

## Visit of Humphery University Fellows and United States - India Education Foundation members to Mahawad Pond, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh



**O**n 18th November 2023, Development Alternatives got an opportunity to showcase its work on Pond Rejuvenation and Biodiversity Conservation to the Humphery University Fellows along with the members of United States-India Education Foundation (USIEF).

All the participants were full of enthusiasm and were curious to witness the ground work laid to rejuvenate a dead waterbody of Mahawad village in Gautam Buddha Nagar District of Uttar Pradesh.

People from across different backgrounds took a keen interest in learning about the technical aspect of the work done and they also discussed the mechanism for the treatment of grey water entering the pond. The main highlight of this visit was an interaction with the local community.

People living in this community told the visitors how the rejuvenated pond is now benefiting them in their day to day agriculture activities and how water borne diseases have seen a reduction amongst children who play around the pond. Villagers shared their experience and articulated how pond rejuvenation has positively impacted their lives.

The event also showcased a vibrant street play on the transition of the pond. The visitors also planted trees around the Mahawad pond to encourage a green and safe environment.

