

Jalaun

I am happy to share with you that our initiative of Bhujal Kosh Sanchay (BKS) started in Jalaun has been recognized at national level and Jalaun has been awarded best district in ground water conservation category, I have received the National Water Award today at New Delhi by Ministry of Water Conservation. Bundelkhand is one of the draught prone areas of India and notorious for farmer suicides. Depleting water resources pose a challenge and this is now getting exacerbated with climate change affecting the lives and incomes of farmers. The need of the hour is to save and conserve as much water as possible and extremely critical to generate civic consciousness and awareness for water conservation among the public. We have tried to inculcate awareness and develop the concept of "water as capital" and groundwater as a "fund /Kosh" through our initiative of Bhujal Kosh Sanchay. Under the scheme we repaired and added some modifications in the existing check dams with locally available funds through panchayati Raj institutes. Some of our achievements are as follows :-



- » Irrigation potential was increased from 1930 hectare to 3900 hectare with in three months for these check dams.i.e. 102% increase in irrigation potential of these old check dams.
- » Number of effective check dams went up to 256 from about 108 last year.
- » Water Recharge capacity of these structures have been increased form 99495.18 cu. m. to 342331.02 cu. m. (An increase of 242835 cu. m. which is more than double or around 243% increase from last year).
- » Surface Water storage capacity increased and quadrupled form 458549 cum to 1878275.25 cu. m.. It is an increase of 1419726 cu.m. which is on increase of 409% from last year .
- » silt removal was done.
- » Project was executed during the months of April to June so that maximum recharge could be utilised during rainy season.
- » Also major unemployment is during these months leading to migration, thus it also provided employment during this time.146880 man days were created providing employment during times of distress.
- » Nearly 10000 farmers and families were benefited directly or indirectly by surface water storage.

Attaching some photos of the work done and me receiving the awards.

Regards

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