

## Field Visit Brief

### Climate Resilient Development Mainstreaming Climate Change Concerns into Planning Processes

Development Alternatives (DA) endeavours to facilitate rural communities cope with climate change vulnerabilities by promoting natural resource management systems, sustainable livelihood and enterprise models, climate resilient farming, community based adaptation solutions and climate change communication for behaviour change and building resilience of communities. DA works with local panchayat members and district officials to integrate community based adaptation in local planning processes. Lessons and insights from DA's experiences at grassroots provide an adequate platform for designing response strategies for adaptation and enhancing adaptation capacities to address climate induced risks for food and water security.



#### Integrated Watershed Management Programme – building natural resource resilience

Over the years, the watershed initiatives in Bundelkhand region have enabled groundwater recharge, rejuvenated agricultural land, reduced soil erosion and reduced water wastage. These interventions have been achieved through an integrated approach of Water Resource Management and Strengthening Institutions. Watershed committees and climate adaptive core groups are central in this approach for facilitating climate mainstreaming in local planning process. During this yatra, field visits will be conducted to visit Gurari check dam and integrated watershed management programme in Datia. Village level meetings will be conducted with Panchayat members, watershed committee and climate adaptive core groups in Kamher and Nauner villages of Datia.



#### Gaushala: Women Energy Cluster Ensuring Sustainable Livelihoods

Gaushala is a women run enterprise development model and engages women of the rural communities for natural resource management and to add to their economic value. It is also a demonstration cum training cum service centre for local community. It demonstrates biomass energy technologies and promotes enterprises among the surrounding villages. Bringing social and economic benefits to woman, Gaushala has demonstrated success in increasing adaptive capacities of communities against climate change.



#### TARAGram Mela 2014

TARAGram Mela 2014 "Sustainable Livelihoods for Rural Communities" will be organised on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 with an objective to showcase various sustainable livelihood initiatives in Bundelkhand for larger learning and adaptation. The participants in this event will include community groups, CSOs working in Bundelkhand region, local government officials, school student groups, Bundelkhand University and other regional colleges and 5 community radio stations from Bundelkhand.

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