

A one-day program on

CAPACITY BUILDING, SENSITIZATION AND AWARENESS OF BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, TALWAS IN NAINWA BLOCK OF BUNDI DISTRICT

Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board (RSBB) in association with Biodiversity Management Committees of Sakhna and Talwas organized a one-day Training on various issues and activities relating to implementation of Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Rajasthan Biological Diversity Rules, 2010 at Forest Check Post, Talwas on 7th December, 2022. The training participants included village council chairperson, village development officer, agriculture assistant, village council assistant, BMC members, students and villagers from Gram Panchayat, Talwas.

Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board 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 2nd BMC level training was conducted successfully at Talwas. This training aimed at raising awareness about the concept of Biodiversity Conservation & documentation of the biological diversity through participatory rural appraisal, check the status of PBR updates, and to functionalize the BMC.

RSBB assigned a team of consultants to train / raise awareness among the people and the BMCs. Mr Praveen Kumar was assigned to coordinate the training in Bundi District. The team was led by Sh Devendra Bhardwaj, Technical Consultant, RSBB and included the scientific consultants, viz., Dr Chandra Prakash Sharma, Ms Prerna Sharma, and Ms Deepshikha Soni.

Talwas is an isolated village in the Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve and has a wetland known to have congregation of migratory birds. The team had a field visit of the village before the training. The team saw a large number of Indian

softshell turtle. Some of the birds spotted at the site were Lesser Whistling Duck, Indian Spot-billed Duck, Pied Kingfisher, Common Kingfisher, Verditer Flycatcher, Grey Heron, Purple Heron, etc. After the wetland, the team went into the woods to see the hundred-years-old trees of Indian Elm / Churail (*Holoptelea integrifolia*), Banyan (*Ficus benghalensis*), Weeping Fig (*Ficus benjamina*) Mango (*Mangifera indica*) and Arjun (*Terminalia arjuna*).

The training began with Sh. Mahaveer, Member, BMC, Sakhna, introducing 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. Sh. Mahaveer welcomed the participants, thanked them for sparing time to attend the training, delivered the welcome note and invited Sh. Vitthal Sanadhya, Environment Activist and Member, BMC, Talwas to deliver inaugural note.

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 the current scenario. He also talked about environment conservation and the role of BMCs in its protection. He gave a brief introduction on BMCs and highlighted the importance of BMCs as RSBB's representative at gram panchayat level.

Moving on, Dr Chandra Prakash Sharma talked about the Peoples' Biodiversity Register (PBR). He demonstrated how the details in the register are filled while explaining each of the 30 formats of PBR. Then Ms Prerna Sharma talked about the traditional knowledge and had an interactive session with the audience sharing the TK they had. Ms Deepshikha Soni took up a session on medicinal plants, and Mr Praveen had BMC constitution and reconstitution session in the training.

After the technical sessions, the training had a Q&A session with the consultants answering queries the public had. People here are well aware about

biodiversity conservation and were disappointed to know that the BMC, playing an important role was formed without consulting the people. They insisted on reconstituting the BMC and demanded the constitution letter.

Before the closing of the training, Sh Vitthal Sanadhya introduced 12-year-old boy named Sukhpal, resident of Diblana, Bundi, who could mimic sounds of birds and animals. He also introduced few villagers working for environment. Sh Raj Kumar Arora, Sh Radheshyam Sharma, Sh Om Prakash Sharma, and Shyoji Lal are involved in plantation drive, wild animal rescue, creating awareness among the community, etc. The good part is these people are self-motivated and use money from their pension/ earning to serve nature.

The training ended with people thanking RSBB for organizing the training and assured the team that by next visit, they will functionalize the BMC and will make it one of the best serving BMC.



Sukhpal, resident of Diblana Village, mimicking birds and animals' calls

Glimpses of the Event





Glimpses from the Field Trip







Media Coverage

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तलवास. कस्बे की वन की पर बुधवार को दोपहर 2 बजे राजस्थान राज्य जैव विविधता बोर्ड की ओर से ग्राम तलवास में आयोजित की गई, इसमें जैव विविधता प्रबन्ध समिति तलवास और सांखना की ओर से एक दिवसीय जनजाग्रति शिविर का आयोजन किया। शिविर में सभी अतिथियों का स्वागत बिठुल सनाह्य ने किया इसके बाद देवेन्द्र भारद्वाज तकनीकी सलाहकार जैव विविधता बोर्ड द्वारा जैव विविधता एवं प्रबंध समिति के दायित्व तथा संरक्षण पर लोगों को जानकारी दी। साथ ही बोर्ड से वैज्ञानिक सलाहकार



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