

Community interaction by Joint Secretary, MoJS at Gadag district, Karnataka

Sri. Subodh Yadav, Joint Secretary (Admin, IC & GW) DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti along with officers from NPMU & SPMU, Karnataka, Atal Bhujal Yojana had an interaction with the community at Kurtakoti and Harti Gram Panchayats of Gadag block in Gadag District of Karnataka on 31st July 2024 to understand the implementation of Atal Bhujal Yojana at ground level. The interaction focused on assessing the understanding of the community on the groundwater situation in the area, preparation of water budget and the activities taken up so far in the Gram Panchayats. During the interaction he highlighted that it is important for the community to understand the groundwater situation in the area which will help them in taking informed decision on the judicious use of groundwater. The importance of organizing focused training for the community to enhance their understanding on the preparation of water budget and different aspects of groundwater monitoring was also highlighted. It was suggested that the trainings for the community shall be organized by the Atal Jal team on focused topics which shall be carried out on a repetitive and regular basis.

Sh. D.R. Patil, Former MLA, Gadag; Sh. Govinda Reddy, Deputy Commissioner, Gadag; Sh. Bharat. S, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Gadag; Sh. Pratul Saxena, Project Director, NPMU; Sh. Ramachandraiah, Project Director, SPMU Karnataka, Vice-President, Harti Gram Panchayat; officials from NPMU, DPMU, CGWB, RDPR, Executive Officers of Taluk Panchayats participated in the community interaction.



**Glimpses from the community interaction by Joint Secretary (A, IC & GW), DoWR, RD & GR, MoJS
in the Gram Panchayats of Gadag block, Gadag District, Karnataka**