Majorly 5 indicators are concerned :-

- Health & Nutrition
 - antenatal & postnatal care
 - gender parity
 - health of newborn
 - diseases.
- Education
 - proper infrastructure (toilets, etc)
 - textbooks delivery
 - teacher-children ratio
- Agricultural Resources
 - yield, insurance cover.
 - price realisation
 - soil health card
- Financial Inclusion & Skill Development
 - enrolments in Jan Dhan scheme
 - progress in govt. schemes
 - Skilling of youth
- Basic Infrastructure
 - electricity
 - water
 - road connectivity
 - toilets.

1. It ranks various districts according to their performance in improving various indicators and creates a sense of competitiveness and increasing efficiency at grass root level.

2. Every block and gram panchayat are covered under broad indicators ~~of~~ of overall development while engaging the local population in uplifting these indicators

Districts like Dahod, Gujarat, West Sikkim in Sikkim and Ramanathapuram in Tamil Nadu are the most improved districts while Kupwara in J&K & Begusarai in Bihar are the worst performing states in the Delta Rankings.