

A one-day program on

CAPACITY BUILDING, SENSITIZATION AND AWARENESS OF BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, SHOKHLIYA IN SARWAD BLOCK OF AJMER DISTRICT

Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board (RSBB) has scheduled training cum awareness program of ten Biodiversity Management Committees from the biologically rich sites. The training began in the month of November and shall continue over December. In this connection 3rd BMC level training was scheduled at Shokhliya. Shokhliya gram panchayat defines a landscape known to the world as breeding site for endemic Lesser Florican, smallest Bustard in India. The bird is known to visit the landscape just before monsoon begins stays and breeds during the monsoon and migrates southwards post monsoon in October-November.

The one-day capacity building, sensitization and awareness workshop for the Biodiversity Management Committee of Shokhliya was successfully organized by the RSBB at the Madhopura village on December 16th with the help of community. A two-person team of consultants from RSBB was tasked by the organization with educating and raising public awareness. Ms. Prerna Sharma was tasked with organizing the training with Mr. Praveen Kumar's assistance.

The training aimed at raising awareness about the concept of Biodiversity Conservation & documentation of the biological diversity through participatory rural appraisal; functionalize the BMC, and check the status of PBR updates. Various issues and activities related to implementation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Rajasthan Biological Diversity Rules, 2010 were covered in the workshop. The target group included village council chairperson, village development officer, agriculture assistant, village council assistant, BMC members, students and villagers from Gram Panchayat.

The training began with Mr. Rajendra Singh Rathore (Retd. Forester, Member of BMC Sarwar) mentioning about the sarpanch of the Madhopuraha village and his work towards the betterment of the local community. Mr. Shakti Pratap Singh Rathore (sarpanch) delivered a speech for the opening ceremony. In his speech, he explained through this event RSBB is trying to deliver an important message to people about taking the initiatives to save the environment and biodiversity. After that Mr. Rajendra introduced the RSBB team to the audience and the objectives of the training program. The training session was formally initiated by welcoming the RSBB Consultants and the members sharing the dais.

Ms. Prerna welcomed the participants, thanked them for sparing time for the training. Then she introduced the National Biodiversity Authority, Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board and the Biological Diversity Act. She talked about the mechanism of formation of BMCs, its duties and role in conserving the biological diversity and traditional knowledge. Mr. Praveen described the process of preparation of People's Biodiversity Register, maintaining and updating the register. He also explained how the BMCs were formed by government's order and the need to re-constitute the BMC with people involved/ interested in conserving the nature.

Dr. Abid Ali (Bird watcher) from Ajmer shared his experience of birding, and encouraged school children to spend some time with nature and watching birds. He also talked of minimizing single use plastics, and shared ways to reuse and recycle plastics at home. Mr. Nathulal Kumhar recited the poem he has written on environment conservation, and social responsibility. He also shared his idea of serving nature by cleaning the plastics from neighboring villages.

At the event Principal of Government School was present with students of class 11 and 12. She delivered a short speech introducing her students and the plays they have prepared for the event. Students presented different activities like skit, poem recitation and dance performance etc. Ms. Prerna on behalf of RSBB awarded the best performing students. Chandra Prakash helped RSBB in

various manners to organize the program. BNHS members and volunteers (from Florican Project, Ajmer) were present in the program and helped with keeping the audience organized throughout the program. Students and the villagers were happy to be part of this training program. Villagers assured to make this BMC a model BMC of the state.



Students of Rajyakiya Varisht Upadhyay Sanskrit Vidhyalaya, Madhopura village played an informative skit where they have given the message to save the environment.

Glimpses of the Event









Media Coverage



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दी गई। इस अवसर पर राजकीय वरिष्ठ संस्कृत विद्यालय के विद्यार्थियों ने कविता एवं नाट्य कार्यक्रम द्वारा पर्यावरण संरक्षण का संदेश दिया। बालिकाओं को इस अवसर पर प्रधानाचार्या की उपस्थिति में पुरस्कृत किया गया। शिविर में सभी अतिथियों का स्वागत राजेन्द्र राठौड़ द्वारा किया गया। कार्यक्रम में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में शोकलिया सरपंच प्रतिनिधि के रूप शक्ति प्रतापसिंह उपस्थित रहे। कार्यक्रम में राज्य जैव विविधता बोर्ड से आए वैज्ञानिक सलाहकार प्रेरणा शर्मा एवं प्रवीण कुमार की अध्यक्षता में संपन्न हुआ। इस अवसर पर बॉम्बे नेचुरल हिस्ट्री सोसाइटी कि ओर से अरिंदम सिन्हा, वैष्णवी, अक्षिता, वयंक, पर्यावरण प्रेमी नाथू लाल प्रजापत, चंद्रप्रकाश प्रजापत बर्डवॉचर आबिद अली आदि मौजूद रहे।

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