

Fostering Water Resilience in Bundelkhand Region through Community Led Solutions



A participatory discussion session on water crisis and possible solutions

Development Alternatives (DA), with support of Department of Science and Technology (DST), New Delhi, conducted a workshop at TARAGram, Orchha. The workshop aimed to foster collective participation in decision-making for water resource management and the implementation of a watershed management plan for the Bundelkhand region. The workshop initiated a crucial step towards combatting severe water scarcity and resource management challenges due to region's semi-arid climatic conditions.

The workshop also culminated in a collaboration with Bundelkhand University, formalising the commitment to this noble cause by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Bundelkhand University is officially the knowledge partner in the MOU for water management initiatives.

The primary objective of partnership between Development Alternatives (DA), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Bundelkhand University, and PANIWATER Organisation is to make Bundelkhand a water-resilient region.

The workshop was organised by Development Alternatives Group with support of SEED division, Department of Science and Technology (DST), New Delhi. The presence of various research organisations including BITS Pilani -Goa Branch, NEERI Nagpur, Bundelkhand University, Maynooth University-CIEMAT Spain, AARDO (African Asian Development Organisation) and CITRUS- Jhansi. Informative presentations, expert discussions, and interactive sessions were held and this make it a success. The primary focus was on reviewing existing interventions and identifying necessary developments to create a comprehensive watershed development plan for Bundelkhand and the adjoining districts.

The primary objectives of the workshop were:

1. **Water Resilience:** To establish villages in Niwari as water-resilient communities by introducing sustainable water management practices and enhancing the capacity of local communities to combat water scarcity.
2. **Watershed Development Plan:** To collaboratively develop a comprehensive watershed development plan for Niwari district, ensuring the sustainable use of available water resources.

3. **Stakeholder Engagement:** To bring together all relevant stakeholders, including government agencies, community leaders, NGOs, researchers, and residents, on a common platform to collectively envision a water-secure future for Niwari.

This innovative on water resilience and watershed development in Niwari, Bundelkhand, represents a crucial step towards addressing the region's water challenges by uniting experts, government bodies, NGOs, and local communities, it aimed to create a shared vision for a water secure Niwari district. PANI Water eagerly anticipates productive discussions, innovative ideas, and collective efforts that will pave the way for a more sustainable and prosperous future for Niwari.



The entire team and guests at TARAGram Orchha for the workshop