

WDCD 2024 in Gandhivan, India

With women farmers in Jaipur

Gram Bharati Samiti (GBS) organized a group discussion with the women and farmers in Gandhivan village Todaladi, Block Jamwaramgarh, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India. The agony of the women was their small land holdings were acquired by the Government on negligible remunerations and allotted to the corporate houses that deforested the area extensively and are exploiting now the natural resources massively, which has created a serious problem of land degradation and safe drinking water for the poor people of the neighboring villages.

Kusum Jain, secretary of the organization told the women to harvest the rain water within their farmlands to conserve the soil and check further degradation of the land. She advised the women to cultivate the crops that require less water and plant fruit trees on the peripheries of the farm to increase their income and improve the quality of the land. She encouraged the women to play an important role to raise awareness to combat desertification.

The women expressed their grave concern over the climate change that has created number of difficulties for the people, mainly for the women as they have to shoulder most of the household responsibilities i.e. bringing water from far away, fodder for the cattle and harvesting the crops on their small land holdings. Land degradation and scarcity of safe drinking water are the key problems as the water is saline and not drinkable in nearly fifty villages of the area.

On the day including distributing seeds of crop, planting trees by men and women and discussing the issue of land degradation, drought and desertification with the farmers of the area.

Also, Ramkishor Sharma, Rajendra Yadav, Kalu Nayak and Ramchandra Saini of GBS participated in the discussion.



Women farmers sharing their problems of land and water with Kusum Jain



Rajendra Yadav describing the women how to restore the degraded land and conserve rain water



Kusum and Women planting trees to combat desertification

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