

## Field Visit to Darda-Hind BMC

Dr Sangeeta Mitra, delegate from the National Biodiversity Authority visited Rajasthan from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. On her request a field visit to Darda-Hind BMC was organized by Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board, Jaipur on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Consultants of the Board joined Dr Mitra for her visit.

Upon arrival, the members of BMC welcomed the visitors to the chairperson's home and discussion on the following topics ensued-

- The role of BMC in managing the bioresources of the gram panchayat,
- The process of making a People's Biodiversity Register and
- Local agricultural practices and challenges.

The members of BMC were glad to receive delegate from NBA and were eager for inputs related to strengthening the functionality of the Committee.

Some traditional knowledge related to medicinal use of plants were shared by the BMC members and a dried birdhouse gourd (*Lagenaria sicerari*) was presented by the hosts.

Dr Mitra advised the SBB representatives on possible ways to move forward beginning with the upgradation of the BMCs People's Biodiversity register.

