



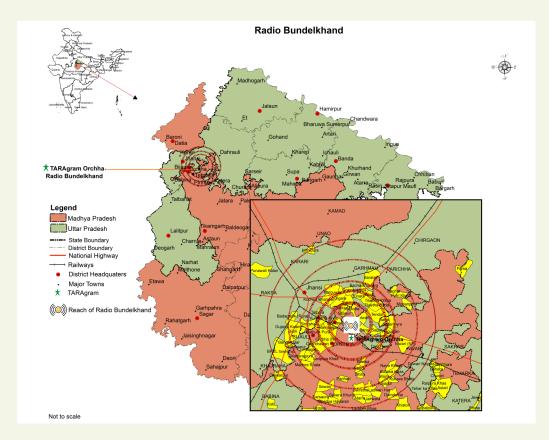


Radio Bundelkhand 90.4 FM,

a community radio is an initiative of Development Alternatives, providing voice to the community in the Bundelkhand region in Central India. Established on 23rd October 2008. Radio Bundelkhand is the first Community Radio Station in Madhya Pradesh and second in India. It has emerged as a people's radio station that provides them with a platform to air their aspirations, concerns and showcase their talent. It's participatory and collaborative approach empowers and builds consensus for change. The radio station is situated in Development Alternatives Appropriate Technology Centre at TARAgram Orchha in Madhya Pradesh.

Reach of Radio Bundelkhand

Radio Bundelkhand covers **150 villages**, reaching out to over **400,000** people of Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh and Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh, India



Bridging the Information Gap

- Enabling and empowering communities, especially women and youth to become better decision-makers in society.
- Creating awareness and sharing information to encourage participation in local self-governance processes.
- Providing solutions for fulfilling basic needs like clean water, housing, energy, literacy agriculture, and off-farm & on-farm livelihood.
- Promoting and preserving the 'Bundeli' dialect and cultural diversity of Bundelkhand.
- Providing folk music and promoting other folk forms.

Flagship Programmes

- Kaun Banega ShubhKal Leader: This was India's first rural reality show on climate change. The programme promotes climate change adaptation practices such as organic farming, agroforestry, and rainwater harvesting.
- Gali Gali Sim-Sim: Sesame Workshop of Sesame Street in association with Radio Bundelkhand undertook an
 initiative to create awareness about the importance of nutrition by creating comic characters in radio programmes for
 awareness creation.
- Zaika Bundelkhand Ka: It was introduced by Radio Bundelkhand to create awareness and inculcate the practice
 of smoke-free cooking in rural India for better climatic conditions. This initiative also promotes good health
 among rural women.
- **Bundeli Idol**: A folk-based music competition was organsied by Radio Bundelkhand **to promote Bundeli folk songs** and local folk singers of the Bundelkhand Region.
- Ajeevika: This programme was introduced by Radio Bundelkhand to create awareness among rural masses about sustainable livelihood options thus linking the community to better livelihood opportunities.
- Corona Se Jung Radio Bundelkhand Ke Sang: Radio Bundelkhand played a major role in spreading awareness
 about COVID-19 cohorts. Radio Programmes were created to make people aware of the vaccine and the dangers of
 COVID-19.

How we work

The radio station has a unique participatory model of functioning, run jointly by the rural community as well as Development Alternatives. Community people come forward to design and develop the entertainment and informative radio programmes according to their needs. Reporters are selected from within the community, including young girls and men from the deprived classes. These reporters are trained in radio programming and broadcast. The trained community reporters go to the field to record, create and broadcast information packages. There are live phone-in programmes, as well as recorded programmes to encourage rural participation. Time to time trainings and capacity building programmes are organised to enhance their skills.



Management Committee

The Management Committee comprises member representatives from the villages covered and the local agencies responsible for programming issues and decisions. The committee currently has 14 members including Sarpanch, doctors, members of Self Help Groups and farmers. Convening every month, the committee supervises the work of the radio station and regulates the content of the programmes aired by Radio Bundelkhand.

Public Advisory Council (PAC)

The Public Advisory Council convenes once a year and offers advice on sustainability issues and provides endorsement for the community radio. The Council comprises members from district administration, academia, banking sector and All India Radio. The PAC also provides guidance to the radio team for effective functioning and sustainability.

Radio Bundelkhand runs for 11 hours daily

Themes	Name of the Programme	About the Programme
Agriculture	Khet Khalihan	Information for farmers on agricultural trends
Livelihood	Ajeevika	Livelihood opportunities and entrepreneurship
Climate Change	Shubh Kal	Climate change and natural resource management
Community Engagement	Stree Ek Kahani Meri Bhi	Education and empowerment of women
	Udaan	Youth and their ambitions
	Baat Nanhe Dilo ki	Programme for children
	Suno Je Ka Keh Re	Challenges, issues and experiences of the elderly
	Bari Humare Gaon Ki	Platform to share issues and concerns in their villages
Health and Nutrition	Rojai Roj Ki Baten	Women's health
	Amma Ke Chauke se	Cookery show on bundeli cuisine
Culture and Heritage	Humari Sanskriti Humari Virasat	Heritage and monuments of India
ŭ	Meri Bundeli Mere Geet	Folk songs
	Lok Rang	
	Rag Bundeli	
	Hello Saheli	
Wellness	Hum Honge Kamyab	Personality development and success stories
	Power of Mind	Yoga for mental health
	Swami Vivekanand	Teachings of Swami Vivekanand
Sports	Khel Khiladi	Information on sports
Awareness	Jago Grahak	Consumer education and rights
News	Aaj ki bat	Live discussion on concurrent news
	Batein Tumhari Humari	Live show on traffic and pollution
	Aas Pas	Interaction with local people
Entertainment	Satrangi Re	Bollywood news
	Tarane	Old Hindi songs
	Lot Pot	Comedy
	Baten Chote Parde Ki	Discussion on TV shows
	Kissa Go	Story telling
	Kahani	
	Bhor	Devotional songs
	Angan	Programmes from other community radios
	Kavita	Poetry show

About Development Alternatives

Development Alternatives, the world's first social enterprise dedicated to sustainable development, is a research and action organisation striving to deliver socially equitable, environmentally sound and economically scalable development outcomes.

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