## Visit by Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti on 28.12.2024 at Gram Panchayats of Maluru block, Kolar district, Karnataka

Ms. Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti visited Doddashivara Gram Panchayat in Maluru Block of Kolar district on 28.12.2024 to understand the implementation of Atal Bhujal Yojana and to assess the community involvement in the scheme. Sh. Subodh Yadav, Additional Secretary (DoWR, RD & GR), Sh. Pratul Saxena, Project Director, Atal Jal, Dr. Raghav Langar, Director (Atal Jal, DoWR, RD & GR) and Sh. Raghavan, Secretary, MI&GWD, Government of Karnataka, Sh. Kiran H Masuti, Project Director, SPMU, Atal Jal Karnataka and other officials from line departments attended the community interaction.

Secretary, DoWR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti interacted with the community and took note of the community awareness on the groundwater situation and their knowledge on the preparation of water budget and groundwater monitoring; the benefits of Atal Bhujal Yojana in improving the groundwater level in the area; and willingness of the community in preparing water budget after the project period. She suggested SPMU, Atal Jal, Karnataka to conduct a survey on the level of awareness on the water budget among the community across the State.

After the community interaction, dignitaries viewed the data disclosure board, wall painting, hoarding display in the Gram Panchayat. They also visited a Polyhouse in Santhehalli GP, Malur block in Kolar district constructed through Atal Jal incentive fund and interacted with the beneficiaries on the cost benefits in terms of water efficiency, water management, yield benefits and market linkage.



Glimpses from the community interaction in the Gram Panchayats of Maluru block, Kolar district, Karnataka