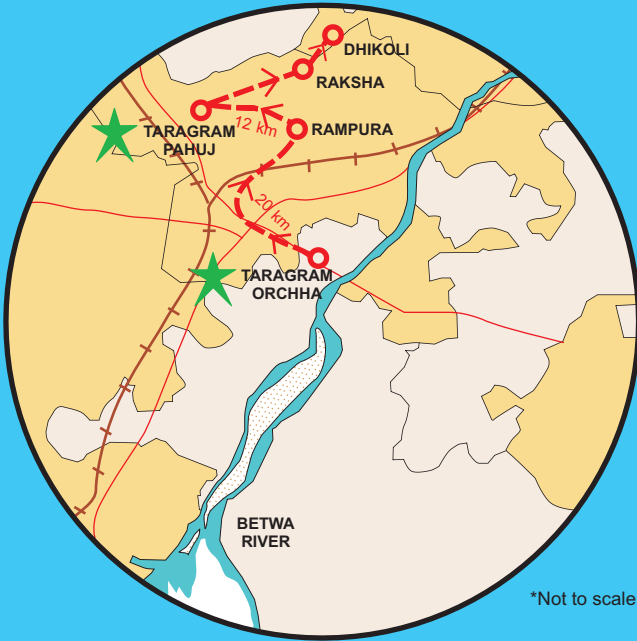


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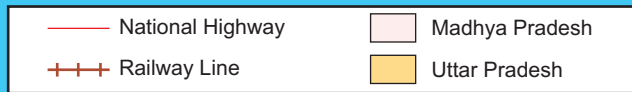
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TARAgam Orchha → Village Dhikoli



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Village Rampura: Power of the Sun Channeled by the People

Rampura village had no electricity till 2008, but it is now the first community managed solar powered village of India. The solar power plant, supported by SCATEC, Norway generates up to 1050 units per month, with a capacity of 8.7kw. The 44 households, connected to the plant, follow a unique power tariff model based on locally evolved parameters.

TARAgam Pahuj: Greening Resources

Demonstration and introduction of new and upgraded farming technologies, catering to drought prone agricultural needs is a major initiative of TARAgam Pahuj. Spanning 7.5 acres, the sustainability resource centre functions as an innovation, action, training and outreach institute for sustainable farming practices.

Village Raksha: Training for Enterprise

TARA Livelihood Academy (TLA), has one of its Vocational Training Centres at Raksha, Jhansi. This centre not only has different kinds of training programmes running, such as beautician, stitching and tailoring, soft toys making, but also acts as a centre for women and girls to carry out entrepreneurial ventures using the infrastructure at the centre.

Village Dhikoli: Harnessing Water for Livelihoods

Water scarcity is a bane and to fulfill the domestic and farming needs, the community level institutions like the watershed committee, farmers club and women Self-help Groups worked together with DA, ICRISAT and NABARD on several initiatives like - development of rain water harvesting structures, check-dam, *nallah* plugs and ponds. They are now assured of regular water supply and cultivation for two major farming seasons and regular incomes.

