

## **A one-day program on**

# CAPACITY BUILDING, SENSITIZATION AND AWARENESS OF BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, KALAKH IN JOBNER BLOCK OF DISTRICT JAIPUR

*Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board (RSBB) in association with Biodiversity Management Committees, Kalakh organized a Training on various issues and activities relating to implementation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Rajasthan Biological Diversity Management Rules, 2010 at Panchayat Bhawan, Kalakh on 5th December, 2022. The training participants included village council chairperson, village development officers, agriculture assistants, village council assistants, BMC members, students and villagers from Gram Panchayat, Kalakh.*

Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board from time to time engages in capacity building, sensitization and awareness of local bodies about the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and its important mandate of constitution of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) at local body. This training aimed at raising awareness about the concept of Biodiversity Conservation & Up gradation through participatory rural appraisal, check the status of PBR updates, and functionalize it. The first training was completed successfully at Kalakh BMC, Block Jobner, Jaipur District.

The objectives of this training were as follows:

- To tutor participants on the Biodiversity Act 2002, Rajasthan Biodiversity Rules 2010.
- To raise awareness of BMCs, their purpose and functioning amongst various stakeholders.

- To Enhance the understanding of participants on the concept of the People's Biodiversity Register, and make them aware of the process of making and maintaining the PBRs.
- To create awareness of the prevailing traditional knowledge and prepare the participants to record this knowledge systematically.

The team which delivered interactive sessions during the training comprised 5 members from the Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board. A brief description is given below:

| # | Name                      | Designation                   |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Mr Devendra Bhardwaj      | Consultant – Technical        |
| 2 | Dr Chandra Prakash Sharma | Consultant – Scientific (PBR) |
| 3 | Ms Prerna Sharma          | Consultant – Scientific (PBR) |
| 4 | Ms Deepshikha Soni        | Consultant – Scientific (PBR) |
| 5 | Mr Praveen Singh          | Consultant – Scientific (PBR) |

The training participants included village council chairpersons, village development officers, agriculture assistants, village council assistants, BMC members, students and villagers.

The training program was carried out under the supervision of Sh Devendra Bhardwaj, Technical Consultant, RSBB. Sh. Bhardwaj shared knowledge about biodiversity, types, status, importance, threats, conservation & the importance of preparation of People Biodiversity Registers. He talked about why biodiversity degraded and the reasons behind this scenario also he talked about environment conservation and the role of BMCs for their protection. He gave a brief introduction on BMCs and highlighted the importance of BMCs as RSBB's representative at gram panchayat level.

The program had different sessions on important topics of the Biological Diversity Act 2002 and its important mandate of constitution of Biodiversity Management

Committees (BMCs) at local body. The sessions were spearheaded by Dr Chandra Prakash Sharma, Scientific Consultant, RSBB. Ms Prerna Sharma, Ms Deepshikha Soni, and Praveen Singh took up various sessions on BMC formation, PBRs, the Concept and Importance of Traditional Knowledge etc. They discussed the importance and benefits of medicinal plants. Ms. Deepshikha discussed some of the critically endangered species which are neglected by the community. She further explained that without community participation, it is very difficult to identify and conserve threatened species. Training and awareness material was also provided to the BMC members, students and villagers. Dr. Chandra Prakash and Praveen Singh talked about the various formats in PBR, and how to fill/update these formats.

After all the sessions, Government school lecturer talked about natural resources and environment conservation. They began with a Traditional knowledge & their conservation and also shared their experiences.

Women from the village also happened to share their views on the medicinal plants of the village, its importance and uses.

Ms. Sharda Mehta, Sarpanch & BMC Chairperson, was happy to participate in the training and assured to take up the task of PBR updating & help to conservation in biodiversity.

The training program concluded with question-answer session between the students, villagers, BMC members and RSBB's representatives.

## Glimpses of the Event







