

## Launch of 'The Centre of Excellence' at Bundelkhand

'The Centre of Excellence – Water for All and Always' was inaugurated on 16 March 2021 at TARAgram Orchha, Madhya Pradesh. This is an initiative by Development Alternatives in support of Department of Science and Technology, where knowledge will be provided on the patterns of using water, and ways of increasing ground water level and productivity using innovative and creative technologies.

The discussion at the inaugural ceremony focused on improving the understanding of the current status of drinking water situation and practices of India in general and Bundelkhand in particular. Other topics of discussion included critical issues, challenges and opportunities in the water sector pertinent for scientific and technological interventions. Key participants included those from line department, professors from Bundelkhand University, other professionals and local community members.

The Centre is envisioned as a one stop solution for water and waste water management issues. It will work on the model of integrated water management approach, with significant participation from the community for co-creating solutions.

The event was graced by senior management from the Development Alternatives who explained the aim of the centre. They also highlighted the issues and approaches that would be focused on for building the capacity and capabilities of the stakeholders. The session ended with a vote of thanks from Dr. K. Vijayalakshmi, Vice President, DA.