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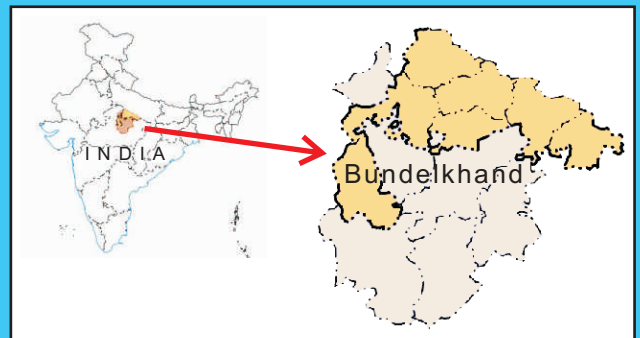
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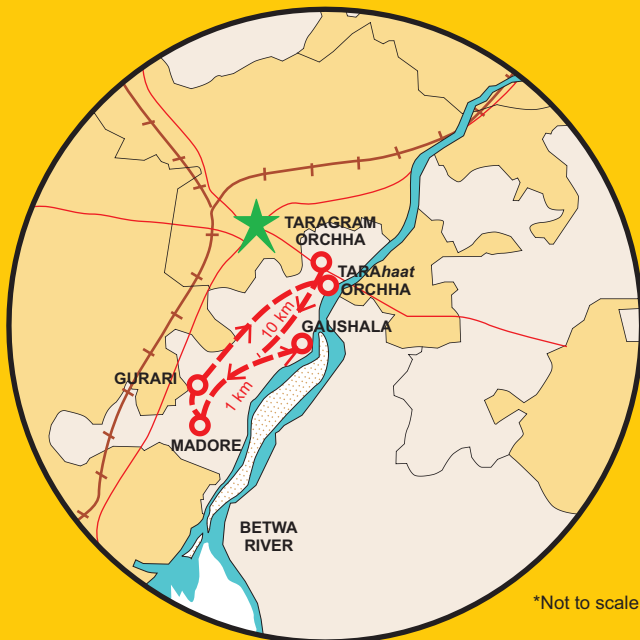
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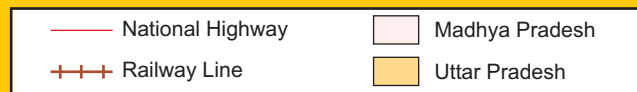
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Gaushala: Biogas Based Women's Enterprise

Gaushala started with 20 acres of barren land and 20 non-productive cows given by the government, is now a well established community owned, biogas based enterprise managed by women. The self help groups with more than 300 village women are earning additional income by growing pulses and nuts, machine shelling of ground nuts, pressing mustard seeds for oil and spice grinding.

Village Madore: Habitat and Livelihoods

Madore is now a transformed village with the interventions of energy efficient technologies in housing and toilets innovated by DA. These were constructed by the TARA Karigar Mandal, a group of 20 local masons trained in eco-construction. The village stands testimony to progress with strong community institutions like women self help groups that have repaid housing loans through poultry enterprises. The poultry has become such a success there in a village with 53 households, there are 110 poultry units.

Gurari: Harvesting for Water Security

Management of water regime is the key to Bundelkhand's sustainable livelihood generation and poverty alleviation. The check dams on the Gurari river between Maharpura and Budera villages have yielded spectacular results. These water harvesting structures have resulted in recharging the groundwater supply within a radius 2-3 km around the structure with the results that farmers can now take up at least two crops a year thereby improving food security and income. The water reservoir also makes available adequate water for irrigation to cater to 300 - 400 ha. of cropland for a minimum of two crops.

TARAhAat Orchha: ICT for Development

TARAhAat is a social enterprise working in the field of Information and Communication Technologies. TARAhAat offers products and services in 8 different states of India through more than 300 TARAhAat centres. TARAhAat – Orchha offers basic IT, computer accounting and Desktop Publishing DTP courses. The key market for this course is young boys and girls in the age group 12-24 years with 5-6 years of basic formal education. TARAhAat has partnered with Microsoft for the initiative.

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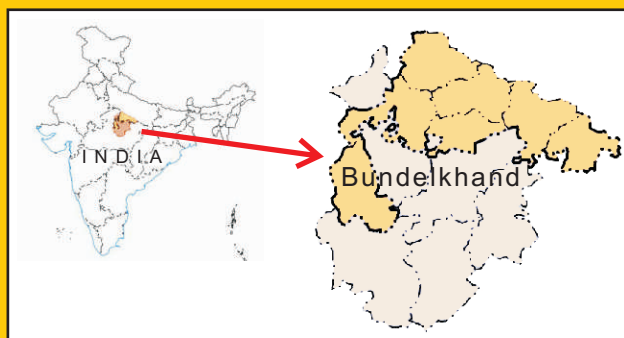
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